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House to Sempra: You will wait



Coal-plant moratorium now in Senate's hands

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

BOISE — A California-based energy company may have to put its plans for a coal-fired power plant in Magic Valley on hold for two years, following a House vote Tuesday. "All this bill is doing is saying, 'Let's

take the time and look at all the alternatives for energy in Idaho," said House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley. "Let's not rush to judgment." On Tuesday, the House voted 64-5 to pass Newcomb's legislation, which is directed at Sempra Energy's 600-megawatt plant proposed for Jerome County. The retiring lawmaker's bill

will put a halt to the building or permitting of certain coal-fired power plants in Idaho for the next two years. Additionally, the House voted 67-1 in support of a companion bill that instructs an interim legislative com-

Energy bills before the 2006 Legislature

MORATORIUM: House Bill 791 places a two-year moratorium on the building or permitting of coal-fired power plants in the state. On Tuesday, the House voted 64-5 to pass this legislation.
STATE ENERGY PLAN: House Concurrent Resolution 62 instructs an interim legislative committee to develop a state energy plan. Idaho's current plan was created in 1982. The House voted 67-1 to send this to the Senate.
ON THE WEB: To track these bills, visit the 2006 Idaho Legislature Web site at <http://www3.state.id.us/legislat/lgrack.html>.

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Kids' depression can be prevented, new study suggests

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Treating a mother's depression can help prevent it and other disorders in her child, say researchers in a provocative study that may influence family health care. It's the first time doctors have documented what might seem like common sense, but the results have potentially big public health implications, the study authors and other experts say.

"It's a very dramatic and important finding," said co-author Dr. A. John Rush, a psychiatry professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Depression runs in families and has a strong genetic component, but environmental factors can trigger it. The study results indicate that for children of depressed mothers, that trigger is sometimes their mothers' illness acting up, said lead author Myrna Weissman, a researcher at Columbia University and New York Psychiatric Institute.

“Depressed parents should be treated vigorously. It's a two-fer. The impact is not only on them, but it's also on their children.”

— Myrna Weissman, researcher

Effective treatment for mothers could mean their children might avoid the need for prescription antidepressants, the researchers said. "Depressed parents should be treated vigorously. It's a two-fer — the impact is not only on them but it's also on their children," Weissman said.

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TAKING GUN RIGHTS ON THE ROAD



Jim White of Magic Valley Pawn & Loan in Twin Falls describes the features of a Ruger Blazer .45-caliber revolver Tuesday afternoon with a customer. U.S. Rep. Butch Otter, R-Idaho, is cosponsoring a bill that would recognize concealed weapons licenses issued in other states.

Congressman aims to have Idahoans' gun rights follow them throughout the nation

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News Writer

TWIN FALLS — Authorities and gun purveyors in Idaho agree: Protecting gun rights promotes safety and reduces crime.

"Mobilizing Congress to share the same position has drawn attention to Idaho's gun laws. "Anybody with any common sense knows, if there is a possibility an individual may be armed, you stand a good chance of coming out the loser in this deal," said Capt. Ike Maxson of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

U.S. Rep. Butch Otter, R-Idaho, has brought the

state to the forefront of a national debate about gun control laws. His bill now being debated in Congress would help protect the gun rights of Idahoans traveling out of state.

"In the Twin Falls County courthouse, Maxson reviews applications for concealed weapon licenses. If an applicant is over 21, has completed the hunter's education course and has a clean record, he issues them a license. Jim Brennan, 57, sells guns at Magic Valley Pawn and Loan. "In this community, you don't see people break in because they know they (residents) have guns," he said.

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Bush says troops will still be in Iraq when he leaves office

The Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Tuesday that American forces will remain in Iraq for years and it will be up to a future president to decide when to bring them all home.

But declining and plunging polls, he declared, "I'm optimistic we'll succeed. If not, I'll pull our troops out."

The president rejected calls for the resignation of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, chief architect of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. "Listen, every war plan looks good on paper until you meet the enemy," Bush said, acknowledging mistakes as the United States was forced to switch

tactics and change a reconstruction strategy that offered targets for insurgents.

He also rejected assertions by Iraq's former interim prime minister that the country had fallen into civil war amid sectarian violence that has left more than 1,000 Iraqis dead

since the bombing last month of a Shiite Muslim shrine.

"This is a moment the Iraqis had a chance to fall apart and they didn't," Bush said, crediting religious and political leaders with restraint.

He spoke for nearly an hour at a White House news confer-

ence, part of a new offensive to ease Americans' unhappiness with the war and fellow Republicans' anxiety about fall elections. He faced skeptical questions about Iraq at an appearance Monday in Cleveland, and plans another address soon on Iraq.



President Bush during a news conference, Tuesday at the White House, said there will be 'more tough fighting ahead' in Iraq, but denied that the country is in the grips of a civil war three years after the U.S. invasion.

Unclear when troops will return

Recent quotes from government officials and military generals regarding U.S. troop withdrawal in Iraq.

August 2005: "Once Iraq is safely in the hands of the Iraq people... our troops will be able to... come home with the honor they will have earned."
— Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld

October 2005: "As they become more capable, we will be able to bring folks home."
— President Bush

March 21: "As the Iraqi forces gain strength and experience, and as the political process advances, we'll be able to decrease troop levels without losing the capacity to defeat the terrorists."
— Vice President Dick Cheney

December 2005: "The faster that the Iraqi government is able to stand up and take charge, the faster we'll reach the conditions... that will allow us to transition more of the overall security responsibility to them."
— Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

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Bush at March 21 press conference: "I will then come a day — and I'm not asking you when; I'm not asking for a timetable — will there come a day when there will be no more American forces in Iraq?"
Response: "That, of course, is an objective. And that will be decided by future presidents and future governments of Iraq."

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Kempthorne mum as hearing approaches

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has been told by the White House to limit public comments about his appointment as interior secretary leading up to confirmation hearings, which could begin in April.

"We're playing to the White House's tune," Kempthorne's press secretary Mike Journeay told The Idaho Statesman.

But former Interior Secretary and Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus said Kempthorne's nomination is a "slam dunk" thanks to his ties to the Senate, which will decide whether to confirm him to the post. Kempthorne is a former U.S. Senator from Idaho.

"He's a member of the fraternity," said Andrus. "He's got a lot of friends on both sides of the aisle."

Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M.,



Kempthorne

is the ranking member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which holds hearings on Kempthorne's appointment.

He also said Kempthorne would likely be confirmed.

"As a Westerner," former senator and current governor, he certainly understands the issues managed by the Interior Department," Bingaman said.

President Bush appointed Kempthorne to replace Gale Norton as interior secretary Thursday. Norton resigned earlier this month after five years in the office.

Last week Andrus said he would oppose Kempthorne for the interior post unless Kempthorne opposes a Bush administration plan to sell federal lands in Idaho.

Andrus became interior secretary in 1978 in the Carter administration.

Andrus said the FBI will do a background check on Kempthorne, including interviews going back to his younger days. He said the FBI will then interview Kempthorne to see how the stories compare.

From those interviews, the White House puts together a personnel file for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which holds hearings.

Official calls for chem plant regulation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff called for government regulation of chemical plant security on Tuesday but said the industry should come up with its own protective measures to be verified by private auditors.

Speaking at a forum hosted by the chemical industry, Chertoff said Congress needs to quickly give his department regulatory authority to bolster

facilities that are attractive targets for terrorists. But he said federal regulations must be flexible to prevent harsh burdens on business.

"We ought to say to the industry, 'Look, here's where we need to go,'" Chertoff said. "Now, there are a lot of different roads to get there. And you can choose the road that best fits your particular kind of chemical, or your particular type of operation. We're not going to

micromanage. What we do insist, though, is that you get to the place you need to be."

Chertoff said he envisioned performance standards, set by the Homeland Security Department, for chemical companies to follow. Those standards would not require specific safeguards, such as gates and guards, but would force the industry to develop adequate security plans at all manufacturing and storage facilities.

FBI official was largely unaware of Moussaoui

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — The headquarters supervisor of the FBI's international terrorism operations section testified Tuesday he had never read an Aug. 16, 2001, memo in which an agent proposed a full criminal investigation of Zacarias Moussaoui as a possible terrorist airplane hijacker.

The now retired supervisor, Michael Rolinec, was questioned by defense attorney Edward MacMahon during a sentencing trial. He was asked whether he had ever heard that Harry Samit, the FBI agent who arrested Moussaoui while he was taking pilot lessons in Minnesota, concluded the 37-year-old Frenchman of Moroccan descent was a terrorist planning to hijack a commercial jetliner.

"No," Rolinec snapped. Had he heard other conclusions by Samit about Moussaoui?

"No. What document are you reading?" Rolinec demanded.

Samit's Aug. 18 report "sent to your office," MacMahon replied.

Called as a government witness, Rolinec, a 31-year FBI veteran who retired last October, proved to be more valuable for attorneys defending the only man charged in this country in connection with al-Qaida's Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Defense objections and rulings by U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema barred Rolinec from giving what prosecutors wanted most: a long listing of investigative steps the FBI could have taken if Moussaoui had admitted when he was arrested Aug. 16, 2001, all the facts he confessed to when pleading guilty last April.

Instead, defense attorney MacMahon was able to extract from Rolinec more embarrassing revelations about FBI handling of terrorism intelligence before 9/11.

This was important because, to get a death penalty at this sentencing trial, the government must show that Moussaoui's lies upon arrest prevented the FBI from identifying 9/11 hijackers and the Federal Aviation Administration from altering airport security enough to have saved at least one of the nearly 3,000 people who died on Sept. 11.

TAKE A WHIFF



Kyle Pembroke, of Montpelier, Vt., checks out a sniffer Tuesday at the annual Odor-Eaters Rotten Snaker contest in Montpelier, Vt. It is the 33rd year for the annual contest to find the smelliest speakers in the U.S.

Skakel will appeal conviction

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — An attorney for Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel said Tuesday she would appeal his murder conviction to the U.S. Supreme Court after the Connecticut Supreme Court refused to reconsider the case.

Skakel, 45, is serving a sentence of 20 years to life for his 2002 conviction in the 1975 beating death of his Greenwich neighbor, Martha Moxley, when the two were teenagers.

Skakel appealed his conviction to the Connecticut Supreme Court last year, arguing among other things that the statute of limitations had expired when he was charged in 2000. The court unanimously rejected that appeal in January.

The motion for reconsideration had asked the court to

review its decision, which overturned a 1983 precedent. The court denied the motion last week.

Attorney Hope Seelye said Tuesday she would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Skakel, a nephew of Ethel Kennedy, also has a petition for a new trial pending in Superior Court in Stamford. That petition is based on a claim by Giano "Tony" Bryant implicating two of his friends in Moxley's murder. Bryant is a cousin of basketball star Kobe Bryant.

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OLDER ADDICTS

Some baby boomers struggle with meth

By Ryan Lenz
Associated Press Writer

BLOOMFIELD, Ind. — Mike Walls never envisioned his golden years as a fight with drug addiction when a friend gave him a promise bag of crystal-like powder and a plastic bag of youth nearly two decades ago.

A cross-country truck driver, Walls, almost 40 and feeling fatigued when he sniffed methamphetamine from a dusted toothpick at a truck stop, hoping he could drive all night.

"It seemed like I didn't want to face the fact that I was getting older," he said.

At 55, with rotten teeth, frayed nerves and high blood pressure — all brought on by meth — Walls has become part of a growing number of baby boomers struggling with addiction to the stimulant and seeking help after living with it through middle age.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration found the number of people older than 55 seeking treatment for meth addiction increased from 44 in 1992 to 683 in 2003, the most recent year for which statistics are available.

Spokeswoman Leah Young said the number is only a fraction of the total seeking treatment for meth addiction — about 136,000 people in 2003, according to federal estimates.

But the spike has left drug counselors already reeling from treating a rush of younger addicts grasping for guidance.

Ronald Hunsicker, president of the Pennsylvania-based National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers, said older meth addicts remain an uncharted group.

"Because of the way that we tend to pigeonhole or stereotype older adults, we don't think that they will have access to methamphetamines," he said. "The con-



Recovering meth addict Mike Walls, 55, takes a break from doing automotive work in his garage behind his Washington, Ind., home on Monday.

trary seems to be true."

The drug can cause rotten teeth, rapid weight loss and hallucinations among users of any age.

But the effects of addiction can be worse with age, causing high blood pressure, hypertension and a risk of heart attack.

Prolonged use can lead to kidney disorders, liver or brain damage, depression and malnutrition, said Dr. Barbara Krantz of the Hanley Center, which offers drug treatment in West Palm Beach, Fla.

"Chemical dependency is a brain disease. It doesn't matter how old you are," Krantz said.

The cost of treating people for meth addiction also can increase with age. Because of years of addiction — and deep-seated habits — people older than 55 risk being in treatment longer.

At the Greene County Rehabilitation Center in Bloomfield, Ind., the first stage of treatment costs \$600 a month, which covers room and board. It does not include medical bills.

The second phase runs \$155 a week. Recovering addicts leave during the day to work but return each night for counseling.

A final phase, designed to ensure recovered addicts remain clean, is free.

Gus Mathias, who manages the Greene County center and another in Indiana, has seen meth ravage young addicts. What he has seen among older clients is worse.

"Methamphetamine is hard on young people. You lose a lot of weight. Your teeth fall out. You hallucinate. But when you start to get older, it happens much faster," he said. "I've got one number of people that are coming in looking tragic."

Walls is a perfect example. Mathias said. After being caught making meth in a field seven months ago, Walls arrived for court-ordered treatment 30 pounds underweight and in misery.

He is now in the second phase of his treatment, working at his own auto shop before heading home to the rehabilitation center in Bloomfield.

His blood pressure has fallen and his once-keen checks have filled out. He attends regular counseling sessions to learn about the triggers of addiction.

Walls is hoping the craving subsides a little more each day.

Younger meth addicts turn to him for help when they arrive, asking how he finally got clean.

Walls wishes he could give them answers, but he can't. Not yet. He has much more work to do.

"It's kind of hard to answer them," he said, standing at his trembling hands. "But I do sit and talk."

Gunmen storm jail in Iraq

Army dog handler convicted

Nation/World in brief

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — About 100 masked gunmen stormed a prison near the Iranian border Tuesday, cutting phone wires, freeing all the inmates and leaving behind a scene of devastation and carnage — 20 dead, policemen, burned-out cars and a smoldering jailhouse.

At least 10 attackers were killed in the dawn assault on the Muqadadiyah lockup on the eastern fringe of the Sunni Triangle, police said. The raid showed that the mostly Sunni militants can still assemble a large force, capable of operating in the region virtually at will.

Even though U.S. and Iraqi military officials said last year that the area was no longer an insurgent stronghold.

The insurgency's strength, spiraling sectarian violence among the Shiite majority and a government in Iraq have led politicians and foreign policy experts to say Iraq is on the brink or perhaps in the midst of civil war.

In all, 33 prisoners were freed, including 18 insurgents who were detained Sunday during raids by security forces in the nearby villages of Samal and Arab, police said. It was the capture of those insurgents that apparently prompted Tuesday's attack. The 15 other inmates were a mix of suspected insurgents and common criminals.

In an internet posting Tuesday night, the military wing of the Council of Islamic Revolution, a militant Sunni-Muslim insurgent group, purportedly claimed it carried out the operation. The posting said the group killed "40 policemen, liberating 33 prisoners and captured weapons."

FORT MEADE, Md. — An Army dog handler at Abu Ghraib was convicted Tuesday of tormenting prisoners with his snarling animal and competing with a command to make the dogs eat themselves.

Sgt. Michael J. Smith, 24, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was found guilty at a court-martial of six of 13 counts. The judge later dismissed one of those six counts, saying it duplicated another.

A sentencing hearing began in the afternoon. The five charges carried up to 8.5 years behind bars.

Prosecutors said Smith let his untrained black Belgian shepherd bark and lunge at several prisoners for his own amusement. One of the photographs that led to the exposure of the scandal at the Iraqi prison shows his dog straining on its leash, just inches from the face of a cowering prisoner.

Smith had faced the stiffest possible sentence of any soldier charged so far in the Abu Ghraib scandal — 24.5 years in prison.

The defense maintained that Smith was a good soldier who believed he was doing what the government wanted canine handlers to do at Abu Ghraib: protect security and frighten interrogation subjects. Also, defense attorney Capt. Mary G. McCarthy said all that Smith's dog did to prisoners was bark at them.

The defense further argued that Abu Ghraib was a dangerous, chaotic place where policies were so murky that even the colonel who supervised interrogations testified he was confused.

Barbecue kicks off cleanup after storm

INNISFAIR, Australia — After their town was torn apart by a terrifying cyclone — amazingly without loss of life — the people of Innisfair responded with a most Australian of gatherings: a barbecue.

Butchers and restaurant

owners in the town offered up their wares to survivors rather than see the food rot in refrigerators warming quickly in the tropical heat after the storm cut electricity in this town about 1,200 miles north of Sydney.

More than 1,000 residents turned out to munch on donated lamb chops, steaks and sausages amid twisted metal roofing sheets and palm trees stripped bare.

"It's looking after our home; isn't it?" said Jeff Barnes, one of the barbecue organizers, who wore a chef's uniform as he cooked up dozens of sausages.

"If we don't look after our home, who's going to?"

The barbecue reflected a determination to make the best of things in the town of 8,000 people Tuesday, a day after Cyclone Larry — the most powerful cyclone to hit northeastern Australia in decades — lifted the roofs off scores of homes and devastated hundreds of square miles of sugar cane and banana crops.

At the River Drive trailer park, a man who identified himself as Brad sat in a plastic garden chair under a leaking tarp, shirtless, drinking a can of beer.

"I'm 42 years of age this year, and I've never been through anything like that," he said.

Prosecutors drop charges in student sex case

TAMPA, Fla. — Prosecutors in one Florida county decided Tuesday to drop charges against former Tampa teacher accused of having sex with a 14-year-old middle school student.

The decision, announced hours after a judge rejected a

plea deal for Debra Lafave, means the victim won't have to testify.

Lafave's sentence in another county for having sex with the same boy still stands.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys had urged the judge to accept the deal for the sake of the boy involved. A psychiatrist who examined the teenager told the judge at a previous hearing that the boy suffered extreme anxiety from the media coverage of the case and does not want to testify.

Marion County Circuit Judge Hale Stancil, however, said the lack of prison time for Lafave under the plea deal "shocks the conscience of this court," and he rejected it.

Assistant State Attorney Richard Ridgeway in explaining the decision to drop the charges, said: "The court may be willing to risk the well-being of the victims in this case in order to force it to trial. I am not."

— compiled from wire reports

Council delays Iran meeting

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council postponed a meeting Tuesday on Iran's suspect nuclear program as the West searched for new ways to break a deadlock with Russia and China over the best way to pressure Tehran, diplomats said.

The decision came after senior diplomats from the five veto-wielding members of the council and Germany made little headway on bridging their differences during a 4.5-hour meeting Monday evening.

Diplomats said Russia was the main holdout, with China following behind.

That deadlock has forced Britain, France and Germany — the European troika leading negotiations on Iran — to reopen the text of a statement that would be the first Security Council response. Diplomats will focus on bilateral talks to try to find an agreement, they said Tuesday.

"We'll just keep working on it," U.S. Ambassador John Bolton said.

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WEST

Deserter says he regrets actions

Ex-Marine maintains grief wasn't worth it

YAHK, British Columbia (AP) — A Vietnam war-era deserter who was caught crossing into the United States and held for a week says he made a mistake when he went AWOL from the Marine Corps in 1968 and fled to Vancouver.

"When I was 18, I wasn't aware that duty and honor would mean as much to me as they do now," Allen Abney, 56, told a news conference Monday in this southeast British Columbian town.

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OLDER ADDICTS

Some baby boomers struggle with meth

By Ryan Lanz
Associated Press writer

BLOOMFIELD, Ind. — Mike Walls never envisioned his golden years as a fight with drug addiction when a friend gave him a plastic bag of crystal meth powder as a promise of youth nearly two decades ago.

A cross-country truck driver, Walls was almost 40 and feeling fatigued when he snuffed methamphetamine from a dusted toothpick at a truck stop, hoping he could drive all night.

"It seemed like I didn't want to face the fact that I was getting older," he said.

At 55, with rotten teeth, frayed nerves and high blood pressure — all brought on by meth — Walls has become part of a growing number of baby boomers struggling with addiction to the drug and seeking help after living with it through middle age.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration found the number of people older than 55 seeking treatment for meth addiction increased from 44 in 1992 to 693 in 2003, the most recent year for which statistics are available.

Spokeswoman Leah Young said the number is only a fraction of the total seeking treatment for meth addiction — about 136,000 people in 2003, according to federal estimates.

But the spike has left drug counselors alert, reacting from treating a rash of younger addicts springing for guidelines.

Ronald Hunsicker, president of the Pennsylvania-based National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers, said older meth addicts remain uncharted territory.

"Because of the way that we tend to pigeonhole or stereotype older addicts, we don't think that they will have access to methamphetamines," he said. "The con-



Recovering meth addict Mike Walls, 55, takes a break from doing automotive work in his garage behind his Washington, Ind., home on Monday.

trary seems to be true."

The drug can cause rotten teeth, rapid weight loss and hallucinations among users of any age.

But the effects of addiction can be worse with age, causing high blood pressure, hypertension and a risk of heart attack. Prolonged use can lead to kidney disorders, liver or brain damage, depression and malnutrition, said Dr. Barbara Krantz of the Hanley Center, which offers drug treatment in West Palm Beach, Fla.

"Chemical dependency is a brain disease. It doesn't matter how old you are," Krantz said.

The cost of treating people for meth addiction also can increase with age. Decades of years of addiction — and deep-seated habits — people older than 55 risk being in treatment longer.

At the Greene County Rehabilitation Center in Bloomfield, Ind., the first stage of treatment costs \$600 a month, which covers room and board. It does not include medical bills.

The second phase runs \$155 a week. Recovering addicts leave during the day to work but return each night for counseling.

A final phase, designed to ensure recovered addicts remain clean, is free.

Cus Mathias, who manages the Greene County center and another in Indiana, has seen meth ravage young addicts. What he has seen among older clients is different.

"Methamphetamine is hard on young people. You lose a lot of weight. Your teeth fall out. You hallucinate. But when you start to get older, it happens much faster," he said. "I've got any number of people that come in looking tragic."

Walls is a perfect example. Mathias said. After being caught making meth in a field seven months ago, Walls arrived at court ordered treatment 30 pounds overweight and jittery.

He is now in the second phase of his treatment, working at his own auto shop before heading home to the rehabilitation center in Bloomfield.

His blood pressure has fallen and his once-sunken cheeks have filled out. He attends counseling sessions to learn about the triggers of addiction.

He waits, hoping the craving subsides a little more each day.

Younger meth addicts turn to him for help when they arrive, asking how he finally got clean.

Walls wishes he could give them answers, but he can't. Not yet. He has much more work to do.

"It's kind of hard to answer them," he said, staring at his trembling hands. "But I do sit and think."

Council delays Iran meeting

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council postponed a meeting Tuesday on Iran's suspect nuclear program as the West searched for new ways to break a deadlock with Russia and China over the best way to pressure Tehran, diplomats said.

The decision came after senior diplomats from the five veto-wielding members of the council and Germany made little headway on bridging their differences during a 4.5-hour meeting Monday evening.

Diplomats said Russia was the main holdout, with China following behind.

That deadlock has forced Britain, France and Germany to the European troika leading negotiations on Iran — to reopen the text of a statement that would be the first Security Council response. Diplomats will focus on bilateral talks to try to find an agreement, they said Tuesday.

"We'll just keep working on it," U.S. Ambassador John Bolton said.



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Gunmen Army dog handler convicted

PORT MEADE, Md. — An Army dog handler at Abu Ghraib was convicted Tuesday of tormenting prisoners with his snarling animal and competing with a comrade to make the Iraqi soil themselves.

Sgt. Michael J. Smith, 24, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was found guilty at a court-martial of six of 13 counts. The judge later dismissed one of those six counts, saying it duplicated another.

A sentencing hearing began in the afternoon. The five charges carried up to 30.5 years behind bars.

Prosecutors said Smith let his un-muzzled black Belgian shepherd bark and lunge at several prisoners for his own amusement. One of the photographs that led to the exposure of the scandal at the Iraqi prison shows his dog straining on its leash, just inches from the face of a cowering prisoner.

Smith had faced the stiffest potential sentence of any soldier charged so far in the Abu Ghraib scandal — 24.5 years in prison.

The defense maintained that Smith was a good soldier who believed he was doing what the government wanted. Crime handlers to do at Abu Ghraib: provide security and frighten interrogation subjects. Also, defense attorney Capt. Mary G. McCarthy said all that Smith's dog did to prisoners was bark at them.

The defense further argued that Abu Ghraib was a dangerous, chaotic place where policies were so murky that even the colonel who supervised interrogations testified he was confused.

Barbecue kicks off cleanup after storm

INNISFAH, Australia — After their town was torn apart by a terrifying cyclone — amazingly without loss of life — the people of Innisfail responded with a picnic. An Australian of gatherings: a barbecue.

Butchers and restaurant

Nation/World in brief

owners in the town offered up their wares to survivors rather than see the food rot in refrigerators warming quickly in the tropical heat after the storm cut electricity in this town about 1,200 miles north of Sydney.

More than 1,000 residents turned out to munch on donated lamb chops, steaks and sausages amid twisted metal roofing sheets and palm trees stripped bare.

"It's looking after our home, isn't it?" said Jeff Balnes, one of the barbecue organizers, who wore a chef's uniform as he cooked up dozens of sausages. "If we don't look after our home who's going to?"

The barbecue reflected a determination to make the best of things in the town of 8,000 people Tuesday, a day after Cyclone Larry — the most powerful cyclone to hit northeastern Australia in decades — lifted the roofs off scores of homes and devastated hundreds of square miles of sugar cane and banana crops.

At the Ilver Drive trailer park, a man who identified himself as Brad sat in a plastic garden chair under a leaking tarp, shirtless, drinking a can of beer.

"I'm 42 years of age this year, and I've never been through anything like this," he said.

Prosecutors drop charges in student sex case

TAMPA, Fla. — Prosecutors in one Florida county decided Tuesday to drop charges against a former Tampa teacher accused of having sex with a 14-year-old middle school student.

The decision, announced hours after a judge rejected a

plea deal for Debra Lafave, means the victim won't have to testify.

Lafave's sentence in another county for having sex with the same boy still stands.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys urged the judge to accept the deal for the sake of the boy involved. A psychiatrist who examined the teenager told the judge at a previous hearing that the boy suffered extreme anxiety from the media coverage of the case and does not want to testify.

Marion County Circuit Judge Wade Stanich, however, said the lack of prison time for Lafave under the plea deal "shocks the conscience of this court," and he rejected it.

Assistant State Attorney Richard Ridgway, in explaining the decision to drop the charges, said "The court may be willing to risk the well-being of the victims in this case in order to force it to trial. I am not."

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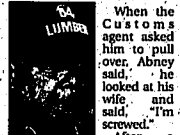
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The 9th Circuit agreed with us — that this case never should have gone to the jury," said David Houston, a Reno lawyer who represented Mizell.

Ligon and Mizell admitted during the weeklong trial they took three boulders with etchings of an archer and bighorn sheep from the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest near a Reno neighborhood the summer before. But they insisted they didn't know they were breaking the law, partly because there were no signs marking the site.

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EDITORIAL

Legislators add worthy incentives to facility bill

The Idaho Supreme Court gave state legislators a pressing assignment last December. Come up with a more equitable and effective way to build safer schools.

The court ruled that the state must do more to meet its constitutional mandate to establish and maintain a general, uniform, and thorough system of public, free common schools for the safe environment conducive to Idaho's poorest school districts.

House Bill 743 makes a solid attempt to follow that mandate. The legislation is sponsored by Republican House leadership and Rep. Scott Beilke, R-Oakley, pledges more help than ever in school construction. But some final details linger before state authority and local control in one of the bill's solutions.

The three-pronged bill includes:

- **Bond Levy Equalization Program**—The court praised the legislature's past efforts to help districts pay off interest for their school bonds. The bill would expand that program to all school districts based on a sliding scale.
- **Poorer districts** would get most or all their interest paid by the state; affluent districts would get some aid. (Twin Falls School District will receive around \$265,000 annually to assist with its bond.)
- **But the bill** makes a prudent change by switching the source of money. Instead of using state lottery receipts, the bond interest program will use \$5.3 million of \$8.8 million of state general funds from the cigarette tax. It will also remove the previous cap on aid to the poorest districts.
- **That way**, the neediest districts will have interest and principal paid on their bonds.
- **School Facilities Maintenance Fund**—The bill will require districts to set apart 2 percent of the value of their buildings for maintenance savings. This maintenance fund is reserved for facilities, not for other district operations. Although most districts already do this, the state will require equalized matching funds (ranging from 0.3 to 1 percent) based on a district's affluence.

Critics assail this plan because part of the state's "mandate" will come from lottery distributions districts already receive. But why shouldn't that money count? In cases where the lottery portion doesn't suffice, additional money from the general fund will throw in.

• **Facilities Cooperative Funding Program**—When school districts can't, or won't, pass their own school bonds, the state will use a start-up appropriation of \$25 million to start new projects.

Once the state identifies an unsafe district facility, it can put the project on the menu before district voters for bonding. If it fails, state funding for the project would kick in through the cooperative fund.

But with state money comes state accountability. The bill would require the State Board of Education or Superintendent of Instruction to appoint a representative to oversee the construction. The bill gives that representative authority to approve or disapprove school board actions, and even to supervise or dismiss the superintendent.

By forcing the state to act, the Legislature is right to require accountability. But the state's action would also trigger a property tax levy in the school district. That local tax revenue may not pay all of the project, but it would go back into the state's cooperative fund. After 20 years, the levy ends and the state pays what's left over.

That raises some sketchy constitutional questions. Does the state have authority to compel a property tax on local voters? Can it usurp local authority when some local tax money is still building the project? If the Legislature can satisfy those concerns, it has a solid bill for school construction. Lawmakers are expected to pass a constitutional amendment to lower the supermajority requirement on bonding. When paired with that measure, this bill gives local districts incentives to pass their bonds and to build safer schools.

That's the bottom line mandate for the state and lawmakers. This bill brings them closer than ever to finishing the task.

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Wake up, you're entering the dreaded valley of the rolls

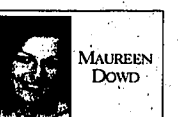
I'm not going all confession-like on one of these bad days. I presses buried her soul on the cover of Vanity Fair. But I have a desperate secret, as the actresses like to say, that may ruin others if I talk about it. Or not.

I'm a sleep-eater.

It has happened only a few times, and I'm not sure if I'm connected to Ambien. It started last year when a jumbo pack of Oreos mysteriously went missing in my kitchen. I came down one morning to find the plastic sliced open and all the cookies gone. I called my exterminator, certain there was a crumb-covered critter lurking. He never found one.

One of other times, when I was staying in hotels with minibars, I found Snickers wrappers by the bed or telltale Toblerone chocolate smears on the floor.

I feel a few occasional Ambien users,



who said he woke up sometimes with Jackson Pollock-like splatters of Gouda & Pienty on his white T-shirt.

New Yorkers have been calling their doctors and nutritionists this week to see whether they should switch hypnotics, now that Minnesota researchers have said Ambien may be creating a new breed of over-oversleepers, an alarming development given that some people had been taking Ambien to avoid the urge to stay up and read the fridge.

It may just be a new form of avoirdupois rationalization.

Store's ads reflect genuine, wholesome life

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for a local store's TV ads.

This store has chosen to advertise its products by showcasing the wholesome family farm life. It is refreshing to watch its commercials and realize that there are still companies who believe that the art of selling does not have to involve sex, nudity or violence and still manage to be very successful.

Again, kudos to those stores that give us hope that the values that once were are still there and thriving.
JOYCE SILVER
Jerome



Wildlife trapping an archaic hunt method

March 16, IFG news reported to make lemonade out of lemons when a trapper found a wolf print in his trap near Arco. I read the article and tried to force the lemons into the blender, they wouldn't fit. The lemonade was tasteless.

Are we so entrenched in western nostalgia that we cannot pull the plug on indiscriminate wildlife trapping? The trap was described as "legally set and intended" for bobcats; that's weak and doesn't have legs if that is an attempt to put the blame on wolverines for not watching when they're going. Here comes the sugar to make this lemonade go down.

After "minor" foot surgery, heavy metals, ammonia and stuck in her belly, all systems

are go. Minor foot surgery—the writer disclosed that biologists don't know how she will do with her front foot missing. If the transmitter lasts, she will teach biologists something.

Meanwhile, I want us to learn from what we have in hand—a lesson about fur trapping. Its archaic, indiscriminate, cruel, dangerous to dogs and a threat to sensitive species such as wolverine, fisher, lynx and birds of prey. This is 2006; just because trapping has always been doesn't mean it should always be.
MARRY KEENEY
LARRYVILLE, WAsh.

Birds and animals will suffer with mercury
Sue Mathes' excellent letter,

particularly to "fisherhides and fishermen" (March 16) concerning mercury in fish prompted this letter, to game bird and animal hunters, farmers, birdwatchers and nature lovers. When you think about it, our ducks, geese and other waterfowl eat from the same trough as our fish, where mercury is sequestered by micro-organisms and aquatic plants. When birds and fish eat this food, the mercury is bio-converted into methyl mercury, which is neither digested nor excreted—it accumulates to toxic levels year after year.

In land habitats, the food chain begins with soil decomposers that sequester and bio-magnify mercury into the plant food sources for higher consumers from songbirds and game birds to deer and

cattle to mankind where, again, it accumulates as it is converted into toxic methyl mercury.

It stands to reason that people eating enough of our waterfowl, other game birds, and animals and farm-fed animals will have the same results as people eating our fish—severe and sometimes fatal anomalies. The mercury in our environment must not get any worse.

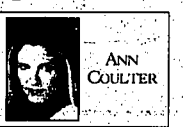
The reminder here is that the primary source of 40 percent of mercury emissions is coal-fired power plants. The request is Please keep pressure on our Idaho Legislature to enact laws that protect all Idahoans—fanned, feathered, furred or haired and two-footed.
MARY J INMAN
Twin Falls

Honoring Allen with a mug shot

I guess the only way I'll ever find out how many blacks have worked in the Bush administration is to wait for them to get in trouble someday so we can read the breathless, triumphalist stories on the front page of The New York Times about a black republican scowfist. It's amazing that anyone has ever heard of Condoleezza Rice—she's never even been arrested for just the law.

Claude Allen, whom I first heard of this week, was a top advisor to President Bush for more than 1 1/2 years. Soon after Bush was elected in 2000, he made Allen the No. 2 official at the Department of Health and Human Services. Allen later became Bush's domestic policy adviser, meeting with the president several times a week.

In 2003, Bush nominated Allen to a federal judgeship on the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals—which nomination was then blocked by the party that wouldn't exist without his black, so he probably usually strategy against black Republicans. Democrats raised questions about Allen's "legal credentials": Democrat-ese for "He's black, so he's probably not very smart." Allen went to Duke Law School, where he was remembered fondly by law professor Walter Dellinger, late Clinton's solicitor general. During the entire time this talented, intelligent, magnificent conservative black man



held high positions in the Bush administration, he was mentioned in only 11 articles in the New York Times. (A small part of Times Executive Editor Bill Keller dies every time the paper is forced to mention any black top official in the Bush administration. It might remind people that the most highly placed black in the Clinton administration was his secretary, Betty Currie.)

But since Allen was accused of stealing from department stores a few weeks ago, the Times has mentioned him in seven articles—including a major front page article on Monday, coverage more appropriate to the first moon landing. This makes Allen in seven articles—including a major front page article on Monday, coverage more appropriate to the first moon landing. This makes Allen in seven articles—

Allen isn't even working for the Bush administration anymore. Yet the Times is wallowing in his agony. I've never seen people enjoy another person's private pain so much—at least not a prosecutor started investigating Rush Limbaugh for taking too many back pain pills.

Let me be the first to say: Congratulations, Mr. Allen! The New York Times really hates you. You begin with soul cover. We're so happy to have you in our club.

I'm not shocked by the information that Claude Allen is not without original sin. But it has to be said: He was pretty close.

Allen emerged from a tough neighborhood in Washington, D.C. to go to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and then Duke Law School. He joined a "moderately white and liberal" fraternity, according to the Times, where he was adored—despite the fact that he didn't drink, a major detriment at a fraternity—for his ability to get along with anyone. One fraternity brother told the Times that Allen was "always thoughtful and respectful of different opinions—a trait that would come in handy for a black teetotaler living in a UNC frat house."

He became a born-again Christian at college and—the only time that would come handy after college. These acts are known in the liberal lorebook as "strike two" and "strike three," respectively. He says "I was raised in a Baptist household, but I was born to become a Republican with eloquence." I realized after the fact that I agree more with the Republican Party platform, that it talked about independence, that it talked about individual responsibility, individual rights, it talked

about the ability to guarantee opportunities, not outcomes, adding, "that was very much what my family stood for."

He is married with four children, all of whom he homeschooled. (Is there such a thing as strike four?) So he was always the moral equivalent to a Ku Klux Klaner in liberal eyes. Well, no, if he were a former Klanner, he'd be the Democratic senator from West Virginia. Let me explain that. He was already a patriotic, God-fearing, anti-American in liberal eyes.

Allen also worked for the sainted Jesse Helms, former senator from North Carolina. By now, the average liberal would need yoga and a Barbara Streisand album to calm down. After Helms' 1994 Democratic opponent, James B. Hunt Jr., ran a TV commercial saying Helms was backed by "this week's New York Times," it was Helms' fault. He is saying that if the Helms campaign was run by similar guttersnipes, they could say I Hunt was backed by "queers." This week's New York Times. It was revenge of the queers. I'm sorry I took a tough period in Allen's life for The New York Times to feature Helms under a name-checking of its front page, but still in all, I'm glad to finally know about Claude Allen. I'm proud to have this great fellow sinner in our party.

Ann Coulter is a nationally syndicated columnist.

(That's my story, dear, and I'm sticking to it.) In a Gallup woman included in one of the studies said she gained 100 pounds from sleep-eating while on Ambien; a Minneapolis woman in a full body cast was discovered by her son sleepwalking to her kitchen, frying bacon and eggs on one skillet and turning on her oven to 500 degrees; a Tennessee nurse said she'd devoured a whole package of burger rolls "like a grizzly bear." Susan Chuna Lusk, New York City lawyer, has filed a class-action suit against the makers of Ambien on behalf of users—who are overwhelmingly female. She gives examples of bad behavior by what she calls "Night of the Living Dead" creatures: driving impaired and eating raw eggs and having unprotected sex, and sleep-shedding DVDs.

Far more women suffer from

insomnia, and far more women than men are on sleeping pills than men. As Arvid Levy wrote in New York magazine, pills are now seen as "brain stylings," not mind-altering because "the line between medication and recreation has become blurred."

One girlfriend of mine wanted to call her doctor Phyllis and switch to Lunesta. "I have visions of myself in my Subaru crossing the George Washington Bridge at 3 in the morning covered in 'Cher's dust,'" she said. Then she realized they'd probably find out something equally weird about Lunesta next week—that it causes you to run off with a Starbucks barista and go to male strip clubs in your sleep.

The scary news of zombie hordes of Ambien sleep-eaters follows fast upon the scary news of zombie hordes of Ambien sleep-drivers and zombie

hordes of Ambien sleep-strems. The New York Observer recounted the saga of an attractive editor at a fashion magazine who hooked up with a young man in SoHo and took him back to her place.

"She was laying there and had taken her clothes off," he told the paper. "Then, in completely stoned speech, she said, 'I just took two Ambien, so anything you're going to do, you better do before I pass out.'"

The next mishap is sure to be sleep-governing. A headline on Wednesday read "Study: Ambien Users Inevitably Countries in Their Sleep; Wake Up With No Memory of Reasons for Invasion, Exit Strategy." The story was written by the humorist Andy Borowitz, who also imagined that an Ambien side effect might be a tendency of some politicians to conduct incomprehensible prescription drug programs while asleep.

But real life once more outstrips fiction, as the military in Iraq conducts Ambien operations. The president and some Pentagon officials have no memory of authorizing the strikes, and the generals in Iraq have no memory that they've already used these tactics without lasting success.

There is, after all, precedent for Sleepers' Chief. The first President Bush's doctor caught him for giving him the sleeping pill Halcion—fingered as a possible contributor to Poppy's crib-rattling from-up moment at a state dinner in Japan.

If you don't want to give up Ambien, doctors say, put bells on your bedroom door. They're making you up on the way to get a snack or take a drink or shoplift a new wardrobe for your fur zombie self.

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OTHER VIEWS

Arizona the Bulldozed

The Boston Globe

Dirk Kempthorne, the Idaho governor nominated by President Bush to succeed Gale Norton as Interior secretary, is clear-cut from the same cloth. His one term of service in the Senate and his sympathy for the environmental views of its Republican majority should guarantee him an easy confirmation.

But senators should use the hearing process to grill him closely on the missing royalties, lobbyist influence in the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and proposed new policies for the National Park Service that would encourage use of the parks by off-road-vehicle riders.

So far, he has taken no position on a Bush administration plan to sell thousands of acres from the Bureau of Land Management, which Interior controls, and the Forest Service. Throughout his career, Kempthorne has built a consistent record of opposing limits on development.

As governor, he once threatened to throw the federal Environmental Protection Agency out of Idaho when it proposed to list polluted mines there as Superfund sites.

He also backed Bush's repeal of Bill Clinton's signal conservation achievement, the designation of about a third of all Forest Service land to be forever "roadless." In his last campaign as governor, Kempthorne received a larger percentage of his campaign contributions from the timber, mining, and energy industries than any other Western gubernatorial candidate.

Polls showing majority support to protect the Arctic refuge and enforce toxic cleanups indicate he would indeed be a divisive secretary, but, within a Republican Party that has long abandoned the conservation ethic that Theodore Roosevelt embodied, Kempthorne seems at home.

Don't believe the greens, he's solid

The Gazette, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Naturally, we would have preferred that President Bush tap someone from Colorado for the job.

But Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne seems a good choice to replace Gale Norton as secretary of the Interior.

There are a number of reasons to like Kempthorne. He's a Westerner, which is important, given the disproportionate impact federal land policies have on the region.

He's a former senator, which means he knows his way around the corridors of power. And as the former chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee's

Sound off

Here is a selection of editorials written in recent days about the nomination of Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to the secretary of interior post.



Drinking Water, Fisheries and Wildlife subcommittee, he in the early 1990s became a proponent of reforming the Endangered Species Act — something Congress is still working on today.

Greens hate him — which must mean he's a reasonable person.

And he's touted as a champion of more state and local control over federal land policies — an idea embraced by many in the West, but opposed by the green lobby, whose clout is greatest in Washington. "I think Dirk will look for continued opportunities to bring the federal mandate down to the state level," Rick Johnson, executive director of the Idaho Conservation League, told the Idaho Statesman.

And Johnson probably didn't mean that as a compliment.

"We don't know why anyone would want the job, but we're relieved that someone of stature said 'yes' to the president."

Maybe Kempthorne likes to wear hair shirts. The White House press release wasn't out of the fax machine before the attacks on Kempthorne began. Such criticisms, coming from these groups, are endorsement enough for us.

We urge Kempthorne's speedy confirmation by the Senate, with as little posturing and lecturing as possible, given the many important matters that Norton's departure will leave in limbo.

Looking for a Cecil Andrus

The Oregonian

If confirmed by the Senate, as seems likely, Kempthorne would be the second Idaho governor to take the helm at Interior.

Cecil Andrus, four-term governor of Idaho, was named as President Carter's Interior secretary in 1977 and served four years. He earned a reputation for environmental advocacy and independent thinking.

While Kempthorne seems an unlikely candidate to emulate Andrus on the first point, maybe we can hope for him to exhibit at least a bit of an independent streak.

As governor of Idaho, Kempthorne already is a participant in the debate over the future of the Columbia River system as an economic lifeline as well as habitat for endan-

gered salmon runs.

His local knowledge could be employed constructively if he chooses, in pushing the federal government to really own up to its responsibilities on the river.

In the five years of the Bush administration, the federal role has moved from actively helping in saving the river system to the verge of obstruction.

Federal Judge James Redden seemed to recognize this last year in requiring greater dam spills to aid migrating salmon and in finding deficiencies in the federal salmon recovery plans.

Kempthorne's actual authority in this area would be limited, of course, but he could play a huge political role by advocating a truly balanced approach to recovery that embraces fully the importance of maintaining and restoring habitat for native salmon.

He will serve us all better if he thinks independently and aggressively, keeps his distance from the ideology and ideologies of the administration and, instead, draws on his experience in the independent ways of the Pacific Northwest.

Protect the Colorado River

The Denver Post

If Dirk Kempthorne becomes the next U.S. Interior secretary, he's expected to continue the Bush administration's pro-development policies on the West's public lands.

Even so, we hope the Idaho governor and former U.S. senator also brings to the job a sense of the modern West, a region that cherishes its wildlife and pristine lands.

The Interior Department has enormous influence on our region, as the 450 million acres it manages lie almost exclusively in the West and Alaska.

It oversees mining, national parks, oil and gas drilling, wildlife refuges, grazing rights, wildfire prevention, archaeological and historic sites, other public lands and most of the region's major federal water projects.

The key quality for a good interior secretary is a keen understanding of the need to balance development with environmental protection. Kempthorne is expected to be confirmed if senators still should use his hearings to quiz him about that balance.

For example, Kempthorne has harshly criticized the Endangered Species Act, yet at Interior secretary he would oversee the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which enforces the law. He should explain how he plans to administer the law.

Since Idaho isn't part of the Colorado River drainage, Kempthorne may not fully appreciate the importance of the Colorado River Interstate Compact that allocates the river's water among four upper basin states (Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and Utah) and the lower basin of California, Nev-

ada and Arizona. Outgoing Interior Secretary Gale Norton pushed the states to craft plans for sharing the impact of future droughts, but the effort is very much a work in progress.

We urge Kempthorne to quickly get up to speed on these issues and continue crafting a drought contingency plan for the river.

All of that amounts to an ambitious agenda, but one vital to the future of all Americans.

We wish Kempthorne well as he begins his stewardship of the West.

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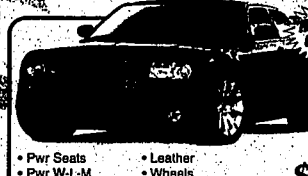


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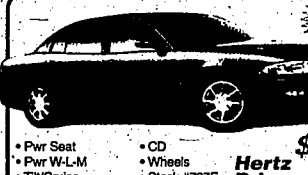


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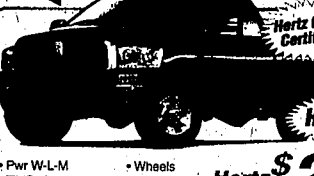


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It's 7 a.m. Do you know where your towels are?

Today's topic is bath towels, and why you never have any.

The bath towel is a 2-foot-by-6-foot piece of heavy, soft-knitted fabric known principally for hanging on the rack when you get into the shower, yet not being there when you get out.

This reassures you to scream for the assistance of anyone within earshot, including the dog.

If no help is forthcoming, you sprint down the hall, naked — which is in and of itself a deeply disturbing spectacle — and fling open the linen closet.

If you have teenagers in the house, you know part of the answer: When your wife and I excavated our youngest son's bedroom after he went off to college, we discovered lime-green and burnt-orange bath towels from the '70s.

Now they hadn't made lime and burnt-orange towels since the Carter Administration, so clearly these were wedding gifts.

But as you're standing there in the altogether, shivering and mumbling about those damn kids, you discount another possibility.

Look, if your socks can disappear without a trace, then why not your towels?

When I was in college, we'd take our socks along to a Laundromat equipped with several huge clothes dryers; shoot, you could have fit a Volkswagen inside the drum.

The big dryers were vastly popular because, being males and college students, we (1) were extremely poor and (2) did our laundry only twice a year, making a large dryer a practical necessity.

So you stuff all those wet clothes inside the dryer, then go down the block to Roundup about rabbits and enjoyed a "Taste of Camp" with games and songs and roasted marshmallows over a campfire.

The University of Idaho Minidoka County Extension office has been offering the program since 2002 to help keep children busy while they are out of school during spring break.

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Committee looks into ISDB

The Associated Press
BOISE — An Idaho State Board of Education committee looked into education for the state's blind and deaf children last summer.

Their recommendations, which will be studied further in the coming summer, include:

- Separating education programs for people who are visually impaired from those that are focused on hearing-impaired children, because people with these disabilities have separate needs.
- "Regionalizing" education in metropolitan areas, as opposed to providing classes at the Idaho School for the

Deaf and Blind that's been centrally located in Gooding since 1903.

Marine reaches another milestone

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Marine has earned his outpatient wings.

Marine Cpl. Travis Greene packed up his room and moved into his room on the second floor of the four-story Mologne House, a hotel on the Walter Reed Army Medical Center campus in Washington, D.C.

It's about time, said his mother, Sue Greene, in a phone interview Tuesday from her sons' room. "It felt really good. He was ready for it."

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GLUED TO SPRING



Wylie Tibbets, right, along with Kolbee Tibbets, center, and Mackenzie Rife, work on their pinata projects Monday during the Minidoka County Extension's Jump Into Spring program. Classes continue through the week.

Break brings arts, crafts to youngsters

By Laurie Welch
For The Times-News

RUPERT — One hundred and fifty-two small hands were busy digging into craft projects on the first day of spring break this week in Minidoka County.

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Class schedule

Call the Minidoka County Extension office for class availability: (208) 436-7184. Space is limited.

Registration is \$7 per child and includes one of all classes.

Today
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for 4-H'er's only, leathercraft. "Project in a Day"

Thursday
10 a.m. to noon: microwave magic, fishing

Friday
10 a.m. to noon: rag quilts, stamping

Monday
10 a.m. to noon: rag quilts, stamping (class 2) finishing touches

Keeping in touch

Marine Cpl. Travis Greene is now an outpatient at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and his parents provide daily updates on their son's condition on the family's Carlingbridge Web site.

To read more, or to leave a message yourself, go to the Web site at www.carlingbridge.org and click on "Visit the first boy, type in 'travis-greene' and click again on 'Visit'."

Mologne House was originally meant to be just a hotel, but with all the war-wounded, it has become Outpatient Central.

It was never intended to be used as barracks, but there is no other place on the base to put the wounded soldiers," Sue Greene said.

Greene's room is like any other hotel room — two double beds, a microwave, a mini refrigerator and cable TV, which the Marine was delighted to see had a more extensive channel selection than the TV at the hospital. He has a computer desk, a chest of drawers, his own bathroom. He's stacked his fridge with a typical 24-year-old man's cuisine — burritos, sour cream and Sweet Tarts were among the items on his shopping list.

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Federal, state agencies discuss INL cleanup

By Misti Lockie
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The Department of Energy and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality held a joint open house for the public Tuesday evening in Twin Falls to share information about Idaho Cleanup Project efforts at the Idaho National Laboratory.

The meeting, held in the Herrett Center on the CSI campus, showcased different aspects of the Idaho Cleanup Project through large displays and public information handouts.

DOE and Idaho DEQ representatives were on hand to field questions from the public.

Contractors affiliated with the DOE also attended to assist with the open-house session. Boise-based contractor CH2M-WG combines the capabilities of CH2M, HILL and Washington Group International to lead the cleanup effort for DOE.

No specific presentations were made.

attended were silent on the information presented.

"We are here to share the status of the Cleanup Project with the public, and provide an opportunity for folks to get information about what is going on there now and what is slated for the future," said Alan Jines, an environmental engineer with DOE.

In addition, to the public open house, the Citizens Advisory Board for disposal at the site met in Twin Falls the same day to discuss issues. Board member Dick Buxton, of Boise, feels the open house complements their work concerning waste disposal at INL.

"This [meeting] is highly necessary," Buxton said. "I wish more of the public would come out."

The INL and the cleanup of nuclear wastes there is in the spotlight recently because of a dispute between the state of Idaho and the DOE concerning types of waste to be removed.

This dispute — although it was not the main focus of the meeting — was discussed by some who attended.

at this meeting to provide our view of the information to the public, even though we may disagree in court," said Leslie Aller, Idaho DEQ Division of INL Oversight and Radiation Control employee.

"Twin Falls podiatrist Peter Rickards disagreed. "What ticks me off are all these shiny pictures and the DOE and the state in a room together — my tax dollars used to advance the nuclear industry and lie to people."

Rickards, who hopes to win a primary to run for state representative in the next election, thinks the DOE and the state are missing an important opportunity.

"We have 20 years of plutonium waste spread over 68 acres out there, just leaking into the flood zone," Rickards said.

"We have a chance to contain this now, and the state and DOE are slowly letting it leak away."

On signs displayed at the meeting, the DEQ stated that 30,000 cubic meters of buried transuranic waste would be sent to a New Mexico site in coming years.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Norm.
Salmon	118%	100%
Big Wood	121%	121%
Little Lost	128%	117%
Big Lost	120%	100%
Little Lost	109%	83%
Wendover Fork/Trout	116%	100%
Upper Snake Basin	115%	101%
Oakley	141%	141%
Salmon Falls	129%	129%
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 basin. Source: National Weather Service.

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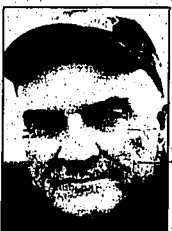
WENDELL — J. Riley Scott, 71, a Wendell resident, died Friday, March 17, 2006, at his home in Wendell. Riley was born on April 19, 1934, in Kelley, Idaho, the son of Newell E. and Vera Inge Scott. He was raised and educated in the Shelley-Firth area, later moving to Pocatello. His occupation took him to Weber and Ontario for 21 years. After retirement, he moved to Wendell in 1994, where he continued driving trucks for Arlo Lott and working with the city of Wendell and the Wendell Recreation District. He married Mona Lee Lucas on May 10, 1954, in Pocatello. They were later divorced but remained friends until her death in 2004. He married Virginia "Ginger" Lee Groat on Dec. 21, 1960, in Elko, Nev. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Ginger; three sons, Steven Riley Scott (Marti Fox,

Rylee, Elaine), Joseph and Danielle; plus two special grandchildren, James and Dustin Fox; two great-grandchildren, Alexa and AnaMaria; and many, many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Lloyd and Melvin.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 23, 2006, at the Wendell Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by Bishop Kevin Lancaster.

Burial will follow in the Wendell Cemetery in Wendell. Family members may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Demary's Wendell Chapel and from 10 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made in Riley's name to the Park Central Idaho Veterans Park in Wendell, Idaho.

Bob F. Davis



COODING — Bob E. (Digger) Davis, age 70, of Gooding, Idaho, died of his Savior on Monday, March 20, 2006, at his home. Bob was born in Delaware, Okla., on Jan. 4, 1936, the son of George and Cecil Davis. Bob finished his schooling in Gooding after his family moved there when he was 8 years old. When he was 16, he traveled the United States, eventually joining the U.S. Army at the age of 16, and went to war in Europe. After he returned, he married Shirley Linn on Jan. 4, 1957, and had three beautiful daughters shortly after. Bob owned and operated "Digger's Fish & Business," where he spent his time to support his family. After retiring in 1998, he spent his days at home with his wife and would frequently go fishing with friends and family.

After his beloved wife died on Aug. 5, 2003, people were afraid that he had lost the will to live and was heading for a fall. In March of 2004, he met Judy Daubner, and they soon became inseparable. They were so happy that he would frequently tell people that he couldn't believe that heaven was only five miles

hunted throughout his whole life.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; three daughters, Faith (Mike) Morelock of Boise, Teresa (Tom) Grausam of Boise; and two sons, Jerry (Garry) Harne of Boise; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; one sister, Juanita (Larry) Hardy; one niece, Lucille Croxson (James) Wendell; six grandchildren, Larry (Melissa) Urrutia, Shelly (Guy) Forsberg and Julie (Paul) Sylvio, all of Dallas, Ore.; Jon Emily Daubner of Chesapeake and Crystal Daubner of Gooding; and seven step-grandchildren. Bob was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, one sister and a grandson.

The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 24, 2006, at Demary's Gooding Chapel, with Jim Davis officiating. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Visitation for family and friends will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, 2006, at Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Huggerman Christian Center or your favorite charity.

Cheryl Kae Larson-White



TWIN FALLS — Cheryl Kae Larson-White was born Sept. 6, 1943, in Burley, Idaho, to Alvin W. Larson and Hazel Smith Larson. She was affectionately called back by her Heavenly Father on March 16, 2006, in Palm Springs, Calif.

Cheryl battled health problems all her life, but the most serious being several bouts with cancer. In December, she broke her hip, and she fought the problems that arose from that, but she succumbed to the cancer.

She was lovingly received by her beloved grandparents and numerous other relatives who preceded her in death. She is finally the free and independent spirit she always longed to be. She is happy at last and, though we will all miss her, we are thankful for her peace and no longer suffering.

The family lived in the Burley area until 1949, when they moved to Oakley, Idaho. Cheryl attended elementary school in Oakley through the sixth grade, when the family moved to Twin Falls.

She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1962. She worked at various jobs and, in 1966, went to California to

arts and crafts. She loved her church and the people she associated with in it. They were there for her during her last three months. Cheryl was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Cheryl is survived by her daughter, Doris (Ross) Berrett; two grandchildren, Naomi and Robert Barrett, all of Rexburg, Idaho; parents, Alvin W. Larson and Hazel S. Larson, of Twin Falls; her brothers, John (Cindy) Larson of Pine, Idaho, and Douglas (Thanny) Larson of Twin Falls; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service for Cheryl will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 23, 2006, at White Mountain Chapel, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Burial will be at the Marlon Cemetery in Oakley at a later date. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Cheryl's name to the American Cancer Society and may be given to the staff of White Mortuary. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary Chapel of the Park in Twin Falls.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert. Church, 711 S. Sixth St., and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Mindoka Christian Education, in care of Mark Theate.

Olga A. Jarolimek



PAUL — Olga A. Jarolimek, 85, of Paul, passed away Sunday, March 19, 2006, at the Country Side Care and Rehabilitation Center in Rupert.

Olga was born April 19, 1920, in Saline County, Neb., the daughter of Václav and Teresa Brydl. She was the youngest of 12 children. She married Leo Jarolimek on June 9, 1942, and had three children, Sandra, Lacey and Daniel.

She was blessed with many talents, but her main purpose in life was to be a good homemaker, a loving mother, grandmother and to serve her Lord and church.

Olga is survived by her three children, Sandra (Jim) Stevens of Paul, Lacey (Shelba) Jarolimek of Wimmeroona,

and Daniel (Cathy) Jarolimek of Rupert; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Henry Brydl of Czech Village, Neb.

Erna S. McFarland of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the mortuary.

Kenneth Wayne McClain of Twin Falls, memorial service 2 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Henry G. "Willie" Wilcoxson of Glens Ferry, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Glens Ferry (Boise Funeral Home, McMurray Chapel in Mountain Home).

Nathan Travis Lewis of Jerome, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at the Furnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; family and friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the mortuary.

Adam Michael West of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St.

SERVICES

in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

James Clagden Ridge of Halley, memorial service at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Halley (Wood River Chapel of Halley).

Edna O'Rourke of Atascadero, Calif., and formerly of Jerome, graveside service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Church of Christ, 193 E. Ave. F. in Jerome (Fernwood Mortuary in Jerome).

Jane Lyn Parratt Knefel of Meridian and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Meridian (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Marian E. Bigley of Lewiston and formerly of Kimberly, memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Lewiston (Vassar Tawis Funeral Home in Lewiston).

Eather Christina Short of Burley, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral Saturday at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Vilate McLoughlin of Gooding, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Christian Church in Gooding.

Thelma Marnie Ordaz Jones of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at the First Church of Christ, 193 E. Ave. F. in Jerome (Fernwood Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Don Hyman Lindsay of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel, 515 E. 16th St.; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Alice Marie Wheeler of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St. in Paul; a graveside service will be held at 4 p.m. Friday at the Moreland Cemetery in Moreland. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Marion H. Van Vliet — PAUL — Marion H. Van Vliet, 60, of Parma, died Monday, March 20, 2006, at a Boise hospital.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 24, 2006, at the Faithful Funeral Chapel in Caldwell. Interment will follow at the Wilder Cemetery.

John R. Haley — TEMPE, Ariz. — John R. "Duke" Haley, 80, of Tempe, Ariz., died Wednesday, March 15, 2006, in Tempe.

A viewing will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Messinger Funeral Home, 302 W. Aero Drive, Payson, Ariz. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Payson Pioneer Cemetery. In

care of Jeri Chilson, P.O. Box 2036, Payson, AZ 85547; a Hospice Family Care Center, in care of Messinger Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of the Messinger Payson Funeral Home.

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Mary E. Jering

TWIN FALLS — Mary E. Jering, age 88, formerly of Gooding, died Monday, March 20, 2006, at her residence in Twin Falls.

Mary was born Jan. 6, 1918, in Cloverdale, Kan., the daughter of Charles and Emma Morris. She was raised and educated in Kansas. Mary moved to California in 1952 and worked in a pottery plant from 1958 to 1970. She came to Idaho in 1970 and worked at a fish hatchery. She married Robert Moreland in 1935, and he preceded her in death in 1976. It was in 1978 that she married Jering. Mary was a rock hound and was a member of the Northside Gem and Hobby Club.

Survivors include her husband, Swan Jering of Twin Falls; daughters, Mary (Louie) Martin and Betty Kemp, both of California; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by son, Robert, in 1976.

The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2006, at Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

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Senate votes to close 'developer's discount tax loophole'

By John Miller
Associated Press writer



BOISE — The Senate voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to close a property tax loophole for agricultural land that's allowed developers and others — including Gov. Dirk Kempthorne — to reduce annual payments to pennies on valuable resort property.

It's the first property tax bill to pass both houses this year. It now returns to the House, which must consider a pair of amendments added by the Senate.

The bill passed 34-1, with only Sen. Mike Burkett, D-Boise, opposing it.

Farmers would still get the tax exemption on subdivided land, until they build or sell their property.

Last summer, lawmakers on an interim property tax com-

mittee traveled the state to listen to property owners' concerns. The loudest complaints they heard, according to Sen. Shawn Knough, R-Sandpoint, were over this tax loophole, which the Idaho Tax Commission says has been used to shift \$6.3 million in annual payments to other taxpayers.

That's angered many who argue that working people shoulder a tax burden that should be borne by wealthy newcomers, including property owners at Tamarack Resort near Donnelly.

"This brings to resolution one of the more troubling issues we faced in discussions from our great citizens this summer," Knough said before the vote.

Under the bill, subdividing land actively devoted to agriculture does not, in and of itself, cause the land to lose its status as agricultural ground. Owners of agricultural land pay little in property taxes.

Developers and owners of land that was once being farmed — but has been taken out of agriculture — would no longer qualify for the tax break.

Lawmakers have rejected efforts of developers, including Tamarack Resort, to pass a separate tax break of their own on the speculative value of development property, once the agricultural exemption was repealed.

If the House concurs with the Senate version, the bill would go to the governor.

Kempthorne has gotten the benefit of the loophole on 14 acres he owns in Valley County, where he paid only \$5.72 in taxes last year. He voted a plan in 2005 to phase out the loophole; arguing it was passed too late in the session and didn't give property owners enough time to react.

Kempthorne press secretary Mike Journeale said the governor would consider signing the bill this year.

"The original exemption was passed by the 2002 Legislature, when some eastern Idaho farmers complained county assessors were taxing their agricultural property at higher residential rates immediately after they subdivided it, but before they sold individual lots.

Amendments added later allowed developers and property

owners to exploit the exemption — even though they weren't farming the land.

Before Tuesday's vote, some senators expressed concern that the bill would result from this bill since then should be a cautionary tale to other lawmakers trying to tinker with the Idaho tax system. Unintended consequences abound, said Sen. Brad Little, R-Emmett, who has introduced legislation six years, to not overreact in "drafting legislation," Little said.

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Vince Smith comforts Kitzap Soap Box Derby racer Makayia King, 9, Sunday in Bremerton, Wash., after she crashed into traffic cones when her soap box car suffered a steering wheel malfunction.

Marine

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to have a break from Terry and I.

The Marines don't cut Greene and his buddies any slack. Their days still begin at 8 a.m. each morning — with formation.

They still have to act like Marines," Sue Greene said.

Then Greene heads over to Walter Reed for breakfast and an hour of occupational therapy. Then it's back to the "Mology House" to rest up until lunch at noon. Physical therapy is from 1 to 3 p.m.

"He's thin, but he's doing really good," his mother said. "In fact, she said she hasn't seen her son in this good of spirits since before he was wounded.

On Monday morning, the troops got a visit from comedian Jeff Foxworthy and the Blue Collar Comedy Tour.

"They signed pictures for all the patients," Sue Greene said. "They spent quite a bit of time with each patient."

Now that Greene is getting around pretty well in his wheelchair, he can get out and enjoy the spring weather.

"The bushes are starting to bloom," his mother said. "It's really a pretty base with old buildings built in the late 1800s and early 1900s. There are lots of places to walk around."

Greene could be at the Mologne House as long as a year, and then he would like to stick around for another couple of weeks until his routine, but they figure he won't want to be hanging around much longer than that. He's finally out of the woods and well on his way to recovery. Life goes on.

"We waited a long time for this," Sue Greene said. "We know he did, too."

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Democrats force GOP to hear wage plan

Bill would boost minimum wage by \$1 in Idaho

By Kyle Arnold
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Minority Democrats used a delaying tactic Tuesday to force a hearing on raising Idaho's minimum wage, increasing the nation's lowest. The bill would increase the minimum wage by \$1 to \$6.15 an hour beginning July 1, and then mandate automatic yearly increases tied to the consumer price index. Idaho is one of 25 states that use the federal minimum wage of \$5.15. Employers in neighboring Washington must pay \$7.63, among the highest minimum wages in the country.



With a record-low 3.4 percent unemployment rate and the state recovering from an economic slump, Democrats say now is the right time to raise the minimum wage. House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, noted that nearly 100,000 Idaho residents make less than \$6.15 an hour. But for four years, Republican leaders have refused the give the bill a hearing. When House Republican leaders refused to allow the bill to be introduced Tuesday, Democrats — outnumbered 4-to-1 in the Idaho Legislature — exercised



Jaquet

one of their few powers. In a seldom-used move, they required that every bill be read through completely at length, section by section, a rule that is routinely waived by lawmakers. "We were just going to slow down the process," Jaquet said. The tactic could have slowed the Legislature's procedures for weeks, quelling hopes of finishing the session in early April. It's been years since something like this happened," said House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley. After a short meeting, Republicans agreed to give the bill a prime hearing Wednesday in the Ways and Means Committee.

Then it will likely be sent to the House State Affairs Committee, its fate after depends on the committee and its chairman, Rep. Bill Deal, R-Nampa. "The bill will have a hearing," Newcomb said. "No one objected to that." Deal would only say the committee will decide whether the bill will move forward. This late in the session, a Democrat-backed bill probably won't make it any further than a committee hearing, but it is surprising that it even made it that far, said Roger Sherman, program director for Sherman Vision for Idaho. "Obviously, some people don't want to have recorded votes on this issue because so many people in the public think that raising minimum wage should be a given," Sherman said. "This Legislature isn't going to be known as the one who looked out for the working guy."

City scrambles for community center

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — If city officials want to remain in the running for a \$29 million grant from the Salvation Army for a multipurpose Kroc Community Center, they must come up with \$1.1 million to fill in a pit where the center would be built. The center comes with an endowment of another \$29 million for maintenance and operations.

Area residents have already been asked to raise \$5 million to pay for additional costs of building and maintaining the facility, with at least \$1.5 million of that pledged so far. Coeur d'Alene Mayor Sandi Bloom has said the remaining \$3.5 million would be raised through an aggressive fundraising drive if the city is awarded the center. Now city officials must have a solution by Wednesday for filling in the pit.

The northern Idaho city is one of eight finalists for a center in the charitable organization's 13-state Western territory. It is the only Idaho finalist. Decisions on at least four finalists — and perhaps all eight — are expected in June. The two-story, 109,000-square-foot design proposed for Coeur d'Alene would be built with some of the \$1.5 billion that Joan Kroc, widow of McDonald's founder Ray Kroc, left to the Salvation Army when she died in 2003. The bequest is to be used to build 30 community centers across the country.

"The \$1.1 million cost from the architect for site preparation didn't include filling in the hole to this degree," Bloom told the Coeur d'Alene Press. "In that respect the figure that came in was a bit of a surprise." Bloom said the city is considering several options to pay for moving about 190,000 cubic yards of fill into an old gravel pit on the 12-3-acre site. "The Salvation Army wants the pit filled up so its building has a prominent position," said Troy Yumessa, city finance director. "The city is studying the question."

Minuteman volunteers plan border patrol

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The Minuteman Civil Defense Corps is planning a return to Arizona in two weeks to again confront the problem of illegal immigration. Some say the original Minuteman Project conducted in April 2005 in Cochise County and a subsequent patrol in October brought increased national attention to the Arizona stretch of the U.S.-Mexico border. "I think we've clearly been the catalyst that has sparked the national debate," said Minuteman President Chris Simcox. "That's been our goal, to bring national attention to the fact that the government has failed miserably to bring control to the southern border." Simcox said the group will

continue to plan monthlong patrols every six months until the federal government gains control of the border. "If the Senate does not pass a border security bill soon, you are going to see our numbers double, probably by the end of the summer," he said. "People are frustrated and I think this political process of coming to the border and setting up a lawn chair and saying, 'We have the will to do it,' sends a strong message to Washington, D.C." Simcox said he expects about 1,000 Minuteman volunteers in Arizona for the next patrol, expected to start April 1 and last for one month. He said the group consists of 6,500 volunteers in 31 chapters, although the number is unsubstantiated.



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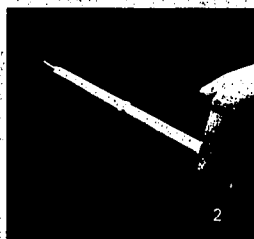
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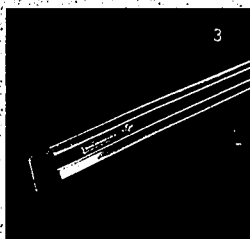


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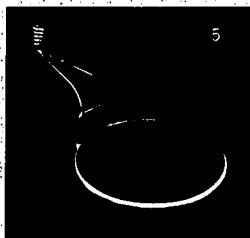
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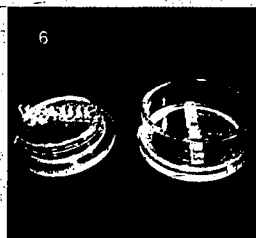
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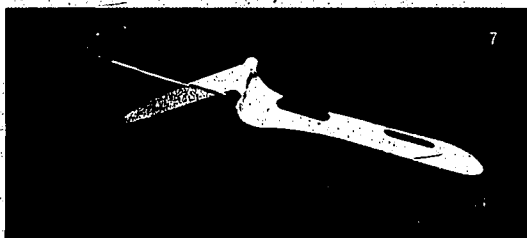
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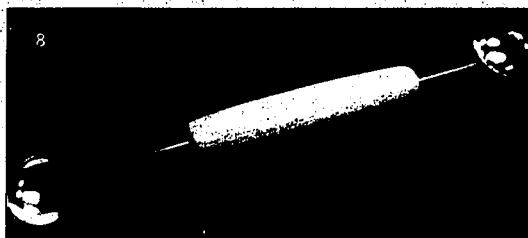
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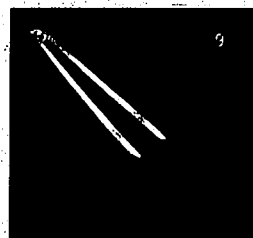
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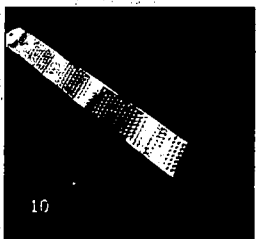
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12 essential gadgets to stock in your kitchen

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Forget about spatulas, colanders and whisks. Those belong in your grandpa's kitchen.

Well, OK, they still have a place in your drawers. But today's culinary gizmos are high-tech and specialized.

We took a peek in two Magic Valley kitchen supply stores and one restaurant kitchen to see what consumers — and chefs — are wielding.

Here are our favorites:

1. Silicone mitt

This oven mitt withstands higher temperatures than cloth — up to 600 degrees. It won't catch fire and

never needs to be run through the washing machine. Simply rinse with soap and water.

It features a ribbed grip, so handling glass pans is safer. It's also water-proof. And this mitt extends further up the forearm than most cloth mitts to prevent steam burns.

At around \$20, a silicone mitt is a good investment. It will last a lifetime.

2. Pickle pincher

Not a new gizmo, but a must-have, said Donna Okarma, store manager at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise in Twin Falls. Believe it or not, it's the store's most popular gadget, she said.

Use this doodad to snag pickles, peppers or olives from the bottoms of jars.

3. Magnetic knife rack

Wood knife blocks trap germs. In fact, they're against the law in restaurant kitchens, said Jill Carroll, part owner of BS&R Design and Supplies in Twin Falls. Instead, Magic Valley chefs use magnetic knife racks like this one. Mount it on the wall and stick on your knives for easy access.

No more guessing based on handle appearance: Now you can grab the right knife the first time, and you're assured it'll be germ-free.

Carroll promises the knives won't fall off.

4. Pastry wheel

Also an oldie but goody: Speed up pasta and pastry cutting with this tool. Unlike a knife, this gadget won't tear dough — it gives a clean,

consistent cut every time.

5. Egg ring

Want Egg McMuffin-perfect eggs? Now you can have 'em with the egg ring. Laid in a frying pan or on a griddle, this tool allows for perfectly circular eggs every time. And no more crispy edges.

Plus, this gadget makes fitting an egg on an English muffin a cinch.

6. Garlic twist

Forget chopping sticky, smelly garlic. And toss that hard-to-clean garlic press. This tool minces the herb more efficiently than a press — there's no waste. And you can control how fine you want the garlic. Simply toss in a few cloves, fasten the lid and twist.

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FOOD & HOME

Go for the pesto — free from guilt

By Jill Wendt/Ida Silver Knight/Ridder News Service

If your slumbering taste buds are reared up and ready for a taste of summer, you can't go wrong with a dollop of basil pesto.

But, of course, if you're counting calories.

An uncooked Italian sauce from Genoa, pesto is traditionally made from fresh basil, toasted almonds, Parmesan or pecorino cheese and olive oil. Whether pounded in a mortar and pestle or whirled in a food processor, the resulting green slurry is typically served with pasta.

In recent years, it has become a supermarket staple. Every bit as popular as marinara or Alfredo sauce, pesto has become an enormous shortcoming — it oozes fat," writes Jean Anderson, author of *The Nutrition Bible* (Morroco).

Sure, olive oil is a "good" monounsaturated fat. But Anderson makes an important point. Before slaughtering it on with wild abandon, it's important to keep in mind that olive oil contains 120 calories per tablespoon — not exactly diet fare.

Some recipes try to reduce the oil by adding broth. But this leaves the pesto looking watery. Juicy tomato instead, and no one at my house was the wiser. Our sleight of hand punches up the nutrition further by adding a bit of bygone to the basil, which is loaded with antioxidants that can reduce harmful LDL cholesterol and suppress tumor growth.

The recipe calls for close to 2 cups of basil leaves. Granted, it's not inexpensive to buy basil out of season, but I guarantee it's a whole lot better than the gloopy, store-bought containers of the stuff that may contain less expensive walnuts, and a lower grade of olive oil.

At my farmer's markets begin to offer fresh basil, buy it in bunches. Make the pesto without the cheese and freeze it in an ice cube tray; pop out the cubes and use them for the next three months. When thawed, stir in cheese.

If you have extra pesto left, feel free to use it on grilled chicken or fish.

To add fiber, try using whole-grain pasta.

HEALTHY BASIL PESTO

Makes 8 side-dish servings

- 2 cups fresh basil leaves
- 1 to 2 cloves garlic, halved
- 3 tablespoons pine nuts, toasted
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 medium tomato, peeled and seeded (Submerge tomato in boiling water for 15 to 30 seconds to make it easier to peel.)

1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Salt and pepper, to taste

12 ounces cooked pasta such as penne or cavatappi, drained

1/2 cup sliced dried Parmesan cheese

Place basil, garlic and pine nuts in bowl of food processor. Pulse to blend; using rubber scraper, scrape down sides of the work bowl. With food processor running, slowly add olive oil until blended. Add tomato; pulse to blend. Remove to bowl and add Parmesan and salt and pepper, to taste. Toss with hot pasta.

S.V. chef teaches class in Twin Falls

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Sun Valley resident and restaurateur Cristina Cecchetti Cook will teach a class next week named after her recent cookbook.

Cook grew up in Italy on her father's estate in Sicily. She owns Cristina's Restaurant, which she opened in 1993, five years after moving to the United States, and she recently authored a cookbook titled "Cristina's of Sun Valley."

The class of the same name is set for 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$40.

The class menu: Cauliflower and Pancetta Dip with Cracker Breads, Crispy and Fresh Vegetables, Broil Shrimp Salad on Citrus Avocado Dressing, Torta Pasqualina with Charred Tomato and Gruyere Drizzle, and Biscotti and Vin Santo.

To sign up, call Rudy's at 733-5477.

The old-fashioned hot breakfast

By Stephanie Witt Sedgwick Special to The Washington Post

The aroma of coffee is mixing with the smell of cinnamon and toasted bread. Warmth is emanating from the kitchen. Cold cereal and breakfast-in-a-bag are banished — create the old-fashioned hot breakfast.

There's time to savor a muffin, enjoy an omelet and linger over sliced fruit. And with a little planning and some help from a casserole dish, no one need be chained to the stove.

Instead of eggs to omelet, create a savory bread pudding. Make tarts or stratas — close cousins of the quiche — filled with vegetables and cheese. Or make a French version of French toast with strawberries that just might be better than the original.

Fruit can be sliced the night before and refrigerated. Juices can be pre-serve. Put someone in charge of coffee and enjoy the novelty of a slow and leisurely breakfast.

BAKED FRENCH TOAST

WITH STRAWBERRY SAUCE

6 to 8 servings

Leftover sauce is good over yogurt or swirled into hot oatmeal.

For the strawberry sauce:

- 2 pounds frozen strawberries
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup sugar, or more to taste
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract

For the French toast:

- 1/2 cup butter for greasing the pan
- 12 slices firm white sandwich bread, such as Pepperidge Farm
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 cups whole or 2 percent milk

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Cinnamon (optional)

For the strawberry sauce: In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine the strawberries, water and sugar. Let the mixture cook, partially covered, until the strawberries thaw. Uncover and cook until the mixture boils and the strawberries are soft, 20 to 25 minutes total.

In a small bowl, mix the lemon juice and cornstarch until smooth. Add this mixture to the sauce and mix. Remove from the heat and let cool for about 15 minutes.

Mash the berries against the side of the pot. The sauce should be as thick as ketchup. Add the vanilla and almond extracts and more sugar, if desired. Let cool.

For the French toast: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Generously butter a 9-by-13-inch bak-

ing pan.

Place 6 slices of bread in the prepared dish to form an even layer. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons of the sugar over the bread. Spoon about 3/4 cup of the strawberry sauce over the sugar. Top with the remaining 6 slices of bread. Sprinkle the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar over the bread.

In a large bowl, add the eggs, milk and vanilla extract, whisking until well combined. Pour this mixture over the assembled French toast. Allow the dish to sit for 5 minutes or until most of the milk-egg mixture has been absorbed. Sprinkle with cinnamon, if desired. Bake until cooked through, about 30 minutes.

Transfer to individual plates and serve immediately with strawberry sauce spooned over it.

SPICY ANDOUILLE AND CHEDDAR BREAD PUDDING

8 to 10 servings

If the andouille is too spicy, any fully cooked sausage can be used.

- 1 teaspoon unsalted butter, plus additional for greasing the pan
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 cup (about 4 ounces) diced onion
- 1/2 pound fully cooked andouille sausage, quartered lengthwise and cut into 1/4-inch-thick pieces

About one 1-pound loaf challah or egg bread, crusts removed (optional) cut into 1/2-inch cubes

- 6 eggs, beaten
- 5 cups whole or 2 percent milk

Salt

1 cup (about 4 ounces) finely shredded sharp cheddar cheese

Position an oven rack on the middle level and preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Generously butter a 9-by-13-inch baking pan or shallow ovenproof dish. Have ready a pan that is larger but not as deep.

In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, heat the butter and oil. Add the onion and cook just until it starts to soften, 3 to 4 minutes. Add the sausage and cook until the pieces just start to brown, about 6 minutes. Set aside.

Spread a loose layer of the bread cubes in the baking pan. Sprinkle all but two-thirds of the sausage mixture evenly over the bread. Cover with another layer of the bread cubes. (If you have removed the crust from the bread, you will probably need all of the cubes; if not, there will be some left.) Top with the remaining sausage mixture.

In a large bowl, thoroughly combine the eggs, milk and a

pinch of salt. Pour the mixture over the casserole. Press down lightly on the cubes to help them absorb the egg mixture. Set aside for 15 minutes, then top with the grated cheese.

Place the large pan in the oven and the bread pudding pan inside for 15 minutes. Add enough hot water to the larger pan to come halfway up the side of the inside pan. Bake until fully set and lightly browned, 45 to 50 minutes. Let rest for 5 minutes, then serve.

TOMATO, ZUCCHINI AND FETA TART

8 servings

This tart is a variation on the traditional quiche.

1 unbaked pie crust (your favorite recipe or store-bought)

- 1 teaspoon unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/4 pound zucchini, quartered lengthwise and cut into 1/4-inch pieces

- 2 Roma tomatoes, peeled, seeded and cut into 1/4- to 1/2-inch dice
- 1 teaspoon chopped dill
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup whole or 2 percent milk
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 3 eggs
- 1 egg yolk
- Freshly ground nutmeg
- Salt
- 4 ounces feta cheese, crumbled
- 2 tablespoons finely grated Parmesan cheese

Roll out the dough to fit a 9-inch pie plate, tart pan or cake pan with removable bottom. Fit the dough into the pan and trim as necessary. Refrigerate until ready to fill. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

In a medium pan over medium-high heat, heat the butter and oil. Add the onion and cook until it starts to soften, 3 to 4 minutes. Add the zucchini and stir every minute or so until it starts to brown. Add the tomatoes, dill and pepper to taste. Cook for 1 minute, then transfer to a large plate to cool.

In a measuring cup or small bowl, combine the cream, milk and cornstarch and whisk until the starch dissolves. In a small bowl, beat the eggs with the egg yolk, then add the cream mixture, nutmeg and salt to taste. Whisk until well combined.

Spread the vegetable mixture over the crust and sprinkle with the feta cheese. Pour in the egg mixture and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake for 45 to 50 minutes, or until golden brown. Let rest 10 minutes before serving.

Tea and asymmetry at the fair

By Jeff Turentine The Washington Post

Is trouble brewing for the Starbucks juggernaut?

One recent visitor to Ambiente, the world's largest consumer goods fair, held recently in Frankfurt, Germany, has returned to Washington and reports that "anything happens to do with tea — pots, serving sets, accoutrements — is very hot right now in Europe."

This year, Ambiente drew about 150,000 trade visitors to the nearly 5,000 exhibits displaying the newest in housewares and gifts.

In attendance this year — muscling her way past buyers from Target, Crate & Barrel and every other big-home furnishings retailer — was Celia Sabloff, president of Mayfair Avenue (www.mayfairavenue.com), an online housewares boutique.

We asked her what she saw over the course of her three days there, and what we can expect to show up soon in the U.S. marketplace.

"I saw a surge in 1960s-retro 'flower power' items. Look for lots more psychedelic colors, with big flowers and the large-lettered graphics that evoke that era."

Further reports? Sabloff. "There's an uptick in organically shaped plates, bowls, serving pieces and even glassware. Lots of companies still offer round, square and rectangular dishes, of course, but I was struck by the preponderance of asymmetrical designs featuring curved shapes and off-center forms."

So, possibly: asymmetrical teapots covered with psychedelic daisies!

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7. Wet/dry measuring cup

This gizmo will replace all your wet and dry measuring cups — if you're willing to wash it in the middle of a recipe. Slide the plastic cone to the desired measurement, and fill the cup. It works for liquid and dry ingredients.

This device is dishwasher-safe and easy to store.

8. Melon baller

Get a perfect portion every time with a melon baller. It's also good for scraping gourds like pumpkins and squash. No more bent spoons. These tools come in different sizes.

Sure, the baller has been around for a while, but it hasn't lost its appeal. Randy McCarron, owner and chef at the Garden Cafe in Twin Falls, uses this device nearly every day for garnishes.

9. Silicone-tipped tongs

"Silicone is huge right now," said Okarma of Rudy's. These tongs explain why. The silicone tips won't transfer heat to the handles, they're dishwasher safe and they'll last forever without discoloring. Use this tool on the grill in a week — even in non-stick skillets.

10. Microplane

This grater is perfect for citrus, cheese and chocolate. "This is an essential for anyone who bakes," Okarma said.

Graters rank among the favorites of our other sources, too. The design is based on a wood rasp. Use this tool with caution — it grates knuckles just as easily as fruit.

11. Meat tenderizer

This newfangled thingamajig replaces the old hammer-style meat tenderizer. It's great for folks with arthritic wrists.

Here's how it works: Place the

device on a cut of meat and press down. That's it.

This tool works wonders for marinated meat. Dozens of steel spikes penetrate deep, allowing marinade to better seep into the meat.

12. Wine-bottle vacuum

Libations last longer with this gadget. Can't finish that cabernet? Fasten the plastic cork in the bottle, attach the pump, and suck out the air. Wine typically stays fresh several days after uncorking. This device will double that. A great gift for any wine lover.

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POKER NIGHT:

For card sharks, no messy hands will be dealt

By Stephanie Witt Sedgewick
Special to The Washington Post

On poker night, the cards rule in more ways than one. A sit-down dinner would disrupt the game, so it's buffet all the way. Players on a winning streak might be glued to the table, so everything needs to be easy to eat and transportable. The fewer utensils the better, but messy, hand-held foods such as ribs, wings and hot sandwiches are out. Also, the eating goes on as long as the cards and money hold out, so what's on the buffet has to hold up for hours.

The plan: A Sinatra-inspired offering of marinated vegetables, antipasti platters and a hearty pasta laced with sweet onions and Italian sausage. The vegetables are best at room temperature.

The cheese and meats can be refreshed as needed. The pasta sauce can be prepared in advance and kept warm. Only the pasta needs to be cooked at the last minute, and even then everything can be ready to go. For dessert, go with something sure to please even the most brokenhearted loser late in the evening: a plateful of brownies.

FETTUCCINE WITH SWEET ONIONS AND SAUSAGE

6 to 8 servings

This is based on a classic Italian pasta sauce made by simply cooking onions over slow heat for a couple of hours. The sauce always intrigued me, but I was never satisfied with the results. I discovered that although contemporary recipes used oil or butter or both, the traditional recipe had called for lard.

High-quality lard is hard to get now, and even if it were obtainable, it's an ingredient most cooks don't feel comfortable with. Instead, I added sweet sausage and got the flavor element the dish was lacking, and marinated sausage turned the dish into a heart warmer.

To allow, for seconds, add more fettuccine. The sauce can be stretched to cover up to 2 pounds of pasta.

And yes, vegetarians can leave out the sausage. Just add 3 tablespoons of chopped oregano to boost the flavor.

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 pound sweet Italian sausage, removed from its casings
2 1/2 cups sweet onions, such as Maui, Vidalia or Osso



PHOTO BY AP/WIDEWORLD

On poker night, a buffet is the only way to go. The plan: an offering of marinated vegetables, antipasti platters and a hearty pasta laced with sweet onions and Italian sausage.

thinly sliced

Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 cup dry white wine
1/2 to 1 cup water (optional)
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
3 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley
1 pound dried fettuccine
Grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

In a large heavy pot, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the sausage, breaking it up with a spoon into small pieces. Cook, stirring, until the sausage pieces are cooked through and nicely browned, 8 to 10 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the sausage to a "medium" bowl, keeping as much of the oil and fat in the pot as possible. Drain on paper towels and set aside.

Add the onions and salt and pepper to taste to the pot. Stir so that the onions are coated with the oil. Add the white wine, stirring to scrape up any browned bits sticking to the pot. Reduce

the heat to low, cover and let the onions cook for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. The mixture should look slightly squiggly. If the onions become dry, reduce the heat further and add 1/2 to 1 cup water as needed. The onions should be braising, not browning.

After 1 hour, uncover the pot and increase the heat to medium. Add the butter, stirring and let the liquid reduce until the onions are still moist but not soupy, about 10 minutes. Add the cooked sausage, reduce the heat to low and allow the sausage to heat through, 6 to 8 minutes. (At this point, the sauce can be kept warm for up to an hour.) Stir in the chopped parsley.

Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over medium-high heat and cook the fettuccine according to the package directions. Drain the fettuccine and transfer to a large, shallow serving bowl. Add the onion-sausage sauce and

The menu

Marinated olives
Stirred bean salad
Grilled zucchini and eggplant
White bean salad
Sliced Italian cheeses and meats
Fettuccine With Sweet Onions and Sausage
Italian bread with olive oil
Brownies

Wine pairings

By Dick Rosano
Special to The Washington Post

In the savory main dish, the dominant flavors come from sweet onions and sausage. Combining these succulent flavors with a dry wine and serving them over pasta is a combination that should grab any poker player's attention. But sweet onions and dry wine? Hmm... Might sound contradictory at first, but there's a simple solution. Ignore the reference to sweet onions — even though the sweetness is amplified in the slow cooking process. And sweet sausage is seldom "sweet," just not "hot." The real clue is that dry white wine is used in the cooking. Following the rule that we should drink the same wine we're cooking with, we steer toward a dry white wine to pour. Most dinner wine is dry, and the best highlights their flavors and their ability to cleanse the palate. But avoid bone-dry wines here. Sweet dishes make a dry wine taste even drier, so stick with wines that are "finished soft," that is, with a bare bit of sweetness that rounds off the finish. (Don't be surprised: Most American Chardonnays, of which nearly all is "finished soft.") A touch of oak supports this subtle, too, so only chardonnays probably would serve as better matches for the textures of this dish.

I would recommend Dry Creek Vineyard 2003 Chardonnay (Russian River Valley, \$16), Murphy-Goode Chardonnay (Chateau Sovereign 2004 Chardonnay (Sonoma County, \$16), all with supple textures and a kiss of oak. For a lighter version, choose Wild Horse 2004 Chardonnay (Central Coast, \$17).

stir to combine. Serve hot with Parmesan cheese passed along side, if desired.

Take courage: chard may seem impossible, but it's not

By Bill Daley
Chicago Tribune

Admit it, chard is kinda scary. With its strong stems poking holes in your plastic grocery bag and leaves the size of a kitchen cutting board, the whole idea of wrestling this green-veined vegetable into shape for a quick dinner seems impossible. But it can be done: simply separate the leaves from the stems (save stems for a future weekend use) and roughly chop the leaves into ribbons. Cook, covered, for five minutes in garlic-scented olive oil, and the chard is ready. Sautéed chopped chard provides the muscle for this vegetarian one-dish pasta meal.

its dark green color and robust yet nuanced flavor provides a foil to mild-flavored spaghetti.

Serve this dish with Italian bread, tossed salad and vanilla ice cream topped with amaretto. For a beverage, serve with an affordable Italian red, perhaps a Chianti or primitivo. Seltzer water spritzed with lemon or lime works well, too.

SPAGHETTI WITH CHARD, MUSHROOMS AND PINE NUTS

Preparation time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 15 minutes
Yield: 4 servings

1 pound spaghetti

2 tablespoons olive oil
3 cloves garlic, smashed

1 large bunch chard, stems removed, rinsed, chopped, about 6 cups

1 package (8 ounces) sliced white mushrooms

1/4 cup toasted pine nuts (see note)

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1. Cook spaghetti according to package directions; drain. Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Cook garlic until golden, about 2 minutes, stirring often.

2. Add chard; toss to coat with oil. Cover, simmer until the

leaves wilt, 5 minutes. Uncover; raise heat. Cook until any water evaporates. Remove chard from pan; set aside.

3. Pour remaining 1 tablespoon of the oil in pan. Heat. Add mushrooms; cook, stirring often, until browned, about 5 minutes. Return chard to skillet; add pine nuts. Turn heat to low; cook to let flavors mingle, about 1 minute. Put pasta in a serving bowl; top with chard mixture. Sprinkle with cheese.

NOTE: Toast pine nuts in a small dry skillet over medium heat, stirring frequently, until aromatic, about 5 minutes.

A pesto pizza — presto

By Linda Cassavheimer
Knight Ridder News Service

Make this pizza in less time than it takes to have one delivered. Let the supermarket work for you. Buy prepped pesto sauce and shredded mozzarella from the dairy case, your favorite low-sodium tomato sauce, prepared pizza bases and sliced mushrooms and this meal can be made in 10 minutes.

It's so easy that I like to make extra and freeze them. Over the holidays we had family staying with us for a week. These frozen pizzas pleased everyone, and I had time to enjoy the company.

The side dish of spinach salad takes no time to put together.

Buy good-quality Parmesan cheese and ask the market to grate it for you or chop it in the food processor. Freeze extra for quick use. You can quickly spoon out what you need and leave the rest frozen.

For a crisp pizza bottom,

place the foil-lined baking tray under the broiler to heat while you prepare the ingredients.

SAUSAGE PESTO PIZZA

Makes 2 servings.
6 ounces low-fat turkey sausage
2 tablespoons prepared pesto sauce
1/2 cup low-sodium tomato sauce
2 small pizza bases (about 6 inches each)
1/2 cup sliced baby bella mushrooms
3 tablespoons part-skim mozzarella cheese

Heat broiler. Line a baking tray with foil and place under broiler while it heats. Slice sausage and saute in a non-stick skillet over medium-high heat for 2 minutes. Mix pesto and tomato sauces and spoon over pizza bases. Add sausage and mushroom slices. Sprinkle mozzarella on top. Broil 3 minutes.

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How to insulate a converted garage

DEAR JIM: We need more space so we built a new garage and will convert our old one into a bedroom. We are also considering finishing the basement. What is the best way to insulate these solid masonry walls?

— Lisa H.

DEAR LISA: The methods to insulate and finish the walls of a masonry garage which is above ground or a basement are very similar. The major difference is the use and location of a vapor barrier to keep moisture out.

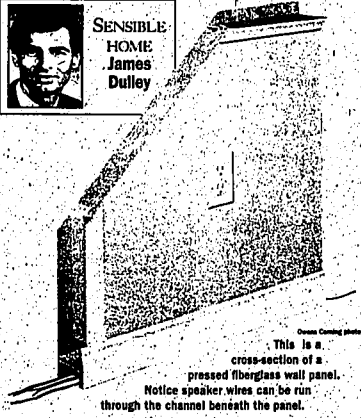
If the insulation gets saturated with moisture, it is much less efficient. For a basement, or for aboveground walls in a hot humid climate, the moisture source is outdoors. In this situation, it is often better to have the vapor barrier between the insulation and the outside wall. In most other climates, the vapor barrier is usually located between the interior wall surface and the insulation because the moisture comes from indoors.

The best insulation method depends upon your budget and your do-it-yourself skills. If money is not an object, several companies offer complete wall insulation and finishing systems which are professionally installed. The ceiling system is also included. It often takes about two weeks to complete the project. Most of the time is used for the wall preparation, electrical and plumbing tasks. Once all this is complete, it takes only a day to two to install the wall system.

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the rigid wall panels themselves. It ranges from about R-11 to R-13 depending upon the specific system used.

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are placed between the tracks, and a retaining strip is snapped into the track. The strips are also flat, so they create a nice appearance. The panels also deaden sounds, so they are ideal for a home theater. They can be removed for cleaning or inspecting the wall later.

A less expensive option is to install rigid foam insulation boards yourself on the masonry walls. Foam insulation provides

the highest R-value per inch thickness. Special foam boards are available with sanded edges. These slots make it simple to recess furring strips for attaching drywall. For fire safety, your codes may require drywall over the foam even if you plan to finish it with paneling.

The old-fashioned way of using 2-by-4 studs and fiberglass batt insulation is still effective, and it requires a low skill level. It is wise to use pressure-treated lumber where it touches the concrete floor. Attach the insulation batts securely so they do not settle and leave gaps at the top.

DEAR JIM: I have an old round furnace thermostat. It still works, but there seem to be greater temperature swings in the rooms than there used to be. What would cause this, and what can I do to fix it?

— Ned B.

DEAR NED: Older thermostats typically have fairly large room temperature swings from when the furnace comes on until it goes off. It may just be dusty inside, or the heat anticipator may not be properly adjusted.

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Modest Olmstead has Craftsman details

Associated Designs

Shake-textured siding and multipaned windows add a dash of Craftsman flavor to the Olmstead, an updated version of a popular ranch-style home. This plan is designed for a lot that slopes down at the rear.

With the exception of the steepest downer, the suspended rear deck, this is a single-level home, and could easily be adapted for wheelchair accessibility.

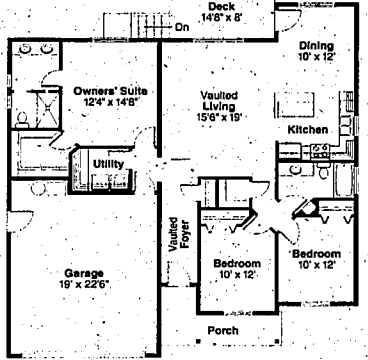
The shake-textured siding fills and accents both of the low-sloped front gables. Slender wooden posts support the porch and multipaned windows add sparkle to the front facade of the house and garage. Lap siding gives the home a clean-lined look.

Entering, you step into a vaulted foyer, just past the coat closet, this passageway opens out into a vaulted living room that is wide open to the dining room and kitchen. Windows fill much of the rear wall in both the living room and dining room, so this large, inviting, open space is also naturally bright.

In the dining room, an atrium door leads out onto a raised deck, ideal for outdoor dining. It can be screened, if insects are a problem.

A raised eating bar wraps around two sides of the kitchen's work island. The efficient kitchen has built-in appliances. Cupboards and counters run along two walls. The kitchen sink is in front of a window that faces into the side yard.

The Olmstead's owners' suite has a roomy walk-in closet and a private bathroom with dual vanity. A pocket door contains



steam from the oversized shower, and provides privacy for the toilet. Utilities are centrally placed.

close to everything. Two more bedrooms, a bathroom and a walk-in storage closet are at the front of the house.

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CHOCOLATE:

The next health food craze?

By Hilary E. MacGregor
Los Angeles Times

After working below the radar on a cocoa farm deep in Brazil, and toiling for years over test tubes in food labs, scientists say they have developed a top-secret formula for an undisciplined candy lover's dream: a healthful chocolate bar.

Eating a couple of tiny slabs a day of this dark chocolate could lower cholesterol, relax your blood vessels and help ward off heart disease, they say.

Loaded with potent chemicals such as cocoa flavanols, plant sterols and soy — and stamped with an icon that reads, "promotes a healthy heart" — the CocoaVia line of chocolates has been available in select locations such as some Target, Walgreens and Wild Oats stores since October 2005. Now they'll be in mainstream grocery stores.

Don't look for these bars in the candy section: Possibly the first chocolates explicitly marketed as health foods, they will be over in the health aisle.

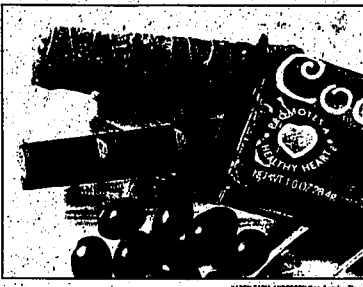
Mars Inc., which makes CocoaVia, says this is only the beginning. "There is a next generation of products in the pipeline," said Harold Schmitz, chief scientist for Mars, speaking from one of its chocolate factories in Elizabethtown, Pa., where he had just lunched on a CocoaVia bar plucked off the production line.

"We are investigating dozens and dozens of product formats," he added. "We are considering all possibilities."

But some nutritionists roll their eyes at the notion that eating chocolate — even if it is made with a special patented recipe and supplemented with healthful ingredients — is the best way to promote cardiovascular health.

"If someone is addicted to chocolate, this may be a better choice than other chocolate bars," said Mark Kanter, associate professor of nutrition at the University of Maryland.

"But to think that you are going to lower blood cholesterol



Mars says its CocoaVia line of chocolates, full of potent chemicals, can help keep heart disease at bay.

levels, or chance of heart disease, by eating two of these a day — that is just wishful thinking.

CocoaVia chocolate bars are made from a patented powder known as Cocapuro cocoa. Cocoa in its raw state is one of the best known sources of plant flavanols: a naturally occurring compound in plants found to a lesser extent in red wine, green tea and certain vegetables.

Cocapuro, Schmitz says, is a flavanol powerhouse, manufactured to be of consistently high quality, often containing many times more than other, run-of-the-mill cocoas.

A growing body of evidence suggests that these flavanols found in cocoa are good for you. CocoaVia bars cost a little more than a dollar each — slightly more if purchased online — and are a little larger than a single Twix bar. They contain between 90 and 100 calories (depending on whether you opt for the original chocolate bar or the one with the soy crisp) and no trans fats.

Each contains more than 100 milligrams of flavanols: Eat two a day, advises the company, and you will get enough to promote heart health.

The bars also contain between 1.1 and 1.5 grams each of plant sterols, cholesterol-like

substances made by plants. Studies suggest that eating 2 grams of plant sterols a day lowers cholesterol by 10 percent, and companies are permitted to make a health claim that their product reduces cholesterol if it contains 1.3 grams of plant sterol esters per serving.

These ingredients don't sway some nutritionists. "One can only be in awe of the creativity of chocolate marketers," said Marion Nestle, professor of nutrition, food studies and public health at New York University, in an e-mail. "My take is that if there is a health benefit, it is small."

CocoaVia chocolates, though not as calorie-laden as some candy bars, are not calorie-free. Without trimming 200 calories somewhere else, or walking an additional 45 minutes each day, one could end up gaining 20 pounds over a year, wrote Harvard nutritionists in a February article about CocoaVia.

"If somebody decides to consume plant sterols because they have elevated cholesterol levels, it might be better to try to find a non-caloric source," said Alice Lichtenstein, professor of nutrition at Tufts University's Friedman School of Nutrition who heads the American Heart Association's nutrition committee.

Try out a quick lasagna recipe

By Marcia Kramer
The Washington Post

Lasagna is usually too labor-intensive to bother with during the week. With this version, though, you can sit down to dinner after just the time it would normally take to bake the lasagna.

Being made on the stovetop, this version is not layered; instead, it substitutes farfalle for the customary long flat pasta. But all the traditional flavors — tomato-based sauce, meat and three cheeses in addition to the pasta — are still here. Italian sausage is robust, but for those with diet resolutions, turkey sausage makes an acceptable substitute.

SKILLET LASAGNA

A servings

Adapted from "Mom's Best One-Dish Suppers," by Andrea Chesman • Storey Publish-

ing 2005.

- 8 ounces flat dried pasta, such as farfalle
- 1/3 pound Italian sausage or turkey sausage (sweet or hot), casings removed
- 1/2 cup onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1 small zucchini, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- One 14 1/2-ounce can no-salt-added tomato sauce
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup part-skim ricotta cheese
- 1 ounce (1/4 cup) part-skim mozzarella cheese, grated
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 1 egg, lightly beaten

In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook the pasta until it is just barely done and still firm; do not overcook. Drain and set aside.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium-high heat, brown the sausage, breaking up the clumps with a spoon, about 3 minutes.

Add the onion and bell pepper and cook, stirring, for 3 minutes. Add the zucchini and garlic and cook for 1 minute. Drain off the fat, stir in the tomato sauce, oregano, basil and thyme and salt and pepper to taste. Reduce the heat to medium and cook for 10 minutes.

In a medium bowl, mix the three cheeses, parsley, egg and more black pepper to taste. Add the cheese mixture and the pasta to the skillet. Cover and cook over medium-low heat for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Let stand, for 5 minutes before serving.

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Give Your Driveway A Good Cleaning

By Tresa Erickson

Is your driveway stained with oil, grease and moss? Is the appearance of it starting to drive you crazy? Don't replace it. Give it a good cleaning and free of that worn do the trick. You could have many more years left in your driveway and save yourself the hassle and expense of replacing it. If you have stains on your driveway, take these steps to clean it:

- 1 Purchase a bag of cat litter and scatter some of it on each stain on the driveway
- 2 Cover the litter with newspaper and let it stand overnight
- 3 Remove the litter and dab some non-bleaching powdered laundry detergent onto each stain. Moisten the detergent enough to form a paste and let it stand overnight
- 4 Remove much of the detergent paste, add some water to the remaining paste and scrub the area with a heavy wire brush
- 5 Flush out the detergent paste and allow the sun to do away any remaining stains
- 6 Once all of the stains are removed, power wash the driveway and cover it with an exterior sealer that will not break down under the ultraviolet rays of the sun

You will have to reapply the sealer to your driveway at least once a year, but hopefully it will keep stains from coming back for many months to come. To get rid of the moss on your driveway, you need to use a strong bleach solution and follow these steps:

- 1 Sweep off the driveway
- 2 Hose down any vegetation next to the driveway that you could overspray with the bleach solution. This will protect it from burns
- 3 Don a pair of safety glasses and gloves, and make a mixture of one part bleach to two parts water
- 4 Pour the bleach solution into a pump sprayer and saturate the mossy areas of the driveway
- 5 Let the bleach solution stand for 15 minutes and then scrub and rinse - repeat as needed

With any luck, you will remove most of the stains and moss from your driveway and it will stay clean for quite some time. You won't have to spend a fortune on replacement and you can put the money toward something else!

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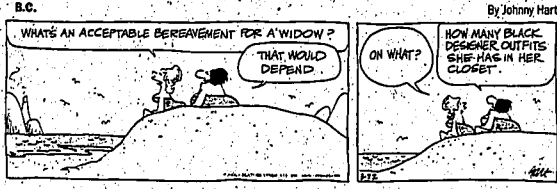
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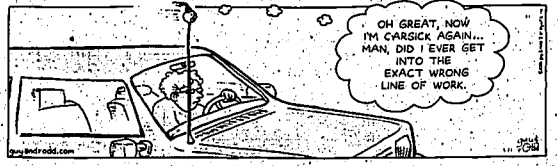
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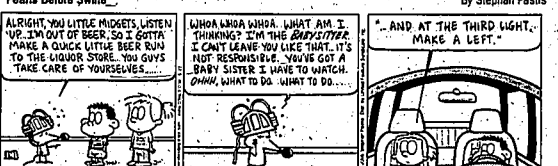
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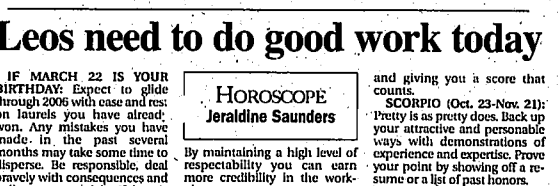
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Genetic test has mom worried



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

we live. You can say it's Minnesota.

—IN A PANIC! Oh, what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive. (And no, I didn't coin the phrase.)

Although you have my sympathy, I think it takes a lot of gall to ask me to lie in my column. I cannot come up with a reason why your son should not be tested because there are reasons why everyone should be — particularly before having children. (Two of them are Tay-Sachs and sickle-cell anemia.) I have news for you. Your husband — already — has his suspicions about whether he fathered the boy. That's why he's determined to have him tested. If I were you, I'd take a few deep breaths and come clean before the guano hits the fan — and that's the best advice I can offer. Confession is good for the soul.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a

committed relationship for five years with a woman who disagrees with me about something and won't let the subject drop. Several years ago, I put my family home on the market.

I accepted an early offer. My partner told me I was "naïve" and selling the house for 100 little took her advice and pulled out of the deal.

A couple of months later, I sold the house for \$80,000 more than the previous offer. My partner says I owe her the \$80,000 because she "earned" it for me.

Although she says she would not have accepted such an offer from me, she feels I should've offered to give her that amount. I believe if she had my best interests at heart, to say nothing of the interests of our relationship, she would never have even thought such a thing. What is your take on this?

—SECOND THOUGHTS, IN FLORIDA.

It appears you have partnered up with a greedy woman. Not only was it wrong of her to think of such a thing, it is wrong of her to keep harping on it. Of course she would have taken the money if you had offered it. From my perspective, all you "owe" her is a heartfelt thank-

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"Kittycat's asleep, so skip the part where the dog barks."

DEAR ABBY: My heart is pounding and I'm at my wit's end. This situation is difficult to explain. I'm afraid that other readers may be facing the same horror that I'm dealing with, so please advise us on how to handle an extremely delicate situation.

My husband has it in his head to do genetic testing for "genology" purposes. It's cheap. One of the places he wants testing from charges a couple of hundred dollars. He has asked me to have it done, too. I told him I wasn't interested and I thought it was too expensive.

Now he wants to have our 17-year-old son tested. I have argued that our son should not have his DNA on record anywhere, that he really needs both parents to give consent for testing, and it costs too much.

The horror I really have is that, 18 years ago, I made an awful mistake. I don't know if my husband is the father of our son. I'm having panic attacks about his finding out how awful I was 18 years ago.

Can you issue advice that these DNA tests should not be used on minor children, and that there are powerful reasons why not? Can you think of any other reasons I can give for not having him tested so I can convince my husband to drop the idea? Please don't reveal where

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Barry Manilow had a 1975 hit with "I Write the Songs," but despite the song's title, Manilow didn't write it. Beach Boy Bruce Johnston did, in honor of his pal Brian Wilson who really DID write the songs that got the whole world singing, including "California Girls," "Surf City," "I



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Section D

Battered Eagles fall

Injuries, missed opportunities doom CSI in NJCAA opener

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — It just didn't work out.

The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team executed its game plan. The Golden Eagles gave the Southwestern Illinois College Blue Storm 40 minutes of hard-nosed, pressure basketball. They limited the Blue Storm to 36.7-percent shooting. They made life miserable for Blue Storm sophomore standout Lance Stiemler. And they lost.

The Golden Eagles fell 70-66 in Tuesday's National Junior College Athletic Association Division I National Tournament game as mounting injuries and a handful of missed opportunities proved to be an unpayable toll on 24-9 CSI.

Sophomore guard Darrell Jenkins' pair of late three-pointers pulled the Golden Eagles to within two points, trailing 68-66 with 12.3 seconds left in the game. CSI couldn't get a steal off the ensuing inbound pass, forcing sophomore forward Travis Gabbidon to pick up his fifth foul of the game and send Stiemler to the line with 10.5 seconds left.

With Gabbidon fouled out and off the Hutchinson Sports Arena floor, his counterpart, Stiemler, knocked down a pair of free throws to give the Blue Storm its winning margin of four at 70-66.

"That's one of the toughest games I've faced," Southwestern Illinois point guard Jacob Mottelet said. "I had one word to describe it. It would be war."

CSI's casualties of the battle proved too much to overcome as Micah Rollins injured back limited his play late. After Rollins slammed home two dunks and snatched five rebounds, pain in his lower back forced him to the bench, limiting him to 14 minutes played.

Sophomore forward and leading scorer Travis Gabbidon aggravated a previous left ankle injury and was visibly hobbled during his 20 minutes played. Gabbidon finished 2-for-8 from the floor for six points.

"He had some good looks that he makes, and you could see that he had no balance," CSI head coach Barrett Peery said. "He didn't have his feet under him. Shooters know when they don't have it and you compensate for it. You want to be 100 percent and play to the best of your abilities, and he wasn't. I feel bad for him."

With Gabbidon hurt, it was fellow sophomore forward Reggie Larry who led CSI, keeping the Eagles close with 17 points and 12 rebounds. Both Jenkins and Zayron Ferei finished with 11 points, but it was a key missed layup late in the game and 6-for-14 free-throw shooting that doomed the Eagles.

"We shoot them. We shoot them in practice and we shoot enough of them," Larry said of CSI's free-throw shooting. "I don't know what it is, but they're just not falling in games."

Sophomore guard Steve Neal provided much of the bench finishing with 10 points and four rebounds, while starting point guard Jermaine Calvin finished with seven points and eight assists.

After out-rebounding the Blue Storm 22-21 in the first half, CSI ended up with a 44-37 rebounding deficit at



CSI sophomore forward Reggie Larry (left) attempts to shoot over Southwestern Illinois College sophomore forward Lance Stiemler during the first half of Tuesday's NJCAA National Tournament game in Hutchinson, Kan. Larry finished with 17 points and 12 rebounds, but the Golden Eagles fell to the Blue Storm, 70-66.

the final buzzer. Southwestern Illinois forward Lawrence Blackledge finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Second-chance points hurt the Eagles, but it was the Blue Storm's 18-of-20 free-throw shooting that broke their backs. Stiemler finished 7-for-7 from the line — the only place CSI couldn't harass him. The standout forward finished with a game-high 22 points on 6-of-20 shooting from the field.

"Stiemler worked for his points," Peery said. "We made him work hard and he got 22 points on 21 shots."

"Everyone has been trying to play physical with us," Stiemler said of the CSI defense. "They were strong. Probably as hard and strong as I've seen all year."

Mottelet finished with 11 points for Southwestern Illinois, while Phillip Payne added 10 of his own. With the win, the Blue Storm is 33-2 on the season, and has won 31 consecutive games. They have won 16 games over ranked opponents this season.

"We were very fortunate to escape with a win over such a good team and a well-coached team," Blue Storm head coach Jay Harrington said.

The loss drops CSI into the tournament's consolation bracket. They will face Southwest Tennessee Community College at 9 a.m. MST, Thursday.

"I don't know what to say, man," Larry said. "We just got to go. I'm not going to call it a loss, because we got here, but we all wanted better."

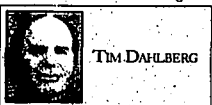
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In this baseball world, team really means team

There was one thing you could count on in the final of the World Baseball Classic: Nobody was going to refuse to play left field. Not on the Japanese side, where everything is done for the team. Certainly not among the Cubans, who do everything for Cuba.



TIM DAHLBERG

Baseball is different in the rest of the world, and not just because the Big Red Machine means something else to Cuba than it did to Cincinnati.

Alfonso Soriano should know that, because he played for the Dominican Republic team before it was eliminated by Cuba. But there he was Monday getting a major league invite and refusing to take the field in his exhibition game debut with the Washington Nationals because they wouldn't let him play second base.

Meanwhile, Japan's players were out on the field stretching for a night game before most San Diegoans had even finished lunch. When they were done, they went out and scored four first-inning runs on the way to the first WBC title with a 10-6 win over Cuba.

The team concept is alive and well in baseball, judging from the teams that made the WBC finals. It doesn't thrill nearly so well among the spoiled millionaires who play it in the United States.

Soriano throws a fit because he can't play where he wants. Barry Bonds takes over a big corner of the locker room with his big easy chair, really show videographers and people to prove him from the media menaces. And across spring training, players try to figure out ways to avoid those pesky fans who want nothing more than a friendly nod, photo or maybe even an autograph.

The WBC was a surprise hit, even with every star but Ichiro Suzuki out before the final game. And it gave us some surprising sights.

How about the Cubans, who swallowed hard after making the final out and then lined up as a team to go out and congratulate the Japanese on their win? Some even brought cameras to have their pictures taken with Ichiro.

Or the Japanese, who didn't have a bulging muscle between them but certainly had the most over-the-gate game used to be played with their own version of small ball. Being Japanese, they also had a very good understanding of what it meant to be together on a team.

The best thing about the tournament may not be that it drew sold-out crowds to Petco Park and provided the most entertaining month of March baseball in years, but that those who watched discovered there is a big world of baseball outside the major leagues.

A world where individual numbers don't mean everything. A world where the cleanup hitter might be asked — and actually know how — to lay down a sacrifice bunt.

It wasn't perfect, but it gave a glimpse of what a real World Series might look like. Not one between the Yankees and Red Sox, but perhaps one between the Yanks and the Cubans.

Cuba, the team the U.S. government tried to keep out of the tournament, was the biggest winner even though the Cubans came up losers in the final. Like the team that Cuba fielded and put it in the majors, and it could easily contend for a World Series spot.

Not only that, but the players come cheap. Soriano is scheduled to make \$10 million this year. But if he was born one island to the west in the Caribbean, he would be making \$20 a month for Castro's team.

And he would be getting the coaches any lip about what position he would be playing.

There are other benefits to being an athlete in Cuba, a country of 11 million where some are more equal than others. Cuban players get better housing, and more perks than the average worker.

And then there are the bonuses. When boxer Joel Casamayor won a piece see DAHLBERG, Page D2

No. 6 Tennessee tops Georgia Washington

The Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — Candace Parker showed she doesn't have to dunk to be dazzling, and Tennessee is heading to the regional semifinals for the 25th straight year.

Shanna Zolman scored 19 points and Parker had 15, and the No. 6 Lady Vols started fast and led throughout in a 56-53 victory over George Washington on Tuesday night.

Tennessee advanced to the semifinals of the Cleveland Regional against Rutgers or TCU. The Lady Vols (30-4) also reached 30 victories for the 16th time in Pat Summitt's 32 years as coach, and looked like contenders for a seventh national championship.

Parker never attempted a dunk like the two she pulled off in her history-making first round game against Army, but still showed enough mizzle-dazzle to get the crowd roaring.

The loudest cheers came when she took an alley-oop pass from Zolman and banked it in a layup, and when she sliced to — and under — the basket for

a nifty reverse layup. George Washington (23-9) trailed by double digits almost the whole way after the Lady Vols' opened with a 16-2 burst. After 11 minutes, Zolman had 11 points and Parker had 10, both exceeding the Colonials' total, and Tennessee was up 25-8.

Georgia 73, Hartford 54

TRENTON, N.J. — Sherill Baker scored 28 points and Thakia Humphrey had 24, helping Georgia blow the game open in the second half to defeat Hartford 73-54 Tuesday night in the second round of the Bridgeport regional.

Humphrey had 17 rebounds for No. 3 seed Georgia (23-8), which reached the round of 16 for the 16th time in 23 NCAA appearances. The Bulldogs will face either second-seeded Connecticut or No. 7 seed Virginia Tech, who played later Tuesday.

The inside-outside combination of the 6-foot-3 Humphrey and the 5-8 Baker was too much for No. 11 seed Hartford (27-4), which had upset No. 6 seed Temple Sunday for the first NCAA Please see TENNESSEE, Page D2



Tennessee guard Shanna Zolman (5) keeps the ball from George Washington's Sarah-Jo Lawrence (32) during the NCAA tournament second-round basketball game at the Ted Constant Convocation Center in Norfolk, Va., Tuesday.

SPORTS

Nets zap Wizards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard Jefferson scored 21 of his 27 points after halftime, and the New Jersey Nets broke open a tight game in the fourth quarter, beating the Washington Wizards 112-100 on Tuesday night for their sixth consecutive victory.

Jefferson shot 11-for-15 overall, including 4-for-4 in the final period when New Jersey outscored Washington 41-30. That's the most points the Wizards have allowed in a quarter this season.

Vince Carter scored 28 points — topping 20 for the 11th game in a row — while Jason Kidd had 14 points, nine assists and seven rebounds in his matchup with Washington's All-Star point guard, Gilbert Arenas. Over their careers, Kidd usually gets the better of their individual matchups, but Arenas held his own Tuesday, finishing with 25 points and eight assists before fouling out.

Caron Butler also scored 25 for the Wizards, and Antawn Jamison had 16 points and 13 rebounds.

Kidd, Carter and Jefferson combined to score New Jersey's first 15 points of the second half, while Butler kept the Wizards in it by scoring nine of 10 points in the first three quarters, which ended with the Nets ahead 71-70.

Mavericks 88, Rockets 72

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 28 points and the Dallas Mavericks hounded Yao Ming into his worst game in a month. Dallas won for the fourth time in five games to remain a half-game behind San Antonio for the best record in the Western Conference.

Yao finished with 13 points and 13 rebounds for Houston. It was his fewest points in 15 games, since scoring six in 18 minutes against Phoenix on Feb. 16.

Jerry Stackhouse had 16 points and five assists for the Mavericks, and Jason Terry scored 12.

Grizzlies 105, Pacers 75

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Pau Gasol had 24 points, eight rebounds and seven assists and the Grizzlies won their fourth straight game.

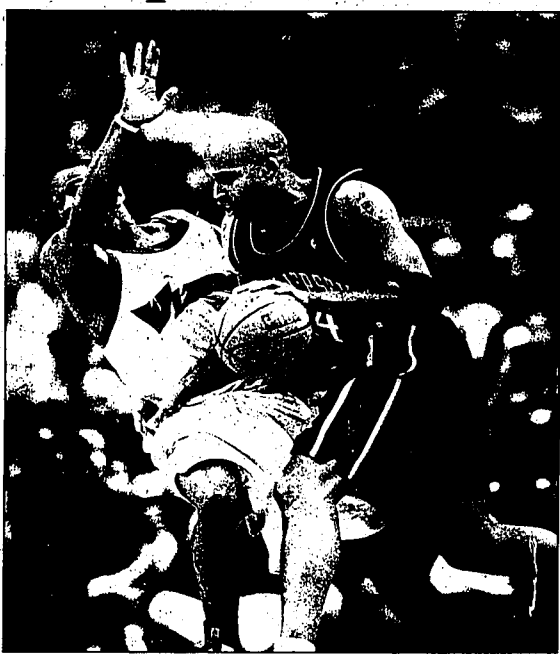
Shaun Battier and Bobby Jackson finished with 14 points apiece for Memphis, while Eric Lewis, Chuck Hayes and Mike Miller each scored 11. Jones had seven rebounds and Miller and Jackson added five each. Gasol also had four blocks.

The Grizzlies led 84-60 after three.

Raptors 114, Knicks 109

NEW YORK — Mike James scored 37 points and Toronto won for the fourth time in five games.

Chris Bosh added 31 points



New Jersey Nets' Richard Jefferson drives against Washington Wizards' Antonio Daniels in an NBA basketball game in Washington, Tuesday.

and carried the Raptors for much of the fourth quarter, when James was quiet. Charlie Villanueva finished with 15.

Besides the game, the Knicks lost Channing Frye early in the fourth quarter with a sprained left knee ligament. X-rays were negative, but Frye will remain in New York for further testing instead of traveling with the Knicks for Wednesday's game in Orlando.

Frye finished with 19 points and Jamal Crawford added 16 for the Knicks.

Bobcats 108, Magic 102

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gerald Wallace scored 27 points and the Bobcats sent the Orlando Magic to their team-record 16th straight road loss.

Raymond Felton added 16 points and 13 assists and Primoize Bezece scored 22 for the second year. Bolters, who snapped a four-game losing streak and won their 19th game, one more than all of last year.

Hedo Turkoglu scored 24 points and Dwight Howard had 17 points and 15 rebounds for the Magic, who never led Orlando, which hasn't won on the road since Jan. 26 at Philadelphia, broke the team record for consecutive road defeats set in the 1989-90 season.

Tennessee

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61-54 in the second round of the women's NCAA tournament on Tuesday night.

Nikki Blue had 18 points and five assists and Lisa Willis added 15 points for the Bruins.

UCLA (21-11) took a 53-49 lead on a Lisa Pluhar basket with 7:21 to go, but the Bruins didn't make another basket the rest of the way. UCLA, ranked in the top 10 nationally in scoring offense, tied a season low by shooting 32.3 percent from the field.

Purdue didn't make a field goal for the last 3:03, but hit six free throws in the final minute to pull away. The Bollemakers outscored the Bruins 14-1 from the line.

Timberwolves 100, Heat 96

MINNEAPOLIS — Ricky Davis had 26 points, a season-high 10 assists and seven rebounds for the Timberwolves.

The Heat had won five straight. Shaquille O'Neal was held out because of the same right thumb he injured on a dunk attempt Sunday night and missed a physical game featuring 40 total fouls.

Kevin Garnett had 23 points and 11 rebounds for Minnesota, which has won two straight. Marko Jaric, Marcus Banks and Mark Blount each scored 12 points.

Hornets 120, Clippers 108

NEW ORLEANS — Rasual Butler made seven 3-pointers and scored a career-high 32 points to lead the Hornets to their first victory in New Orleans in more than a year.

The Hornets made 12 3-pointers in all, the last at the

Maryland 81, St. John's 74

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Crystal Langhorne and Maryland couldn't shake St. John's until the final minutes of the game.

Langhorne capped a 30-point effort with two late inside baskets and St. John's went cold from the field as the second-seeded Terps defeated No. 7 seed St. John's 81-74 on Tuesday night in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The Terps (30-4) advanced to the regional semifinals after losing

less, though, that they forgot the party line.

"I think this Classic is historic because it demonstrated that not only the players from the paid major leagues can carry the supremacy, we've demonstrated that what matters is sacrifice, human values and the effort you give on the field," Cuban outfielder Frederick Cepeda said.

final buzzer when Butler heaved the ball at the hoop in celebration and it went in. New Orleans also snapped an eight-game losing streak.

New Orleans fans, taking in only the third and final Hornets game in New Orleans this season, were of Hurricane Katrina, because exuberant throughout in seeing their first sports victory in over a year.

They offered a prolonged, standing ovation as the game ended.

Corey Maggette scored 25 for the Clippers.

Spurs 107, Warriors 96

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker scored 29 and Tim Duncan had 21 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Spurs to the win.

Derek Fisher scored 27 points for the Warriors.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich drew two quick technical fouls and was ejected by referee Scott Foster for arguing and leaving the bench area 4:54 into the second half.

Foster also called a technical on Duncan, which led to a 63-58 lead for the Warriors with 5:59 left in the third quarter.

The Spurs regained the lead when Michael Finley's free throw made it 67-66 with 3:01 left in the third.

That, of course, was meant to sound good back home. But in this tournament, it made some sense.

Baseball was all about being a team again, if only for a few weeks.

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TVCC takes two from Golden Eagles

The Times-News

ONTARIO, Ore. — The College of Southern Idaho baseball team dropped a pair of nonconference road games at Treasure Valley Community College Tuesday afternoon.

The Chukars took Game 1 by the score of 6-4 and won the second game 5-3.

No further information was available at press time Tuesday.

High school Baseball Minico splits with Skyline

RUPERT — The Minico Spartans baseball team split with Skyline, picking up its first loss of the season in Game 1 Tuesday.

Skyline scored two unearned runs in the fourth inning to defeat Minico 2-1, which was having trouble in the field. The only Spartan run came in the third when Dale Sayles scored from third on a Colton Doughs

Zags, UCLA a study in contrasts

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Gonzaga will play UCLA in the Sweet 16 on Thursday in a showdown of two different brands of West Coast basketball powers.

The Bruins represent old-school hoops royalty, with their many national titles and famous alumni. Gonzaga, which rose to prominence only in the past decade, is one of those newfangled mid-majors suddenly getting a lot of attention.

Since 1992, Gonzaga has a 357-114 record, the most wins of any Division I team on the West Coast. UCLA is second at 329-145.

The teams have played only one time, with Gonzaga winning 59-43 in 2000.

That was before UCLA coach Ben Howland arrived in Westwood, but he knows plenty about the Zags.

Howland began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Gonzaga in 1991, has many friends in the program and finds himself competing with the Zags for players like Jordan Farmar.

"This is the best team we've played all year," Howland said Monday. "We have to give our best game of the year to play ourselves a chance."

The UCLA coach is impressed with Gonzaga's Adam Morrison, who leads the nation in scoring at 28 points per game.

Howland is so familiar with the Zags that he ticked off the names of the starters and the role players, reminiscing about the toughness of point guard Derek Butler, father Rick, a former NBA player, and lauded

squeeze bunt. Sayles had tripled in his at-bat.

In Game 2, Minico run-ruled the Grizzlies in six innings for a 12-2 victory.

Colby Anderson singled and was driven in by a McCoy Washington home run in the bottom of the fourth. Minico allowed two runs in the top of the sixth, but by that time the score was a lopsided 6-2. The Skyline rally was put to a halt when Minico put six more on the board in the bottom of that inning.

Minico (4-1) hosts Century at 4 p.m. today.

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gold medal in the 1992 Olympics for Cuba, he returned home and was given a bicycle for his win. Casamayor sold the bike, buying a pig with the proceeds so his family could eat.

Hard to say what Cuba's players will get after their impressive performance in the inaugural WBC. After all, what can the Cuban government

offer players who have now seen the riches of America on display at sparkling Park and in the five-star hotel where they stayed in San Diego?

For Cuba, the tournament wasn't a success until the plane lifted off from San Diego with everyone on board.

"The players had to be dazzled, even dazzled, by what they saw. They weren't so speech-

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"Brightness falls from the air, Queens have died young; and that..."

— Thomas Nashe

On the lead of the spade queen, marking East with the spade king, today's four-heart contract presents a problem in elimination.

At trick one you duck the spade queen. Let us assume that East finds the most challenging defense of overtaking and returning a diamond.

You must play low from hand and win West's diamond 10 with dummy's ace. After one round of trumps you cash the spade ace and ruff a spade.

As the spades are now eliminated, you can safely exit with a diamond. West takes your queen with the king, only to face the familiar dilemma. If he plays a spade or a diamond, the ruff and discard allows declarer to pitch a club from one hand or the other.

The key to the deal is that if East does win the spade lead to shift to a diamond, declarer must not put up the queen from his hand. If he does so, East will subsequently obtain the lead in diamonds to play a club through declarer.

NORTH A 7 3 10 8 7 5 3 A 9 10 8 7

WEST K Q J 9 K 10 8 4 3 2 A 3 K 10 8 7 5 4

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: North

The bidding: South West North East Pass Pass 4 All pass

Opening lead: Spade queen

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: A Q J 9 K 10 8 4 3 2 A 3 K 10 8 7 5 4

ANSWER: Raise to two spades. The trump suit is too good to ignore, particularly when the alternative is to rebid a moat-ethen suit like your diamonds.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbyw@mindsping.com.

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