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Ethanol plant coming to Burley

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Magic Valley is going green. Or yellow. To be more specific.

Two out-of-state companies plan to build corn-based ethanol plants near Burley.

Pacific Ethanol Inc., a California alternative-energy company, and Renova Energy, a London-based energy company, plan to open

ethanol facilities in southern Idaho within the next 18 months.

City officials and area farmers are thrilled, and they expect a wide ripple effect.

The Pacific plant will bring about 40 jobs to the county, strengthen a market for corn growers and provide a source for alternative animal feeds. The Renova plant will add about 30 jobs.

"A lot of other businesses will be able to supply (Pacific) with serv-

From corn to carbon:
What is ethanol?

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es," said Brian Tibbets, director of community development for the city. "It's creating 40 jobs, but that's going to really supply about 80 jobs because other people here will be involved in the ethanol plant."

The biggest economic boost will

affect the regional ag economy — especially for corn growers.

Nationwide, corn prices have nearly doubled from about \$2.05 per bushel to about \$4, thanks mostly to a surging demand for corn-based ethanol.

"I think it's a good thing," said Fred Darrington, president of the Cassia County Farm Bureau. "It's a bit of diversification for the ag

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BSU hopes to cash in on exposure

By Jesse Harlan Aldeman
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Boise State University officials were preparing Tuesday to ramp up a marketing and fundraising campaign that they hope will capitalize on the school's unprecedented national exposure after a thrilling underdog victory in the Fiesta Bowl.

If the increases in enrollment and donations following Cinderella runs by the George Mason and Gonzaga basketball teams can predict Boise State's "Bowl Bonanza," the commuter school in Idaho's capital city should expect the glass slipper to fit for months to come.

"The market for colleges offers a vast variety of experiences," said Paul Swaugard, director of the Warsaw Center for Sports Marketing at the University of Oregon. "For those students who have strong interest in a major college experience, Boise State has now shown it can compete on a national level."

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Thief picked the wrong lady

"I don't feel I was frightened.
I intended to hit him in the head."
— Beverly Reading



Beverly Reading used her cane to help ward off a potential robber recently in front of her home in Twin Falls.

Robbery attempt foiled by feisty great-grandmother

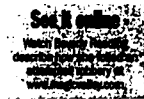
By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Beverly Reading has a hard time even climbing stairs with her cane.

But look out if you're trying to rob the 71-year-old great-grandmother.

Richard Ross, 18, was arrested Dec. 19 and later charged with attempted robbery. Ross and a car-full of others have been accused of stealing from Helen Arnold, 88, in the Fred Meyers parking lot.

A police affidavit indicates they robbed



Arnold after Ross first set his sights on Reading, who was unloading groceries in her driveway.

"I was gonna crack him," Reading said Tuesday. "I don't feel I was frightened. I



Richard Ross

intended to hit him in the head."

Ross may have followed Reading's Ford Escort home from Fred Meyers' parking lot. She pulled into her driveway and prepared to get out. Her knee problem had grown so bad she had to pull herself to her feet with both hands, then rest against her cane with her right hand, and hoop the grocery bag and her purse around her left wrist.

Once she reached her feet, Reading noticed a man approaching. Assuming it was her grandson, whom she had called to

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Broncos steal the BCS spotlight.

J.R. Simplot, 90, hospitalized after fall at Fiesta Bowl

The Associated Press

BOISE — J.R. Simplot, Idaho's wealthiest man, was recovering Tuesday in the intensive care unit of a Phoenix hospital after undergoing surgery for a head injury the elderly billionaire suffered when he fell from a motorized wheelchair scooter as he was leaving the Fiesta Bowl.

Simplot, who turns 90 on Thursday, is the founder of J.R. Simplot Co., the namesake agribusiness conglomerate that manufactures agricultural, horticultural and turf fertilizers, animal feed and seeds, food products and industrial chemicals.

Forbes magazine's 2006 list of the richest Americans estimated the fortune of Simplot and his family at \$3.2 billion.

Simplot was resting in the intensive care unit at St. Joseph's Hospital after undergoing surgery earlier Tuesday, company spokesman Fred Zerza said.

He said Simplot was slowly regaining consciousness after an emergency operation that relieved brain swelling after the fall.

"He does remain in the intensive care unit, but the family is optimistic," Zerza said.



J.R. Simplot

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Copters drop hay to save livestock stranded by blizzard

By Steven K. Paulsen
Associated Press writer

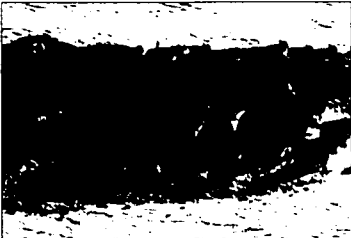
DENVER — National Guard helicopters dropped emergency food bundles and bales of hay for people and livestock trapped by snowdrifts as high as rooftops Tuesday after back-to-back blizzards paralyzed the Plains.

At least a dozen deaths were blamed on a weekend storm that knocked out electricity to tens of thousands of people in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma and left herds of cattle without food or water. The blizzard spread a blanket of snow on top of the icy layer left by a storm just before Christmas.

Because of rising temperatures, many highways were clear, but many rural roads remained impassable, and National Guardsmen used Humvees and snowmobiles to reach people trapped in their homes and take them to shelters.

Colorado also launched a haylift in hopes of saving thousands of cattle immobilized by drifts as high as 10 feet. In 1997, a similar storm killed 30,000 in the state.

"Most of my cattle haven't seen food since last Thursday, when the snow started," said Terry Hilly, who has 200



The Colorado National Guard fed thousands of head of cattle, including those near Lamar, Colo., by dropping hay from a UH-1 helicopter.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS Today Tonight Thursday
Cloudy and breezy with light showers High 42 Low 31 38 / 26

MINI-CASSIA Today: Possible rain/snow showers early, then cold rain showers and a brisk breeze. Highs low 40s.
Tonight: Rain and snow showers likely. Small accumulations of snow possible. Lows in the low 30s.
Tomorrow: Turning colder with rain and snow showers or all snow showers. Highs in the upper 30s, lows mid 20s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
"One" A Contemporary Journey Toward a Timeless Destiny, presented by Magic Valley Hypnosis, 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.), Lamphouse Theater, 223 5th Ave. S., Twin Falls, \$10, (208) 731-3895.

EDUCATION
Application deadline for "Steps to a New You" class, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Jan. 17, 22, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21; and March 14), Cassia County Extension Office, 1013 W. 16th St., Burley, \$30 (class size limited), 878-9461.

EXHIBITS
"The Circle" by Amber Socon, former College of Southern Idaho art instructor, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, C.S.I. campus, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.

"Discontinuity," contemporary abstract paintings of local artist Ben Browne in the Galleria Pequena and new works by member-artists in the Full Moon Gallery, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S., downtown Twin Falls, no cost, 734-ARTS.

FAMILY
"Fam Jam," a family-vale production that uses music, drama and storytelling for children in fifth grade and younger accompanied by their parents or guardians, 6:15 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. for activities, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. (on the corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive North), \$3 to \$4 for the meal, 733-6128 or visit www.tfrc.org.

GOVERNMENT
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Glenns Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old Highway 30, 366-7436.
Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., senior center, 140 E. Lake, 837-6636.

MUSEUMS
Faulkner Planetarium, "The Christmas Star" at 1 p.m. and "Steamrolling" at 3 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

List your event
To list events, submit the event's name, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail, sbrowne@magvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days before the event.

TODAY'S FEATURE

EAT CHEAP: BREAKFAST,

PART II

Once again, the "three Eat Cheap reporters made the rounds of open early eateries to seek out breakfast options that won't start your day in the red. The budget: \$4, not including tax or tip.
But this time, they bypassed Twin Falls altogether to feature restaurants in some of Magic Valley's smaller cities.



As usual, they asked Jill Sherman Skeem, a local health counselor to evaluate their meal choices too.

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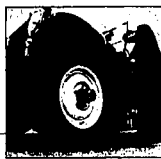
OPINION

Flying out of Twin Falls on Tuesday, I experienced free parking, fast and friendly check in, a hearty breakfast, and an easy stroll through security. When I return, I'll be home minutes after landing. Who knows? If there were more demand for expanded local air service, maybe we'd get more.

—Sharrn Barkus, Twin Falls

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MAGIC VALLEY



ARTEC program returns to Burley

Burley is a small town with a big auto mechanics program, thanks to one of the fastest-growing charter schools in Magic Valley, the Advanced Regional Technical Education Consortium, or ARTEC.

Two ethanol plants coming to Burley

Or, Magic Valley is going green. Or yellow, to be more specific. Two out-of-state companies plan to build corn-based ethanol plants near Burley.

Cane-welding woman, 71, thwarts robbery

TWIN FALLS — She looked like an easy target — 71 years old and crippled by a knee problem. But a would-be robber found out Beverly Reading still packs a punch.

Council approves subdivision plans

TWIN FALLS — With little discussion, the Twin Falls City Council unanimously approved Tuesday the final plan for a subdivision near Black Creek that will be above water tunnels that lead to a fish hatchery operated by the College of Southern Idaho.

North Rim project meetings scheduled

HERMIE — Plans for an expansive park along the north rim of the Snake River Canyon are expected to be final this spring, according to project planners.



Oakley fire lights up New Year's sky

A late-night alarm brought the Oakley volunteer firefighters out on New Year's Day to extinguish a fire that looked at first like one of Oakley's historic homes, but turned out to be an animal shed behind the house.

OBITUARIES

Ralph Edward Speck, 59
Garth E. Mitchell, 52
Nora Anna Ward, 90
Margaret LaMoine, 82
Norma P. Hawkins, 92
Martin A. Martinez Jr., 78
Vern Reeves, 72
Gertrude Lorene Hodson, 85

CORRECTIONS

Kalan Haight is a man
Kalan Haight, a friend of Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn, is a man. His gender was incorrect in a Dec. 23 story. The Times-News regrets the error.

Dates, location changed

The dates and location of an event in the Jan. 2 Five-day Planner have changed. "One," A Contemporary Journey Toward a Timeless Destiny, presented by Magic Valley Hypnosis, will take place today, Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at the Lamphouse Theater, 223 5th Ave. S., Twin Falls, \$10, (208) 731-3895.

IDAHO/WEST



California diocese uses spare land as vineyard

HAYWARD, Calif. — A graveyard vineyard in this East Bay city could yield some wholly delightful results for Catholic cemetery officials who are growing vines on spare land in hopes of making sacramental wine. Zinfandel and cemerities might seem an unlikely pairing, but there's an ancient link between wine and the church — from the water-into-wine miracle of the wedding at Cana to the Last Supper, says Robert Seelig, director of funeral and cemetery services for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Oakland.

State asks court to review Lankford ruling

BOISE — The state has asked the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reconsider its decision to overturn the death sentence of a man convicted in the 1983 slaying of a young Texas couple. The court ruled in November that Mark Henry Lankford, who has been sitting on Idaho's death row for more than 20 years, had received ineffective assistance from his attorney during his original trial for the bludgeoning deaths of U.S. Marine Capt. Robert Brancevic, 27, and his wife, Cheryl, 25.

Stanley asks for help fending off land sale

STANLEY — Mayor Hannah Statius has asked the Idaho Rural Partnership to help this central Idaho town of about 100 residents deal with plans by the Bill Harnah Trust to break up its land holdings, which include about a quarter of the town's land area and much of its tax base. The holdings include Mountain Village shops, a gas station and a hotel, the commercial heart of the mountain-ringed town.

Smplot recovering from Fiesta Bowl fall

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BSU hopes to make money from bowl win

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NATION/WORLD



Nation honors Ford in Michigan homecoming

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — The nation remembered Gerald R. Ford on Tuesday for what he didn't have pretensions, a scheming agenda, a great golf game — as much as for the small-town authenticity he brought to the presidency. The state funeral for the 38th president began with an elaborate service at Washington National Cathedral, then moved to Grand Rapids in Ford's final homecoming.

Cities cited in disaster communication report

WASHINGTON — Only six of 75 U.S. cities and surrounding areas rate top grades for their emergency agencies' ability to communicate during a disaster, according to a federal report obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press. A draft portion of the report, to be released Wednesday, gives the highest ratings to Washington, San Diego, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Columbus, Ohio; Sioux Falls, S.D., and Larimer County, Wyoming.

Iraq to investigate leaked Saddam video

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's prime minister ordered an investigation Tuesday into Saddam Hussein's execution to try to uncover who taunted the former dictator in the last minutes of his life, and who leaked inflammatory footage taken by camera phones of the hanging. In the unofficial video, at least one person is heard shouting "To hell!" at the deposed president and Saddam is heard exchanging insults with his executioners.

Cancer's unrecognized toll: Hours waiting

WASHINGTON — The hours spent sitting in doctors' waiting rooms, in line for the CT scan, watching chemotherapy drip into veins: Battling cancer steals a lot of time — at least \$2.3 billion worth in the first year of treatment alone. So says the first study to try to put a price tag to the time that people spend being treated for 11 of the most common cancers.

Florida trailer park folks may become rich

BRINY BREEZES, Fla. — Owners of nearly 500 mobile homes in one of the last waterfront trailer-park towns in South Florida stand to become instant millionaires if they agree to sell out to a developer.

SPORTS



Broncos bask in BCS spotlight

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The Boise State Broncos left their resort hotel Tuesday to make noise for the Florida Gators, who arrived to prepare for next week's BCS title game against Ohio State. But the ninth-ranked Broncos remained the talk of college football on the day after their exhilarating 43-42 overtime victory over No. 7 Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl on Monday night in Glendale. That's what happens when a team comes out of the college football hinterlands and takes down a traditional powerhouse with plays that looked as if they were drawn up in the dirt. For one day, at least, Boise State's victory cast a shadow over the Bowl Championship Series title game. Florida coach Urban Meyer and Ohio State's Jim Tressel both fielded questions about the upstart Broncos and their miraculous win.



Burley girls basketball team beats Twin Falls

BURLEY — The Burley girls played their way to a 38-33 win over Twin Falls in nonconference action at Burley High School Tuesday.

Gooding boys run past Glenns Ferry

GOODING — Tyler Allred scored 24 points and Gooding used a dominate second quarter to beat Glenns Ferry 57-52 Tuesday in nonconference action. The Senators outpointed the visiting Pilots 19-15 in the second period to take control. "I felt we did a good job of running the floor," said Gooding coach Joe Messick. Justin Rogers added 14 points for Gooding, while Tanner Shrum scored 20 to pace Glenns Ferry.

Dolphins coach Saban mulls Alabama's offer

Miami Dolphins coach Nick Saban needed another day to consider a job offer from Alabama. Saban met with Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga at the team complex for 10 minutes Tuesday and asked for more time to decide.

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Ethanol

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industry, and this will create more jobs here."

Based on numbers from an environmental permit application, the Pacific plant will have a negative environmental effect, said Stephen VanZandt, an air-quality science officer with the Twin Falls branch of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

He did not have information to comment on the Renova plant. The Pacific facility, which is planned to be built at Washington Street and 100 South, will generate about 50 million gallons of ethanol every year. The Renova plant, already under construction at the site of an old J.M. Simplot building near Burley, will make about 20 million gallons.

Pacific has not formally announced plans to build the plant, said Tom Knecher, vice president of communications. He declined to comment for that reason. However, he did say that the plant would take about a year to build.

The Renova plant is expect-

ed to open next fall, said Terry Oldfield, vice president of marketing.

The plants will be the first fuel-grade ethanol facilities in the Magic Valley. And they'll likely be the first among many proposed ethanol plants to open in the state, said Laura Johnson, a section manager at the Idaho Department of Agriculture.

Ethanol, also called grain alcohol, has gained popularity as an environmentally friendly fuel additive in the past two decades. Some states, such as Minnesota, require ethanol in all gas sold in the state.

Idaho does not require ethanol. However, the Energy, Environment and Technology Interim Committee of the Idaho Legislature has expressed interest in developing an ethanol industry here. The committee is expected to announce its plan for doing so within the next three weeks.

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Ethanol: What is it?

- Ethanol, also called grain alcohol, can be used as an environmentally friendly fuel additive. Two proposed ethanol plants near Burley will make fuel-grade ethanol. The plants will generate ethanol from distilled corn, though other crops, such as sugar beets, can be used.

- Most gasoline containing ethanol sold in the United States, called E10, is about 10 percent ethanol. Most cars manufactured since about 1980 require no modifications to run on E10.

- Proponents of the additive say it cuts down on fossil fuel consumption and bolsters ag markets.

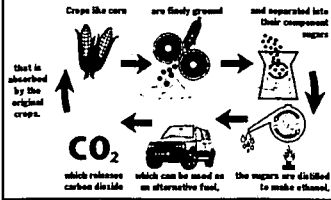
According to the U.S. Department

of Agriculture, it takes about one unit of energy to make ethanol that can supply 1.3 units of energy.

- According to the Consumer Federation of America, people who buy E10 can save 25 much as 8 cents per gallon. The government grants about 5.1 cents per gallon as a tax credit to oil companies that agree to blend ethanol with their gasoline, according to the American Coalition for Ethanol.

- Brazil is a world leader in ethanol use. Many cars there run on a fuel blend of about 85 percent ethanol to 15 percent gasoline.

The Carbon Cycle



Grandmother

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help with the groceries. Reading said she called to him: "Gosh, you got here quick."

But it was not her grandson. The man did not answer and Reading saw he was someone else.

"My buddy and I need some gas," the man said.

Earlier that day, Reading might have consented. But it was late. And it was dark. She said no.

As he asked a second time for gas money, Reading felt her mood switch from slightly alerted to increasingly angry.

"Think of it like this," she said. "I'm your grandmother."

When Ross reached for the arm carrying the purse, he tapped a side of Reading that her children know well.

Reading bares her teeth

when she gets angry. And recalling the following moments caused her to bare her teeth again.

She chuckled for her arm. "You get out of here," she cried, and drew the cane with her right hand. "Get out of here right now. Or I'm going to crack you with this."

"Not until after the man had scampered back to his car, the cops had been called and Reading was safely in her home did she allow herself to unclench."

And when she allowed the shaky feeling to roll all over her. She thought how lucky she was he had not been carrying a gun.

Ross was later named by Keith Doane, who police investigated following the robbery of Helen Arnold. Doane and Ross

were traveling in the same car that evening, according to the affidavit.

Ross admitted to going into the parking lot with Doane. After changing his story several times, Ross said, he had approached Reading for gas money in her driveway.

Ross stated that Ms. Reading then had freaked out and had begun to threaten him with her cane," according to the affidavit. "Ross claimed that he just attempted to put his hand on her arm to calm her down and told her he was not going to rob her but when he was unable to calm her he fled back to the vehicle and had left."

"Reading believes the group was targeting older people. 'You have to protect yourself,' she said.

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crime and courts for the Times-News. He can be reached at (208) 735-3211 or by e-mail at cfr@times-news.com.

Storms

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head on a ranch near Lamar, Colo. "Wherever they were standing when the snow piled up, that's where they are now. Every day, it's getting more crucial."

Colorado and Kansas were trying to find enough helicopters capable of hauling hay bales weighing up to 1,300 pounds, said Don Ament, Colorado's agriculture director. Many helicopters in the state's National Guard fleet are in the Middle East.

"These cattle have already gone a number of days without food, and water. They're just going to lay over dead if we don't do something soon," Ament said.

Two Huey and three Black Hawk helicopters dropped 400 bales of hay Tuesday to feed cattle in the hardest-hit areas, Colorado officials said.

National Guard helicopters in the state also dropped Meals Ready to Eat, or military rations, just outside people's houses so they could reach the bundles. Sgt. 1st Class Steve Segin said.

In the Oklahoma Panhandle, a dozen troops went door to door in Hennessey, checking on rural residents snowed in without power for days. Col. Pat Scully said the priority was to reach people on ranches and farms who might have medical problems.

"We have no reason to

believe anybody is hurt, but we did think it was necessary to do some welfare checks," said Michelaine Ooten, spokeswoman for the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management.

Members of the Kansas National Guard and the Highway Patrol helped the Haskell County Sheriff's Department also went door to door. At least 25 emergency shelters had been set up in western Kansas, said Sharon Watson, spokeswoman for Kansas Emergency Management.

... in some areas was even more difficult to deal with than the snow, snapping trees and bringing down power lines. In Nebraska, big portable generators were set up to maintain water service and keep emergency shelters open.

About 22,000 homes and businesses in western Kansas were without power, along with at least 29,000 customers in Nebraska and more than 6,000 in Colorado and Oklahoma. Some utility officials warned it could take weeks to restore electricity.

Ten traffic deaths were blamed on the latest storm in Colorado, Texas and Minnesota. A tornado spun off by the same weather system killed one person in Texas, and a Kansas sheriff's deputy died in his home after falling down the stairs.

BSU

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Boise State is eager to cash in on Sunday's 43-42 overtime victory over the favored Oklahoma Sooners before millions of prime-time television viewers.

In the lead-up to the game — only the second bowl Championship Series appearance for a non-BFS conference team — Boise State sent e-mail to 16,000 prospective students touting the bowl appearance.

University President Bob Kustra said the victory fits in well with the school's capital and marketing campaigns.

The aggressive campaigns, which features billboards in Boise and a recruitment drive for accomplished students,

seek to change Boise State from a commuter school with a large vocational component into a nationally recognized research university that anchors the Boise metropolitan area.

Boise State is preparing to announce an ambitious private fundraising drive. Kustra said he expects to be able to announce the largest donation in school history, a gift to the Economics Department, later this year.

University merchandise sales topped \$663,000 in December and much of that money will go toward scholarships. The school will receive an estimated \$3.5 million from the Fiesta Bowl appearance,

with much of that paying for renovations at Bronco Stadium.

But the victory and the excitement of a gutsy two-point conversation play that sealed the victory, star player Ian Johnson's teary marriage proposal during a post-game interview and the David vs. Goliath story line bought obscure Boise State inculcated national publicity. Kustra said.

"It's going to be easier to recruit tonight faculty, easier to recruit students and easier to raise money," Kustra said. "It's in a sense a coincidence because we've been preparing a comprehensive campaign for a year now."

Simplot

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Following the surgery, Simplot's vital signs remained normal, Zerza said.

He said Simplot had a large bump on his head before the operation and doctors deemed the immediate surgery necessary to relieve pressure.

Simplot was leaving University of Phoenix Stadium after Boise State's Monday night victory in the Fiesta Bowl when his motorized scooter flipped in the parking lot and Simplot struck his head.

His wife, Ester, and son, Don, drove him to the hospital. He has had heart bypass surgery and a hip replacement in the past, but remained active and healthy, Zerza said.

Simplot is a Boise State season ticket holder who had

joined Idaho's political and business leaders to watch Boise State defeat Oklahoma 43-42 in overtime.

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NATION

Only six of 75 communities score high for emergency communications

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Only six of 75 U.S. metropolitan areas won the highest grades for their emergency agencies' ability to communicate during disasters, five years after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, according to a federal report obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press.

A draft portion of the report, to be released Wednesday, gives the best ratings to Washington, D.C.; San Diego; Minneapolis-St. Paul; Columbus, Ohio; Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Aramie County, Wyo. The lowest scores went to Chicago; Cleveland; Baton Rouge, La.; Mandan, N.D.; and Amarillo, Texas.

In an overview, the report said all 75 areas surveyed have policies in place for helping their emergency workers communicate. But it cautioned that regular testing and exercises are needed to effectively link disparate systems.

It also said while cooperation among emergency workers is strong, "formalized governance across regions has lagged." The study, conducted by the Homeland Security Department, was likely to add fuel to what looms as a battle in Congress this year. Democrats who take over the majority this week have promised to try fixing the problem emergency agencies have communicating with each other but have not said specifically what they will do, how much it will cost or how they will pay for it.

"Five years after 9/11, we continue to turn a deaf ear to gaps in interoperable communications," — the term used for emergency agencies' abilities to talk to each other, said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "If it didn't have such potentially devastating consequences, it would be laughable."



Former President Gerald Ford's casket is carried from the U.S. Capitol on route to a funeral at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, Tuesday.

Nation honors Ford under soaring arches of a cathedral

By Calvin Woodward and James Pritchard
Associated Press writers

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — The nation remembered Gerald R. Ford on Tuesday for what he didn't have — pretensions, a scheming agenda, a great golf game — as much as for the small-town authenticity he brought to the presidency. In an elaborate national funeral service in Washington and then more simply at his final homecoming in Grand Rapids, the 96th president was celebrated for testing politics as a calling rather than blood sport.

The marching band from the University of Michigan, the school where he played football, greeted the White House jet carrying his casket, members of his family and others in the funeral party.

Ford's reputation as an errand golfer. He said Ford knew his golf game was getting better when he began hitting fewer spectators.

The last act of Ford's state funeral was playing out at his presidential museum, open throughout the night and this morning for the public to pay final respects. Thousands waited in line Tuesday night to file past Ford's casket.

The service in Washington unfolded in the spirit of one of its musical selections — "Faintest of the Gossamer Veil" — as powerful people celebrated the modesty and humility of a leader prophetic to the presidency by the Watergate crisis that drove predecessor Richard Nixon from office.

Ford's athletic interest was honored, too, in the capital and in Michigan. At the Grand Rapids airport that bears Ford's name, the Michigan band played the school's famous fight song, "The Victors," as Ford's flag-draped casket was transferred to a hearse.

"In President Ford, the world saw the best of America, and America found a man whose character and leadership would bring calm and healing to one of the most divisive moments in our nation's history," President Bush said in his eulogy.

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, delivering one of the most emotional tributes of the day, spoke as if addressing Ford directly in remarks at the museum. "You were a paradoxical gift of remarkable intellect and achievement wrapped in a plain brown wrapper," said Granholm, a Democrat.

Cancer's unrecognized toll: The hours and hours getting treatment

By Loran Neergard
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The hours spent sitting in doctors' waiting rooms, in line for the CT scan, watching chemotherapy drip into veins, battling cancer steals a lot of time — at least \$2.3 billion worth for patients in the first year of treatment alone.

"Cancer is more than the just the dollars and cents for the medicines and the treatments and the doctors. It's also the lost opportunities for the patients," added Dr. Len Lichtenfeld of the American Cancer Society, who praised the research for attempting to quantify that often overlooked reality.

So says the first study to try to put a price tag to the time that people spend being treated for 11 of the most common cancers. Even more sobering than the economic toll are the tallies, by government researchers, of the sheer hours lost to cancer care: 194 hours in that first year after diagnosis with ovarian cancer; 272 hours being treated for lung cancer; 193 hours for kidney cancer.

How much a disease costs society plays an important role in policy-making, such as how much to invest in medical research, but it's hard to calculate the value of a patient's time spent getting care. NCI epidemiologist Robin Yabroff and colleagues called the records of 763,000 cancer patients covered by Medicare, the government's insurance program for those 65 and older, and estimated the time involved in traveling to, waiting for and receiving both in-hospital and outpatient care. They compared the results to time spent in medical care by 1 million other Medicare recipients without cancer.

That doesn't count the days spent home in bed recovering from surgery or weak from chemo, just time spent actively getting care — chemotherapy radiation therapy, blood tests or cancer scans, surgery or check-ups — driving to medical appointments and waiting your turn.

Although most of these patients were retired, the researchers assigned a monetary value to their time — \$15.23 an hour, the median U.S. wage rate in 2002. Then they estimated the national toll by including the number of patients diagnosed with cancer in 2005.

It's a study, to be published Wednesday in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, that sheds new light on the human costs of cancer. "What we see here is a measure of the patient's burden of commitment," wrote Drs. Larry Kessler of the Food and Drug Administration and Scott Ramsey of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, in



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Iraq probing conduct at Saddam execution

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — As thousands of Saddam Hussein's supporters protested in Sunni Arab enclaves across Iraq, the Shiite-led government said it had launched an investigation into the chaotic scene at his execution, captured on video, which has deepened the nation's sectarian rift and sparked condemnation around the world.

Iraqi officials said a committee of Interior Ministry would likely question everyone, including senior Iraqi officials, who was present at the hanging, where witnesses mocked and jeered the mistreated president as he stood at the gallows. Hours later, grainy video of the event, taken with a cellphone camera, was broadcast around the world, bringing more pressure on Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to take action.

The video triggered outrage in Iraq and abroad, at Saddam's undignified and disorderly end. Iraq's Sunnis declared the execution an act of Shiite revenge. The Vatican, in its official newspaper, called the images from the hanging "a spectacle" that violated human rights and could harm Iraq's process of reconciliation. The Italian government, which like all members of the European Union opposes the death penalty, said after the appearance of the video that it would push at the United Nations for a worldwide moratorium on capital punishment.

U.S. officials have declined to comment publicly, but have privately expressed concern at the hastiness of the execution. The video was the latest example of how amateurs using modern technology are exposing abuses and holding the powerful to account. The investigation, officials said, would focus not only on who hurled the taunts, but also on how the video was leaked, damaging the government's credibility.

Somalis enjoy new freedoms as government vows to take control

By Elizabeth A. Kennedy Associated Press writer

MOGADISHU, Somalia — For hundreds of young men, the promise of a brighter future and the Somali government's victory over a fundamentalist Islamic movement were symbolized by a flickering blue screen in a dusty Mogadishu movie theater.

"This is freedom and entertainment," Ahmed Abdi Ali said Tuesday as an Indian movie about a torrid love triangle played — the kind of film that was banned by the Muslim militants. "The Islamic courts are gone."

For the first time in more than a decade, an internationally recognized government is operating in Mogadishu after driving out the Islamic courts

movement that wanted to rule Somalia — by the Quran. Although trouble is always lurking in this violent, gun-infested country, the reign of the widely feared Islamic courts appears to be over.

The group had imposed its strict interpretation of Islam on Mogadishu and much of southern Somalia since it took power in June, banning movies and Western music and terrifying residents into submission with the threat of floggings and public executions.

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Ali Mohamed Gedi said his forces, backed by Ethiopian troops with tanks and M16 fighter jets, had neutralized the Islamists and forced them to give up or scatter into the bush. He said he does not

expect any more major fighting.

"Maybe small fights can take place, but we are trying to destroy them," he said.

Still, bringing peace to Somalia is a daunting task. Until Ethiopia stepped in two weeks ago, the government controlled just one town, and many Somalis have little confidence in the administration's ability to pacify — much less rebuild — the country alone.

And the country is, indeed, in ruins. Mogadishu is a destroyed, desolate city after 20 years of civil war. Lumpy posts that haven't been illuminated in years are pocked with bullet holes and shrapnel. Cathedrals, courtyards and homes have been bombed into rubble or dismantled brick by brick.

Iraq: About 12,000 civilians killed in violence last year

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq reported Tuesday that about 12,000 civilians were killed last year — the third full year since the U.S.-led invasion — with a dramatic rise in the last three months, when 5,000 died.

Only about half as many Iraqi soldiers died in 2006 as American troops.

But when the deaths of police, who conduct paramilitary operations, are added to the number of slain Iraqi soldiers, the number of Iraqi security forces killed jumps to 13,536, nearly double the American death count of 923 for the year.

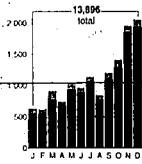
In all, the Iraqi ministries of Health, Defense and Interior reported that 13,996 Iraqi civilians, police and soldiers died last year, 162 more than the tally kept by The Associated Press.

The AP count, assembled from its daily news reports, was always believed to be substantially lower than the actual number of deaths because the news cooperative

Iraq deaths rising

The United Nations and the Iraqi government, as well as other organizations, have issued varying reports on Iraq casualties. Below are 2006 figures compiled by Iraq's ministries of Health, Interior and Defense.

Legend: Civilians Police Soldiers



SOURCE: Iraq's ministries of Health, Interior and Defense. AP reporting.

does not have daily access to official accounting by the Iraqi ministries.

Many deaths were thought to have gone unreported by AP.

Counts kept by other groups, including the United Nations, list far higher death tolls, which are disputed by the Iraqi government.



Oprah Winfrey, second left, and students are seen during the opening of the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in Henley-on-Klip, South Africa, Tuesday. Winfrey opened the school to help disadvantaged girls, fulfilling a promise she made to former President Nelson Mandela six years ago.

Oprah Winfrey opens girls school in South Africa

The Associated Press

HENLEY-ON-KLIP, South Africa — Oprah Winfrey headed a celebrity lineup that included Tina Turner and Spike Lee at the opening Tuesday of the talk show queen's new leadership academy for poor South African girls.

The true stars, though, were Sade and Megan, whose father killed their mother and then himself. Zoda, whose mother died of AIDS, and some 150

other girls who Winfrey said had a "light so bright" that it shone through their deprivation and helped their dreams come true.

The \$10 million Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in the town of Henley-on-Klip, south of Johannesburg, plucked the girls from poverty to be groomed for power.

Winfrey said she planned to open another school for boys and girls this month in eastern KwaZulu-Natal province.

Guests on Tuesday, including Mary J. Blige, Mariah Carey, Stanley Tookie and Chris Tucker, were asked to bring a personally inscribed book for the library, which included everything from self-help books to Harry Potter.

Winfrey, who is called "Mam Oprah" by the girls, said she came with a celebrity posse for a reason. "These people have the power to do things. They have voices which can be heard in the U.S. and across the world," she said.



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EDITORIAL

Changes for deaf, blind services rely on funding

Most of us don't fully comprehend the multiple challenges faced by hearing- or sight-impaired students in their formative learning years. So when the state begins changing education services for those students, its leaders run a risk of being an obtuse and insensitive political force — regardless of their good intentions.

That's the lesson for state educational leaders and lawmakers. As Idaho changes the delivery system for its deaf and blind students, it has an obligation to assure that those services are not diminished in the name of reform. That means providing adequate funding for deaf and blind educational services in spite of restructuring that could have the opposite effect.

The transition for these students has already begun with personnel and enrollment. Idaho has started moving resources away from the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind campus in Gooding, and shifted more emphasis toward six outreach programs around the state.

Logistically that transition makes practical sense. Outreach programs have already been successfully established as working regional points to help mainstream students into local districts. Students are able to remain with families, commute to the regional facilities, and have a daily school life that closely resembles those of other students.

This new focus follows a steady decline of enrollment at the ISDB campus. While ISDB is still the only residential facility in the state, where students live during the week in dorms and return home on weekends, the outreach centers in Boise and Middleton both have more students than ISDB.

A significant impact could be felt in the town of Gooding as a result of the transition. The ISDB campus has enjoyed a century of support from Gooding citizens who consider ISDB students as their very own. When approximately 15 percent of the people in the town know some form of sign language and make additional connections with students, it proves how well a residential facility provides integration to the deaf and the blind.

But as the declining enrollment at ISDB proves, many students and families are opting for modern educational alternatives. Harvey Lyter, interim superintendent of the ISDB, says a close-to-home delivery system would be more effective in advancing many students' progress. Yet Lyter also notes that staffing the ISDB has been a consistent challenge, due to lower teacher salaries for those qualified instructors. In an age when special education instructors are among the highest in demand for school districts, the fact that these teachers are on the lower end of the pay scale is baffling.

Just finding qualified staff is a big issue here, so building the outreach programs is like multiplying that supply-and-demand problem by six," Lyter told the *Times-News*. "I'm not saying it's not a positive plan. I'm saying that we need to be aware of the problems we will have when we implement the plan."

We urge legislators to listen closely to that message. If expanded funding needs are ignored, the state won't be doing these students any favors. A re-structured delivery system can only succeed if these students have qualified instructors and ample resources in the outreach facilities.

As for the Gooding campus, it should continue to play a key role in deaf and blind education, although with less emphasis as a residential facility. But even with those reforms, the Gooding's community will continue to set the example for supporting these students. If state leaders heed the Gooding standard, the success of these courageous and resilient students could be assured.

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LETTERS

Silence provides no answers on BID

No news is not always good news. Since questions were raised publicly about the financial integrity of the Business Improvement District, there have been no answers from the BID putting to rest those fears that prompted the questions. In fact, a cloak of silence surrounds the BID. Do those involved think that if they just keep a low profile for a while, this will all blow away and be forgotten?
How can an organization which takes in so much money and spends so little on actually improving the downtown business district be so much in debt? How can there be so much money

that is unaccounted for? Are all of these problems merely "bookkeeping errors"? Will silence and the apathy of those who are charged to support the organization allow it to continue as though there is nothing wrong?
Is it time yet to absolve the BID?
JACK GOODMAN
Buhl

Americans are dying, but for different reasons

Regarding Peter Woolley's "Money" column in the Jan. 1 *Times-News*:
Yep, Americans are dying by the millions, in silence, on the road and in the womb.
KYLE HARSHBARGER
Twin Falls

All quiet on the Edwards front

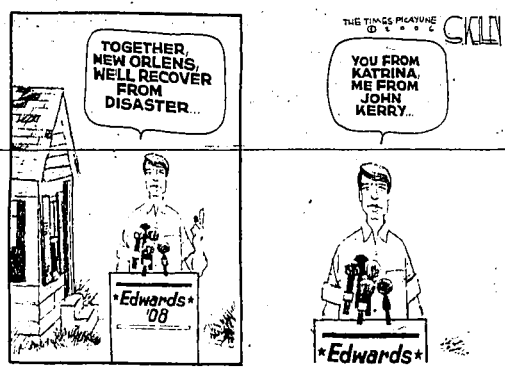
Some days nothing goes right. John Edwards had one of those days the last week of 2006 when he announced his candidacy for president — and hardly anyone noticed.
On the other hand, who didn't already know? Edwards — who, if I'm not mistaken, is the son of a millworker — hasn't stopped running for president since he started four years ago.



KATHLEEN PARKER

He paused briefly to run for vice president in 2004, when John Kerry dragged him off the dance floor and made him his main squeeze. But no sooner did they lose than Edwards began running again. Like Forrest Gump, he can't seem to stop.
Edwards staked out the last week of the year for his kettledrum run in history, which is traditionally a slow news week when the media are bereft of stories to report. Lack apparently didn't get the memo.
The slowest week of the year suddenly became one of the busiest, thanks to that party pomp and thunder thief, Mr. Glim himself. As Edwards talked to a camera and a few reporters, America's eyes were riveted on the leader.

Here he came for James Brown.
Then Gerald Ford.
Then Saddam Hussein.
The singer, the president and the tyrant robbed John Edwards of his moment. It was the tree that fell in a forest to the sound of one hand clapping.
Poor John Edwards.
No one, Republican or Democrat, has worked harder on his resume or more carefully calculated the timing of



his announcement than Edwards, who, by the way, might be the son of a millworker. Could just be a rumor.
Nearly every time we've seen Edwards in the past year, he's been dripping with sweat from raising roof beams and digging out muck in New Orleans, where he and a corps of volunteer youths have been rebuilding the city that George Bush ignored.
It was from New Orleans — specifically the Katrina-ravaged 9th Ward — that Edwards, looking lean in jeans and blue shirt, made his announcement. A simple. Everyman affair, there were no bands or flags, no pennants or patriotic paraphernalia.
Just the raw facts cast

against the dire background of a storm-ravaged house under repair.
In case this isn't perfectly clear, Edwards isn't afraid to get his hands dirty. Even though a mega-millionaire, he still identifies with the downtrodden and underprivileged. Because — I think I'm right here — he's the son of a millworker.
Not only has Edwards been

toiling in the fetid muck of Katrina's aftermath, he's been securing the planet for the meek and disenfranchised.
He established a poverty institute at the University of North Carolina and has visited several of Earth's most ravaged nations. He also has apologized countless times for vowing to invade Iraq.
The trick for any politician — but especially a populist like Edwards, who is trying to build a case for ending what he calls "Two Americas" — is to appear to be a regular guy. Not too rich, too scripted or too sophisticated. This is increasingly difficult for the multimillionaires who pursue high office these days, but Edwards has mastered the act.

At his announcement, he spoke without notes, just talking about a few modest goals: ending the war in Iraq, universalizing health care, eradicating disease and poverty.
Passionate, but not overwrought, he conveyed the persona of a deeply caring man who wants to make the world a better place. Either that, or the persona of a deeply cunning litigator adept



at pulling a jury's heartstrings, which usually precedes the pulling of someone else's purse strings.

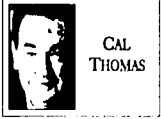
Even the sans-serif font on the John Edwards logo is plain and straightforward. But that's where simplicity ends and sophistication triumphs. In Edwardsian politics, sans-serif is a tactic and simplicity a strategy.
No sooner were Edwards' words ignored than they were captured in a YouTube segment and posted on his "Tomorrow Begins Today" Web site, which features an array of high-tech options for the wired generation. Visitors can sign up for e-mail alerts, mobile phone messages, and even click on a bar for

Espanol: *El mañana comienza hoy*. Nothing unsophisticated about that.
Edwards, the ah-shucks country boy, may have unfortunate timing, but his mama didn't raise no fool. Neither did his daddy, who, you still have heard, was a millworker.

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Hussein's hanging was about justice, not revenge

In a full blasphemy, Saddam Hussein, who spent most of his life as a murdering secularist, went to his justified death hugging a Koran and offering his soul to God, if God would accept it. If God does, He will have to commute the sentences of Saddam's mass murdering predecessors, including Hitler, Stalin, Mao and Pol Pot.



CAL THOMAS

These days, not much that makes religious sense comes out of Iraq, or anywhere else in the maelstrom Middle East, but one reasonable statement did pass the lips of Sheikh Sa'aduddin al-Qubani in the Shia "holy city" of Najaf. During a Friday sermon, the "Sheikh of Iraq" said Saddam's execution was "God's gift to Iraqis" and prayed "Oh God, you know what Saddam has done. He killed millions of Iraqis in prisons, in wars with neighboring countries and he is responsible for mass graves. Oh God we ask you to take revenge on Saddam."
That was a shorter summation than most prosecutors would give in court, but in the end, an adequate execution wasn't about revenge. It was about justice.
Many countries — from Britain, which has abolished capital punishment, to

Russia, where a moratorium on capital punishment now exists, have halted executions because they believe, incorrectly, that doing so makes them more humane. It does precisely the opposite and sends the message that innocent human life has less value than the life of a killer. It is more than curious that Britain and Russia, especially, have halted the death penalty for the guilty, but do nothing to restrict incredibly high abortion rates that kill the innocent. This reflects an inverted value system.
One of Saddam's lawyers, former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, appeared on the BBC shortly after Saddam's hanging was confirmed, complaining the trial was a "travesty." No, the travesty would have been in the sentencing and execution of Saddam. Saddam mocked the innocent lives he took, showing disrespect to the relatives of the dead who had a valid claim to see justice

done.
There may not be much to envy about Iraq these days, but the swiftness of Saddam's punishment is admirable. If had been in the American legal system, lawyers might have clogged that system for years, allowing Saddam to die in prison. Instead, on Nov. 3, Saddam was convicted of crimes against humanity and sentenced to death. After the death order was signed, there was a 30-day window in which to carry out the execution. The Iraqis executed him within hours, after the signing of the death order and just a few days after his appeal was denied.

Saddam's hanging will not quell the current violence he helped to foment in the aftermath of the U.S. invasion in 2003. This adds to the importance of the decision President Bush will announce in a few days regarding the next — and possibly final — effort to stabilize Iraq so the elected government might function. Part of that stabilization must include a new vision of Iraq's God, his disapproval of the sectarian killings and the deaths of so many innocents at the hands of insurgent terrorists. Since the West is regarded as the home of "infidels," a religious leader

inside Iraq who has more than his own petty interests at stake will have to step forward and effectively call for an end to the turmoil. If such a person exists, he is unknown to the world.
Who will mourn Saddam's death? Probably not his family members, an estimated 40 of whom he either ordered murdered or personally dispatched. He even murdered his own son-in-law, who made it to Jordan and then returned to Iraq on Saddam's promise he would not be harmed.

In a letter addressed to "the Iraq nation" shortly after his sentencing in November, Saddam demonstrated his self-delusion was complete: "Many of you have known the writer of this letter to be faithful, honest, caring for others, wise, of sound judgment, just, decisive, careful with the wealth of the people and of the state."
That one will bring some laughs among his fellow despots in Jades, just before the letter is consumed in the fire.

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The imbalance between trade and taxes

Our total national debt is huge and growing. We are failing to make a plan to pay it or slow it. That failure in a family or in a country leads to disaster.
As a nation, our plan seems to be "don't worry, be happy" and surely we will win some huge galactic lottery or we can "let the debt ride."
A society mainly pays its debts through a system called

taxes. There are arguments about how this system should be run, but to be practical, we must learn what every successful bank robber knows, "You must go where the money is." We must make sure that, besides the very rich, a large percentage of our citizens have the money to contribute.
When an item is produced here, the workers pay taxes and the people they spend their money with are taxed. This money continues

through many hands and, each time, tax is paid. When we buy a foreign-made item for a much cheaper price, is that the price we actually pay? No, because the tax that item would have generated. If produced here, it lost and goes on our individual (national) debt list as if that tax had been added to our credit card.
The multinational corporations profit by not paying these taxes and promote "free trade." Free trade would be wonderful if we could sell as

many items as we buy, but with low wages throughout the world, that's impossible. If we paid the taxes otherwise lost at the time we purchased the foreign item, the item would cost as much as if we had produced it here, so our production would increase and imports would then drop. Things we really need otherwise produced here and more Americans would have the money to pay taxes.
CHARLES PARKER
Buhl

LETTER

Productivity rises but clouds are looming

The start of a new year is a good time to take stock, and there are few better indicators of our long-term economic prospects — and also our prospects for political and social peace — than productivity.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

As anyone who's taken basic college economics should know, productivity is simply jargon for efficiency. It's also what most people think of as economic progress. The good news is that productivity has been growing strongly; the bad news is that it may slow down.

It's still paying two-fifths of our income to eat. Labor productivity is measured as output per hour worked. Whatever enables people to produce more in a given time (machinery, skills, organization) boosts productivity. That in turn raises our incomes — or gives us more leisure. It also promotes domestic tranquility by muffling the competition between government and personal spending. Slow future productivity growth virtually ensures a collision between the heavy costs of retiring baby boomers — mostly for Social Security and Medicare — and younger workers' living standards. Higher taxes will bite deeply into sluggish incomes. The reason: What seem to be the tiny productivity shifts have huge consequences.

To see why that matters, consult a fascinating government report. "100 Years of U.S. Consumer Spending." A century ago, Americans spent 43 percent of their incomes on food and another 14 percent on clothing. By 2002, those shares were 13 percent and 4 percent. Meanwhile, family incomes (after infla-

tion) had exploded. Filling the spending gap are all the things we take for granted — cars, TVs, travel, telephones, the Internet. Home ownership has zipped to almost 70 percent of households. This triumph of mass consumption is usually credited to technological breakthroughs, from the assembly line to computer chips. But the whole process is also described as productivity improvement. In 1900, 41 percent of Americans worked on farms. If mechanization, new seeds and fertilizers hadn't meant that fewer people could produce more food,

we'd still be paying two-fifths of our income to eat. Labor productivity is measured as output per hour worked. Whatever enables people to produce more in a given time (machinery, skills, organization) boosts productivity. That in turn raises our incomes — or gives us more leisure. It also promotes domestic tranquility by muffling the competition between government and personal spending. Slow future productivity growth virtually ensures a collision between the heavy costs of retiring baby boomers — mostly for Social Security and Medicare — and younger workers' living standards. Higher taxes will bite deeply into sluggish incomes. The reason: What seem to be the tiny productivity shifts have huge consequences.

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If only they would listen

For my New Year's resolution, I resolve not to make snap judgments. But first, resolutions for others — not that they asked me.



JAMES P. PINKERTON

For President Bush: Resolve to listen to your father more. Seriously, talk to him before your advisers convince you that Operation Iranian Freedom will be a "cakewalk." For New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton: You have built an enormous empire of advisers and toadies, all aiming at insulating you from bad news, specifically, the reality that you are neither loved nor trusted by Democrats. That's why you came in fourth in the recent KCCI-TV poll of Iowa Democratic caucus-goers. So resolve to come to grips with the reality that "Hillaryland" huge as it might be, is still not big enough to win you the nomination. Let alone the White House.

For Arizona Sen. John McCain: Good news and bad news. The good news for you is that Bush is following your advice about sending more troops to Iraq. The bad news is that "the surge" probably won't change the overall course of the war, and that the grim reality of the situation will be obvious to all by November 2008. So resolve to get a better campaign message than endless escalation. For former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani: Resolve to stay married and to stay away from any more drag-queen shows, and you just might find yourself waltzing

into the White House. For outgoing Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney: You've got as good a record of wide-ranging practical experience as any of the '08 hopefuls. So resolve to get your story straight about what you really believe. Find a self-deprecating way to laugh off your social-issue flip-flops, and get ready for your JFK moment, in which you, as a Mormon, pledge your religious independence in return for others' religious tolerance. For former National Security director Sandy Berger: Resolve to stop stealing government property. And be thankful, by the way, that you're not a Republican, or else your attempted cover-up of the Bill Clinton record on counter-terror would have been the lead story for weeks, enveloping you and others in scandal. For Republicans: Realize that the blow-out in '06 is just an overture to '08 unless the GOP gets back to its Grand Old Pedigree as the party of fiscal probity and foreign-policy realism. So resolve to remember this: If a Texas as president couldn't make the

Great Society work in the United States in the '60s, then another Texas as president can't make the same grandiose-government approach succeed in the Middle East in the '00s. For Democrats: Realize that you won against the Iraq-crippled Republicans, and not because the voters love liberalism. There's no law saying that the Democrats have to be the big-spending party. So resolve to return, at least a little, to your roots as the party of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson — both of whom knew that big government is often a racket, aimed at tipping off working people. Oops, maybe I already broke my own resolution against making snap judgments. But that's OK. I'm not sure if many of these folks named above can keep their resolutions, either.

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- IDAPA 08 - STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**
PO Box 83720-0037, Boise, ID 83720
08-0203-0607, Rules Governing the Administration & Proposed Incapacities by reference to the Idaho Alternative Assessment Extended Achievement Standards. Comment by: 1/24/07.
 - IDAPA 16 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE**
PO Box 83720-0037, Boise, ID 83720
16-0202-0701, Rules of the Idaho Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Physician Commission. (Temporary & Proposed) New chapter outlines the standard operating procedures and practices that can be performed by certified EMS providers and defines the required level of physician supervision for persons certified as EMS providers. Comment by: 1/24/07.
 - **16-0305-0701, Rules Governing Eligibility for Aid for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (AARD) (Temporary & Proposed)** Provides incentives to Idahoans to purchase a Qualified Long Term Care Partnership Policy to manage the payment of their individual long term care. Public hearings are scheduled. Comment by: 1/24/07.
 - 16-0309-0701, Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits (Temporary & Proposed)** Complex with HB 663 by establishing cost-sharing measures for Medicaid participants. Comment by: 1/24/07.
 - 16-0318-0701, Medicaid Cost-Sharing (Temporary & Proposed)** Complex with HB 663 by establishing cost-sharing measures for Medicaid participants. Comment by: 1/24/07.
 - 16-0506-0601, Rules Governing Mandatory Criminal History Checks.** (Temporary & Proposed) Chapter repeal. Comment by: 1/24/07.
 - 16-0506-0602, (Temporary & Proposed)** Chapter repeal complex with statutory changes relating to the costs and fees for criminal history and background checks; updates requirements for new technology used to process fingerprints and online applications; clarifies when an individual can provide care or services for an employer and when an applicant for certification and licensure receives a clearance; amends and adds disqualifying crimes, offenses, and the length of time that results in a denial of clearance; adds requirements for the disposition of the criminal history and background check results; updates list of individuals required to comply with this chapter of rules. Comment by: 1/24/07.
 - IDAPA 24 - BUREAU OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES**
119 Main St., Ste 220, Boise, ID 83702
24-0301-0701, Rules of the State Board of Chiropractic Physicians. Defines the scope of practice. Comment by: 1/24/07.
 - 24-1301-0701, Rules of the Physical Therapy Licensure Board.** (Temporary & Proposed) Establishes the exams and passing scores required for licensure. Comment by: 1/24/07.
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IDAPA 58 - Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
58-0117-0701, Rules for the Reclamation and Reuse of Municipal and Industrial Wastewater.
 - IDAPA 59 - Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho**
59-0103-0701, Contribution Rules for the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho.
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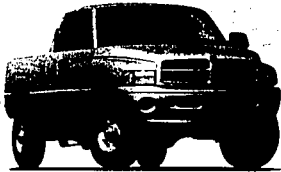


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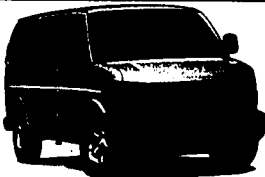


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SPORTS

Allred spurs Gooding past Glens Ferry

Times-News
GOODING — Tyler Allred scored 24 points and Gooding used a dominate second quarter to beat Glens Ferry 66-57 Tuesday in nonconference action.

The Senators outpointed the visiting Pilots 19-5 in the second period to take control.

"I felt we did a good job of running the floor," said Gooding coach Joe Messick. "We were able to get some transition buckets early. I'm definitely pleased with our progress as a team."

Justin Rogers added 14 points. Gooding while Tanner Shiran scored 20 to pace his teammates. Gooding (6-3, 2-0 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference) hosts Shoshone on Thursday.

GLENS FERRY (37)
Jordan Crisp 0-2-1, Chris Robinson 2-2-2, Lamar Stovall 5-9-20, James Scott 3-4-8-10, James Rodriguez 3-6-6-10, Justin Rogers 4-8-10, Tanner Shiran 4-8-10, Tyler Allred 5-8-10, Benji O'Leary 2-3-8, Michael Crisp 0-2-2, Schneider 1-3-2, Todd 2-3-7-17.

Carey 60, Bliss 44
BLISS — Carey hit six 3-pointers on offense and gave Bliss trouble with his full-court pressure to take a 60-44 win Tuesday. Allen Peck buried three free throws and had 17 points to key Carey, while Brad Hunt added 13 and Tyler Burke had 12. Eli Cough kept Bliss streaking with 17 points. "It was a stud tonight," said Bliss coach Bruce Clark. "This rebounding, inside and scoring kept us close."

Bliss trailed just 39-33 in the third quarter before Carey began

pulling away. "We didn't handle their press well," Clark said. "They're a very good, well-coached team."

Carey shot just two free throws on the night, but made 26 field goals.

Bliss (4-4) plays at the Community School on Friday.

Carey 60, Bliss 44
Carey 15 13 12 18 49
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Statistical Summary:
Carey: Points 60, 53, 11, 16, 99. Rebounds 30, 15. Assists 10. Steals 10. Blocks 2. Turnovers 10. Fouls 16. 2-PT 25/41 (61%). 3-PT 10/18 (55.6%). FT 11/12 (91.7%). Total 58/72 66.
Bliss (44): Points 44, 48, 13, 15, 86. Rebounds 18, 22, 10, 12, 62. Assists 12. Steals 11. Blocks 2. Turnovers 15. Fouls 15. 2-PT 21/42 (50%). 3-PT 8/18 (44.4%). FT 15/18 (83.3%). Total 41/60 66.

Girls basketball
Dietrich 40,
The Community School 30

DIETRICH — A season-best

night at the foul line and a big game from junior Tammy Anderson lifted Dietrich to a 40-30 win over The Community School. The Blue Devils hit 13-of-19 free throws, their shooting of the season, and got 12 points and 11 rebounds from Anderson in the win.

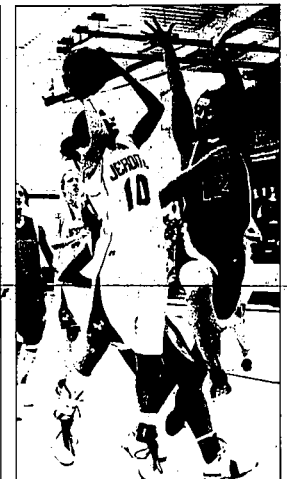
"She was a key factor," Dietrich coach ACEY Shaw said.

Jesse Dill chipped in 10 points for the Blue Devils. Amaya Ingram's seven points led the Cuthroths.

Dietrich (5-7, 3-2) hosts Carey on Thursday at 7 p.m.

Dietrich 40, Community School 30
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Statistical Summary:
Dietrich: Points 40, 33, 17, 10, 60. Rebounds 20, 15, 10, 15, 60. Assists 12. Steals 8. Blocks 2. Turnovers 12. Fouls 18. 2-PT 15/30 (50%). 3-PT 8/15 (53.3%). FT 17/18 (94.4%). Total 40/55 72.
Community School: Points 30, 25, 10, 15, 55. Rebounds 18, 12, 10, 10, 50. Assists 8. Steals 5. Blocks 1. Turnovers 15. Fouls 15. 2-PT 12/22 (54.5%). 3-PT 4/12 (33.3%). FT 11/15 (73.3%). Total 30/47 67.

Girls basketball
Dietrich 40,
The Community School 30



Jerome's Jordan Burman (10) goes up for a shot as Gooding's Chyanne Robinson (12) provides the defense Tuesday night at Jerome High School.

Jerome wins big

By Diane Plaffin Times-News writer

Jerome — Trailing 44-25 at halftime, the message from Gooding coach Chris Comstock was simple: "Execute on offense, take care of the ball and limit Jerome to one shot," Comstock told his team at intermission.

The Senators came out much sharper the second half, but the margin was just too much to make up as the host Tigers picked up a nonconference win by defeating Gooding 61-47 Tuesday.

"We had good momentum going in the first half," said Jerome coach Will Hutchinson. "Gooding made some good adjustments and made a good run in the second half. We pushed the ball very well and our transition game was good. We did a good job of finding the open girl and attacked their pressure. But we had a stretch where we didn't shoot very well."

Jerome (10-3, 2-1 Great Basin West) had three players in double digits with freshman Aubree Callen scoring a game-high 20 points including a pair of treys. Junior Jordan Burman added 19 and sophomore Jordann Hofffield had 10.

Callen, a self-proclaimed gym rat, is the starting point guard for the Tigers and loves the whole game especially winning and hearing the sssst as the ball finds the bottom of the net.

"It's awesome," said Callen. "It has always been a dream to start on the varsity. As the point guard, I always try to add a lot of heart and try to keep everyone fired up."

She feels there is always room for improvement. There is a gym at home so it is a guess that there were probably not many minutes of idle time during the Christmas break. "I'm always working to improve my defense by getting more intense and trying to stay down low," said Callen. "I'm also working on getting more consistent on my shooting form."

The Senators (3-10, 1-3 SCIC) were led by Nicci Abramowski with 15 points. Katie Randall added 13 and Cheyanne Robinson tossed in 10.

"I thought the girls battled and played hard. We just didn't box out very well in the first half," said Comstock. "There are just those stretches where a team makes a run and we just don't answer back."

With his team trailing 62-45 with a minute remaining, Comstock was still shouting words of encouragement. "We are looking ahead to the second half of the season. We are kind of the underdogs with no pressure or expectations. We just may surprise some people," said Comstock.

Gooding hosts Kimberly and Jerome entertains Buhl on Friday.

No. 12 Stanford 80, Fresno State 52

FRESNO, Calif. — Jayne Appel scored 15 points. Brooke Smith added 13 and Stanford won its eighth consecutive game.

No. 17 Texas A&M 70, Western Illinois 36

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — LaToya McChaeve had 14 points, 11 rebounds, two blocks and five steals. Texas A&M's rout of Western Illinois.

No. 21 California 65, Rhode Island 53

Chandler grabbed 15 rebounds.
Suns 97, Bulls 96

CHICAGO — Leandro Barbosa hit a 3-pointer with the Suns trailing by 1.5 seconds remaining and the Suns rallied for the win.

Ben Gordon gave the Bulls a 96-94 lead when he hit two free throws with 5.2 seconds left, but Phoenix wasn't finished. After a timeout, the Suns' Boris Diaw caught the inbound pass near the right block and found Barbosa at the top of the key for the winning shot.

It was a bitter ending for the Bulls, who got a career-high 41 points from Gordon and led by as many as 16 in the first half.

Amare Stoudemire led the Suns with 24 points and 10 rebounds. Steve Nash had 11 points and 13 assists.

Mavericks 112, SuperSonics 88

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki had 31 points and nine rebounds, Josh Howard added 21 points and nine rebounds, and the Mavericks extended their winning streak to 11 games.

Nowitzki, back in the lineup after sitting out the previous game due to a sinus infection, had his first 30-point game since scoring 31 in a win over San Antonio on Nov. 24.

Ray Allen scored 19 of his 27 points in the first half for the Sonics, who've lost nine of their last 12. Earl Watson added 15 points for Seattle.

Kings 112, Knicks 100

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Ron Artest scored a career-high 39 points with exceptional outside shooting, and Sacramento never trailed in the game.

Artest made 15 of his first 19 shots against his hometown team, hitting three 3-pointers and scoring 13 points in the fourth quarter to help Sacramento hang on for its fourth victory in five games. Mike Bibby added 19 points and nine assists for the Kings.

Jamal Crawford scored 28 points and Stephen Marbury had 17 points and eight assists for the Knicks, who are 0-3 on a five-game West Coast road trip. Eddy Curry scored 19 points and David Lee added 16 points and 15 rebounds, but New York committed 20 turnovers.

Iverson, Nuggets fall versus Sixers



Denver Nuggets guard Allen Iverson, center, looks to pass the ball as he slips between Philadelphia 76ers center Daniel Odenberg, back and guard Andre Iguodala in the first quarter in Denver on Tuesday. The game was the first time Iverson played his former team since being traded him to Denver two weeks ago.

DENVER — Allen Iverson took plenty of shots at his former team, before, during and after the game. It didn't add up to a win, though.

Kyle Korver scored 26 points to help the Philadelphia 76ers beat the Denver Nuggets 108-97 Tuesday night in Iverson's first game against his former team.

"It was weird to see him wearing a white jersey and we're wearing black," Korver said. "I said to one of our coaches that it is so weird to see him on the other side. It wasn't really a good feeling at all. It's a great player and he meant a lot to Philadelphia."

Iverson scored 30 points on 10-of-24 shooting before getting tossed for his second technical with 1:44 remaining. Afterward, he said the loss disappointed him because he feels the Nuggets are the better team.

Iverson's best shot, however, came before tip-off when he again rallied the team that traded him to Denver over the holidays, repeating his contention that he should have had more say in the Sixers' style.

Iverson also saved a parking spot for official Steve Lavin, who coached him.

"I thought I got fondled on that play, and I said I thought that he was calling the game personal, and he threw me out," Iverson said. "His love is real short anyway, and I should have known that I couldn't say anything any way. It was something personal with me and him since I got in the league. This was just the perfect game for him to try and make me look bad."

The Sixers, who had lost 14 of 16 road games and 19 of their last 23 overall, scored 100 points for the first time in 16 games and improved to 4-4 since the trade that sent Leo Smith and Andre Miller to Philadelphia, along with two first-round draft picks in 2007, for Iverson.

Miller had 17 points and 10 assists against his former team and Smith scored 12 points.

"This was all business," Smith said.

Cavaliers 82, Spurs 78

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 19 points as Larry Hughes added 18 — 13 in the fourth quarter — and Cleveland's defense smothered and frustrated San Antonio.

Damon Jones scored eight points in the final 1:35 as the Cavs, who have struggled on the

road, improved to 14-3 at home and beat the Spurs for the second time this season.

They did so by harassing San Antonio all 94 feet, holding the NBA's second-most accurate shooting team to just 30 percent from the field and only 10 points in the third quarter.

Jones scored all 11 of his points in the fourth, and Anderson Varejao added seven rebounds.

Tony Parker led the Spurs with 26 points — 14 in the fourth — and Tim Duncan had 18 points and 15 rebounds.

Magic 91, Clippers 86

ORLANDO, Fla. — Jameer Nelson made four free throws in the final 2:6 seconds and scored a season-high 29 points in Orlando's victory over Los Angeles.

Dwight Howard had 14 points and 14 rebounds for the Magic, who gave up only two field goals

to the Clippers in the last 5 minutes. Trevor Ariza had 15 points and Hedo Turkoglu added 13 for Orlando.

Corey Maggette led Los Angeles with 20 points, but the Clippers struggled to score in the second half. Elton Brand had 15 points and Tim Thomas finished with 13, but each of them scored only two points in the second half.

Warriors 97, Hornets 89

OKLAHOMA CITY — Baron Davis and Matt Barnes scored 29 points apiece to lift Golden State over New Orleans.

Davis and Barnes each had big shots down the stretch for the Warriors, who won despite shooting just 39.5 percent from the field. Barnes added 11 rebounds and five steals.

Russell Butler scored 30 points for the Hornets. Jannero Fargo had 24 points, and Tyson

Noah leads balanced attack as Florida hammers Liberty

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Jordan Noah scored 15 to lead No. 3 Florida to an 89-58 victory over Liberty on Tuesday night.

Corey Brewer and Taurcen Green both had 14 points for the Gators, 21, while Al Horford had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Anthony Smith had 18 points for the Flames (6-8), who have lost 19, straight on the road and seven in a row overall after starting the season 6-1.

No. 5 Duke 73, Temple 55

DURHAM, N.C. — Josh McRoberts had a career-high 21 points and grabbed nine rebounds, and DeMarcus Nelson scored 14 points and had a career-best 11 rebounds for Duke.

The Blue Devils (13-1) extended the nation's longest nonconference home winning streak to 51 games. The Blue

Devs won for the seventh straight time in the series with Temple (6-6) and has won nine consecutive games overall.

No. 6 Ohio St. 74, Indiana 67

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Greg Oden scored 21 points and Othello Hunter had 14 for Ohio State in the Big Ten opener for both teams.

Darquan Cook added 12 points and Ryan Lewis had 10 for the Buckeyes (12-2), who overcame 12-of-22 3-point shooting by Indiana to improve to 10-0 at Value City Arena.

Freshman Joey Shaw led Indiana with a career-high 16 points.

No. 11 Texas A&M 71, Winthrop 51

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Acie Law had 22 points and eight assists to lead Texas A&M.

Antanas Kavulcakas had 20 points and Josh Carter added 15 points, all on 3-pointers, for the Aggies (12-2). Michael Jenkins led the Eagles (10-4) with 13 points.

No. 12 Oklahoma St. 129, Southwestern Okla. St. 77

STILLWATER, Okla. — Mario Boggan scored a career-high 36 points and JamesOn Curry added 31 as Oklahoma State set a school scoring record.

The injury-depleted Cowboys used only a seven-man rotation against Division II Southwestern.

No. 18 Connecticut 69, South Florida 50

HARTFORD, Conn. — Jeff Adrien and Jerome Dyson both scored 16 points and Connecticut bounced back from its first loss of the season.

Women

No. 2 North Carolina 69, Georgia Tech 57

ATLANTA — Camille Little scored 18 points, Ivory Latte and LaToya Prince each added 16 and No. 2 North Carolina rallied in the second half in the Atlantic Coast Conference opener for both teams.

No. 5 Connecticut 63, West Virginia 44

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Charlie Houston and Kalana Greene scored 15 points apiece and Connecticut overcame a sluggish start to defeat West Virginia.

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WNBA Table showing scores for New York Liberty, Boston, Philadelphia, Orlando, Charlotte, Detroit, Cleveland, Indiana, Memphis, Dallas, Utah, Denver, Portland, Seattle, and Minnesota.

SOCCER

Soccer scores for various leagues including Major League Soccer, CONCACAF Gold Cup, and other international matches.

BASEBALL

Baseball scores for Major League Baseball, including games between Yankees, Red Sox, Mets, etc.

LOCAL

High school basketball scores from various schools including Northwood, St. Johns, and others.

TV SCHEDULE listing upcoming events, sports events, and local news programs.

Collegiate Football listing scores and schedules for various college football teams.

Men's College Basketball listing scores for various college basketball teams.

USA Today/ESPN Women's Top 25 list ranking the top women's college basketball teams.

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Will he stay or will he go? Alabama still awaits Saban's decision

MIAMI — Miami Dolphins coach Nick Saban... Saban met with Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga at the team complex for 10 minutes Tuesday and asked for more time to decide.

"The meeting went good," Huizenga said. "We had a quick meeting. We had a nice conversation... Coach asked if we could do the decision until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. And then he went into several reasons as to why he wanted to do that. I agree 100 percent with his reasons. I understand more now what he's thinking about."



Miami Dolphins coach Nick Saban, left, congratulates Orlando Magic waterpark play Hankham (right) for a 27-22 victory by in Indianapolis on Sunday. Saban is considering leaving the Dolphins to take the head coaching job at Alabama.

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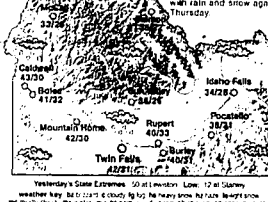
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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Mountain snows are likely today and Thursday and they could be heavy at times. Valleys will come and go for today, tonight and again Thursday. Skies should clear a time come Friday and then look to be mostly dry.

BOISE Cloudy skies, chilly temperatures and light to moderate rain and snow showers will come and go for today, tonight and again Thursday. Skies should clear a time come Friday and then look to be mostly dry.

NORTHERN UTAH
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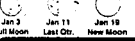
TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 42	Low 31	38/26	30/17	32/20	36/21

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
High: 42 Low: 31	0.00"	44%	30.05"	Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 5:20 PM

Moon Phases



Moonrise and Moonset

Today (Jan 3)	8:31 PM	6:23 AM
Tomorrow (Jan 4)	8:31 PM	6:23 AM

U.V. INDEX

Low Moderate High
 The higher the index the more sun protection needed.

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
London	43-50	43-50
Paris	43-50	43-50
Los Angeles	63-70	63-70
San Francisco	53-60	53-60
Chicago	33-40	33-40
New York	33-40	33-40
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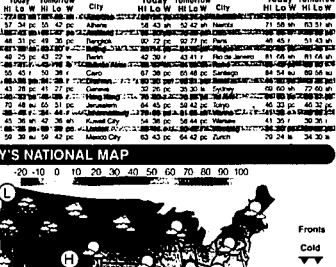
REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
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Idaho Falls	33-40	33-40
Pocatello	33-40	33-40
Blackfoot	33-40	33-40
Shoshone	33-40	33-40
Arco	33-40	33-40
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "It is no sin to stump and fail. The only sin is to not make the attempt!"
 - Gregg Middlekauff, Author/Coach

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	33-40	33-40
Edmonton	33-40	33-40
Winnipeg	33-40	33-40
Regina	33-40	33-40
Saskatoon	33-40	33-40
Victoria	33-40	33-40
Vancouver	33-40	33-40
Montreal	33-40	33-40
Ottawa	33-40	33-40

Teammates, fans gather to honor slain cornerback

DENVER (AP) — Police asked for help finding Darrent Williams' killer Tuesday as coaches and teammates gathered at Broncos headquarters to honor the 23-year-old player's untimely death after a New Year's Eve party.

"Darrent was a guy that was always upbeat, always had a smile and he was a fierce competitor," said Broncos coach Mike Shanahan, fighting back tears.

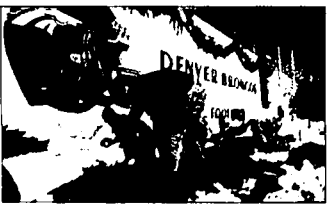
Williams was killed in a drive-by shooting early Monday, hours after the Broncos were eliminated from playoff contention.

"We're working around the clock on this investigation," police spokesman Sammy Jackson said. "It's a situation where anyone who knows what happened or has any information, we'd love to hear."

Jackson said the police had not identified any suspects, and were unsure of the nature of the taunts that they believe sparked an altercation at a night club before the shooting, that also wounded two other people.

Police were searching for a white Suburban or Tahoe with dark-tinted windows.

Williams sustained a single



Rudy Leys, from Laredo, Texas, places flowers at a makeshift memorial for Denver Broncos cornerback Darrent Williams at Denver Broncos headquarters in Denver. Williams was killed early Monday morning in what police are calling a drive-by shooting in Denver.

gunshot wound to the neck, according to Robert Whitmore, chief medical examiner in the county coroner's office.

The team will hold a private memorial today at Broncos headquarters so that Williams' teammates can tell his family what he meant to them. The team also will fly together to Fort Worth, Texas, for Williams' funeral on Saturday.

"This is a better place right now," Shanahan said, choking up at a news conference. "It's hard to understand right now. He's a good man. He's up in

heaven right now."

Receiver Javon Walker was with Williams in the limousine when he was killed and was one of several Broncos who met with professional counselors the team brought in.

"He just went through a tragic experience," Shanahan said. "A lot of times when somebody has that happen to them, they wonder why it (wasn't) them. That's just human nature and obviously the counselors are talking with him about that. It's a process. It takes some time."

Irish look to avoid past mistakes

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Notre Dame tailback Darrius Walker describes falling behind early against top-rated teams as a feeling similar to being chinked.

"You have to get someone's hands off your throat and you're already on the ground and they're on top. That's a hard thing to do," he said.

It's a feeling Walker and the 11th-ranked Fighting Irish (10-2) hope to avoid when they face No. 4 LSU (10-2) in the Sugar Bowl tonight. The Irish have fallen behind big in losses to Michigan and Southern California as well as in their come-from-behind win against Michigan State.

"It's even more important to start fast against LSU, which has scored on its first possession eight times and has outscored opponents 122-20 in the first quarter. The Tigers are rated third in the nation in total offense, 18th in total offense — and JaMarcus Russell third in passing efficiency — and are eight-point favorites Wednesday.

"You have to make sure the first quarter of the game doesn't get away from you," Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said.

Weis said part of the problem for the Irish in big games is they have come out too tight to combat that. Weis tried to install the game plan over a longer period leading up to the bowl and gave players more freedom to enjoy New Orleans,

Buckeyes bloom in desert

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Jim Tressel wasn't looking for any advantage. He's just comfortable in these parts.

"Why not come out to paradise a little bit earlier?" the Ohio State coach said Tuesday.

No. 1 Ohio State arrived in Arizona four days early for its national championship showdown with No. 2 Florida. Not that the Buckeyes — playing in Arizona for the fourth time in five years — shouldn't already feel at home.

"Our young people who have been here a couple of times have a comfort level of knowing their way around a little bit," Tressel said.

Officials for the Bowl Championship Series title game required teams on site Tuesday, but Ohio State chose to fly out sooner. Tressel thought it made little sense to come back from a holiday break, reconvene in Columbus and then travel to Arizona.

Team members were not

required to fly together. They were given travel money and could make their own arrangements, flying from their hometowns to save money and make the trip easier.

The Buckeyes worked out at Desert Mountain High School and stayed at the Radisson Fort McDowell Resort & Casino, located on lands of the Yavapai Nation. Players were told the casino was off-limits, sports information director Steve Snapp said.

The team practiced Saturday at Desert Mountain, twice Sunday and once New Year's Day before getting Tuesday off to check into another hotel for the next week. Practice resumes Wednesday at Pinnacle High School. Ohio State is 3-0 when practicing at Pinnacle.

"We know the area; we know where we're going to stay. We're just very fortunate to be in this situation," quarterback Troy Smith said.

Fiesta

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three wide receivers to the right, Zabransky faked a pass to that side, then handed the ball behind his back to tailback Ian Johnson, who swept around left end and into the end zone.

The Sooners fell for it, took, line and slinker.

"We were kind of like in awe the way (Zabransky) did the misdirection with the ball," Oklahoma linemaker Rufus Alexander said.

If either play had failed, the Broncos would have become a footnote. Instead, the Western Athletic Conference champions became a prime exhibit in the case for opening the BCS to unaffiliated conferences.

Boise State controlled the game. WAC commissioner Karl Benson said, "After Oklahoma came back, when Boise State had to pull out the trick plays, they pulled them out. And they didn't execute them against Sacramento State on Sept. 1. They executed them perfectly against Oklahoma on Jan. 1."

"I think it will, hopefully, at least diminish some of the fear or the concern that were out there within the college football community that we (Boise) were being BCS bait."

Non-BCS conferences are 2-0 in BCS games. Two years ago, Mountain West champion Utah crushed

Pittsburgh 35-7 in the Fiesta Bowl.

Meyer coached the Tigers that night, but he had already accepted a big-money offer from the Gators. Two years later, he discounted the distinction between the six BCS conferences and their oft-overlooked brethren.

"I think that the separation of BCS, non-BCS, I think that era is over," Meyer said. "Everybody knows what Oklahoma was getting into — everybody that knows football."

Still, there's a vast difference in resources. According to U.S. Department of Education statistics, Oklahoma reported that its football program earned \$33.7 million and spent \$13.8 million in 2005-06, the most recent figures available. Boise State reported that its football team earned \$8.5 million and spent \$4.5 million.

The Broncos were only invited to the Fiesta because the BCS, facing threats of federal legislation and lawsuits, eased access for unaffiliated conferences this year when it added the stand-alone title game. A year ago, Boise State would not have been guaranteed a BCS slot.

"I think that it is harder for some of the smaller conference schools to make it, but the BCS committee and the whole process has made it easier access, which is the right thing to do," Meyer said.

Classic



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just begun. Trailing by seven in overtime, Boise State put quarterback Idris Zabransky in motion and snapped the ball directly to running back Vinny Perretta, who tossed a 5-yard TD to Derek Schouman.

Hard to top that.

But the Broncos found a way. The final play of the game was the best one of all as Zabransky faked a throw to the right, where a trio of receivers was lined up, and handed the ball behind his back to running back Ian Johnson, who scampered untouched into the end zone for a game-winning 2-point conversion.

In a word: Wow.

The naysayers were silenced, the doubters were given a reason to believe and the greatest Cinderella story of the college football season found its happy ending.

If Boise had an all or almost of its 18-point lead and won the game by double, it certainly would've made a statement. But winning the way the Broncos did ensures this year's Fiesta Bowl will be talked about for a long time to come — and not just in the Gem State.

The game only left one glaring question unanswered about the 2006 Broncos. Namely, how would undefeated Boise State (13-0) of Ohio State's unbeaten Buckeyes (12-0) would fair against brilliant performance, one can only surmise that these Broncos wouldn't go down quietly regardless of who is lined up on the other side of the football.

Boise State's Idris Perretta (18) and Vinny Perretta (18) celebrate after Boise State defeated Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Ariz., Monday. The Broncos won 43-42 in overtime to cap an unbeaten 13-0 season.

Eat Cheap Breakfast: Part II

Once again, the three Eat Cheap reporters made the rounds of open-early eateries to seek out breakfast options that won't start your day in the red. The budget: \$7, not including tax or tip.

But this time, we bypassed Twin Falls altogether to feature restau-

rants in some of Magic Valley's smaller cities.

As usual, we asked Jill Sherman Skeem, a local health counselor, to evaluate our meal choices too. You'll find her column on page C2.

We suspect that Jill went easy on us this time. Perhaps it was a little leftover holiday goodwill.



Breakfast sandwich and broccoli
Price: \$4.75

It's a well-stocked gift shop, but there's still plenty of seating inside Gina's Bistro & Gifts. Customers are served with the friendliness of folks who hope you'll come back, and flavorful fare gives you reason to do so.

In a strip mall on Jerome's South Lincoln, Gina's specializes in lunch but offers a tasty breakfast option: a scrambled-egg-cheese-and-meat sandwich on English muffin, toast or croissant, for \$3.50. I asked for whole-grain toast and ham (other choices were bacon and sausage) and added cooked green chilies for 25 cents.

And I threw in a special request: How about a green

vegetable on the side?

For \$1, I got a little cluster of cooked broccoli florets, garnished with a dab of butter and a bit of spice. The sandwich arrived with a nutty bread and a generous slice of ham. The chilies were a nice touch, lightly applied. A mayonnaise-mustard mixture on both slices of toast — though it finished off the flavor nicely — was rather too plentiful. The breakfast sandwich could afford to lose some goop and still be moist, so next time I'll ask Gina's to go easy on the mayo-mustard. I'm sure they'll happily comply.

— Virginia S. Hutchins



Breakfast burrito and orange juice
Price: \$6.45

On a winter morning, Riley Creek Restaurant in Filer offers a homey bit of cheer beside a dark U.S. Highway 30. Breakfast consumes a whole page of the menu, and it's heavy on the traditional: omelets, biscuits and gravy, french toast.

Consider that — and the perky, motherly server who called me sweetheart and sang "Good morning, how are you?" to the regulars at the counter. Then blame me, if you can, for succumbing to the Big Hearty Breakfast Burrito.

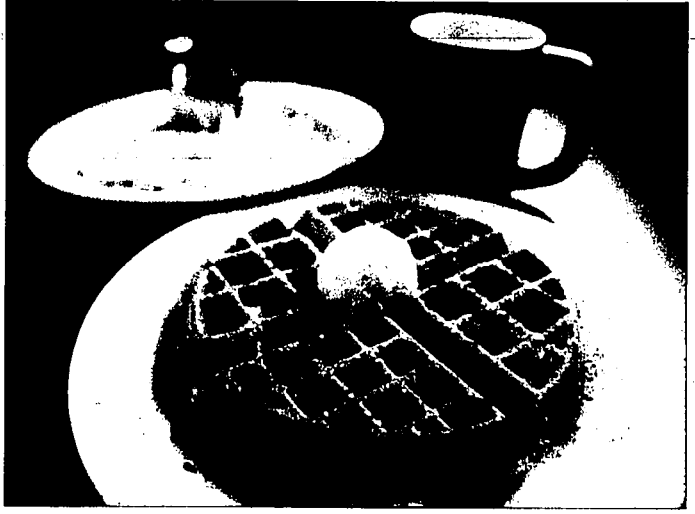
I ordered the Denver version, for \$4.95, and added a

small glass of orange juice for \$1.50.

The burrito's size certainly matched its name. The cheese, ham and scrambled eggs were more plentiful than the onions and peppers, and all the ingredients inside the white flour tortilla were wet with oil. An enormously comforting breakfast. Tasty, too.

But somehow, I could eat only half. I saved the rest for later — maybe a couple of laters — when I could add something fresh and crunchy. This kind of comfort is best in small doses.

— Virginia S. Hutchins



Waffle and eggs
Price: \$6.45

Eating at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Wendell is a lot like eating in, well, a farmhouse kitchen. Most diners wear seed caps, the coffee is hot and fresh, the biscuits are fluffy and the gravy flows freely.

Because I had bacon and eggs (my favorite breakfast meal) on my last Eat Cheap outing, I thought I'd try something I don't normally eat for breakfast: waffles (\$4.95).

And I ordered a side of two scrambled eggs (\$1.50) for familiarity.

I grew up in a Midwestern town settled by Belgians who set the waffle bar quite high. They wouldn't be disappointed by the Farmhouse fare.

I had two options with my waffles: blueberries or strawberries. I chose blueberries, my favorite fruit. When my meal arrived, I couldn't tell whether there were more blueberries or waffle batter. To my delight, the berries were really packed in there.

I drizzled a bit of syrup over the top — but not too much because I knew the

berries would provide enough flavor and sweetness. They did.

I managed to ingest both eggs and most of my light, tasty waffle. A great start to my day.

I highly recommend breakfast at the Farmhouse. It has nearly 40 breakfast items, including many egg-and-meat combination plates and omelets. Prices range from \$3.50 to \$7.95, and the restaurant offers breakfast specials, as well.

— Matt Christensen

Veggie omelet
Price: \$6.95

The restaurant side of Chubby's — occupying the street-corner section of a historical brick building — opened this summer on Kimberly's Main Street.

There's a bit of disconnect between the restaurant's name — which it shares with the bar on the other side of the building — and its soaring ceiling, heavy woodwork and huge windows.

Fresh paint, new booths and one tasteful, pointed tree constitute the decor. A nice effect if you ignore graffiti visible through a doorway.

As I considered the menu — I had the restaurant to myself and felt free to linger — I asked about the building's history. Brothel, bank and jail, among other uses, the server said. There's still a cell in the basement.

The veggie omelet looked promising. Any broccoli in it? No, she said.

But she returned soon, offering to pick broccoli out of the vegetable mix Chubby's serves for dinner. Hurnah!

My omelet — served with hash browns and wheat toast — arrived with generous



vegetables (broccoli, tomatoes, green peppers, onions, mushrooms, etc.) and scanty cheese, just as I'd requested.

Chubby's, it seemed to me, is a place that wants to please.

And I was pleased until, having eaten half my toast, I found tiny spots of mold on the crusts of the remaining pieces.

— Virginia S. Hutchins

Ordering traditional items can be easier when you...

...health courses...

...Jill Sherman Skeem...

...and more...

Outrageous Omelet
Price: \$6.99

Cholesterol isn't anybody's friend, but it's particularly unwelcome when you're over 50.

That's why egg yolks and I parted fondly a couple of years ago.

But I still like eggs, so whenever I get the chance when I'm dining out, I opt for Egg Beaters or one of its many clones.

Most commercial egg substitutes are really egg whites juiced up with various nutrients — but not the cholesterol — found in egg yolks.

In a three-egg omelet, you avoid roughly 600 milligrams



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FOOD & HOME

Eat Cheap

Chubby's vegetable omelet wins for nutrition

Going out to breakfast or brunch is such a weekend pleasure that the Eat Cheap reporters did it again. But ordering traditional breakfast items can be challenging when you are watching your weight or want to eat healthy.

"I'll show you how to order and make healthier choices — so you can have your omelet and eat it too."

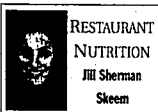
The Times-News reporters are making better choices these days; I think they are reading my columns. Ahh, progress!

Flying J Truck Plaza

Steve Crump, I am so glad you ordered this omelet with Egg Beaters. With three eggs in addition to the sausage, bacon and cheese, the cholesterol level in this omelet would match its name: "Outrageous."

Substituting a vegetable or two for the sausage or bacon or both would be a great way to reduce the cholesterol and saturated fat even more. You did not mention whether the toast was white or whole-grain. Americans severely lack fiber in their diets, so whenever possible order the whole-grain or whole-wheat option for bread, wraps or whatever. Fryer moves fats and toxins out of your body quickly, keeping your body happy.

Steve, you pleasantly surprised me with your choice of Egg Beaters. However, next time, skip the sausage and bacon instead of the hash browns and toast. Your heart will thank you.



Gina's Bistro & Gifts

Virginia Hutchins, by love, I think you've got it. Ordering whole-wheat toast instead of the English muffin or croissant was the best choice. Choosing ham over bacon and sausage was the best choice. Ham is a leaner cut of meat but is salty, which can cause liquid or sweet cravings. Omitting the ham would reduce the saturated fat in this meal.

Ordering broccoli with your breakfast was terrific, even though the butter garish looked excessive. Requesting the broccoli to be sautéed in olive or vegetable oil is always an option. We all need fat in our diets because not only does it help us feel satisfied, it fuels activity. However, we need good-quality fat, and if we do not have it in our diets we will crave potato chips, French fries or cheese. So, add some oil or sauce to your diet and you will feel so much more satisfied. There is more to a healthy diet than steamed vegetables. Kids will like the sauce, too.

Virginia, since you were not familiar with this menu item and the mayo-mustard sauce, it was hard to know how much they use on this sandwich. So, next time, reducing the quanti-

ty or omitting it would make this breakfast sandwich healthier.

I am impressed with how you ordered this breakfast. Way to go, Virginia.

Farmhouse Restaurant

Matt Christensen, I am proud of you for resisting the biscuits and gravy — a meal that sounded like it had your name written all over it.

And I am surprised that blueberries are your favorite fruit, because they are so healthy for you. Although it is better to eat fruit in season, it is hard to resist blueberries in a waffle or pancake. Matt, since you are not a fan of sweet breakfasts, you were smart to use less syrup because of the fruit's sweetness. Waffles and pancakes usually come garnished with butter and powdered sugar. So if you do not want the sweetness or extra fat, remember to order them without the garnishes.

It is natural to want something savory such as eggs when you order a sweet breakfast. The salt helps to balance the sweetness of a dish, which is why many people put maple syrup on their bacon or sausage. Matt, good for you for trying something other than your favorite: bacon and eggs.

Riley Creek Restaurant

It is fun to try something different for breakfast. Serving the Denver omelet as a breakfast burrito was an unusual

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take on the traditional omelet. The cheese, ham and eggs can add up to a lot of saturated fat and cholesterol, so eating only half of this burrito was a great idea.

A wheat or whole-grain tortilla would be a better choice than the white tortilla. Often flour tortillas are made with lard, so it is important to ask how the tortillas are made.

The freshness of the salsa and the sweetness of the orange juice helped balance the saltiness of this breakfast. Riley Creek definitely named this meal appropriately. I hope the second half of this Big Heavy Breakfast Burrito was just as good later.

Chubby's

Virginia, you get a gold star for ordering such a healthy omelet. Requesting a veggie omelet with additional broccoli instead of a meat- and cheese-filled one is a great way to reduce the saturated fat and cholesterol in this meal.

If you enjoy omelets and are concerned about cholesterol or saturated fat, ordering a veggie omelet is a great compromise. Reducing or eliminating the cheese in and on an omelet will help, too.

I know mold was not what you ordered, but don't worry,

Virginia — penicillin is made from mold, so perhaps you received some health benefits.

Mold aside, this meal was the healthiest breakfast ordered.

Jill Sherman Skeem is a certified macrobiotic health counselor and graduated from the Strengthening Health Institute in Philadelphia. She can be reached at 320-2786, or visit her Web site at www.backtonormalfood.com.

Omelet

Continued from page C1 of cholesterol, 15 grams of fat and 225 calories.

So it was with not an excessive amount of guilt that I ordered the Outrageous Omelet at the Flying J Truck Plaza east of Jerome.

It contains sausage, bacon, cheese, onions and red peppers and is served with hash browns and toast.

It's a trucker's size breakfast of which I could eat only about half.

The omelet was satisfying, though — better than similar egg-white omelets that I've sampled.

It reminded me that in France, which has more or less claimed the omelet as a national treasure, it's considered a main dish — served more often as a light supper than as breakfast.

The French have something there.

Next time, I'll skip the hash browns and the toast.

— Steve Crump

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Tenderizing your stir-fry — but not too much

By Bonnie S. Benwick, The Washington Post

While lots of stir-fry recipes feature starchy, crisp vegetables, this one heads into tender territory. The combination of carrots, sweet potato, mushrooms, snow peas and asparagus gets a quick turn in a spicy sauce that lives up to its billing.

Dress in 8 ounces of thawed cooked shrimp, or serve with noodles or steamed rice. Adapted from "Balancing Flavors East & West," by Tom Kime (DK Publishing, 2006, \$30), who is the executive chef at the Cutting Edge School of Food and Wine in Sussex, England.

HOT AND STICKY VEGETABLE STIR-FRY WITH HONEY AND GINGER

- 4 servings
- For the sauce: 2 medium cloves garlic, crushed; 2 tablespoons honey; 1 tablespoon freshly grated ginger root; 1 tablespoon sweet chili sauce, such as Mae Ploy; 1 teaspoon hot chili sauce, such as Sambal Oelek; 1 tablespoon light brown sugar.
- Juice of 1 medium lime (about 3 tablespoons).
- For the stir-fry: 2 medium carrots; 1 large sweet potato; 1 cup oyster mushrooms (optional); 6 tender asparagus spears, tough ends trimmed; 1 tablespoon peanut oil; 15 to 20 snow peas, strings trimmed; 8 ounces cooked shrimp, thawed (optional); Salt; Freshly ground black pepper; 1/2 cup coarsely chopped cilantro leaves or parsley.

For the sauce: Combine the ingredients in a small bowl and set aside. For the stir-fry: Wash, peel and cut the carrots and sweet potato into 1/4-inch sticks. Tear the mushrooms along the gill lines into evenly sized strips. If using, cut the asparagus into snow pea-size lengths. Place a wok or large skillet over medium-high heat and

heat the oil until it shimmers. Working in batches, if necessary, stir-fry the carrot and sweet potato sticks for 2 minutes, until they have darkened slightly and become fragrant. Add the asparagus and mushrooms, if using, and cook for 2 minutes. Increase the heat to high and add the snow peas and the sauce (and first batch

of stir-fried vegetables, if necessary). Cook, stirring constantly, for a minute or two until the sauce comes to a boil and the vegetables are well coated.

(At this point, add the shrimp and toss to heat through, if using.)

Season with salt and pepper to taste.

(Discard the garlic, if desired.) Divide among individual plates and sprinkle with chopped cilantro or parsley. Serve hot.

What Causes Varicose Veins?

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Encino blends intriguing shapes

The Encino's imaginative floorplan, composed of three hexagonal modules joined by two rectangles, invites curiosity from onlookers and creates numerous interior angles. This rustic-looking home is a natural for a wooded site, or a sea or lakeshore lot, but is equally well-suited to an urban setting.

Despite its intriguing shape, the Encino is neither more complicated nor more expensive to build than others in the mid-size range. And although every room has an odd angle, or two, each also has at least one square corner.

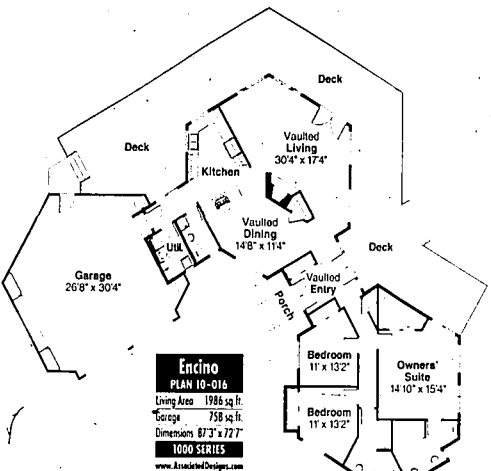
Vast expanses of glass in the living room and kitchen take advantage of a panoramic view to the rear, whether it be a natural setting or artful landscaping. A wide rear deck unifies the elements and expands the already generous living space still further.

In the kitchen, a range/oven and microwave ovens are centered in the eating bar that marks the juncture between kitchen and dining room. A step-in pantry is nearby, and a small utility room and powder room are equally convenient to the kitchen and garage.

The owners' suite has a generous walk-in closet, double vanity, and an elevated spa tub.

The Encino's other bedrooms share a bathroom with a combination bath and shower.

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The Barefoot Contessa makes seared tuna easy

By Bonnie S. Benwick
The Washington Post

We love Ina Garten, known as the Barefoot Contessa, and her no-stress way of putting together a meal.

In this recipe, using diced mango from your neighborhood supermarket salad bar makes this preparation even faster. The warm chutney tastes sunny. Serve with a salad of peppery greens, or slices of ripe avocado with a lime vinaigrette.

Adapted from Garten's "Barefoot Contessa at Home: Everyday Recipes You'll Make Over and Over Again" (Clarkson Potter, \$35).

SEARED TUNA WITH MANGO CHUTNEY

4 servings

1 1/2 to 2 pounds center-cut tuna fillets, 1 inch thick
3 tablespoons good-quality olive oil
Coarse kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper

1 cup finely chopped yellow onion
2 tablespoons finely minced ginger root

Flesh of 1 to 2 mangoes, cut into large dice (about 2 cups)
1/4 cup orange juice
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
1/4 cup golden raisins (one 1-ounce box)
1/4 cup sugar

Pat the fish dry with paper towels. Using 1 tablespoon of the olive oil, rub it on both sides of the tuna fillets and sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper to taste. Set aside. In a medium skillet over medium heat, heat the

remaining 2 tablespoons of the olive oil. Add the onion and ginger and cook for 5 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the onion is tender. Reduce the heat to medium-low and add the diced mango. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the orange juice, cider vinegar, raisins, sugar and 1/2 teaspoon of the salt, stirring until combined. Increase the heat to medium-low and cook for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally until the liquid has reduced. Keep warm.

While the chutney is cooking, prepare the tuna: Heat a large skillet or grill pan that's dry (for 2 medium skillets) on a medium-high heat for 2 to 3 minutes. When the skillet is quite hot, add the tuna and cook for 2 to 3 minutes, then turn over the fillets and cook for 2 to 3 minutes, so that the tuna is seared on the outside but not cooked through on the inside. Transfer to a cutting board and cut the fillets into thick slices, across the grain. Divide the slices of tuna among individual plates and spoon some of the mango chutney alongside. Serve immediately.

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'Wonky objects': Crossing the lines with asymmetrical designs

By Stephanie Shapiro
The Baltimore Sun

Everywhere, asymmetrical creations belie classical standards of beauty. From a Japanese rock garden to actress Drew Barrymore's crooked smile, the visual universe brims with lopsided masterpieces. Together, these images undermine the airbrushed, unattainable measures of perfection found in glossy fashion magazines, unimpeachable publications and the minds of people who equate coordinated suits, dishes and lamps with a sense of control.

Asymmetry, says Dennis Carmichael, president of the American Society of Landscape Architects, "doesn't mean chaos. It means a different way of achieving balance."

Nor does asymmetry suggest a lack of confidence. In her research, Dablia W. Zaidel, a psychology professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, has found that facial symmetry is not critical, she says, for "the appearance of attractiveness."

"If you create a perfectly symmetrical face in the lab, which is what I've done, those faces have very low beauty ratings," Zaidel says. "We never look at perfectly symmetrical faces, never from the minute we are born. We are already looking at lopsided smiles, because smiles are more salient on the left side."

"The more natural a landscape is, the more it is a retreat from man-imposed order, which is what symmetry is all about."

— Dennis Carmichael, president of the American Society of Landscape Architects

In his blog IDfuel.com, industrial designer Dominic Muren addresses colleagues: "Nature and design have proven that wonky objects can have even more charm, power and adaptability than their mirrored neighbors. Next time you're drawing something up, why not throw symmetry to the wind."

Increasingly, asymmetry is the objective of designers who are guided, as Muren is, by the ethos of sustainable life. Also influential are the principles of imperfection revered in Japanese culture and the dedication to modern form found in contemporary architecture and industrial design.

The three sensibilities entwine and overlap in places such as TreeHugger.com, a Web site that says it's "dedicated to anything that has a modern aesthetic yet is environmentally responsible."

Work also is animated at Vivati, a New York design concern devoted to eco-friendly, contemporary furniture. One of its most popular items is an off-center coffee table by Rhuabar Decor, a West Coast company with an entire furniture line

called "Slant."

Iony Kawarata, a professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Design, teaches a furniture class according to the Japanese principles of responsiveness, compactness, simplicity and asymmetry. Symmetry, he says, is "boring as hell."

The aesthetic of asymmetry is surfacing in other fields — and meadows, such as those surrounding the sinuous new home of the U.S. Census Bureau in Suitland, Md. There "was a moment in the 1980s and early '90s when classical architecture had a renaissance and we were doing these classically informed gardens, plazas and streetscapes where symmetry became important," says

Carmichael, vice president of ED&W, the landscape architect for the grounds of the new headquarters. Today, he says, "We are in a more organic mode."

The office complex "optimizes the sea change," Carmichael says. "It is a wacky building. There isn't a straight line in it. It has a curly, whirly, fractured geometry to it at all, except for the functionality. It breaks every rule that you can imagine," he says. "Our landscape is as wild and crazy and wacky as the building. It curves and flies around, up and down the building."

The Census Bureau's adjacent meadows speak to the compatibility of asymmetrical design with environmentally sensitive planning. "There's a resurgence in the whole idea of sustainable landscape," Carmichael says. "The more natural a landscape is, the more it is a retreat from man-imposed order, which is what symmetry is all about."

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The quiet dishwashers are the efficient ones, too

DEAR JIM: My old dishwasher is noisy and does not always clean the dishes well. I also assume new models are more energy and water efficient. What are the most important features to consider in a new one? — Jeanelle B.

DEAR JEANELLE: Your assumption is correct. New dishwashers are more energy efficient than older ones and some are extremely efficient. They are also quieter and do a better cleaning job using much less hot water.

The key design features to consider for energy efficiency are the same ones as for water efficiency. Most of the energy used by a dishwasher is for heating the wash water. Using less hot water requires less energy.

Some full-size models use only five to six gallons for an average load and about 350 kWh/year (kilowatt-hours per year) of electricity for a family of four.

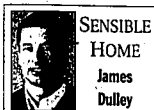
The easiest way to compare the energy efficiency of dishwashers is to compare the specifications in their brochures or the energy labels on the appliances themselves. Keep in mind, these are typical averages, and the actual operating costs vary depending upon your local utility rates

and usage habits. In general though, dishwashers which use a two-pump design are most efficient. One small high-pressure pump sprays the water on the dishes.

Another high-volume pump drains the unit. A one-pump model reverses the direction of the pump to switch from wash to drain cycles. Two smaller pumps require a smaller water reservoir than one larger pump, so less water is required.

The most quiet models are also the most efficient. The same high levels of insulation which block the sound also keep the water hotter. Built-in water heating elements are efficient because this allows you to set your standard water heater temperature lower. Some of the built-in water heaters have an optional very high-temperature sanitizing cycle for baby bottles.

Many of the most efficient and convenient improvements have been with the controls. The best controls are menu-driven similar to a personal computer. These allow you to select the types of foods which are on the dishes and the types of dishes. With these selections, the electronic brain in the dishwasher can determine



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

the most efficient and best cleaning cycle to use.

In addition to these selections, many new dishwashers have water turbidity sensors. There are several equally effective technologies, but they all basically sense the clarity of the water. When the water is clear, it means the dishes are clean (no more food particles are coming off) and it stops.

DEAR JIM: Our church has baseboard electric heat in a small separate building, and we use it only on Sundays and Wednesdays. Should we set back the thermostat to 62 degrees or much lower when not in use? — Phil H.

DEAR PHIL: Some people think you should not set the thermostat too low because it just uses more energy to reheat the room later. This is not true. The lower you can tolerate setting the thermostat, the more you will save.

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out causing any problems to the materials in the building. A temperature setting from 50 to

55 degrees would be reasonable when the building is not being used.

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Dismantling a lobster

By Erica Marcus
Newsday

Question: What's the best way to eat a lobster?

Answer: I'm not saying this is the best way, but it is the way I've been doing it since I was a wee tot growing up in Connecticut. My parents, Brooklyn natives who weren't introduced to lobster until they were well into their 20s, were moderately proud of my lobster-dismantling abilities. My father once remarked that "Shucks, who eat that piece whole, don't get more out of a lobster than you do."

1. Start with the legs.

My method is based on delayed gratification. And for that reason, I start with the eight little walking legs. If it's at least a 1 1/2-pound lobster, they will have meat in its legs, and the extraction thereof is a good fitness warm-up. Pull each leg out by the socket and then break off the "thumb" of the tiny claw at the end so that there is a hole. Working from the claw down, break each segment at the joint. Using your thumbs, clump firmly on one end of the segment in order to dislodge the meat. Keep chewing up the segment until you see meat come out the other end, then suck it out. Don't get bogged down in efforts that won't yield meat. The effort can be fruitless if the lobster is very small or has been broiled or grilled, as opposed to boiled or steamed.

2. Now it's thorax time.

Break off the claws and set them aside. Tossing the thorax and the tail in opposite directions, detach one from the other. Happen to love all the green goo that's tumbling, the lobster's liver that resides on the thorax as well as the fact that there is here if the lobster was female. After I've slurped that up, I remove the "rib cage" for want of a better term. It's a bit vertically. Discard or simply ignore the fibrous and inedible gills, and, using your fingers or a pick, extract the meat from in between the cartilage chambers. There is some really tasty meat here. I also eat the pure white gelatinous stuff that gathers on the inside of the shell.

3. On to the tail.

The goal here is to get the tail out in one piece and by the way, one piece that includes the little tail flippers at the end. Gently tear off the flipper shells, being careful not to tear the meat that resides within them. If the tail hasn't been split, split it now. Then grab the tail at the base and gently pull the flipper meat through the holes you've made. Now you can lift the tail meat right off of the shell. Don't worry if you do a little of the flipper meat; that's extra credit.

4. We're left with the claws and the arms.

To be accurate, we're left with the claws and the "arms," each of which has three parts: closest to the body is the ischium (I'll call it the shoulder), then the slightly flattened morus (upper arm) and finally the knobby carpus, commonly called the knuckle. With a cracker, break these three sections apart. Using a pick or your finger, ease the meat out of the shoulder and the upper arm. For the knuckle, you'll probably have to use a cracker to get at what is considered the sweetest and most tender part of the lobster.

5. Home stretch now.

All lobsters have one claw, the pincer, whose gripper surface is sharp. The other, usually larger, claw is the crusher. I start with the sharp claw. The goal here is to get all the meat, including the "thumb," out in one piece. Gently break off the thumb and jiggle it free, trying not to break off the meat within. (This may well fail, in which case just use a pick to get out the thumb meat and proceed.) Now give the claw a good yank with a mallet or cracker to break the shell but not the meat. Using the cracker, you can make a hole at the tip of the claw, then, with your finger, push the claw meat out of the hole at the base.

Ease the claw meat out, and, if the thumb is still attached, raise the shelled claw in a gesture of triumph. If you've failed, you have another chance with the crusher claw.

Pumpkin cobbler an alternative to pie

By Julie Rothman
Special to The Baltimore Sun

Ada Caruso of Bordentown, N.J., was looking for a recipe for a pumpkin cobbler. Michele Haas of Baltimore sent in a recipe that was handed down to her by her mother. Haas said she particularly enjoys making this recipe in the fall and winter.

I found that her cobbler was a snap to make, thanks to the fact that the bottom and top layers used a cake mix. It was delicious served warm right out of the oven with a scoop of

vanilla ice cream. It tasted almost as good the next day, after it had been refrigerated. This cobbler is a nice alternative to a traditional pumpkin pie, and there is no crust to worry about.

PUMPKIN COBBLER

Bottom layer:
one 16-25-ounce box yellow cake mix (set aside 1 cup to use in topping)
1/2 cup margarine, melted
1 egg
Topping:
1 cup yellow cake mix

1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup margarine
1/4 cup chopped nuts (optional)
Filling:
one 26-ounce can pumpkin puree
3 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup white sugar
2 teaspoons cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Make bottom layer by mixing ingredients to fully combine. Press into a greased 9-inch-by-13-inch pan. Combine topping

ingredients, except the nuts, into fine crumbs and keep cold.

Mix all filling ingredients with an electric mixer on low until fully combined. Pour over bottom layer. Sprinkle topping over all. Top with chopped nuts, if desired.

If using a metal pan, bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes.

If using a glass pan, bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes, then turn down oven to 325 degrees and bake for an additional 35 minutes. Serves 12 to 14.

Chicken with beer makes hearty meal for the family

By Julie Rothman
Special to The Baltimore Sun

Lisa Lemanski from Easthampton, Mass., was looking for a recipe for chicken cooked with beer. Patricia Butrow from Baltimore sent in her recipe. It calls for a whole chicken cut up, but it could be made using any parts of the chicken you prefer. I made mine using breast pieces only. Start to finish, the recipe took about an hour to prepare, and the result was tasty and succulent.

Butrow said she likes to pair the chicken with rice, steamed string beans, apple cider and toasted rye bread. This hearty meal would certainly make a lovely family supper but would be equally suited for company.

CHICKEN WITH BEER

6 slices bacon
1 (3-pound) chicken, cut up
2 cups onions, thinly sliced
1/2 cup carrots, thinly sliced
1 garlic clove, crushed
12 ounces beer
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground thyme
1/4 teaspoon rosemary
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
2 tablespoons flour
3 tablespoons water

In a large skillet, cook the bacon slices until crisp. Remove and drain on paper

towel. Add the chicken pieces to bacon drippings and cook until well-browned on all sides (about 10 minutes). Remove chicken from pan and set aside.

Add sliced onions, carrots and garlic to remaining drippings. Sauté, stirring frequently, 5 minutes, or until onion becomes translucent. Discard any excess fat that can be skimmed off. Add beer, cider vinegar, salt, sugar, thyme, rosemary and black pepper. Cook over high heat until the sauce bubbles. Return chicken to skillet. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 30 to 35 minutes. Until chicken is tender. Remove chicken to serving platter.

Skim off excess fat if possible. Dring a paper towel over top of the dish, and far should adhere to it.) Mix together flour and water until smooth, then add to skillet. Cook until sauce thickens. Pour sauce over chicken and serve with the crispy bacon pieces in a separate dish on the side. Serves 4.

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Times-News

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Prepared by a purist: Organic ingredients and recipes

By David Hagedorn
Special to The Washington Post

A good friend recently hosted a dinner prepared entirely with natural and organic ingredients.

Although the meal happened to take place in Hawaii, it could just as well have been most anywhere.

When my friends and I arrived at Marilyn Ruddled's home for dinner, her enormous round coffee table was covered with lustrous Kamani wooden platters and Filipino rice bowls filled with: two kinds of guacamole, a smoked salmon dip, sundry chips and crackers, roasted asparagus, fresh pineapple with basil leaves, tortilla chip muffins with honey butter, cauliflower baked with thyme and rosemary, and a green salad with avocado, mango and candied walnuts. Our host entreated us to start on nibbles while she poured fresh lemonade for everyone.

Then she brought to the table a bubbling, garlic-redolent casserole of chinook salmon and tomatoes and what was for me the piece of resistance: a small, lidded cast-iron Dutch oven filled with piping hot baked potatoes. This was the genius of a truly gifted entertainer: by choosing as a serving piece something generally consigned to a backwoods country kitchen in a bygone century, Marilyn transformed lowly potatoes (a slathering of butter and sour cream helped a bit, too).

The simplicity of the dishes reflected the mentality of a "less is more" cook; the menu, which relied on pure ingredients speaking for themselves. Inspired me to reconsider my attachment to processed toxins.

Marilyn, 56, does not have a fancy kitchen rife with modern gadgets or a battery of pricey pots and pans. Nor does she have a dishwasher, a dining room or chairs for guests to sit on.

For the meal, Marilyn knelt on the floor and served each guest. Like decadent nobles of ancient Rome, she was awed and ate like gluttons. Blissfully spent and overfed, I demanded recipes.

"I never use a recipe. Don't own a measuring cup. And never serve the same dish twice," Marilyn claims.

I persevered. I called the next day, pressed her for more information and took notes. When I returned home, I took out my measuring cups and created recipes. Marilyn might never use them, but I sure will. Over and over again.

TORTILLA CHIP MUFFINS WITH HONEY BUTTER

Makes 10 muffins

The secret to these muffins is using crushed corn tortilla chips instead of cornmeal: "a good way to use up stale chips," says Marilyn. I used Pamela's Ultimate Baking and Pancake Mix, and it worked particularly well. Barley flour may be substituted as wheat- and gluten-free alternative, but if you use it, double the amount of baking powder.

- 3/4 cup finely crushed tortilla chips, such as Kettle brand
- 1 1/4 cups wheat- and gluten-free baking mix
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

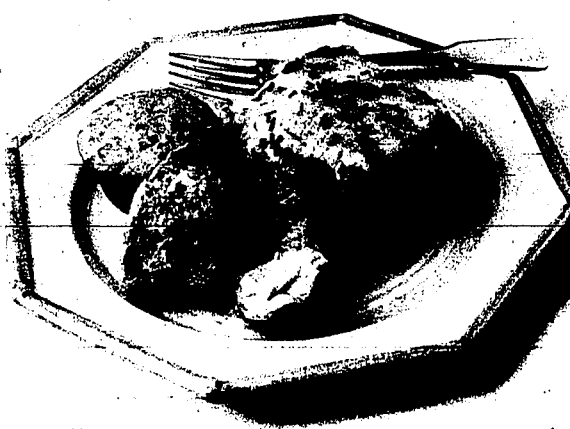


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A spring menu features a baked salmon casserole rich with tomatoes and onions — from a dinner prepared entirely with natural and organic ingredients.

- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 cup 2 percent milk
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon coconut oil, melted
- 1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, softened
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 to 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons agave nectar (may substitute honey)
- 1 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 8 cups mixed salad greens
- 2 mangoes, peeled, pitted and diced into 1/2-inch cubes
- Flesh of 1 avocado, diced into 1/2-inch cubes

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease the wells of a 12-cup muffin pan or line 10 of them with muffin papers. Fill the remaining 2 wells with a few tablespoons of water.

In a large bowl, combine the tortilla chips, baking mix, baking powder, baking soda, salt and sugar and mix well. In a small bowl, combine the milk, egg, oil and vinegar until just blended. Add to the dry ingredients and mix until just combined. Fill the prepared muffin pan and bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the middle of a muffin comes out clean. Transfer the pan to a wire rack to cool slightly, then turn out the muffins.

BAKED SALMON, TOMATO AND ONION CASSEROLE

8 servings

Marilyn used chinook salmon in this casserole that came from Richard King, who spends six months of the year fishing salmon in an Alaskan river repudiated to be toxin-free. King flash-freezes the salmon and sells it in Kauai, where he spends the other six months of the year. I used previously frozen wild coho salmon. According to Marilyn, the secret ingredient of this dish is mayonnaise. "But I don't divulge that to my guests," she says.

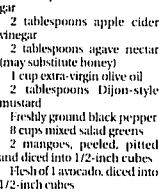
MANGO-AVOCADO SALAD WITH CANDIED WALNUTS

8 servings

Marilyn adds tarragon blossoms from her garden to this salad. If you can find them, add them by all means. Agave nectar, or syrup, is a fructose. The juices of the agave plant (or persimmons better known for making tarragon).

If you can't find agave nectar, use honey. Extra dressing will keep for a week in the refrigerator and is good for a quick marinade for fish, chicken or vegetables.

- 1 1/2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 4 ounces (1 cup) walnuts, halves and pieces
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon sea salt, plus more for the dressing



For a spring menu, cauliflower, potatoes and caramelized onions.

- Freshly ground black pepper
- For the mayonnaise spread: 1 1/2 cups mayonnaise 3 cloves garlic, crushed and minced 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese Salt Freshly ground black pepper

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat an 11-by-8-inch baking dish with non-stick spray oil.

For the salmon: Season the fillets with salt and pepper to taste. Combine the crushed garlic, mustard, herbs and oil in a large bowl. Place the fillets in the marinade and set aside for about 30 minutes.

For the tomato-onion layer: In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat the oil until it is smoking. Add the onions and sugar and toss to coat. Reduce the heat to medium and cook until the onions turn golden brown, 10 to 12 minutes. Add the drained diced tomatoes and season with salt and pepper to taste. Remove from the heat and set aside.

For the mayonnaise spread: Place the ingredients in a medium bowl and mix until smooth. Set aside.

To assemble: Place the marinated salmon fillets side-by-side in the prepared baking dish.

- 2 pounds skinless salmon fillets (2 fillets, about 8 inches long), free of pin bones
- 2 Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
- 1 teaspoon dried Italian herb blend
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

For the tomato-onion layer: 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

- 1 1/2 pounds (2 medium) sweet onions such as Maui, Vidalia or Oso, halved and cut into 1/4-inch half-moons
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- Two 14 1/2-ounce cans diced tomatoes, drained

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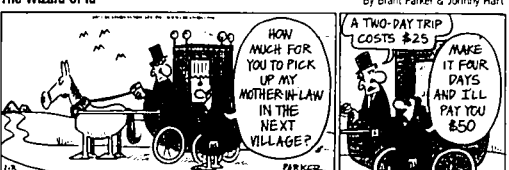
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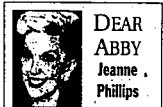


THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Young couple's sex life is none of parents' business



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband returned from Iraq a few days ago, and, of course, my parents wanted to talk to him. Well, when they called, Dad and Mom both made off-color comments to me about our sex life. They always want to joke about it, but I never do. It's none of their business.

I don't discuss my sex life even with my closest female friend. I believe sex is something that is private between a husband and wife. My husband is the only man I have ever slept with.

My parents, especially my father, always have some kind of dirty joke or question about our relationship when I go home to visit, and I am tired of it. They are easily insulted and angered, especially my father (who once thought it would be funny to accuse me of hopping in bed with my husband the first chance I got while we were dating, so I can't just say, "I don't like those jokes — stop it!" What can I do? It always makes for an embarrassing moment.

— EMBARRASSED IN TENNESSEE

DEAR EMBARRASSED: To paraphrase an old saying, "Those who can't do, those who can't talk about it." Your parents may be trying to show you how "with it" they are by making these comments. Or your father may have always

had an unhealthy preoccupation with your sex life.

They have no business asking you personal questions about it. Therefore, there is nothing wrong with telling them it makes you "uncomfortable" and you want it stopped. And if they take offense — so be it. Let them suck.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in construction since I was 19. I'm 47 now. I want to know what makes a man lose his courage?

I started my own business two years ago, and since then I have been doing mostly interior work — remodeling kitchens, bathrooms, hanging doors, etc. My most recent job is a second-story add-on, and while I have been working on it I have found myself nervous about heights.

Am I just getting older

(which I don't want to admit) or out of practice? I'm not losing sleep over this, just wondering why.

— "VINCE" IN VALLEJO, CALIF

DEAR "VINCE": It could be that you are out of practice, or it could be something else. I am a firm believer in intuition, and if years is telling you that you should avoid heights, it could be that your sense of balance is "off." My advice is to schedule a physical exam with your doctor and discuss this change in your normal pattern of behavior. There could be a physical reason for your sudden anxiety about heights, and you should not ignore it.

DEAR ABBY: How do I get my husband to pick up his belongings? His shoes, jewelry, and all sorts of items of clothing are spread all over the house. I'm afraid if I keep "reminding" him, I'll come across as a nagging wife.

— TERRY IN HOUSTON

DEAR TERRY: Leave everything where it is, and when your husband starts asking you where his shoes, jewelry and other items of clothing are, tell him they are right where he left them. Once you begin picking them up and putting them away, he will expect you to continue for the rest of your life.

Cumming's real name had capitals



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

This day in history: Jan. 3 is a day for inventions. On this day in 1866, Leonardo da Vinci unsuccessfully tested a flying machine. In 1871, Henry Bradley patented oleomargarine; and in 1888, Marvin Stone patented the drinking straw.

The U.S. Mint opened pretty quickly after the United States was formed. The year was 1792.

If you really want to know how old your dog is compared to a human's life, use this calculation: The first year — in which your dog goes through infancy, childhood, puberty, and the rebellious teens — counts about 20 years in a human life. After that, each year of your dog's life is worth about four human years.

Baseball and golf have this in common: They're the only

two sports in which one glove is worn, and only on your non-dominant hand.

When John Glenn was an astronaut, his salary was a modest \$1,449 a month. However, he got an extra \$245 in flight pay for his historic three orbits.

Goats of both sexes have beards.

e.e. cummings's full name was Edward Estlin Cummings. Yes, with capital letters.

If a wall-climbing lizard dies, its feet can hold on for hours before it finally drops to the ground.

Despite grand proclamations of freedom and equality, George Washington was the only founding father to fee his slaves after his death.

Have you ever wondered how manufacturers nearly wipe toilet paper on those 3-inch cardboard tubes? The answer is that they don't. The machines wind dense rolls of paper around long tubes, and then they slice them into smaller rolls.

Traditional Samoan dress required that the female navel be covered, but not necessarily her breasts.

In an old dictionary, a "stroker" was defined as "one who smelts at objects like a dog."

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Contestants vie for 'couch potato' title



Four contestants, from left, Nash Mast, defending champion Jason Pisarik, Stacy Glasson, and James Harding compete in the 2007 ESPN Zone Ultimate Couch Potato Contest on New Year's Day at the ESPN Zone in Chicago, Monday.

CHICAGO — Putting in grueling hours of couch-potato training just to win a TV sports-viewing marathon is inadvisable, according to Jason Pisarik, who should know.

"My wife would kill me if I did," the Lombard, Ill., accountant said Monday from a recliner chair in front of a 15-foot screen tuned to a college football bowl game.

Pisarik was back at the ESPN Zone sports bar to defend his title in the fifth annual Ultimate Couch Potato Contest. He endured 30 consecutive hours of TV sports a year ago.

The winner gets a prize package valued at almost \$5,000, including a 42-inch high-definition television, gift certificates and a trophy featuring a live spud. Every competitor making it past the 12-hour mark receives a leather recliner.

"I couldn't think of anything better than to sit and watch a bunch of games and get served food and drink all day," said Pisarik, wearing a Mike Ditka jersey.

The going only gets tougher, he said, when the restaurant closes for the night and the 13 TV screens in front of the four contestants show mostly ESPN SportsCenter over and over.

Stacy Glasson, a mother of three and the only woman in competition, struggled to banish thoughts of all the laundry, cleaning and other household chores she could

be doing.

"I don't know how guys do that," said a smiling Glasson, 39, a paralegal from Lowell, Ind., as she did this for girls everywhere who don't get to do this while their husbands morph into the furniture watching sports on TV.

Contestants, selected on the basis of their 200-word essays, are allowed a five-minute break every hour and a 15-minute break every eight hours but must otherwise be looking constantly at the screen.

Rather than annual cold-weather plunges in N.Y.

NEW YORK — A few hundred people splashed into the cold Atlantic waters to start the new year Monday, though foul weather apparently kept the numbers of

brave bathers down.

About 200 people joined 90 members of the Coney Island Polar Bear Club to take the annual plunge into the 48-degree waters, club spokesman Louie Scarella said.

The annual event raised \$25,000 for Camp Sunshine, a retreat providing relief to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families.

The club had hoped to raise more than \$50,000, although its take was well in excess of the \$6,000 or so raised last year, Scarella noted.

The Coney Island Polar Bear Club is the oldest winter bathing organization in the United States, according to its Web site. Its members swim in the Atlantic at Coney Island every Sunday from October through April.

— The Associated Press

AS HEARD ON PAUL HARVEY NEWS

New advanced portable heater can cut your heating bill up to 50%

Heats a large room in minutes with even heat wall to wall and floor to ceiling

Does not get hot, cannot start a fire and will not reduce humidity or oxygen

By John Whitehead, Media Services

A new advanced quartz infrared portable heater, the EdenPURE[®], can cut your heating bills by up to 50%.

You have probably heard about the remarkable EdenPURE[®] as heard on Paul Harvey News and on television features across the nation.

The EdenPURE[®] can pay for itself in a matter of weeks and then start putting a great deal of extra money in your pocket after that.

And that's just the start of the benefits for the new EdenPURE[®] Quartz Infrared Portable Heater.

A major cause of residential fires in the United States is portable heaters. But the EdenPURE[®] cannot cause a fire. That is because the quartz infrared heating element never gets to a temperature that can ignite anything.

The outside of the EdenPURE[®] only gets warm to the touch so that it will not burn children or pets. Pats can sleep on it when it is operating without harm.

The EdenPURE[®] will also make you healthier. That is because, unlike other heating sources, it will not reduce humidity or oxygen in the room.

Typical heating sources reduce humidity which dries out your sinuses, makes you more susceptible to disease and makes your skin dry. With other heating sources, you'll notice that you get sleepy when the heat comes on because they are burning oxygen.

The advanced space-age EdenPURE[®] Quartz Infrared Portable Heater also heats the room evenly, wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling. Other heating sources heat rooms unevenly with the most of the heat concentrated high in the room and to the center of the room. And, as you know, portable heaters only heat an area a few feet around the heater. With the EdenPURE[®], the temperature will not vary in any part of the room.

Unlike other heating sources, the EdenPURE[®] cannot put poisonous carbon monoxide into a room or any type of fumes or any type of harmful radiation.

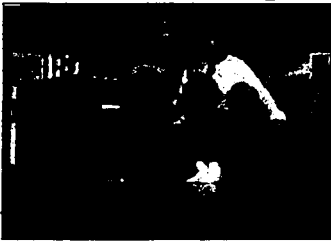
For more details on the amazing EdenPURE[®] Quartz Infrared Portable Heater, here is my interview with Julius Toth, Director of Product Development for Bio-Tech Research[®].

Q. What is the origin of this amazing heating element in the EdenPURE[®]?

This advanced heating element was discovered accidentally by a man named John Jones. He had a large old farmhouse that was impossible to heat. Jones had a coal furnace in his basement. Jones placed a sheet of cured copper near the furnace to store it. Cured copper is a type of copper that goes through an extensive heating process to give it special properties.

After the fire went out in the coal furnace, Jones noticed that the sheet of copper was heating his entire basement evenly, even though the furnace was no longer putting out heat. He also was amazed as to how long the heat stayed in the copper and continued to warm the room. Jones was so taken back by this that he started to experi-

Never be cold again



Cannot start a fire; a child or animal can touch or sit on it without harm



ment. He formed a company to develop a heating source out of this cured copper. But Jones had a number of children and he did not want a heating source that would cause a fire or create other hazardous situations like creating carbon monoxide or radiation. He also did not want his children to get burned.

To make a long story short, through a great deal of research and development, Jones developed a heating source that utilized commercial infrared quartz tubes.

Q. What advantages does Infrared quartz tube heating source have over other heating source products?

A. John Jones designed his heating source around the three most important consumer benefits: economy, comfort, and safety. The final development of this infrared quartz heat source cannot be matched by any other heating system in the world.

In the EdenPURE[®] system, electricity is used to generate infrared light which, in turn, creates a very safe heat. Infrared is the safest form of heat because it does not create carbon monoxide or harmful radiation. And, most importantly, infrared heat does not reach a burning temperature.

After a great deal of research and development, very efficient infrared heat chambers were developed that utilize three unique patented solid copper heat exchangers in one EdenPURE[®] heater. Over 5 years of research, development and real life field testing stand behind this heat source. It has now worked in residential and commercial applications worldwide for over 25 years.

Q. Why is it that this quartz infrared heating source uses less energy than other sources?

A. Actually, there is more

than one reason. One of the primary reasons is that heat at combustion level, which is what all other heat sources use, causes the heat to instantly rise to the ceiling. Therefore, the heat is not evenly distributed, causing a very inefficient and uncomfortable heat source.

The EdenPURE[®] Quartz Infrared Portable Heater does not use burning heat. Once the heat exchanger absorbs the infrared heat, it exhales the heat into the living area which is carried by the existing humidity in the air. This causes the heat to travel rapidly and evenly throughout a room.

In actual studies, photos using infrared lighting demonstrated that the heat was almost perfectly even from floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall. The EdenPURE[®] Quartz Infrared efficiency is based on the distribution of energized air, not on just fan movement. This heat is coined as "soft heat" due to how comfortable it is.

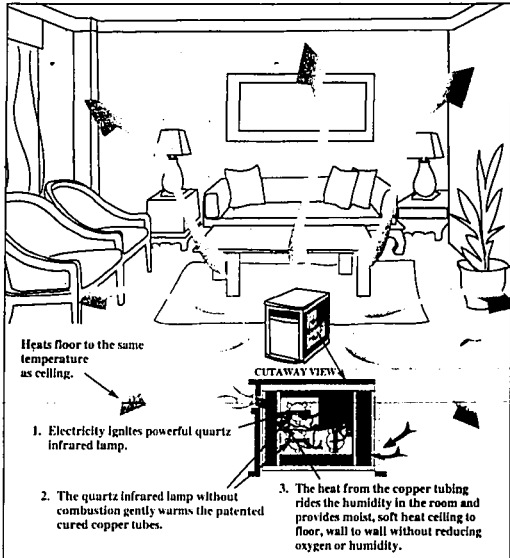
Q. What are the other disadvantages of combustion heat sources?

A. Heat sources that are above the burning level have many unhealthy side effects. One of these is that it creates dry, irritating indoor air. It also burns a great deal of oxygen in the air. If you remember, when you sit in front of a fireplace or a portable heater or close to a heat source, you will remember yawning. This is because you are not getting enough oxygen.

This dry irritating heat and lack of oxygen dries out sinuses and mucus in the throat, and makes people susceptible to disease. The lack of oxygen causes fatigue.

Also, many combustible heat sources produce carbon monoxide, static cling, and some produce radiation,

How it works:



Q. So you're saying that children or pets can come up to this unit and touch it and not be harmed?

A. That is absolutely correct. As a matter of fact, pets are actually drawn to this heat because it is a natural source of heat, just like the sun heats the earth. Animals are much more instinctive than humans. This heat not only heats the air, but it also heats the objects in the room. It is a perfectly balanced heat.

Q. How can a person cut their heating bill by up to 50% with the EdenPURE[®]?

A. First, the EdenPURE[®] uses less energy to create heat than other sources, but that is just part of why it will cut a person's heating bill. The EdenPURE[®] will heat a room in minutes. Therefore, you can turn the heat down in your house to as low as 50 degrees, but the room you are occupying, which has the EdenPURE[®], will be warm and comfortable. The EdenPURE[®] is portable. When you move to another room, it will quickly heat that room also. This can drastically cut heating bills, in some instances, by up to 50%.

Q. I also understand that the EdenPURE[®] produces clean fresh air without furnace filters. How can it do that?

A. A furnace generates a lot of dust due to the combustion. By lowering the furnace temperature, you are using your furnace less and therefore reducing the requirement for the furnace filters. Also, when there's no combustion, there are no harmful fumes.

Q. So, the EdenPURE[®] is totally safe to use?

A. It absolutely is. The EdenPURE[®] has a clearance, which means you can push it up against the wall or furniture without risk of fire. Tests prove the unit does not transmit any energy into the atmosphere that will burn or harm anyone regardless of distance between the person

and the EdenPURE[®].

The EdenPURE[®] will pay for itself in weeks. It will put a great deal of extra money in a users pocket. Because of today's spiraling gas, oil, propane, and other energy costs, the EdenPURE[®] will provide even greater savings as the time goes by.

The EdenPURE[®] comes in 2 models. Model 500 heats a room up to 300 square feet and Model 1000 heats a room up to 1,000 square feet.

End of interview.

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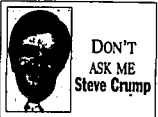
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Can she tell a story? You bet your life

I was traveling from Twin Falls to Boise on Christmas Eve, with my son in the back seat of the car and my wife at the wheel. Interstate 84 was mostly clear of snow but the places the ice was creeping from the sides of the highway onto the pavement. I know that, because I was sitting in the passenger's seat and watching it — and my life — flash before my eyes.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

Victoria drives — how to put this delicately — like Ricky Bobby on a Mountain Dew bender, but that wasn't our biggest problem. The real trouble was that my wife can't talk without using her hands. She's half Irish and half Welsh, meaning that every message comes with a gesture. If you required her to sit on her hands, she'd be positively reserved.

I learned that years ago when we were first dating. I went to church with Victoria one Sunday morning and afterwards stood at the back of the sanctuary talking with Debra, one of her friends.

Victoria was off to the side, having an animated conversation with the head of the congregation's board of directors about the recent performance of the church's janitorial staff.

Roger, the church's president, wasn't getting many words in edgewise.

Debra and I watched their dialogue from a distance for some minutes. "Is she Italian?" I asked finally.

"No," Debra replied. "She's spirited."

Just so. Talking with her hands helps make my wife eloquent at times, but not between Glenns Ferry and Mountain Home at 97 mph. At least that's a straight road. The 101-mile drive from Boise to McCall, which mostly follows the serpentine course of the North Fork of the Fayette River, can be terrifying with Victoria behind the wheel — especially if my wife is telling stories.

She told me about one such trip to church camp, years ago, with her two young daughters and their friend Ethan.

Ethan, Victoria explained, had a rallow complexion to begin with. By the time they reached McCall, he looked like Casper the Friendly Ghost. And when the lad finally got out of the car, he actually got down on all fours and kissed the ground.

I have, of course, suggested to Victoria that she's perfectly capable of talking and

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Council OKs subdivision over CSI hatchery tunnels

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With little discussion, the Twin Falls City Council unanimously approved Tuesday the final plat for a subdivision near Rock Creek that will be above water tunnels that lead to a fish hatchery operated by the College of Southern Idaho.

The 110-lot subdivision by Gary Storrer of Gary's

Westland LLC sits on about 26 acres at the northeast corner of Park Avenue and Harrison Street South. But a CSI fish hatchery has water rights that are primarily fed through tunnels, some of which are also below the subdivision, and the school submitted a letter requesting a mitigation plan be implemented if the council approves the plat.

"If we do not have water, we cannot raise fish or continue

the existing program," according to a letter from Mike Mason, CSI's vice president of administration. "We also have a considerable capital investment that will be significantly reduced."

City staff, however, did not recommend mitigation because "the hatchery is unlikely to be affected by construction; the general area south of Rock Creek is losing water, and developers are held

to standards that protect existing infrastructure.

The tunnels, some as deep as 60 feet, essentially operate as drains and were intended years ago to prevent the land from becoming too soggy, city attorney Fritz Wondelich said. The hatchery merely feeds off such lines.

"(Subdivision construction) cannot interfere with any of the structures out there; nobody is guaranteeing any

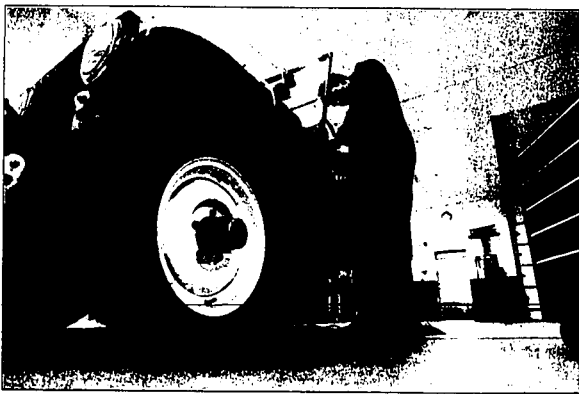
water whatsoever," he said. "The water levels are dropping all over out there and nobody can guarantee any amount of water out there."

Some users of the hatchery feel different.

Les Hazen, a Twin Falls resident who said he has been involved with the hatchery since 1968, said when the hatchery gained water rights

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REBUILDING



Jake Busby works on his 1947 Willys Jeep during a class Tuesday at the Advanced Regional Technology Education Consortium building near Buhl.

ARTEC auto mechanics class returns to Buhl

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

BUHL — Time is growing short for Jacob Busby.

Any day now, he will find out if he was accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy.

If the Buhl High School senior is accepted, he will only have a few months left to finish rebuilding a 1947 Willys jeep before he has to leave for the academy. Although he has completed most of the work — he had to rebuild the Jeep from the ground up after it was sent to him in pieces — he still has to finish the engine, suspension and electrical work before he can drive it for the first time.

Fortunately, Busby lives in a small town with a big auto mechanics program.

The program is offered by one of the fastest-growing charter schools in Magic Valley, the Advanced Regional Technical Education Consortium, or ARTEC.

The charter school is a partnership between local school districts, businesses and the College of Southern Idaho. In less than two years, the school has begun offering five technical programs including the auto mechanics program in Buhl.

School administrators say ARTEC has brought technical programs that districts would otherwise be unable to offer.

"For a district our size, this is incredible," said Mike Gemar, principal of Buhl High School.

"What we are always doing, and what any school district is doing, is looking for more opportunities for our kids. To have this kind of

"To have this kind of program with these sophisticated facilities is great for a district our size."

— Buhl High School Principal Mike Gemar

program with these sophisticated facilities is great for a district our size."

The auto mechanics program operates out of an old armory building that appears abandoned except for an ARTEC sign near the front door. But inside the building, students learn the latest mechanical skills on some of the most modern automotive equipment available.

The program is already recognized throughout the Northwest as one of the best.

This year, Buhl High School's ARTEC program was ranked fourth out of 65 schools in the five-state region. In February, two students will represent the school at a regional competition in Ogden, Utah.

But the program didn't come easy — in fact, it shut down last year because it couldn't find anyone qualified to teach it.

"We spent a year trying to find an instructor for the class," Gemar said. "Finally, we got Aaron Ball, but even then we spent a lot of time working with him to get him out here."

Ball, who taught at Idaho State University, was reluctant to leave ISU, but he agreed to teach the mechanical program after it sat dormant for more than a year.

"It's a little strange because I have three separate contracts so I can work with the school district and this program," Ball said. "But

there is a lot of money invested into this program, and I think there is an interest, so now we have to build it up again."

The program receives most of its funding from three sources: local school districts, professional-technical funds from the state and ARTEC.

More than 50 students are enrolled in the program, but Ball said it can take more — even those from other school districts. Gemar said he expects more Buhl students to enroll next year after "the word gets out about the classes."

In the meantime, Ball said he is working with area businesses to organize an advisory board that will help the program keep up with industry demands.

"The industry is saying that it will need about 30,000 technicians each year, so we know there is a demand out there," he said. "Even if these students don't anticipate a career as technicians, at least hope to teach them enough that they don't get ripped off when they have their own car problems."

For other students like Busby, it will help him achieve something he set out to do several months ago — rebuild a Willys before time runs out.

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Magic Valley's 'Central Park'

North Rim project inches closer to reality

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

JEROME — Plans for an expansive park along the north rim of the Snake River Canyon are expected to be final this spring, according to project planners.

After collecting input from more than 100 Magic Valley residents, the North Rim Park Advisory Committee will hold another round of public meetings to develop a master plan for the site.

The project has been a hotly debated issue among stakeholders who had to see the 7,200 acres used for everything from a hot-air balloon site to a protected wildlife area.

Planners say there's room at the park to accommodate most interests.

"This type of project evokes a lot of emotion," said Debbie Dane, executive director of Southern Idaho Tourism and point person for the planning committee.

There are a lot of people with a lot of ideas. The primary purpose of the park, however, is to preserve an open space between Jerome

and Twin Falls as development brings the towns closer together — and to protect a scenic area that's been a haven for illegal dumpers.

Jerome County oversees the space now, after it was donated by the Bureau of Land Management.

The next round of meetings will likely shape the park's future.

"We still need to figure out the nitty-gritty of where certain activities make sense, where restoration should happen and how to build partnerships to take better care of this park," said Julia Grant, a project manager. In a press statement, Dane said a plan could be ready to implement as soon as April.

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Fire destroyed an animal shed Monday night on East Main Street in Oakley.

Fire destroys Oakley shed

By Renee Walls
For the Times-News

OAKLEY — A late-night alarm brought the Oakley volunteer firefighters out on New Year's Day to extinguish a fire that looked at first like one of Oakley's historic homes, but ended up being an animal shed behind the house. Oakley Mayor Garth Greenwell's wife called 911 after a neighbor stopped by

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Snowpack Levels

Waterbody	% of 1947	1947 level
Salmon	94	38%
Big Wood	92	39%
Little Wood	87	32%
Big Lost	80	32%
Little Lost	81	34%
Herrys Fork/Idaho	81	34%
Upper Snake Basin	78	33%
Oakley	112	44%
Salmon Falls	91	36%

As of Jan. 2

* A comparison of basin snowpack on this date with a 30-year average.
** An indication of basin snowpack for the entire season, which peaks in June.

Program is a partnership between ARTEC, CSI, businesses and schools districts

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Advanced Regional Technical Education Consortium, or ARTEC, is a partnership between ARTEC Inc., school districts, businesses and the College of Southern Idaho to provide professional technical classes for students in local

school districts.

Created two years ago, the Mindoka-based charter school offers technical programs in manufacturing, auto mechanics, health occupations and technology.

Although most charter schools operate apart from local school districts, ARTEC works with them to provide additional courses. The charter school also aligns its technical

programs with technical courses offered at CSI so students can earn both high school and college credit at the same time.

"Some charter schools are critical of public schools, but we are not," said Nick Hallett, ARTEC administrator. "We have to have a good working relationship with public schools in order to do what we do."

OBITUARIES

Gertrude Lorene Hodson

SENECA, Mo. — Gertrude Lorene "Tiny" Hodson, age 85, of Seneca, Mo., was called to heaven peacefully at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at the Freeman West Hospital in Joplin, Mo., following a sudden illness.



Gertrude was born on June 18, 1921, in Powell, Mo., one of four children born to the late Grover Adlin and Lilly Ann (Stout) Mersman. She spent most of her life in McDonald County before moving to Seneca five years ago. Gertrude graduated from the White Rock High School in June, Mo. She was united in marriage to Ealin "Carly" Hodson on Jan. 3, 1939, in Seneca, Mo. Together they owned and operated the Hodson Greenhouse in Anderson, selling lots of tomato plants to family and friends. Gertrude enjoyed teaching by her family and helping with vacation Bible school. She was a very dedicated and active member of the McNatt Baptist Church in Goodman, Mo. She will be remembered by her family and friends as a good Christian, very loving and wonderful wife, mother and very special grandmother who adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ealin "Carly" Hodson on May 15, 1996; two brothers, Bob Mersman and Ed Mersman.

Vern Reeves

TWIN FALLS — Vern Reeves, 72, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2006, at his home.

He was born Sept. 10, 1934, in Elkins, Mo., the oldest son of Chesley V. and Ethel M. C. Reeves. He was raised and educated in Missouri and, in 1957, graduated from the Missouri School of Mines at Rolla, Mo. He married Janice McKinley on Oct. 24, 1959, in Idaho. Vern went to work for Emerson Electric in St. Louis, later working for Martin Marietta in Denver, where he worked on the SkyLab and Viking Lander projects. He later worked for Stearns Tilters in Denver. He then went to work for the Bureau of Land Management and, while there, received his M.A. from the University of Phoenix. He retired in 2000 and, in 2001, he moved to Twin Falls where he has since resided. Vern was an active church member wherever he



along with a sister, Irene Anderson. Gertrude is survived by her loving daughter, Cindy Mitchell and her husband, Scott; Seneca, Mo.; one son, Lucille Hildgway and husband James Marshall of Seneca, Mo.; three grandchildren, Kimberly Keith and husband, Don, Tracy Hodson and wife, Thurston; Kristal Keeler and husband Jeff; all of Anderson, Mo.; seven great-grandchildren, Mitch Keith, Kelle Keith, Walker Keith, Kelli Hodson, Kennedy Hodson, Jordan Keeler and Lexi Keeler; along with many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors who will deeply miss Gertrude and her wonderful smile.

The funeral for Gertrude Lorene Hodson will be at 10 a.m. today, Jan. 3, at the McNatt Baptist Church in Goodman, Mo. The Rev. Bruce Love will officiate. Burial will follow the service at the New Bethel Cemetery in Anderson. Tracy Hodson, Don Keith, Jeff Keeler, Sammy Mitchell, Bobby Mitchell, Brian Heckhart and Mitch Keith will honor Gertrude's life by serving as pallbearers.

Memorial contributions in loving memory of Gertrude may be given to the McNatt Baptist Church in care of the Walker-Dowd Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.walker-dowd.com.

Arrangements are under the personal care of Walker-Dowd Funeral Home of Anderson, Mo., located at 11 N. Business Highway 71; phone (417) 845-1234.

lived, serving as a deacon and Sunday school teacher and, at the time of his death, was a member of Magic Valley Bible Church. He loved the outdoors, hiking in the high country, fishing, boating, and was always interested in sci-fi/futuristic thinking.

He is survived by his wife, Janice of Twin Falls; two children, Carol Lynn Vanhooker and husband, Bill; three of Greely, Colo.; four grandchildren, Angie, Dane, Jemai and Caleb Vanhooker; one great-grandchild, Jesse Graybill; three brothers, Kenneth (Jan) Reeves of Tontonia, Mo.; Jerry (Shirley) Reeves of Tontonia, Mo.; and Richard (Shirley) Reeves of Lincoln, Neb. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral for Vern will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park" with Bear Morton officiating. Interment will follow in the West End Cemetery in Idaho.

The family suggests memorials to Magic Valley Bible Church, 321 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83401.

Martin A. Martinez Jr.

RUPERT — Martin A. Martinez Jr., a 78-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Dec. 29, 2006, at his home.

Martin was born Dec. 20, 1928, in Pasadena, Calif., the son of Martin and M. C. Urena Martinez. He graduated from Belmont High School in California. He was preceded by his wife of 54 years, Edilia Lopez. They married on Feb. 21, 1950. They lived in Los Angeles, Calif., where he worked as a baker for 14 years at Clinton's Cafeteria and as a plumber for 32 years at Kinney Maintenance at Park Labrea Towers. After retirement, they moved to Rupert in 1993. He was a member of the St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. He enjoyed gardening, reading, liberal arts and spending time with family and



his wife. His favorite pastime was taking afternoon naps. He is survived by his son, Martin (Angie) Martinez of Declo, Idaho; and daughter, Anna (Steve) Herrera of Riverside, Calif.; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Luz Andrade of Nogales, Sonora, Mexico; Beatrice Perer of Ontario, Calif.; and Guadalupe Macias of Las Vegas, Nev. He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Edilia Lopez Martinez; and both parents, Martin and Martina Ayala Martinez.

A funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. Friends may call from 10 to 8 p.m. today, with a vigil at 7 p.m. at the church. Burial will be at the Declo Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

SERVICES

Ida Janet Rock Child of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Pella LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Church, 160 W. 400 S., in Burley; friends may call from 10 to 10:40 a.m. today at the church (Basmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Vernon A. Harmer of Orem, Utah, and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11

a.m. today at the Wheeler Mortuary, 211 E. 200 S. in Springville, Utah; family and friends may call one hour before the service at the mortuary.

Dale "Doc" Stukenholtz of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Noma P. Hawkins

BRUNEAU — Noma P. Hawkins, 92 of BrunEAU, Idaho, passed away Dec. 30, 2006, in a Boise hospital.

Viewing will be held Wednesday, Jan. 3, from 4 until 6 p.m. at the Rost Funeral Home McMurrey Chapel in Mountain Home. A graveside service will be held Thursday, Jan. 4, at 11 a.m. at the Hot Springs Cemetery in BrunEAU. The family would like friends to meet at the American Legion Hall in BrunEAU, where they will go in procession to the Hot Springs Cemetery.

Noma was born Nov. 22, 1914, in Pleasant Hill, Mo., to Clarence and Alma Parris. While growing up, she lived in Missouri, Colorado and California, where she met Lloyd Hawkins. They married and moved to Nevada. They

had twin daughters, Barbara and Bonnie. They moved to Idaho, where they retired in Nampa after Lloyd's death in 1996. Noma moved to BrunEAU to be near her family.

Noma is survived by her daughters, Barbara Foust her husband Gary of BrunEAU, and Bonnie Lisle and her husband Webb of BrunEAU; her sister, Waunetta Smith of Franklin, Mo. She was blessed with six grandchildren, Frank, May, Ide, May, Jess Lisle, Jane, Prow, Casey Foust and Sean Foust; and nine great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; one sister; and her husband, Lloyd. Arrangements under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

DEATH NOTICES

Josephine Wavra

RUPERT — Josephine Wavra, 83, of Bulli, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2007, at Sunbridge Care Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth Ave. in Bulli. A viewing will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, at Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Lewis W. Meyers

ELMER — Lewis W. Meyers, 83, of Elmer, died on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2528 Whispering Pine Drive in Twin Falls. A potluck gathering will be held from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W.

Dorothy E. Machacek

RUPERT — Dorothy E. Machacek, 95, of Bulli, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A celebration of life will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, in the fellowship hall of the First Christian Church, Greraton is under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Bulli.

Margaret 'Peggy' LeMoyné

HAGERMAN — PEGGY, a lifelong resident of HAGERMAN, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006, at Magic Valley Memorial in Wendell.

She died from complications from a long-term struggle with Alzheimer's disease. She was born in Hagerman on Aug. 6, 1924, to Edward G. Briggs and Edna Gridley Briggs.

She attended schools in Hagerman, where she graduated first in her class in 1942.

On Sept. 24, 1944, she married her high school sweetheart, John LeMoyné, in Chicago, Ill.

Peggy played basketball at Hagerman High. She enjoyed getting out in the snow, skiing, bridge and her flower garden, particularly her English roses.

Many of her friends will remember her for her dry sense of humor.

She is survived by her husband; two children, Karl and Russell (Sandra); two grandchildren, Brandi and Tanner (Kali); and one great-grandchild, Karson.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Hagerman Senior Center from 2 to 4 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the Hagerman Alumni Association or the Historical Society or others of your choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Funeral Service.

Melvin J. Fisher

HANSEN — Melvin Jesse Fisher, 84, of Hansen, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at his home in Hansen.

A private family memorial service will take place at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Agnes Short

RUPERT — Agnes Short, 84, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, in Meridian.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

June D. Dobbs

HOLLISTER — June D. Dobbs, of Hollister, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

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Ralph 'Curly' Edward Speck

BUIHL — Ralph "Curly" Edward Speck, age 59, of Buihl, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at the Boise VA Hospital. Ralph was born in Lewiston, Idaho, on Feb. 28, 1947, to Alice and Ralph Speck. His life highlights include serving two years in the U.S. Army. He also worked on many farms and dairies in his life, until he came to Buihl to live with his brother the last of July 2006. Ralph also loved

working on old cars. Ralph is survived by his brother, Larry Speck of Buihl; nephews, Tom Speck and family of Buihl, Tim Speck and family of Washington; daughter, Katrina, and grandchild. He will be missed by all. At the family's request, no service will be held. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS — Nora Anna Ward, 90, of Twin Falls and formerly of Caldwell, passed away Dec. 30, 2006, at the Desert Rose Assisted Living Facility in Twin Falls. She was born on Oct. 23, 1916, in Pierce County, Neb., the 11th of 12 children born to Robert and Bertha Voelck Kolterman. In 1937, she met and married Leo Ward; to this union were born three children. Nora lived many years in Caldwell and worked for the J.R. Simplot

Company in the payroll department. She also worked at Carnation Foods until her retirement. She was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church. Surviving are her children, Delyla McKinsey of Kuna, JoAnne Dixon of Twin Falls, Leora Mitchell of West Lynn, Ore.; and one remaining sibling, Wanda Herbolshiemer of Ibadar, Neb.; six grandchildren, Annette (Damon) Richard of England, Scott (Margo) Dixon of Twin Falls, Will McKinsey of Kuna, Ben (Jenette) Mitchell of California, Jenny (Braden) McGee of Oregon, and many great-grandchildren; along with a

host of nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Friday, Jan. 5, at 1 p.m. at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 534 W. Iowa Ave. in Nampa, with Pastor Mark Cures officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made in her name to the Messiah Lutheran Church. Private family inurement will follow at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Hatchery

Continued from page D1 more than 30 years ago he never imagined homes would be built nearby.

"That little hatchery has contributed to hundreds of thousands of tons of fish for local people to catch and they still do," Hazen said. "If you haven't been down there you have to go down there. It's beautiful; we want to keep it beautiful. We don't want those houses; we don't want those condos; we don't want anything down there but open spaces for the public and if (the final plat is approved) it might be that the College of Southern Idaho might lose it."

Storner, the developer, told the council that water and sewer lines are established in the area and used by homes or businesses.

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— Gary Storner of Gary's Westland LLC and developer of a subdivision to be built over water tunnels that lead to Colgate Sothen's fish hatchery

an impact of that."

Reporter Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at (208) 735-3204 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com.

Thank you for the kindness shown to us at the passing of our mother & grandmother, Bernice Dal Soglio. The cards and food were very much appreciated. The generous donations to your favorite charity. Thank You!
Roy & Frances Dal Soglio & family
Dora Brookie & family



Garth E. Mitchell

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Garth E. Mitchell, 52, of Phoenix, Ariz., passed away Dec. 27, 2006, after a short but courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Burley, Idaho, on Dec. 10, 1954, to Norman D. and Marjorie J. Murphy Mitchell. Garth moved to Phoenix from Kimberly, Idaho, in 1984. He worked for VDCS in Phoenix for the last 20 years as a cable specialist.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Glenda K. Williams. Survivors include his daughters, Adrian of Phoenix, Ariz., and Misty

Dawn Mitchell of Las Vegas, Nev.; stepfather, Don Brown of Bridgeport, Neb.; brothers, Norman Eugene (Bonnie) of Lusk, Wyo., Elmer V. "Mitch" (Suzann) of Twenty-nine Palms, Calif., and Byron "Phil" (Lana) of Kimberly, Idaho; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Dec. 29 in Phoenix, Ariz.

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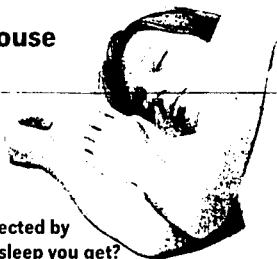
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Pending sale of trust properties worries Stanley town officials

Some worry heart of town's commercial district could turn into vacation homes

"They are our largest business in town and the only one to operate year round."

— Stanley Mayor Hannah Staubs

STANLEY (AP) — Mayor Hannah Staubs has asked the Idaho Rural Partnership to help this central Idaho town of about 100 residents deal with plans by the Bill Harrah Trust to break up its land holdings, which include about a quarter of the town's land area and much of its tax base.

The holdings include Mountain Village shops, a gas station and a hotel, the commercial heart of the mountain-ringed town.

Harrah founded Harrah's Hotel and Casinos. He died in 1978.

"The beneficiaries want us to sell the property," Challis-based attorney Jim Bennetts told the *Idaho Mountain Express*. "We have some preferences we would like to see it in the future, but once we sell it, it's out of our hands."

The town is about 60 miles

north of the resort area of Sun Valley, and some town officials are concerned the commercial area could be transformed into vacation homes.

"They are our largest business in town and the only one to operate year round," Staubs said. "I spoke with the executive director (of Idaho Rural Partnership) and he got on the ball and assembled a team to help Stanley."

The partnership will help the town make sure its ordinances back up its comprehensive plan.

"Many communities are facing sudden growth," said Dale Dixon, executive director of Idaho Rural Partnership. "How do they marshal their resources to manage that sudden growth? That's where we help, when we're invited in."

"Stanley was short on people with expertise," he said. "They know it's up to them to do the work, but getting an outsider's perspective, pointing out challenges and assets, it's that whole forest-through-the-trees situation."

Stanley collects a 2.5 percent local option tax above the regular state tax. The option tax accounts for up to 50 percent of the town's operating budget, with most of that coming from Mountain Village businesses.

She said the potential for out-of-control growth after the sale of the land is another concern.

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Idaho Attorney General seeks new hearing on death row inmate Lankford

By Alicia P.Q. Withwyer Associated Press writer

BOISE — The state will ask the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reconsider a decision that ordered the release or retrial of a man convicted in the 1983 slayings of a young Texas couple, an attorney general's spokeswoman said Tuesday.

The appeals court ruled in November that Mark Henry Lankford, who has been sitting on Idaho's death row for more than 20 years, had received ineffective assistance from his lawyer at his original trial for the bludgeoning deaths of U.S. Marine Capt. Robert Bravence, 27, and his wife, Cheryl, 25.

The Bravences were beaten to death on a camping trip in the north Idaho wilderness, near the Clearwater River.

Lankford, 47, of Conroe, Texas, must be retried or released, the 9th Circuit panel said.

The decision could mean a costly and protracted retrial in Idaho County, one of the state's most rural.

The state attorney general's office, in a request mailed Tuesday, is asking that a 15-judge panel of the 9th Circuit rehear the case, spokeswoman Kris Bivens Cloyd said. A panel of three judges heard the case in November.

The request will be filed with the court Wednesday. It is unclear when the court will decide whether it will revisit its ruling, said Idaho Deputy Attorney General LaMont Anderson.

If the 9th Circuit declines to rehear the case, the state may appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, Anderson said.

Lankford and his brother, Bryan Lankford, were both arrested in the deaths, but each blamed the other.

Bryan Lankford testified that he engaged the campers in conversation while his older brother snuck up on them from behind. Mark Lankford ordered the two to the ground, then beat them with a club, his brother said.

Mark Lankford's trial lawyer, Gregory Fitzmaurice, told jurors they could consider Bryan Lankford's testimony even though it was uncorroborated, the appellate court found.

uncorroborated testimony, Idaho law forbids it, the 9th Circuit found, so Fitzmaurice's instruction prejudiced the jury against Mark Lankford and effectively denied him his right to effective counsel.

Fitzmaurice was a part-time public defender whose only felony case experience before the Lankford trial involved cattle rustling. He has not been reachable for comment on the appellate court action.

Bryan Lankford was also convicted of the murders and is now serving life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Bryan Lankford had every incentive to lie, the court said, and evidence presented in court hearings showed that his testimony at times did not match up with forensic evidence.

"There was ample evidence that either one or both of the Lankfords killed the Bravences, but there was no evidence that Mark attacked and killed the Bravences other than Bryan's testimony," the appellate ruling said.

Though federal law allows

POLE LINE LIGHTS OUT



Traffic lights at the intersection of Pole Line Road and Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls were out most of Tuesday due to a computer glitch. The problem began about 11:30 a.m. and by about 7 p.m., lights were working again. The lights switched to flashing as an emergency precaution automatically. The city set up eight stop signs at the intersection to help control traffic.

Fire

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to tell Greenwell it looked like something was on fire at the Zane Milton home at 310 E. Main St. directly south of the fire station.

Greenwell said he looked

out his front door at about 10:06 p.m. and it looked like the house was ablaze.

Greenwell, a volunteer firefighter, had his wife call the fire in as he headed for the fire department. When crew

arrived, they found that Milton's goat shed, behind the house, was burning but not the home.

The shed was about 70 feet from the house and firefighters were able to keep the fire contained to the shed only. The ani-

mals were all outside, safe and accounted for, Greenwell said.

"Fortunately, he didn't lose anything but the shed," Greenwell said.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

Crump

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keeping both hands on the steering wheel, but it's a hard sell.

Being both Irish and Welsh, she has a weakness for a good story, the telling of which her forebears would have never considered without a finger in wag.

Novelist Katharine Tynan was a close friend of the best gesticulator in the business.

Irish poet William Butler Yeats said he would come to see me five, five miles from Dublin, standing over the road, a gaunt young figure, mouth open, poetry, swinging his arms and gesticulating as he went."

Tynan wrote: "Dublin policemen used to eye him in those days as if uncertain whether to run him in or not. But by and by they used to say, 'Shure, 'tisn't mad

he is, nor drink taken. 'Tis the poetry,' (they'd say), and leave him alone."

The Irish Free State gave its heart to Yeats, a national hero. But I hope it never gave him a

driver's license.

Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223 or scrump@magicvalley.com.

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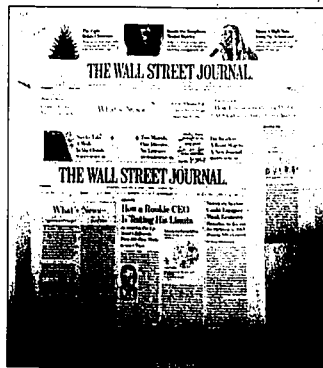


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Mobile home owners in Florida town could become instant millionaires.



Tom Byrne stands in front of his trailer home in Briery Breezes, Fla., Dec. 18. He stands to make a little over \$1 million on his two-year-old \$150,000 investment if residents approve the sale of the community to a developer for more than a half billion dollars.



The smaller, redesigned Wall Street Journal of Jan. 2 sits on top of a wider Dec. 21, 2006 edition.

Journal unveils narrower design, shrinks stock tables

By Seth Sate
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The Wall Street Journal introduced a smaller, re-designed format on Tuesday that publisher Dow Jones & Co. hopes will save money and help make the paper more appealing to a wider base of readers, especially younger ones.

Dow Jones says the narrower width, which reduced the size of the paper by about one column, or three inches, will save about \$18 million a year. Moving to a more standard format used by other newspapers will also allow the Journal to be printed in more places.

The new design leaves about 10 percent less space for news stories, but half of that loss is being made up by cutting back on the amount of stock tables and other statistical data in the paper.

Along with the change in the print version unveiled Tuesday the Journal also launched a more robust online feature for tracking financial markets, wwwWSIMarkets.com.

As part of a promotional campaign, the Journal is making about half a million copies of the paper free on newsstands on Tuesday and opening up its Web site, WSJ.com, to non-subscribers for the day.

Many of the changes are aimed at bringing in younger readers with the easier-to-read presentation of news.

"Readers told us that the Journal could better tailor its efforts to how, when and where you access news," Gordon Crovitz, the Journal's publisher, said in a letter to readers.

As for the reduced size, Crovitz said, "the almost unanimous reaction among readers in focus groups was that this would make the newspaper more convenient and literally handier."

Wal-Mart recalls trail mix after reports of glass or plastic inside

By Marcus Kadel
Associated Press writer

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. recalled a house brand trail mix and took remaining bags off shelves nationwide after three customers said they found glass or hard plastic particles in 28-ounce bags of the product.

The bags had not yet been collected from the consumers, but one consumer described the particles as being "about the size of a 1-carat diamond," Giles said. "No injuries were reported," he said.

Ann's has asked a food lab to collect the bags and analyze the contents to determine what kind of product the glass or plastic came from, which could help determine the source of the problem, Giles said.

"We're thinking that maybe it was in one of the six ingredients in this product," he said.

But will they sell?

By Brian Staloff
Associated Press writer

BRIERY BREEZES, Fla. — The owners of nearly 500 mobile homes in one of the last waterfront trailer-park towns in South Florida stand to become instant millionaires if they agree to sell to a developer. But some are holding out, saying there are things more important than money.

"You just can't buy a way of life," said Tom Byrne, a 68-year-old retired sales executive from New York who doesn't want to sell even though he would make a little over \$1 million on the trailer and site he bought two years ago for \$150,000. "This is my home."

Briery Breezes is a down-market relic of old Florida, surrounded by glamorous multimillion-dollar homes and splashy high-rise condos.

The Briery Breezes brochure calls it a "self-governed mobile home community of kindred souls." Residents of the Palm Beach County town cruise the narrow streets on golf carts, passing palm trees and tiny, neatly manicured yards. They wave to each other and chat about the next neighborhood outing — water aerobics at the community pool, shuffleboard near the clubhouse, bowling night.

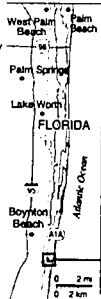
With 600 feet of oceanfront property and an additional 1,100 feet along the Intracoastal Waterway, real estate like this in southeastern Florida is pure gold.

Boca Raton-based Ocean Land Investments has big plans for the property if the deal goes through, as many residents are certain will happen. The company envisions about 900 low-rise multimillion-dollar condo units, a high-end marina and a 300-room luxury hotel.

There really is no other piece of property like this in Florida," said Logan Pierson, the company's vice president of acquisitions.

The 43-acre town sprouted from a strawberry farm in the 1920s, back when Florida's charm was its subtropical weather and quiet, coastal bliss — long before the days of Art Deco, "Miami Vice" and Walt Disney World.

So-called "tin-can tourists" came down yearly with their trailers to "escape the Northern cold. A group of regular visi-



Potential mobile millionaires

Residents of Briery Breezes — one of the last coastal trailer-park communities in Florida — will vote on the sale of their town to a developer. Almost every owner of the 488 trailers would become an instant millionaire if residents agree to sell.



SOURCES: Town of Briery Breezes, NASA, TerraMetrics via Google Earth, ESRI

tors bought the property in 1958, and it became a town in 1963. It ran as a corporation by a board of directors, and residents own shares based on the size and location of their lots.

"This is pretty much it for an affordable community along the coast," said Debbi Murray of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County. "It's just another piece of Florida that is going to disappear."

Briery Breezes' board recently approved the sale for \$510 million. The owners of the 488 trailers have until Jan. 10 to ratify or reject the deal. A two-thirds majority is needed to sell. The amount each person would get depends on how many shares the resident owns. Each share is worth roughly \$32,000 under the developer's offer. Owners would not get any money — and wouldn't have to move out — until 2009.

Kevin Dwyer, 47, is all for the deal. Dwyer, who paid just \$37,500 for his trailer nine years ago, would make about \$800,000.

"See these pockets? They're empty," Dwyer said. A stack of unpaid bills sitting on a table in his single-wide trailer less than 100 yards from the ocean. "I've nickle-dimed and dined my whole life. I hit the lottery."

Pierson acknowledged that the loss of Briery Breezes means a piece of old Florida will be gone forever. But he said that because of the town's location on a barrier island, a hurricane could eventually

wipe out Briery Breezes. "At some point Briery is going to face a bad storm," he said. "There are other potential threats out there other than development."

Palm Beach County Commissioner Mary McCarty is not so sure it's a done deal because of constraints on zoning, water, sewage and traffic. "I find the developers extremely optimistic to the point of being delusional," she said.

For one thing, the community is in a hurricane evacuation zone and has few ways in or out. Developers will have to clear their plans through the state before any dirt is moved, and neighboring communities will have a chance to weigh in. "This would be extremely complicated and extremely unpopular," McCarty said. "But people see dollar signs and it sparks the imagination."

John and Gay Sideris, retired teachers from New York who bought their home in 2001, are conflicted.

"It will be good for us because we'll be able to help our family, but this is an amazing place to live. You know your neighbors. You can walk your dog in your pajamas," said Gay Sideris, 70.

"If you sneeze, a neighbor hands you a napkin," added John Sideris, 71.

The couple paid just \$155,000 for their home and now stand to make close to \$1.5 million.

"We've been living a beautiful life," John Sideris said, sitting in a chair, staring out his

"You just can't buy a way of life. This is my home."

— Tom Byrne, a retired sales executive who doesn't want to sell

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window at his boat tied up to a dock just feet away.

Asked how he would vote, he crossed his arms and breathed a heavy sigh. "The money is great, but you can't get another place like this to live," he said. "It's like Club Med."

MONEY

U.N. panel partially lifts export ban on Caspian caviar

By Frank Jordans
Associated Press writer

GENEVA—A United Nations panel has lifted a ban on international trade in several types of caviar from the Caspian Sea, but still hasn't decided whether to permit exports of the highly prized—and hugely expensive—Beluga variety, an official said Tuesday.

The move by a U.N.-sponsored conservation organiza-

tion means that Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Russia and Turkmenistan can legally sell limited amounts of the gourmet delicacy on the world market in 2007.

Under the U.N. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, known as CITES, banned the global trade in most Caspian caviar—the processed eggs of the sturgeon—to help protect

the endangered fish.

Only Iran was allowed to export caviar from certain fish that are more abundant in its waters. The Web site of a Seattle caviar company offers one type of Iranian caviar for \$2,500 per pound. Beluga caviar, still under a U.N. ban, can sell for \$5,000 a pound or more, depending on taste and quality.

"This is very good news," said Armen Petrossian, whose family business in Paris has

been selling caviar for more than a century. "It's very important that there is a legal trade in order to support the restocking efforts."

The legal market in caviar is about 100 tons annually, he said, and worth about \$265 million. The black market, supplied by poachers, is about the same size. Petrossian estimated.

The U.N.'s 2006 ban "undoubtedly helped to spur

improvements to the monitoring programs and scientific assessments carried out jointly by the five Caspian neighbors," CITES Secretary-General Willem Wijnstekers said.

The Caspian nations—all former Soviet states, except Iran—have made great progress in their conservation efforts, said CITES chief scientific officer David Morgan. But he added: "I can't disguise the fact that the situation is still

serious in all countries of origin for all sturgeon species."

The Caspian's sturgeon population has declined by more than 90 percent in the last century, he said.

"That's why we have to redouble our efforts together with the countries concerned to make sure that we can rebuild the sturgeon stocks in the interests of the species and the local people who are using them," Morgan said.

L.A. airport agency eyes broader base

By Jennifer Okham
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES—Most people don't need an atlas to locate Los Angeles, but they may require a map to pinpoint Palmdale and Ontario.

With this in mind, Los Angeles' airport agency plans to link its world-famous moniker to airports that it operates in the surrounding Antelope Valley and Inland Empire.

Officials hope that providing the facilities with a well-known geographic hook will draw travelers from outside the state and help take pressure off aging Los Angeles International Airport.

"When talking to airlines, I always ask the question, 'Which would you prefer to serve, Ontario International Airport, or LA/Ontario International Airport?'" said Paul Hamey, deputy executive director of airports and security for the city's airport agency. "They never hesitate, they always say, 'LA/Ontario International Airport.'"

The city's Airport Commission recently voted unanimously to make the change in Ontario, which people outside California often confuse with Canada's Ontario. Commissioners also altered the name of another Los Angeles facility, located 66 miles north of LAX in the Antelope Valley, to

LA/Palmdale Regional Airport. The agency expects a much-discussed push to spread air traffic out among the region's airports to finally take off this year.

This month, airlines will submit proposals to alter flights from Palmdale, where officials plan to use a \$900,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, as well as discounted terminal rent, to subsidize flights. Los Angeles officials have referred to the airport as Palmdale Regional since it opened in June 1971.

"We are looking to position this facility to be a viable airport," Palmdale Mayor James C. Ledford Jr. said. "We're one of the few communities that I know of that wants an airport."

But branding experts cautioned that officials will need to educate travelers about Ontario and Palmdale's exact locations to ensure the name change doesn't cause additional confusion—or even anger.

"All three airports sharing LA in their name introduces the possibility that people will fly into the wrong airport," said Anthony Shore, creative director of naming and writing at Landor Associates. "Or they will be surprised when they land at one airport, thinking they're not far from downtown LA, and then finding they have to drive a few hours in traffic to get to downtown LA."

Confidence soars in Colombian economy

Los Angeles Times

BOGOTÁ, Colombia—In say 2006 was a good year for the Colombian economy as it describes native pop phenomenon Shakira as a reasonably successful singer.

With exports, confidence and investment soaring, economic output here could finish the year having grown 6.3 percent from 2005, a full point above the robust expansion projected for all of Latin America.

Like most other Latin American economies that just ended a banner year, Colombia was boosted by the boom in commodities.

Exports of iron coal, highly craved by U.S. utilities because of its low sulfur content, have

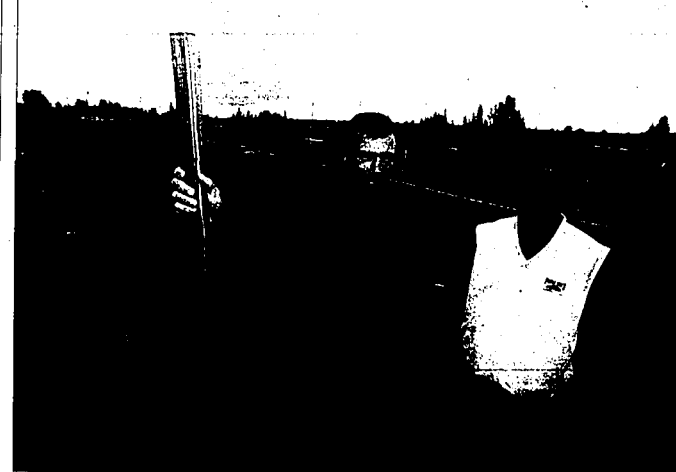
doubled in three years, bringing in close to \$4 billion in foreign exchange.

Colombian oil revenue of about \$6 billion is up 80 percent from 2004, thanks to global energy demand.

And coffee growers are enjoying a tripling of bean prices since 2002, a result of worldwide consumption growth and severe weather that cut harvests last year in Brazil and Vietnam.

Even better news for Colombia and the rest of the continent is that prices for a broad range of commodities—gold, copper, soybeans and cotton—are expected to remain high in 2007, said economist Ken Shvedel of Rabobank in Mexico City.

Holy spirits



Robert Seelig, director, left, and Tom Richardson, operations director of Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services, walk through a newly planted vineyard at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward, Calif., recently. Grapes in a graveyard could yield some wholly delightful results for Catholic cemetery officials who are growing vines on surplus land in hopes of making sacramental wine.

California diocese plants wine grapes in graveyard

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press writer

HAYWARD, Calif.—A graveyard vineyard in the East Bay city could yield some wholly delightful results for Catholic cemetery officials who are growing vines on surplus land in hopes of making sacramental wine.

Zinfandel and ceteris might seem an unlikely pairing, but there's an ancient link between wine and the church— from the water-to-wine miracle at the wedding at Cana to the Last Supper, says Robert Seelig, director of funeral and cemetery services for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Oakland.

"Wine and the blood of Christ is very much a strong symbol," he said. "We're always looking for signs and symbols to place in the cemetery whether it's a statue of a saint or some building. People like those things."

But the project started out with beautification, not vintification, in mind. Ered with unused land that needed spruced up, the church was looking at somewhere in the neighborhood of \$50,000 per acre for weed-free, irrigated turf versus \$25,000 for vines.

Grapes beat grass and a three-acre vineyard went in on the outskirts of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward, a suburb about 20 miles southeast of San Francisco.

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Oakland:
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For now, the nearest grapes are about 60 feet away from the grapes, although Seelig said it's not out of the question that people will request plots closer to the vines.

After consultation with people in the business, the diocese hired a vineyard management contractor to put in zinfandel, chardonnay and pinot noir on the cemetery's west-facing slopes.

"We talked about merlot, but we know the merlot market is flooded right now," said Tom Richardson, operations director for diocesan cemeteries and a quick study in the switch from landscaping to winemaking. "Pinot noir is supposed to be up and coming so we thought, 'Well, let's put in a little more pinot noir.'"

Funerals are the main business of Holy Sepulchre, the vines are just a sideline, albeit a fun one.

"They started out with no background in viticulture 'other than drinking wine,'" joked Seelig. But, "we'd have meetings and you'd have people come in and they'd tell us how to do this stuff and you're learning as you go along."

At the California Association of

Vinegrape Growers in Sacramento, president Karen Hoss wasn't quite sure what to make of the cemetery planting. She pointed out that with cemeteries often surrounded by farmland, "the chances of buying a vineyard as a next-door neighbor to a cemetery isn't all that far-fetched... but I just can't think of any."

Still, the idea, "makes great sense to me," she added. "Wine and the church and the spirituality of wine and the service—it's a very natural combination."

After all, Franciscan friars brought wine grapes to California, and a few wineries kept going during Prohibition by making limited amounts of still-legal sacramental wine—"There were many, many more people taking part in 'sacramental wine' from what I've heard," said Hoss.

It will take a few years for the new grapes to produce but they could yield about 300 cases a year; there are plans afoot to put in vines at two other cemeteries.

Seelig plans to start out with sacramental wine, not so much a premium brew. If the wine turns out tasty, it may be used for parish fundraising dinners or sold in diocesan gift shops.

If things go really well, they might just put out a Bishops' Private Reserve—Oakland diocesan leader Allen Vigneron has the perfect name.

Vigneron is French for vine grower.

For South Africa's gold pirates, risks may outweigh possible rewards

By Craig Timberg
The Washington Post

WILKOM, South Africa—Thousands of disgruntled mineworkers laid down their tools one Wednesday night in March 2005, and in the eight days they were on strike, one of the darkest secrets of South Africa's gold mining industry spilled into the light.

Thin, thirty men lacking company ID cards began straggling out of the shafts, their eyes blinking from the

sting of the sun. They were gold pirates, illegal miners who spend months at a time in conditions so unhygienic that, when one dies of exhaustion or poisonous mine gases, his body is simply left in the shaft with a note listing his name and next of kin.

And though the pirates are notorious for respectful and violent—they have been known to roll a grenade fashioned out of mine explosives at those who pursue them—they are dependent on the

help of legitimate miners, who for a cut of the profits smuggle food in and gold out. Police officials say so unhygienic conditions for earnings 10 times higher than what an average South African earns from legitimate work.

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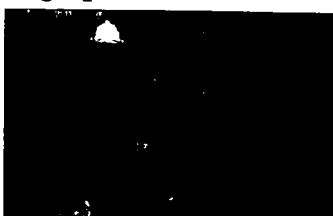
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Police in Wilkom, South Africa, arrested these gold pirates in October. The illegal miners can make 10 times the earnings of an average South African.

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Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"To give an accurate and exhaustive account of that period would need a far less brilliant pen than mine. —Max Beerholm

NORTH	♠ 3	♥ QJ 6	♦ 8	♣ 9 7 5
EAST	♠ 7 5 2	♥ AK 8 5 4	♦ K 6 3	♣ A 6 3
WEST	♠ 3	♥ AK 8 5 4	♦ K 6 3	♣ A 6 3
SOUTH	♠ AK 10 9 8 4	♥ 10 7	♦ A 2	♣ 7 5

When I'm given problems to solve, I am never sure whether to do the normal thing, or try to be brilliant. Here, some colleagues and I were given only the West and North hands and asked to defend four spades when partner (East) plays the heart queen under the king.

My partner opined that dummy's clubs looked dangerous. He suggested that West needed to attack in diamonds, playing partner for the queen and jack before his club ace was knocked out.

Another player pointed out that if East had the queen and jack of diamonds, that would not leave South with much for the opening bid, let alone his free bid of four spades.

He suggested continuing with the heart ace, forcing dummy to ruff. If declarer had only six spades, then East had three, and by shortening dummy's trumps, declarer would have no outside entry to dummy's clubs. (East's count signal would indicate when to take the ace.)

Relieved by our questioner realized that this is what he had done. But declarer let the heart ace win. Now he ruffed the heart continuation in hand, played a club, and the hand was all over. Declarer drew trumps ending in dummy and discarded his losing diamonds on the clubs.

Now we all saw the point. What West should have done was continue with a low heart to partner's jack. Now if declarer fails to trump in dummy, East can return a diamond before the club ace is knocked out, guaranteeing the defeat of the contract.

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ 2♥ 3♠ 4♥
4♠ All pass

Opening lead: Heart king