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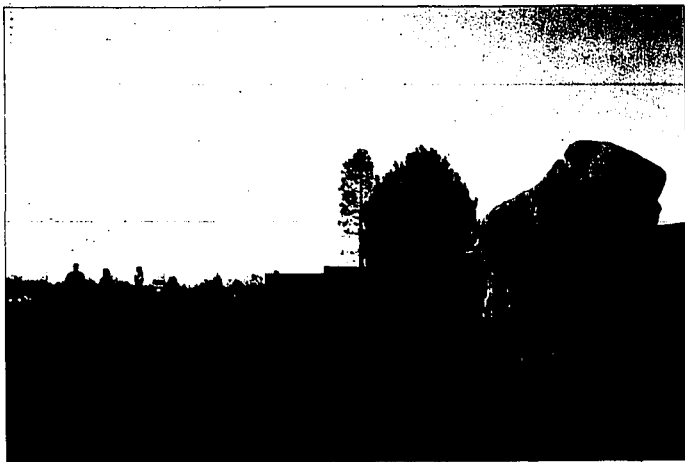
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Having their moment



Students at Twin Falls High School painted the spirit rock at the school in memory of Josh Barnes, who killed himself last week after an 11-hour standoff with the police.

Students, teachers deal with death of Josh Barnes

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The night of Feb. 7, 18-year-old Joshua Barnes killed himself after an 11-hour standoff with police at the IV Barn on Addison Avenue West. Within minutes, local teenagers' cell phones were ablaze with text messages, spreading the news across town faster than the newspaper could get it in print.

"The principal (Ben Allen)

was at a high school basketball game," said Mary Lu Barry, Twin Falls district director of secondary education. "With text messaging and instant messaging, it was like everybody knew almost before he did."

At 8 a.m. the next day, the Twin Falls High School class president tried to ask students and staff over the intercom to



Barnes

hand him in a moment of silence. "I got to 'moment of silence,'" said Jordan Stanley, student body president of his announcement. "An office secretary said, 'No, Stop. You can't do that, so I just stopped. I said 'No never mind.' Of course, I couldn't really explain it and I was never given any reason for it."

The reason is rule three of

"handling peers of a suicide victim" in the school's crisis response manual. No public address system should be used to inform the student body. If close friends of the victim are not aware of it, they should be notified privately first. After the teachers and close friends have been informed, the teacher, counselor or other crisis team members should address the class."

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Twin Falls High School peers have their say

"He's not the person he's been made out to be — an alcoholic and druggie. He was a real sincere guy."

— Kade Hansen, senior

"The teachers that we know were there for us. The teachers that we know were very supportive."

— Kara Maloney, senior

"You don't just start a moment of silence and shut it off. I think that's the ultimate level of disrespect."

— Casey Hoobey, senior

Dairy is big business But commissioners ponder the costs

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

JEROME — County commissioners are planning a dairy symposium at the College of Southern Idaho sometime in March.

Jerome County commissioners are trying to hook dairy researchers and experts from across the country to speak at the event, and they've invited commissioners from other Magic

Valley counties to attend.

The symposium is the latest development in a campaign by Jerome commissioners to learn more about the dairy industry in the region and its effects on the economy, the environment and social issues. Essentially, commissioners want to know if there are too many dairies in the county, and if there aren't, they want to know how many dairies the county can manage.

Jerome County ranks No. 17 out of more than 3,000 counties in the United States in dairy production, Boise State University researcher Don Holley told commissioners at a meeting on Tuesday morning.

Holley, fellow BSU researcher John Church, Lincoln County extension agent Steve Hines and Bob Naebeout, president of the Idaho Dairyman's Association, briefed commissioners on the economic effects of

the dairy industry in Magic Valley.

Holley and Church completed in September a report on the topic at the behest of United Dairymen of Idaho.

The findings: Dairy is big business here.

According to the report, Magic Valley dairies pay more than \$7.4 million in property taxes, supply the

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Idaho Power might lift temporary restrictions on wind power

The Associated Press

POCATELLO — Idaho Power has proposed to lift a temporary restriction on wind power development after a study analyzed the impacts of incorporating wind energy use into its operations.

In August 2005, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission granted the utility a break from a federal mandate to buy power from qualifying wind energy producers, pending the results of the study.

Idaho Power submitted the study to the commission last week. Jointly prepared by Idaho Power and EnerNex Corp., a Knoxville, Tenn., consultant, it

Lawmaker pushes for production tax for wind farms.

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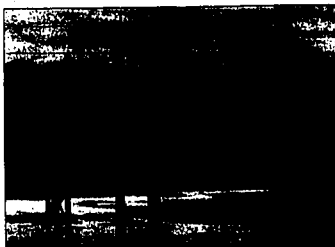
found that the utility would have higher costs if it used its hydropower system as a backup for wind generation.

Wind energy is significantly more expensive to generate than hydropower and is an unpredictable source.

Idaho Power has asked for a public meeting to discuss the new study, along with a request for financial relief for buying electricity.

The company proposes to pay wind

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The Fossil Gulch Wind Park near Hagerman as seen in summer 2005.



A male is moved from the Trolley Square Mall to an ambulance after a gunman opened fire in the mall, hitting several people before he was killed by police Monday in Salt Lake City.

Five killed in Utah mall shooting spree

Police say off-duty officer prevented larger death count in rampage

By Paul Foy
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — An off-duty police officer having an early Valentine's Day dinner with his wife was credited Tuesday with helping stop a rampage in a crowded shopping mall by an 18-year-old gunman who shot five people to death before he was killed by police.

A day after the shooting, investigators struggled to figure out why a trench-coated Suleimen Talovic opened fire on shoppers with a supremely calm look on his face.

The teenager wanted "to kill a large number of people" and probably would have killed many more if not for the off-duty officer, Police Chief Chris Burbank said.

Ken Hammond, an off-duty officer from Ogden, north of Salt Lake City, jumped up from his seat at a restaurant after hearing gunfire and cornered the gunman, exchanging fire with him until other officers arrived, Burbank said.

"There is no question that his quick actions saved the lives of numerous other people," the police chief said.

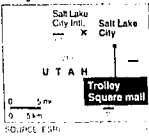
"I feel like I was there and did what I had to do," Hammond told reporters.

Police said it was not immediately clear who fired the shot that killed Talovic.

Talovic had a backpack full

Utah shooting

A man with a shotgun entered a Utah shopping mall Monday night, killing five people and injuring at least four others before being killed.



of ammunition, a shotgun and a .38-caliber pistol, police said. Investigators knew little about him, except that he lived in Salt Lake City with his mother, the police chief said.

Talovic's aunt, Alpa Omerovic, emerged briefly from the family's home to say relatives had no idea why the young man attacked so many strangers.

Talovic drove to the Trolley Square shopping center — a century-old former trolley barn with winding hallways, brick floors and wrought-iron balconies, and immediately killed two people, followed by a third victim as he came through a door, Burbank said. Five other people were then shot in a gift shop, he said.

Four people who were wounded remained hospitalized Tuesday, two in critical condition, two in serious.

TODAY'S FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

MINI-CASSIA Today: Mostly cloudy skies and cool temperatures. Highs in the lower 40s.

Complete weather report: See page B6 TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS Chocolate Caramel Hearts, offered by the Auxillary to benefit patients and staff at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS Valentine's Day Party for all Lazy J Mobile Home Ranch Owners, 5 p.m., Lazy J Mobile Home Ranch clubhouse, 450 Pole Line Road, Twin Falls.

FAMILY 'Fam Jam,' a family-value production that uses music, drama and storytelling for children in fifth grade and younger.

Party activities for all ages, including dance, football, card games, board games, ping pong, beach ball volleyball and more.

GOVERNMENT Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

DeMary Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 417 Seventh St. S., Rupert, 436-3874.

Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room, 201 Fourth Ave. N., 733-2964.

Declo City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 116 W. Main, 654-2124.

Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St., 679-8158.

Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104 S. Fourth, 432-6682.

Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Boyd W., 432-5451.

Boyd W., 432-5451. Mail City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office, 152 S. 600 W., 364-0101.

Blackfield School Board, 7:30 p.m. high school, 555 N. Tiger Drive, 487-2755.

HEALTH College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit program, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS Valentine's Special at Hands On, with daylong painting and sweet treats, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Hands On, 147 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, free studio fee for painters of heart items, 736-4475.

SPORTS Ski and Snowboard Safety Lecture, sponsored by Halley Sports Medicine & Orthopedics and Halley Sport and Spine with free screening evaluation and light refreshments, 4 p.m., 810 South Main St., Halley, no cost, 788-6312.

OPINION MINI EDITORIAL Bowers also deserve healthy environment Don't you legislators who oppose a bill to ban smoking at bowling alleys realize that getting rid of smoking will attract more families and help the businesses in the long run...

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



Cooking can help spice up romance TWIN FALLS — About the only thing Dr. Allen and Margaret Sinclair love more than each other is cooking. Forget flowers, chocolates and the like.

Driver, suffering illness, leads police on chase HEYBURN — The driver of a tractor-trailer rig led police on a 40-mile pursuit Tuesday morning on eastbound Interstate 84.

CSI program earns state, national attention TWIN FALLS — The blood and bullet casings were unlike anything I've ever seen in a student lounge.

Dairy leader opposes ban on tire tarp weights BOISE — The head of the Milk Producers of Idaho said Tuesday he will oppose a bill aimed at eliminating whole tires used to hold down tarps over silage or waste at confined animal feeding operations.

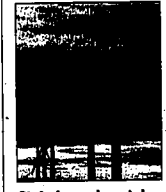
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ON THE NET Future law enforcers Hear about and see photos and video of the successful CSI Law Enforcement Program. Favorite flicks Don't forget to vote for your Oscar favorite. At magicvalley.com. CORRECTION Dinner date incorrect The Sweethearts' Dinner featuring Soft Touch and the Declo High School Jazz Band happened Saturday. The date of the event was incorrect in Sunday's edition. The Times-News regrets the error.

IDAHO/WEST



State lawmakers take tilt at windmills BOISE — Wind turbines, those domineering and swooping machines of clean energy growing in both numbers and popularity, are being noticed by lawmakers.

Senate panel hears testimony on elk farms BOISE — Fair chase vs. private-property rights. That's how foes in the battle over Idaho's elk ranching industry framed arguments Tuesday with hunting groups such as Idaho Sportsman's Caucus.

Economic boom not without its downside BURLEY — Mini-Cassia business is good, and as more companies look at grabbing a slice of the area's pie, the business climate is starting to change.

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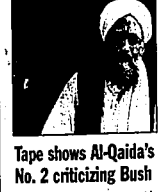
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NATION/WORLD



Tape shows Al-Qaida's No. 2 criticizing Bush CAIRO, Egypt — Al-Qaida's No. 2 said President Bush was an alcoholic and a lying gambler who waggled on Iraq and lost, according to a new audiotape released Tuesday.

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North Korea casts doubt on disarmament BEIJING — A hard-won disarmament pact that the U.S. and four other nations struck with North Korea on Tuesday requires the communist nation to halt its nuclear programs in exchange for all while leaving the ultimate abandonment of those weapons projects to a potentially trouble-filled future.

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SPORTS



Buhl boys rip Declo BUIL — Sometimes beating an opponent three times in a season can be a tough chore.

Bruins aim for 5A title TWIN FALLS — There's a buzz around Haun Gymnasium, a gentle humming vibration like a generator, but it's not the broken scoreboard.

Tigers edge Spartans JEROME — When it's tournament time, it's never over until the final buzzer sounds. That was the case Tuesday in Jerome's 59-53 win over Minico in the first round of "the District IV Great Basin Conference West tournament."

Boycats win without guard Colton Moon BURLEY — Playing without standout point guard Colton Moon, the Burley boys basketball team still had plenty of firepower to beat Wood River 42-29 Tuesday in the first round of the District IV Great Basin Conference West tournament.

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Allen scheduled an emergency staff meeting first thing in the morning to inform teachers that Barnes, who once belonged to the class of 2007, had committed suicide.

But teachers were not told to address their classes after Barnes' close friends had been informed, Barry said. "All teachers were told they could talk about it in their classes if students asked about it," Barry said. "I don't think teachers were told they had to. They were just told the facts and told they could share this with their class."

Karolyn Watts, the chairwoman of the high school's counseling department, said she asked teachers to refer students who seemed upset to the counseling center. "We did not have a lot of students who came in," Watts said, citing as one reason that some of Barnes' closest friends never came to school Feb. 6.

To Stanley and many of his peers, interrupting the moment of silence rings of suppression.

"They say we can't have a moment of silence but he was our friend. He was in our class," Stanley said. "I heard

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— Mathew Gesky, a licensed clinical professional

throughout the day people said they wanted to have some sort of recognition for him, and we couldn't give him that. They were pretty angry about it. Pretty sad about it."

Barnes grew up in Twin Falls and attended Twin Falls High school into his junior year, according to his friends.

He pleaded guilty to stabbing his mother in August. He was sentenced to probation, mainly to get and stay clean. But on Feb. 6, he allegedly stabbed his girlfriend. Police caught up with Barnes the next morning barricaded at the IR Barn, and the subsequent standoff ended in Barnes' suicide.

Traditionally school administrators and the media have avoided reporting suicides to prevent copycats and protect the privacy of the victim's family, according to Mathew Gesky, a licensed clinical professional in Idaho who provides private counseling in Twin

Falls from 2002 to last year. But teenage suicide survivors need to be reached out to, Gesky said.

"It would be much better if the school announced the death and then have counselors that are adults available to talk to them about that," he said.

Debbie VanEngelen administers the small learning communities grant at the high school and is a former counselor.

VanEngelen said Allen would not comment on the case or other suicide cases and he did not return messages from the Times-News left at his office and home.

"We really don't like to sensationalize or discuss suicide," VanEngelen said. "It's not that we don't empathize with the family and for his friends, but it's also important not to glorify it. This is a time to respect the family's privacy." Students were confused by

his obscure and cut-off message, Stanley said. But not so much that they could not fill in the blanks.

Stanley said students asked him if he had tried to do a moment of silence and why he had stopped.

"Cutting the person off when they are announcing it is sensationalizing it," Gesky said. "It's saying this kid did something really bad. We can't talk about it. It sends a message to teenagers that adults can't handle it. If we are doing the ostrich thing with the head in the sand, the teenagers will say we obviously can't talk to them. That sounds like a poor mental hygiene practice."

Some teenagers may not have parents they can talk to about Barnes' suicide, said Gesky.

"School officials can say, 'I know this is a real tragic thing' and that there are resources out there," Gesky said. "It needs to be communicated but it needs to be communicated intentionally and thoughtfully."

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Dairy

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majority of the state's 9,268 dairy industry jobs and generate the bulk of a \$1.5 billion Idaho industry.

Every dairy job in Magic Valley creates about 2.5 additional jobs, Holley told commissioners, and the starting wage at a Magic Valley dairy between \$9 and \$9.50 an hour is comparable to a starting wage in the tech industry.

Holley also said the dairy industry continues to grow and provide a stable economic base

as other industries downsize or leave the region altogether.

Commissioners seemed pleased to hear that dairies are thriving, but commissioners Charlie Howell, Joe Davidson and Diana Oberbauer still questioned whether the industry's problems outweigh the benefits.

"We're in a situation where some people don't want any dairies, period," Davidson said. "Here we are in the middle trying to see where we're at and what we can do now."

"The dairy industry is important to our community, but at what point should we slow it down? Should we stop it?" Davidson asked rhetorically.

Commissioners hope to have an answer before Tuesday, when they'll consider a moratorium on additional livestock operations in the county.

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Wind

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developers \$10.72 per megawatt hour less than the current average rate of about \$65 per megawatt hour for projects coming on line in 2008, in order to offset some of the additional costs.

Idaho Power spokesman Dennis Lopez said the temporary limitations on wind power were necessary because a large number of proposals were coming in before much was known about the production costs.

"It paves the way for large-scale wind development," Lopez said. "What the report

did is, it finally quantified the costs we knew would be there."

Idaho Power has signed contracts to buy 227 megawatts of wind power, and projects totaling another 60 megawatts are pending.

Lopez said southeast Idaho could be a major player in supplying wind power.

In Pocatello, after about 19 months of study, city officials have found a suitable spot for wind production in the Trail Creek Gap area. According to the city's data, the average

annual wind velocity at the site is just over 14 mph, which makes it on the brink of being commercially viable, said John Sigler, Pocatello's senior environmental coordinator.

Sigler said the initial city wind project would likely involve four wind turbines.

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U.S. official: Iraqi cleric has fled for Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr fled Iraq for Iran ahead of a security crackdown in Baghdad and the arrival of 21,500 U.S. troops sent by President Bush to quell sectarian violence, a senior U.S. official said Tuesday.

Al-Sadr left his Baghdad stronghold some weeks ago, the official said, and is believed to be in Tehran, where he has family. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss U.S. monitoring activities, said fractures in al-Sadr's political and militia operations may be part of the reason for his departure.

The move is not believed to be permanent, the official said.

Word of al-Sadr's departure coincides with an announcement that Iraq will close its borders with Iran and Syria for 72 hours as part of the drive to end the violence that has threatened to divide the capital along sectarian lines.

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My Dearest Staci: It started very innocently, some years ago: You touched my heart, but you didn't know. I thought of you often, as I lay myself to sleep. I longed to be with you, my affection felt that deep. With you already committed, and I not so free; I thought our prospects together, were not meant to be. Years later I became single, while tragedy struck you; I wanted you so badly... but what should I do? I attempted a contact, I dropped a few hints; But alas I reasoned, you were busy with other gents. Then God looked down upon me, and opened a door; Just a chance encounter, was all I was looking for. It had to be a date, long walks and some kissing; If I had only known, what I had been missing. As our journey moves forward, I want you to be: Content with yourself, and happy with me. When we are alone, it's time precious to me; It's you that I cherish, I hope you can see. My life is so empty, when you're not by my side; I'd be one happy camper, if you were my bride. I've waited so long, for this day to be here; I finish this love letter while shedding a tear. So what I'm really saying, without being coy; Will you marry me, and make me one happy boy! Love, Rob

Chris Glenn Fundraiser Saturday, February 24th at THE BALLROOM on Shoshone & Main Car-raffle tickets: \$25 • Dinner-Tickets: \$150 • \$225 • Live music provided by Johnny U. and Crodette • Dinner courtesy of Pandoras • Hatfile 1000 Lexus Donated by HERTZ of RV and LEASING SERVICES • Silent auction • Live Auction, hosted by Larry Gobert of KTVB Evening program starts at 4:00 p.m. Music starting at 5:00 p.m. Vehicle Raffle will be at 9:00 p.m. Purchase tickets at the following locations: • Times-News • Simpler Times Village • Roberts & Hall Dental Office • Mr. Gas (Blue Lanes Blvd.) • Everybody's Business • ISP Office in Jerome • U.S. Bank (1070 2nd Ave. E. Local only) • Sportsman's Warehouse • Hertz • Latham For more info call 324-6000 or 280-4267

AROUND THE NATION

LOUISIANA

Tornado kills 1, injures many in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS — Eighteen months after Hurricane Katrina, Stella Chambers' modest red-brick house had finally been repaired, and she was waiting for one last utility hookup to move back in. But the 85-year-old woman never made it.

A tornado tore through her neighborhood in the city's Gentilly neighborhood before daylight Tuesday, flattening her house, ripping apart the front-yard FEMA trailer in which she was living, and killing her.

At least 29 people were injured, including Chambers' daughter, Gall, as the twister heaped more misery on neighborhoods still trying to recover from Katrina. The storm destroyed at least 50 FEMA trailers and dozens of homes, and damaged many others — many of which were in various states of repair.

"We were trying to get my mother back in the house. Now there is nothing to repair," said Mervin Pollard, whose 81-year-old mother's Katrina-flooded home was reduced to a pile of lumber Tuesday. "How do you start over again when you are already trying to do this?"

N. CAROLINA

Contractor sentenced to nearly 8½ years in prison for detainee's beating

RALEIGH, N.C. — A former CIA contract employee was sentenced Tuesday to nearly 8½ years in prison for beating an Afghan detainee who later died.

David Passaro, 40, was accused of hitting Abdul Wali with a flashlight and kicking him in the groin during a two-day interrogation at a remote military base in Afghanistan in July 2003. Wali died within 48 hours of the interrogation, after complaining of abdominal pain and an inability to urinate.

Passaro was the first American civilian charged with mistreating a detainee during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was found guilty last year of assault and could have gotten 11½ years in prison.

U.S. District Judge Terrence Boyle sentenced Passaro to eight years and four months, and has said that a lack of an autopsy probably kept Passaro from being charged with murder.

WASHINGTON

House begins heated debate on Iraq war

WASHINGTON — The House Tuesday plunged into a heated, partisan debate on President Bush's war policy, with Democrats challenging lawmakers to take a stand against the deployment of more troops to Iraq while Republicans accused their political foes of emboldening the enemy and abandoning the battlefield.

Democrats won control of Congress last fall in a political

backlash against Bush's Iraq policy, and Tuesday they declared a war they said was illegitimate, launched and has been badly managed, with devastating consequences. They were helped by three newly elected Democratic lawmakers who were propelled into politics by their military experience in Iraq.

"We stand together to tell this administration that we are against the escalation, and to say with one voice that Congress will no longer be a blank check to the president's failed war policy," said freshman Rep. Patrick Murphy, D-Pa., who was a captain with the 82nd Airborne Division in Baghdad. The president's plan to send more of our best and bravest to the refueling a civil war in Iraq is wrong."

Republicans focused on loftier themes, warning darkly about ceding Iraq to Islamist radicals who are bent on destroying not only the Middle East but also the American way of life. "We are engaged in a global war now for our very way of life," said House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio. "And every drop of blood that's been spilled in defense of liberty and freedom from the American Revolution to this very moment is for nothing if we're unwilling to stand up and fight this threat."

Scores of Democratic and Republican lawmakers took to the floor on the first of what is likely to be three days of intense debate on a tightly worded resolution opposing Bush's decision to deploy more than 20,000 additional U.S. combat troops to Iraq.

Questions raised about Iran ties to explosives

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration struggled Tuesday to explain what it knows about alleged Iranian interference in Iraq after the Pentagon's top general appeared to contradict a recently released military dossier on the subject.

At issue was a weekend briefing in Baghdad at which three senior U.S. military officials said that the "highest levels" of the Iranian government had ordered the smuggling into Iraq of high-tech roadside bombs that have been killing American soldiers.

Cen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters in the Indonesian capital, Jakarta, that U.S. forces have arrested Iranians in Iraq and some of the materials used in roadside bombs had been made in Iran.

"That does not translate that the Iranian government per se, for doing, is directly involved in doing this," Pace said.

The assertion of Tehran's involvement, made by U.S. officers who spoke on condition of anonymity Sunday in Baghdad, had already drawn skeptical responses from some lawmakers and other critics still wary of an administration that based the invasion of Iraq on faulty intelligence.

Those doubts increased Tuesday after Pace said the link between the bomb materials and the government had not been definitively proven.

Libby and Cheney won't testify in CIA leak case

WASHINGTON — I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby on Tuesday abandoned plans to testify in his own defense and decided against calling his former boss, Vice President Dick Cheney, to help defend him in the CIA leak trial.

The announcement in U.S. District Court by defense attorney Theodore Wells came after several days in which Libby's attorneys had feuded in that direction.

The formal reversal in their announced tactics prompted Judge Reggie Walton to advise them the decision would limit how far they could go in using testimony from Cheney's current national security adviser John Hannah, about how busy Libby was in 2003 with the war in Iraq and other pressing national security issues while serving Cheney as both national security adviser and chief of staff.

Informed of Libby's decision, Walton said, "I understood the defense was going to be that these issues were of such significance that they so overwhelmed him so it was reasonable for him to forget" when he first learned that war critic Joseph Wilson's wife, Valerie Plame, worked for the CIA.

Libby is charged with lying to the FBI and a grand jury about his talks with reporters concerning Plame and obstructing the investigation of how her identity leaked in 2003. Libby says his memory failed him.

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MICHIGAN

Mitt Romney announces Presidential bid

DEARBORN — Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney formally launched his bid for president Tuesday, joining a crowd of candidates in both parties denouncing Washington and the political status quo.

"It is time for innovation and transformation," the Republican hopeful said. "I do not believe Washington can be transformed from within by a lifelong politician. There have been too many deals, too many favors, too many entitlements and too little real world experience managing."

guiding leading." The 59-year-old venture capitalist-turned-politician staged his announcement in Michigan, where he was born and his father George served as a popular governor in the 1950s. The locale gave him some distance from Washington and the heavily Democratic state where Romney served a single term as governor, which ended last month, and compiled a record that already has proved problematic in his White House bid. Romney spoke of God, family

and morality in his 20-minute speech, delivered at the Henry Ford Museum outside Detroit, but made only passing mention of abortion and gay rights, two issues on which his views have shifted in recent years toward a far more conservative stance.

"I believe the family is the foundation of America and that we must fight to protect and strengthen it," Romney said, nodding to social conservatives who held tremendous sway in the Republican nominating process.

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NORTH KOREA

Pyongyang's account of deal raises questions

BEIJING — A hard-word disarmament pact that the U.S. and four other nations struck with North Korea on Tuesday requires the communist nation to halt its nuclear programs in exchange for oil while leaving the ultimate abandonment of those weapons projects to a potentially troubled future.

In a sign of potential problems to come, North Korea's state news agency said the country was receiving 1 million tons of oil for a "temporary suspension" of its nuclear facilities — and failed to mention the full disarmament for which the agreement calls.

It wasn't clear if the report represented an attempt by the government to backtrack on the deal, or was simply a statement of bluster for a deeply impoverished domestic audience.

Pyongyang has rallied around the nuclear program as a source for national pride.

And by tackling so many issues in a process likely to take years, the deal could unravel, pulled apart by differing agendas of its six signers, which also include China, South Korea, Russia and Japan.

"We have a lot of work to do," U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill told reporters. "It's certainly not the end of the process. It's really just the end of the beginning of the process."

Nevertheless, the agreement marks a turnaround for North Korea, which rattled the world only four months ago when it tested a nuclear device. If Pyongyang follows through with its promises, they would be the first moves in a committed state has made to scale back its atomic development since it kicked out international inspectors and restarted its sole operating nuclear reactor in 2003.

Mexico's central bank, 70 percent said they had a U.S. bank account. The findings also suggest that U.S. financial institutions are playing an increasing role in the money transfers. People with bank accounts often are able to send money at a cheaper rate than if they wired the money through other means.

The survey by the bank of Mexico provides the central bank's most detailed profile of the migrants behind most of the record \$23 billion sent to Mexico in 2006. It was based on a poll of more than 6,700 people

who send the money, known as remittances. They were interviewed in seven Mexican border cities in December 2005 after crossing by foot or car from the United States into Mexico for the holidays.

The survey did not ask people for their immigration status.

The aggressive pursuit of Hispanic customers by American financial institutions clearly is helping to facilitate the movement of money, U.S. banks were among the first to accept so-called materia conular cards issued by the

Mexican government as proof of identity. "It's a very good business for them," Cervantes said.

ITALY

Dig begins on prehistoric couple locked in embrace

ROME — Archaeologists working on the eve of Valentine's Day carefully began digging up the bones of a prehistoric couple on Tuesday, hoping to keep their 5,000-year-old embrace undisturbed forever.

The skeletons unearthed last week were being scooped out of the earth to undergo tests before going on display in the northern Italian city of Mantua, archaeologists said.

The pair, buried between 5,000 and 6,000 years ago in the late Neolithic period, are believed to be a man and a woman who died young, because their teeth were found intact.

"We will work to keep them together," said Elena Menotti, the archaeologist who led the dig. "Removing the turf in one piece will preserve the position and allow us to collect more data on the burial."

The burial was unearthed on the outskirts of Mantua during construction work. The site is 25 miles south of Verona, the city where Shakespeare set the story of "Romeo and Juliet," and the discovery fueled musings in the media about prehistoric love.

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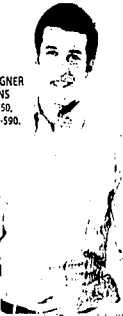
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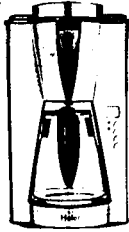
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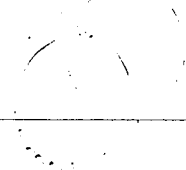
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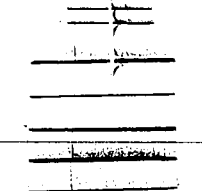
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EGYPT

Al-Zawahri said Bush was an alcoholic and gambler

CAIRO, Egypt — Al-Qaida's No. 2 said President Bush was an alcoholic and a lying gambler who waged on Iraq and lost, according to a new audiotape released Tuesday.

Ayman al-Zawahri said in the tape that Bush has been forced to admit his failure in Iraq after the "alcoholics" and "liars" committed the "lie, which he became addicted to, that he is winning" in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Bush suffers from an addictive personality, and was an alcoholic. I don't know his present condition... but the one who examines his personality finds that he is addicted to two other faults — lying and gambling," al-Zawahri said in the audiotape.

Bush, who is now 60, has acknowledged he had a problem with drinking but gave up alcohol when he was 40 years old.

The 41-minute audiotape could not immediately be authenticated but was seen by The Associated Press on a Web site commonly used by internet groups and carried the logo of the multimedia arm of al-Qaida, as-Sahab.

MEXICO

Survey: More remittance senders are using banks

MEXICO CITY — Mexicans who work in the United States and send money south of the border are moving into the financial mainstream, according to a new survey.

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EDITORIAL

Clean air laws gain steam around Idaho

I f Idaho bowling alleys were to go smokeless, it would undoubtedly require an investment on the part of business owners.

Cigarette vending machines and beer bottles would probably be out. Nachos, soda pop, and more size-3 bowling shoes would be in. But with the sacrifice comes a payoff. By making their establishments more family friendly, most bowling alley owners would probably see their profits take off, as well.

That's the message Rep. Bob Ring, R-Caldwell, is sounding with his legislation to ban smoking in bowling alleys. Ring pushed a similar bill last year, citing the inconsistency with Idaho's recently passed smoking ban, but it failed to advance in the session.

Idaho's 2004 smoking ban closed many loopholes for smoke in public places, including pool halls. But it kept the ability to smoke in a bowling alley. That exemption was baffling to many customers, considering how bowling alleys are a popular destination for kids and families.

"Currently, we would like to see them be able to pursue a physical activity like bowling without being exposed to second-hand smoke," said Ring in a letter to the TV affiliate.

Government intrusion into the private sector is always a third rail in the Idaho Legislature. Some may ask why Ring is pushing for a government ban, when the marketplace can decide when to cater to the non-smoking crowd for its own profit?

Normally, that's precisely the route to go. In the case of bowling alleys, however, many owners draw upon young bowlers and families to build the customer base. With that kind of clientele, a ban on smoking altogether is healthy, wealthy and wise.

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Second-hand smoke isn't just a personal liberty issue, but also a workplace issue. When employees at clubs and bars are subjected to the passing of smoke, their health is placed at risk.

Some will argue they have the liberty of going to another job. But where is the law's greatest obligation to protect health and welfare — with the establishment's business practice or the individual's well-being?

Employers who embrace a smoke-free workplace know they're doing right by their customers, as well as their workers. As Idaho's smoking ban continues to gain acceptance in more places, the expectation will grow to expand its influence.

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LETTERS

Local government doesn't always deliver justice

Our government is the biggest hypocrite in the world.

Our 250-year-old government is going around telling these countries that have been going 2,000 or 3,000 years, how to live and passing freedom. While over here, every day someone passes new laws taking our freedom away.

The Constitution was written to protect the people from the government, then all those lawyers in government kept amending it to protect the government from the people.

The same corruption has come down to our court system. You used to be innocent until proven guilty; now you're guilty until proven innocent.

Recently, a family member was charged with giving alcohol to a minor. In court, the girl admitted stealing it from his truck. In court, he was found guilty anyway and given a large fine and 30 days in jail.

Now is this justice? I think the attorney general should look into the Fairfield court system. And I also think they should have an internal investigation into the Fairfield police department.

Two cops were laughing and bragging about this in a local bar.
KEM MENCK SR.
Fairfield

Law didn't protect minor who got a tattoo

I am a mother of two boys, ages 11 and 15. I've tried to teach my sons to do right. They are very intelligent and fun loving. Like most parents, I can't be by their side 24 hours a day.

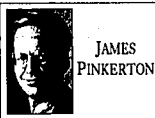
Well, some hour in December, my 15-year-old son was tattooed without my knowing. His father and I found out a couple of weeks ago. I thought the law required that the person to have a tattoo had to be at least 17 years old with the parent's signature.

This is a local tattoo artist. They did not have my permission, and my son is only 15. He will not tell us who it is because he knows that it impacts that person in serious trouble. Well, you know who you are, and I hope you know that art is something to be respected and so is the vulnerability of the child.

There is a good reason the law is what it is.
PS. I have a tattoo. I was 32 years old when I got it.
KARIN JOHNSON
Kimberly

Can Oprah get Obama elected president? It's possible. After all, everything — and everyone — else the Queen of Television touches turns to gold.

Oprah Winfrey has given her in-studio blessing to her various courtiers — Dr. Phil, Rachel Ray, Nancy Berkus, Bob Greene — and now all of them have gone on to great success in the larger world. So maybe, too, for Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., a past guest on her show who announced his candidacy for the White House on Saturday.

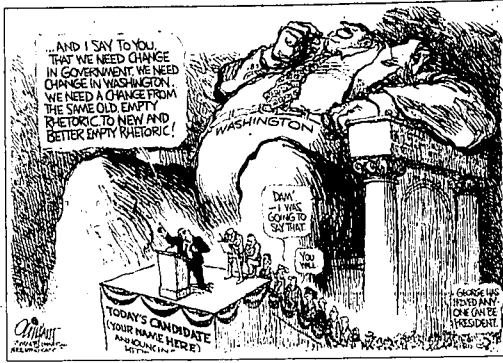


JAMES PINKERTON

Our view: Smoking restrictions will expand in Idaho as more employers see the merits of clear air. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Because, while Oprah focuses mostly on taste and self-help — the current cover of Oprah magazine headlines "5 Wholly Unexpected Ways to Get Happier" — she has never made a secret of her soft-left politics. The same March issue also features puff profiles of liberal heroes, including Spike Lee, Jimmy Carter and the late Moly Nyiri.

And, of course, it's understandable that Oprah, as a black Chicagoan, would be particularly attracted to Obama. As she told The Chicago Sun-Times in September, "I would do everything in my power to campaign for him." She emphasized her admiration for his "sense of hope and optimism." Indeed, there's something infectious about Obama's optimistic, "I can't believe it, a hard-core politician, said of Obama spontaneously. "Yes, like, Mr. Hope."



And what hope, exactly, does Obama offer? He offers all Americans the hope that the racial split vexing this land for nearly four centuries can be transcended, just as Obama himself — the child of a white mother and a black father — has transcended it. Although conscious of history, Obama seems to feel no personal rage that one sees in, say, Jesse Jackson or Al Sharpton.

That's the reality that Sen. Joe Biden, D-DeL., was seeking to communicate when he hand-handedly referred to Obama as "bright and clean." Biden's dapper contesteurian aside, many Americans want Obama to do for blacks what John F. Kennedy did for Catholics in 1960 — that is, prove that the right kind of candidate can sweep away what remains of prejudice and win the highest office in the land. Ever since 1960, the once-bitter hostility between

Catholics and Protestants has been put to rest in this country by the same logic, that a president could provide healing for the black-white divide.

And Oprah, embodying post-racial idealism, is a leading indicator. Like Colin Powell and Tiger Woods, she threatens to do one and appeals to almost everyone. And now she will do what she can to help Obama, an apt pupil. The freshman senator eagerly reaches out to all sectors of American society; he has even gone so far as to claim, on his mother's side, a distant relationship to Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy. No wonder he was labeled "the Clintonian candidate" by Washington Post columnist Ruth Marcus — and that Bill, not Hillary, Marcus observed that Obama, like the 42nd president, has a knack for using words to slide over ideological razor blades — staying friendly with all sides while not himself getting cut. Such

ability can be defined as either oozy or smart. But Clinton did win two national elections.

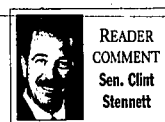
At the same time, it is true that when Obama is finally pinned down ideologically, he votes reliably on the left. His lifetime rating from the American Conservative Union is B on a zero-to-100 scale. And other aspects of his life, too, will be explored, such as his real estate deal with a shady Chicago developer, which even Obama has called "bonehead." Meanwhile, as the other Clinton, Hillary, seeks to demolish his candidacy in her own quest for the White House, there's an undeniable wind at Obama's back. If he were just the Great Black Hope, he wouldn't get far. But instead he's an American hope. Only time will tell whether he's great or not. In the meantime, most Americans rightly wish him well.

James Pinkerton is a columnist for Newsday.

Democracy goes beyond one-mile limit

As citizens of the United States, we have the obligation to defend our inalienable right of life, liberty and property. One of the greatest weapons in our arsenal is the freedom of speech. This right is currently limited for some (Idahoans by Idaho Code) with regard to Confined Animal Feeding Operations. As Idaho Code reads now, only members of the public with their primary residence within a one-mile radius of a proposed CAFO (aka, large dairy) site may provide comment at a public sitting, hearing.

The one-mile restriction is the only place in Idaho Code that carries out a provision to limit the constitutional right of people to appear and speak before an appointed or elected body. I believe this provision is unreasonable and likely unconstitutional. It is an American tradition to permit people speak their mind, especially on the issues that can directly affect them or their property. Yet, we have created a special exception for CAFOs. During my time here in Idaho, I have vigorously pursued this issue and have



READER COMMENT
Sen. Clint Stennett

introduced legislation to remove the one-mile limitation.

It has been argued that the current statute does permit that the distance between the board of commissioners and that this legislation removes that local authority. Yet, there is not another provision in the Idaho Code that limits the public access like this. I believe a person's right to speak up on any issue, which they believe they have a compelling interest in, should trump a rare discretion of county commissioners. This bill does nothing to affect the decision-making authority of the commissioners, except they may have heard more voices regarding issue of the siting of CAFOs.

In 2005, similar legislation failed the Senate by a tied vote (17-17). Some senators were

concerned that the language in my legislation exposed commissioners to unwarranted and irrelevant speech. While I see no harm in inviting the entire public, I listened and considered what my colleagues had to say.

Consequently, this year my legislation differs from that of the past. This time it mimics all other land use planning language in Idaho Code with regard to who can speak at a public hearing. I have created "public" or "affected person" as defined by land use planning statutes, "affected person" is anyone who has an "interest in real property that may be adversely affected by the issuance or denial of a permit authorizing the development." I would prefer that anyone could speak but, more importantly, any person with real property interests should be heard.

Currently, people with residences, investment properties, businesses, hospitals, schools or second homes outside of a one-mile circle of a proposed CAFO site do not have the right to speak to those making the decision to

permit the operation. The truth is that the footprint created by CAFOs go beyond this artificial one-mile limit. Odors, flies, dust or lights are all characteristics of CAFOs and can travel for miles. Manure is transported for many miles, surrounding the CAFO. Any resident that lives near a CAFO can tell you that the effects of CAFOs in their communities do not cease at an imaginary one-mile boundary. The current statute is arbitrary and unfair to non-owners, landowners, investors and democracy.

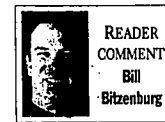
At this point, it is my goal with this bill to clean up the Idaho Code to make a CAFO siting decision no different, no better, no worse than any other land use decision. This legislation requires public officials to listen and is supportive to a more responsive and sensible government.

Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, serves District 25 — Blaine, Canus, Gpoding and Lincoln counties. He is the Senate minority leader and is on the Agricultural Affairs, Insurance, Environment, and State Affairs committees.

Open data on farming serves public purpose

House Bill 59 is back. One week ago HB 59 was withdrawn for rewording and has been resubmitted to the House Agriculture Affairs Committee. The original bill closed to the public all results from state laboratories. The reworded bill is reworded but the intent is the same.

Often when bills are passed with closed language, the impacts reach far beyond the bill's sponsors intended targets. It appears the impetus for passing this bill is to shield companies or individuals submitting tests to the state labs from the prying eyes of competitors who misuse the information for unfair business advantage or environmental tax dodges. The reaction or overreac-



READER COMMENT
Bill Blitzenburg

tion is to have a bill closing all results, except those with enforcement actions, to public view. The intended results will be achieved but with collateral damage. The unintended results would be shield numerous "bad actors" from public scrutiny. Unscrupulous characters could be emboldened by the cloaking of lab results into pushing the limits knowing full well that if marginal seeds, animals or soil tests

don't pass they will be protected from the eyes of the public and thus preserving a possibly undeserved reputation.

Generally it is not in the public's best interest to shield the guilty along with the innocent. If unscrupulous dairymen, elk breeders or seed companies are using public information obtained from state labs for personal advantage, it can easily be side-tracked with the caveat no negative results will be released. Therefore, only the "bad actors" that submit tests resulting in positive tests for regulated or non-regulated diseases or tests yielding levels outside of the allowable range would be released. As written the bill relies on the Idaho State Department

of Agriculture director to police the results and only release those deemed necessary. While the director Celia Gould is highly respected, this is still a politically appointed position answerable only to the governor. To think it is unlikely the director would not yield to political pressure applied by the IDA or others is naive.

An informed and knowledgeable citizenry is the most effective weapon against those who would endanger the environment or health of Idahoans.

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I'm with Cupid, despite Valentine's media hype

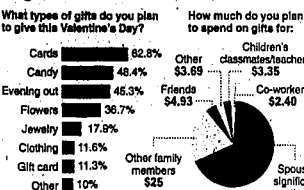
What holiday is dreaded more than Valentine's Day? Not enough of an excuse to eat a big meal or take a day off from work, but more than just a vehicle of the greeting card industry, it's an anxiety trigger of the most insidious order. So cloaked in cheesy packaging it makes Groundhog Day look downright sane. This annual nod to Cupid is a cultural mania not only to have a nervous breakdown but to feel like an idiot for doing so.

MEGHAN DAUM

Let's face it, Valentine's Day is a consumer ploy. We take the bait anyway. The National Retail Foundation estimates that in 2006, the average consumer spent \$100.89 to commemorate Feb. 14. The U.S. census has found that 15 percent of women send flowers to themselves on Valentine's Day, and it's even been reported that 3 percent of pet owners buy valentines for their pet, making the phrase "be mine" a bit redundant.

If you're like me, you're probably feeling pretty cheated — \$100.89? That's a lot of flowers. Mylar balloons or eat treats. You'd have to move the decimal point one notch to the left to represent how much I've ever spent — or been the beneficiary of — on Valentine's Day. But I suspect that figure counts not only for roses and chocolate-covered cherries purchased by the side of the freeway, but for the grand dame of Valentine's Day gifts, the diamond engagement ring.

Loving gifts



SOURCE: National Retail Federation.

I've been thinking about those little stones because I recently saw the movie "Blood Diamond" (I know, I'm a little behind; I hear "Talladega Nights" is good too). This is a gory, quasi-political thriller that suggests (in terms that its target male audience can understand) even though I choose to ignore that the relationship between diamonds and romance is rooted not in ancient mating rituals but in Machiavellian marketing techniques. And it's right. Not that Zales would ever admit it, but most diamonds are neither particularly rare nor particularly scarce. As for that "two months' salary" rule of thumb? It's not advice from Grandpa. It's ad copy from the 1980s.

But romance and propaganda have long made steamy buffaloes, and besides, the whole notion of bling-crazed bachelorettes is as much a media creation as the aura of

the ring itself. Still, in matters of the heart, most of us, regardless of our material aspirations, romantic situations or even genders, have a tendency to sweat the small stuff — like the need, for not to mention the size and shape of, a diamond ring — because the big stuff (even if it's really good stuff) is just too scary.

Along with the existence of God, the meaning of life and "Scooter" Libby's former job description, love is one of those concepts that becomes more confusing and manageable the harder we think about it. That's doubly true of romantic love, which is built around the illogical premise that infatuation can be shoe-horned into a permanent state of being. It's

no surprise, then, that we channel our romantic passions not only into the object of our love but the objects that represent love.

Diamonds, of course, are the flagship of this franchise. More than just a girl's best friend, they're trinkets that a girl's other friends can compare and analyze to the point where the trinket's procurer is all but irrelevant. That's been especially true in the last 20 years or so — as feminism softened its stance, the economy boomed and a flashy diamond became less a symbol of patriarchy than a sign of class status. But what's even "right-hand" diamond rings now, such as the "Ah ring," for single women. ("Ah" stands for "available" and "happy," but I suspect "affluent" and "hyper-competitive" would work too.)

But what's even "longing" for an engagement ring, an Ah ring or an end to this lunatic ring cycle altogether. It's almost inevitable that the blustery sales weeks leading up to Valentine's Day intensify our fixation on the accoutrements of love rather than on love itself.

Sure, we're intellectually capable of seeing the flowers, the candy and even the diamond for what they are — expressions of the irresponsible. We know this is an assembly-line holiday. But we've also been conditioned to see it as a day of romantic reckoning, an occasion to take stock of our

own loveliness. And that's a big responsibility for a holiday when the banks don't even close.

Excited yet? I know I am (and so is my pet). As for the shiny gems, just remember this: A diamond may be the gift of a lifetime, but Mylar balloons are non-biodegradable. What says "forever" better than that?

Meghan Daum is an essayist and novelist in Los Angeles.

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A big Thank you to all of the beautiful people who attended my 90th birthday party, and for all the cards and gifts. Also, a special thank-you to Julia and Ernie Zennie. -Kathleen Black

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Failing marks go to State Board for ISDB

Closing the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind once again is in the news. State School Board, it is now time to come forward with a factual justification statement on this issue.

The board owes the citizens of the state a comprehensive economic impact statement showing (a) current operational cost of the ISDB campus, compared side-by-side with (b) full costs of placing ISDB students within the outreach programs systems across the state. By comparing (a) to (b) using an economic impact statement, such impact provide the "base" needed for "sound" decision making. Further, can the school board certify that the educational training to be received via the state's outreach programs will be "as effective" as that training now received via the current ISDB on-campus setting?

Many unanswered questions remain to be addressed on this issue, in my opinion. Claiming significant saving without factual documenta-

tion is an unbecoming action taking by the state's school board. In my opinion. Are the "true net savings" a plus or minus? Note the word is "net" effect.

School board, please give citizens of this state a break and stop your homework deserving of a grad A-plus, not D-minus; again, my opinion.

DONALD K. LARSON, PH.D.
Gooding
(Editor's note: Donald Larson is a retired agricultural economist.)

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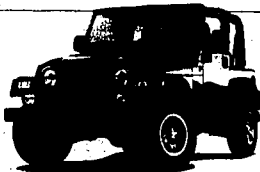
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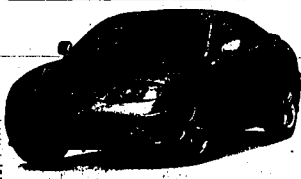
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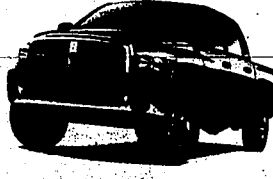
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2007 IDAHO REAL DAIRY SHOOTOUT GIRLS STATE TOURNAMENT PREVIEW

The Contenders

Nine area teams enter girls state tournament

By Bradley Gaire
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — There's a buzz around Baun Gymnasium, a gentle humming vibration like a generator, but it's not the broken scoreboard.

The buzz is the Twin Falls Bruins girls basketball team and its chance to bring home the Class 5A state championship on Saturday. Twin Falls' fourth tournament appearance in head coach Joe D. Shepard's five years at the helm begins Thursday.

"A lot of people think Boise-area schools are the powerhouses," Shepard said. "I'd look at us as a strong contender."

Make no mistake about it. After a 20-3 run through the regular season and the Region Four-Five-Six tournament, which capped an 11-0 sweep of region opponents, the Bruins have a destination: the 8 p.m. game Saturday at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

They don't care who's there with them, as long as they get there. "When we play like we can, we can compete with any team," senior leading scorer Kelsey Jardine said. However, here's that pesky matter of winning Thursday's opener. Senters Jardine and Ashley Irons are the only girls on the squad with experience at the state level, so it's unclear how this team will handle the first test. Sophomore Megan Crist said she's not nervous. Pumped up and excited, but not nerv-

ous, and she doesn't think many of her teammates will feel those jitters either.

"They won't show it," Crist said. "They're pretty level-headed. We have a lot of girls that know how to win. When Devan (Marklin) gets down, she'll take it to the basket. That's how she's always been. She knows how to score points and get fouls. There are a lot of girls on our team that can do that."

Keeping their wits about them could be the best thing this young Bruins squad can do at this level of play. Most teams at state have nearly 20 wins and a conference championship. Every team has girls that can score. Every team is capable of winning.

Central is the defending champion, and Coeur d'Alene is the defending runner-up (though someone is going home in the consolation bracket as they're pitted against each other in the opening round this year). Vallivue has moved up from Class 4A, where they won last year's division title.

Even if the younger girls find those butterflies fluttering round in their stomachs, Jardine and Irons will be there. "It was a little scary at first, but a good experience," Jardine said of her state playing time as a sophomore in 2005 where the Bruins took third place. "I'll encourage them to play their best. Tell them that it's like every other game we've played. (The first game) will be the hardest, but once you win the first game,

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Senior Jordan Irons and the Burley Bobcats open the Class 4A state tournament against the Skyview Hawks at 6:15 p.m. Thursday at Timberline High School in Boise.



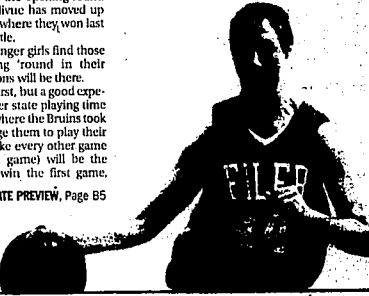
Senior Matt Jones and the Middletown Tigers open the Class 3A state tournament against the Council Lumberjacks at 1:15 p.m. Friday at Nampa High School in Nampa.



Senior guard Kelsey Jardine, above, and the Twin Falls Bruins take on the Boise Braves at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Idaho Center in Nampa.



Sopomors Jaci Lancaster and the Wendell Trojans open the Class 2A state tournament against the Fifth Cougars at 6:15 p.m. Thursday at Kuna High School in Kuna.



Junior Haley Ramseyer and the Ellet Wildcats open the Class 3A state tournament against the Bonners Ferry Badgers at 1:15 p.m. Thursday at Middleton High School in Middleton.

Team capsules

See pages B4-5 for details on the each team competing at this week's state tournaments.

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2007 Girls Real Dairy Shoot Out

- Class 5A**
At The Idaho Center, Nampa
Thursday
- Game 1: Borah Lions (20-2) vs. Lake City Timberwolves (20-4), 1:15 p.m.
 - Game 2: Twin Falls Bruins (20-3) vs. Boise Braves (17-6), 3 p.m.
 - Game 3: Coeur d'Alene Vikings (20-2) vs. Centennial Patriots (19-3), 6:15 p.m.
 - Game 4: Skyline Grizzlies (13-11) vs. Vallivue Falcons (17-6), 8 p.m.
- Class 4A**
At Timberline High School, Boise

- Thursday
- Game 1: Lakeland Hawks (10-11) vs. Hillcrest Knights (17-8), 1:15 p.m.
 - Game 2: Bishop Kelly Knights (16-7) vs. Preston Indians (14-9), 3 p.m.
 - Game 3: Burley Bobcats (21-3) vs. Skyview Hawks (15-9), 6:15 p.m.
 - Game 4: Bonneville Bees (17-6) vs. Middleton Vikings (19-4), 8 p.m.
- Class 3A**
At Middleton High School
Thursday
- Game 1: Filer Wildcats (11-9) vs.

- Bonners Ferry Badgers (16-8), 1:15 p.m.
 - Game 2: Kellogg Wildcats (20-2) vs. Sugar-Salem Diggers (21-5), 3 p.m.
 - Game 3: Shelley Russets (17-7) vs. Fruitland Grizzlies (13-4), 6:15 p.m.
 - Game 4: Marsh Valley Eagles (14-7) vs. Declo Hornets (14-8), 8 p.m.
- Class 2A**
At Kuna High School
Thursday
- Game 1: Butte County Patriots (19-4) vs. Parma Panthers (19-5), 1:15 p.m.
 - Game 2: Soda Springs Cardinals (17-3)

- vs. New Plymouth Pilgrims (16-7), 3 p.m.
 - Game 3: Wendell Trojans (9-13) vs. Fifth Cougars (13-12), 6:15 p.m.
 - Game 4: Genesee Bulldogs (21-2) vs. West Side Pirates (8-11), 8 p.m.
- Class 1A**
At Nampa High School
Wednesday
- Game 1: Richfield Tigers (22-1) vs. Council Lumberjacks (17-7), 1:15 p.m.
 - Game 2: Mackay Miners (15-5) vs. Greenleaf Friends Grizzlies (13-8), 3 p.m.

- Game 3: Wallace Miners (12-10) vs. Shoshone Indians (16-8), 6:15 p.m.
 - Game 4: Genesee Bulldogs (16-7) vs. Cascade Ramblers (21-3), 8 p.m.
- At Columbia High School, Nampa
Wednesday
- Game 5: Lapwai Wildcats (22-1) vs. Hagerman Braves (20-4), 1:15 p.m.
 - Game 6: North Gem Cowboys (14-7) vs. Kootenai Warriors (18-3), 3 p.m.
 - Game 7: Garden Valley Wolverines (18-1) vs. Prairie Pirates (15-9), 6:15 p.m.
 - Game 8: Ralt River Trojans (17-5) vs. Rimrock Raiders (20-2), 8 p.m.

Leckenby, Indians blow past Hornets

By Diane Phillips
Times-News writer

BUHL — Sometimes beating an opponent three times in a season can be a tough chore. Not this time.

After being 2-0 against Declo in conference play, top-seeded Buhl picked up win No. 3 as the Indians routed No. 4 Declo 83-34 in the Indians opening game in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference District Tournament on Tuesday.

"We wanted to come out and set the tone early," said Buhl coach Ryan Bowman. "The kids really played well and played hard. We knew coming in we had an advantage inside which was something we have been looking to do. Tanner (Leckenby) finished his points around the rim."

Leckenby, Buhl's 6-foot-6 senior center, created numerous problems inside for the

smaller Hornets. Declo junior Matt Jones, standing 6-foot-3, tried to match-up with Leckenby but picked up two quick fouls in the first four minutes of the first quarter. And when Leckenby went to the bench, juniors Brian Hosman and Tony Cooper continued the aggressive work inside.

"We are trying to take it one game at a time," said Leckenby. "And we are concentrating on districts right now. We'll play whoever, whether it is Gooding or Kimberly."

As it turns out, the Indians will face Kimberly in next Monday's SCIG title game as the Bulldogs upset Gooding 53-28 Tuesday. That means Leckenby and his teammates will miss out on their hoped-for chance of revenge against the Sentors, who upset Buhl Feb. 2 for the

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Buhl's Tanner Leckenby takes the ball to the hoop Tuesday night against Declo during a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference tournament game in Buhl.

Tigers survive, edge Minico in first round

By John Herr
Times-News writer

Tournament schedules
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JEROME — When it's tournament time, it's never over until the final buzzer sounds. That was the case Tuesday in Jerome's 58-51 win over Minico in the first round of the District IV Great Basin Conference West tournament.

Jerome started strong and was up by double digits heading into the final period, but Minico rallied to take the lead late in the game. The Tigers responded, hitting big free throws down the stretch to survive and advance.

The main reason Jerome moved on to Thursday's matchup with top-seeded Burley: David Prescott. The senior guard hit six 3-pointers and tallied 23 points.

"We had good ball movement on offense and had good shots," said Prescott. "This is the postseason when it all counts." Jerome led 50-38 heading into the fourth before Minico rallied. A layup by Minico's Anthony Garcia cut the deficit to five.

Shane Noble took his turn to shine with back-to-back treys and the Spartans had their first lead since the opening minute at 51-50.

"The shooting didn't surprise Minico coach Mike Graefe. "This is the best shooting team I have ever coached," said Graefe. "We haven't always shown it, but tonight we just knocked them down."

Minico was helped by a suddenly cold Tiger team, which missed its first eight shots of the period.

Prescott connected on Jerome's only basket of the quarter to regain the lead. Justin Stokes chipped in two free throws, but R.J. Salvi made it a one-point game with his third trey of the game.

A Logan Parker free throw made
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Daytona cheating scandal: Crew chiefs suspended, drivers lose points

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR vowed last summer to crack down on cheaters, pledging to toughen penalties in a sport where bending the rules is as common as breathing.

Sports Shorts

Wes's close to practice that he received the Bishop Catholic school record of first ties. He was in a crouch for two weeks.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Two Illinois players injured in crash CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Two Illinois basketball players were injured when their car went off the road and slammed into a tree.

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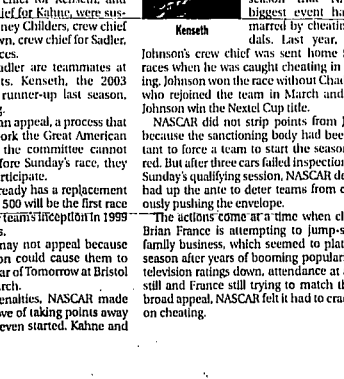
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Notre Dame coach claims malpractice BOSTON — The lawyer for Notre Dame coach Charlie Weir said Tuesday that doctors failed to recognize life-threatening complications after Weir's gastric bypass surgery, allowing him to be upgraded internally for more than a year.

Spring soccer registration under way

TWIN FALLS — Registration for Twin Falls High School's club volleyball team will be available Feb. 12 to March 2 at 136 Maxwell Ave. in Twin Falls Spring soccer is for boys and girls grades K-7 and teens usually play twice a week for four hours with practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. All practices will be in the Twin Falls High School gym and all participants receive a T-shirt. Call 736-226 or more information.



Kenseth Johnson's crew chief was sent home for four years when he was caught cheating in qualifying.



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SPORTS

2007 Girls Read Dairy Shoot Out: Girls state basketball tournament team capsules

Class 5A

Head coach: Alyson Brock (first year)
Road to state: Beat Centennial 47-28 in the first round of the Region 1 tournament...

Players to watch: Jade McKnight, sophomore forward (9.0 points, 5.8 rebounds)...

Improved steadily on all game and enter the tournament on an eight game win streak...

Kimberly scoring machine Ane Pfeiffer to 12 points in the top game.
Head coach: Tracy Hord (third year)...

Head coach: David Heston (third year)
Road to state: Lost 65-58 to Filer in the opening round of the SGC tournament...

Head coach: Deion Howe (first year)
Road to state: Swept the Canyon Conference in a three game series...

Lake City Timberwolves
Head coach: Damon Taylor (eighth year)
Road to state: After losing a Region 1 opener to Post Falls (82-57), LC won back-to-back knockout games...

Head coach: Marco Martin (8th year)
Road to state: Beat Bonanza 38-28 in the first round of District 4...

Head coach: Bryan Payne (third year)
Road to state: Beat Century 70-64, in first round of District 1 tournament...

Head coach: Lisa Hord (fourth year)
Road to state: Interromtable league champ, Bonners Ferry fell to Kellogg in the district title game...

Head coach: Mike Christensen (third year)
Road to state: Lost 65-58 to Filer in the opening round of the SGC tournament...

Head coach: Steve Cook (third year)
Road to state: Beat West Jefferson 44-29 in the first round of the District 6 tournament...

Head coach: Joe D. Shepard (fifth year)
Road to state: Swept the region tournament by beating Idaho Falls 56-44...

Head coach: Stu Sells (fifth year)
Road to state: Beat Timperline 61-39 in first round of District 1 tournament...

Head coach: Nicole Tolman (11th year)
Road to state: Beat Bonanza 38-28 in the first round of District 4...

Head coach: Gordon Kerts (14th year)
Road to state: Beat Wood River 71-30 in first round of the Great Basin Conference...

Head coach: Steve Burdick (second year)
Road to state: Beat Bonners Ferry 42-35 in the District 1 final...

Head coach: Jason Anderson (fourth year)
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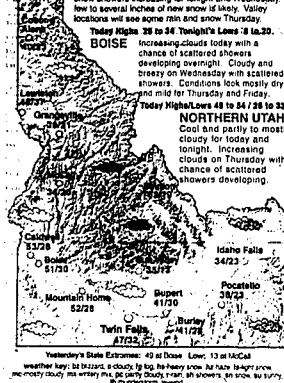
Today: Increasing daytime clouds and a little warmer than normal. Highs in the upper 40s.
Tonight: Turning cloudy and breezy with a slight chance of a late night shower. Lows in the lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Cloudy and breezy with cool temperatures and scattered showers. Highs in the upper 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy skies and cool temperatures. Highs in the lower 40s.
Tonight: Turning cloudy and breezy with a chance of a late night shower. Lows in the upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Cloudy and breezy with scattered showers. Highs in the lower 40s, lows near 30.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Light snow will be falling in the mountains today with snow showers increasing for tonight and Wednesday. A low to several inches of new snow is likely. Valley locations will see some rain and snow Thursday.



GREGG MIDDELKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"The secret of getting along is getting started. The secret of getting started is breaking your big overwhelming task into small manageable tasks, and then starting at the first one."
- Alan Watts, 1857-1957

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

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REGIONAL FORECAST NATIONAL FORECAST

Large table showing regional and national forecasts for various cities like Boise, Salt Lake City, Denver, etc. Includes temperature and weather conditions.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, Hi Lo Prg. Lists weather for various cities like Boise, Burley, etc.

U.V. INDEX

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WORLD FORECAST

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With Marty gone, who takes helm of Good Ship Dysfunction?

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Leave it to the San Diego Chargers to stretch the limits of incredulity again.
This time the firing of coach Marty Schottenheimer after an NFL-best 14-2 season is so mind-boggling that the team president himself called the relationship between Schottenheimer and general manager A.J. Smith a "dysfunctional situation."

NFL head coaches, and two assistants seeking coaching jobs.
Schottenheimer, 63, probably should have gotten a pat on the back for putting together such a remarkable staff, then a suggestion to try to do it again. Even if just for one season.
But that was the problem.
If the Chargers were an undisciplined mess in a shocking 24-21 loss to New England on Jan. 14, then the front office added to the meltdown by letting Schottenheimer become a lame duck.
Three days after the loss, Spanos offered the coach a \$4.5 million extension for 2008, which came with the stipend of a \$1 million buyout. In other words, the coach would have been a nice parting gift had Schottenheimer not coached the Bolts to a win in next season's Super Bowl. Schottenheimer politely declined the extension.

Spanos refused to offer specifics. Instead, he kept saying the relationship between the coach and GM was "untenable" and "dysfunctional."
What, did Schottenheimer grab the last fish taco at a staff party? Did Marty and A.J. have a shouting match over one of Schottenheimer's choices to fill the gaping voids in his staff? Did Smith's chest tighten at the thought of having to deal with two Schottenheimers, had Marty hired younger brother Kurt, as defensive coordinator?
It's sort of a negative work in progress and it's been a very difficult situation, Spanos said.
OK, that clears it all up.
And to think, Smith has said all along that it was Schottenheimer's job to hire and fire his assistants.
Take away just one of those screwball plays from the loss to the Patriots and San Diego might still be in the midst of a Super Bowl hangover.
Not this franchise, though. At least not yet.

Torre thinks he'll want to manage beyond this year

Yankees hope to better last year's first-round exit
TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Joe Torre sat behind the manager's desk, and George Steinbrenner was surrounded by cameras as he limped down the tunnel outside the clubhouse at Legends Field. The Yankees were back in business Tuesday, opening spring training after another of their typically tumultuous seasons.
After Detroit eliminated the Yankees in the first round of last year's playoffs, Torre wasn't sure he'd be allowed to return for a 12th season as manager. But Steinbrenner was persuaded to keep him on for the final season of his contract, and Torre sounded open to managing beyond 2007.
"I don't know yet. The way I feel now, I say yes," he said. "It's exciting. I'm looking forward to it. Every year is different, and that's what I think keeps it stimulating."
"Torre will earn \$7.5 million the final season of a three-year deal that paid him \$6.7 million in each of the previous two years.
"Is there pressure on me because I don't have a contract?" he asked out loud. "No more pressure, my mind, than there always is, as far as I'm concerned."
He led the Yankees to four World Series titles in his first five seasons, but the Yankees haven't won one since 2000. They haven't even been to the Series since 2003.

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Tiger Woods did not show up at Pebble Beach Tuesday. Attendance and other numbers used to measure success will be down this year, and tournament director Ollie Nutt won't have to look hard to place the winner.
The weather. Woods hasn't been to the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am since 2002, yet officials somehow have managed to hand out a trophy, pay out more than \$5 million in prize money and still provide for their local charities.
Ditto for the Verizon Heritage at Hilton Head, an idyllic locale that Woods hasn't been to since 1999 and probably won't return any time soon. Stanford Financial has taken over sponsorship in Memphis, even though there's a better chance of getting Elvis than Tiger. The world's No. 1 player hasn't been to the Honda Classic since he was a 17-year-old amateur.
In fact, Woods never has played nine long-time events on the PGA Tour since turning pro, and all of them are still on the schedule.
Jack Vickers might call that a miracle.
The Denver oilman pulled the plug on his beloved international tournament, the one with the modified Stableford scoring system played on picturesque Castle Pines Golf Club, where he treated every guest like royalty except for those middle-class thunderstorms.
The problem was the tour's price tag (\$8 million) and no sponsor to pick up the tab for an event played around the Fourth of July. Vickers was quick to attribute the demise to Woods, the star attraction on the PGA Tour who last played there in 1999.
"If he shows, everything changes," Vickers said. "You've got a one-man show out there right now that is the big difference."

week after the PGA Championship, a week before or even two weeks before.
Too bad Vickers never made a bid of a stink over who he had, not who he didn't. Phil Mickelson played the International every year but one since 1992. Ernie Els only skipped in 2005 when he was on crutches. Sergio Garcia and Retief Goosen only missed one year, and that was when the PGA Championship was held a week later at a new site in Whistling Straits.
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Hey good lookin', whatcha got cookin'?

Spice of romance is in your home kitchen

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — About the only thing Dr. Allen and Margaret Sinclair love more than each other is cooking.

Forget flowers, chocolates and the like: When the Sinclairs say I love you, it's over Moroccan chicken atop a bed of Israeli couscous and a bottle of good wine. The Sinclairs cook dinner together most evenings — and two or three nights a week, when they're feeling especially amorous, they'll prepare a gourmet meal together. Nothing brings heat to this relationship, they say, like a classy dinner prepared with a special someone.

"It's better than going to the movies or something like that," Margaret said. "Cooking is our form of entertainment; it's what we do together."

Allen said cooking strengthens their relationship because it requires teamwork, problem solving, communication and patience.

"We only argue a little when we cook," he said, smiling at Margaret.

In the kitchen, the couple plays off each other's strengths: Allen is good at following recipes; Margaret knows how to improvise.

It's not just sizzling scallops, however, that kindle this romance — it's also the hunt for a rare ingredient, shopping together for a special meal, planning a dinner party.

If this Twin Falls kitchen is an indication of love, Romeo and Juliet have nothing on the Sinclairs. Cookbooks cover an entire wall. There's a warning drawer. Dozens of feet of counter space. A wine rack stocked with more than 700 bottles.

The Sinclairs are willing to go to great lengths for their passion. It's not unusual for them to travel to Boise or Sun Valley in search of a rare spice. In fact, travel, they said, is probably the only thing they spend more money on than food.

Margaret and Allen grew up in meat-and-potatoes families. And each developed a passion for cooking before they met at a clinic where Allen is a gastroenterologist and Margaret is a nurse.

But put two food nuts in a kitchen together, and fixing a quick supper takes on a whole new meaning. What starts out as a simple meal often turns into a multicourse spread.

Part of the allure, they said, is knowing that a good meal makes a person happy. That's why they love to cook for each other, as well as friends and family. The Sinclairs entertain about twice a month, and they like to visit their adult children in Boise, where they once cooked a seven-course dinner for their son. Oysters, beef Wellington, terrinita.

So what's the most romantic meal to prepare with a loved one?

The Sinclairs can't name just one. Their favorites are cyclical, they said. They're on a pasta kick now. Before that it was Mexican food.

It really doesn't matter what's in the pan, as long as your sweetie is stirring it with you. So forget the chain restaurant, recommend the Sinclairs, and make a date tonight in your home kitchen. Light the burner, set the table — and wait until tomorrow to argue about who's doing dishes.

Contact Times-News features reporter Matt Christensen at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@ec.net.



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Surefire rules for sparks in the kitchen

By Erin Hartigan
The Washington Post

When it comes to cooking together, an otherwise compatible new couple can break down faster than a sautéed salmon. The annals of my own dating history are riddled with kitchen mishaps.

During a triple first-date cooking night at my best friend's place, each couple helped produce a meal of chicken pot stickers, spaghetti with meat sauce and Key lime pie. Nobody wanted to take control; we socialized as pasta turned to mush and pots boiled over. What began as a promising soiree ended early, with six screws and three inedible courses.

It took years for me to try it again. More recent date nights, with just two, have produced a fair share of questionable outcomes in my own kitchen. The Mr. Sizzle in my life shares my love of spicy food, but he unwaveringly multiplies the amount of seasoning. As a result, delicate curries and simple stir-fries leave me gasping for water, bread or anything to alleviate the heat. There are still a few kinks to be worked out.

Conferring with Barbara and Jeff Block, the married co-owners of four Washington-area restaurants, helped put my situation into perspective. Now parents of two, they met as students at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. On rare mutual nights off from their busy restaurants, they have learned to coexist in their Kensington, Md., kitchen, which Jeff describes as an aisle lined by appliances. Secrets of their cooking-together success include "throwing him out" into the backyard every now and then to fire up the grill, Barbara says.

Some of their suggestions sounded like good couples counseling in general: Each

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Lessons with a master teacher

Cooking class brings celebrity chef to Twin Falls

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Perhaps you've read his byline in Bon Appetit and Fine Cooking magazines, or seen him on the Food Network. Here's your chance to see him in Twin Falls.

Chef John Ash of California is coming to Idaho to teach at cooking stores in Boise and Twin Falls. The Boise classes are sold out, but you can still sign up for the Feb. 28 appearance in Twin Falls. Ash is the first celebrity chef in the teaching lineup at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise.

"We are fortunate to have world-class chefs in our local region, but we are very excited

If you go ...

Chef John Ash will teach from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 28 at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$75 (yes, that's more than a typical Rudy's class). To sign up, call Rudy's at 733-5477.

to be able to offer some unique cooking styles from other regions, and from nationally renowned chefs," said Rudy's owner Tom Ashenbrenner.

All the better for culinary education. Ash is a wine and food educator who appeared in the national spotlight in 1985 when Food & Wine magazine selected him as one of "America's Hot Now Chefs."

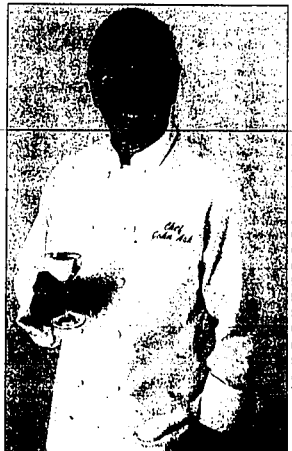
He founded the critically acclaimed Northern California

wine-country restaurant John Ash and Co. in 1980 and has written three books, including "From the Earth to the Table — John Ash's Wine Country Cuisine" and "American Game Cooking." The former was awarded the International Association of Culinary Professionals' award for "Best American Cookbook," and the "Julia Child Cookbook of the Year." Chronicle Books will release an updated version of "From the Earth" in April.

In Twin Falls this month, Ash will prepare recipes from his latest book, "John Ash Cooking One on One: Private Lessons in Simple Contemporary Food from a Master Teacher" — a 2005 James Beard Foundation award winner.

Students will not merely learn the ingredients on the night's menu — Wild Mushroom Hunter's Soup; Grilled Flat Breads; Poached Chicken Salad with Curried Butternut Dressing; Apples and Pecans; Italian Grilled Beef with Arugula, Fried Capers and Warm Garlic Rosemary Bath; and Make Ahead Chocolate Souffle with Raspberry Sauce — but also

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Cooking photo

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Chef

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gain an understanding of what each recipe accomplishes. Ash told the *Times-News*.

All too often, people who are interested in cooking come to the kitchen armed with intimidation. Ash said, overwhelmed by the seemingly endless list to prepare.

It is much more important to understand what flavor comes from and how the recipe works," Ash said. "It doesn't need to be perfect, and I want to help remove the intimidation."

His sentiment mimics the late Child's, who challenged perfectionists to serve the imperfect dish. Don't know what it's supposed to look like or taste like? Serve it anyway," she said.

Here in America there is a mind-set that it has to be just perfect, a "Martha-ism." My feeling is that it isn't so much about the recipe — that it should be slavishly followed — but the recipe is just a guide and it is OK to change things to taste," Ash said. "In the class we will be searching for flavor while not making it overly complicated. People are going to want to learn something they can do at home."

Ash also aims to get students thinking about where the foods they'll use come from, as well as how they were grown and produced. Ethical and economic food issues are something the chef is passionate about; he is on the Board of Overseers for the Chefs' Collaborative, a national organization of chefs who support ethical agriculture.

On its Web site at www.chefs-collaborative.com, the Chefs' Collaborative calls itself "the only culinary organization that provides its members with tools for running economically healthy, sustainable food service businesses and making environmentally sound purchasing decisions." The organization emphasizes locally grown, seasonally fresh and whole or minimally processed ingredients.

Ash said that through education people can, in turn, encourage sustainable practices and improve the quality and taste of foods.

"People need to be aware and ask if it was grown with care and have sensitivity to sustainable care for Mother Earth," Ash said.



JOHN ASH

said, "There is also an eye toward health. If it was grown by one of the 'c1de' sisters — herbicides, fungicides, pesticides.

However, the master chef is also passionate about students having fun in the kitchen.

"I want those in my class to have a really good time. It's not just me lecturing; we are going to do a lot, have a good time," Ash said.

For *Times-News* readers, Ash shared three recipes, reprinted here with his permission:

WILD MUSHROOM PATE

Fills a 3-cup mold or dish

This simplicity of this recipe belies its great taste. Serve with crisp little croques, toasts or crackers of your choice.

- 5 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup chopped shallots or green onions (white part only)
- 1 1/4 pounds thickly sliced fresh wild mushrooms (see note)
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped garlic
- 2 teaspoons curry powder (or to taste)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 cup toasted, preferably unsalted cashews
- 2 tablespoons toasted nut oil such as walnut, or olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped mixed herbs such as parsley, chives and/or basil
- 2 teaspoons finely grated lemon zest

Heat the butter in a large sauté pan over moderately high

heat. Add the shallots, mushrooms, garlic, curry and cumin and sauté and stir until mixture just begins to brown and all liquid has evaporated.

While mushrooms are cooking, add the cashews to a food processor and process until finely chopped. Add oil and continue to process to make a paste. Add the mushroom mixture and refrigerate for up to 3 days. Allow to return to room temperature and sprinkle with chopped herbs and zest at serving time.

Note: A caution: Use only wild mushrooms that you are certain are edible. If you are not a hunter you can substitute wild or cultivated mushrooms found in the market such as chanterelle, shiitake, crimini, portobello and oyster.

SALAD OF ROASTED BEETS AND ORANGES

Serves 6

This is a favorite winter salad and couldn't be simpler. The beets this time of year are sweet and tender, and the oranges are at their peak. The combination makes a wonderful base for other ingredients such as fennel, goat cheese and toasted walnuts.

- 1 1/2 pounds beets (3 medium), green tops removed and saved for another use
- Olive oil
- Kosher or sea salt and freshly ground pepper
- 4 large navel oranges
- 1 cup balsamic vinegar
- 3 cups gently packed young peppery greens such as cress or arugula

To prepare the beets: Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees. Scrub the beets well and place in a single layer in a small baking pan. Lightly coat beets with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Cover with foil and roast until tender when pierced with the point of a small knife, about 45 minutes. Let cool and slip off the skins with a paper towel. Cut into wedges and set aside in a bowl.

Cut off the peel of each orange including the pith with

a sharp knife. Moving the knife along the membrane that separates the sections of the orange, cut down toward the center and let the sections fall into a small bowl along with any juices. After removing all the sections, squeeze the oranges to capture any remaining juices. Can be done up to a day ahead and stored covered and refrigerated.

In a small non-reactive saucepan, heat balsamic vinegar and orange juice (you should have at least 1/3 cup) to a moderate boil and reduce until the consistency of a syrup, about 10 minutes. Keep an eye on the pan in the final couple of minutes to make sure mixture doesn't burn. You should end up with a generous 1/4 cup of syrup.

Toss beets with balsamic syrup. Can be done up to 2 days ahead and stored covered and refrigerated. Divide the greens on individual serving plates and arrange the beets and oranges attractively on top. Drizzle with remaining syrup and serve.

MY GRANDMOTHER'S POT ROAST

Serves 6 to 8

Ash's grandmother had a touch for wholesome comfort foods like this savory pot roast, so he revived this classic for her. The meat is cooked until it is nearly falling apart — "simacotta" as the Italians would call it. "This was a Sunday-supper favorite, and the wonderful aroma as it cooked are fresh in my memory today," Ash said.

- 3 pounds tri-tip or bottom round of beef
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 cups sliced onions
- 1 cup leeks, sliced into rounds
- 1/2 cups celery, sliced on the bias
- 1/2 cups carrots, cut in wedges
- 1/4 cup silvered garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 3 cups hearty red wine
- 4 cups beef or chicken stock

- 2 cups canned diced tomatoes
- 2 large bay leaves
- 2 teaspoons fennel seed
- 2 teaspoons each minced fresh thyme, sage and oregano leaves (1 teaspoon each dried)
- Garnish: roasted potatoes and sautéed shiitake or wild mushrooms, if desired

Trim beef of all visible fat and season with salt and pepper. In a large, heavy-bottomed roasting pan, quickly brown the meat on all sides in the olive oil. Remove meat and add the onions, leeks, celery, carrots and garlic and cook over moderate heat until vegetables just begin to color and onions are translucent.

Return meat to the pan and add pepper flakes, red wine, stock, tomatoes and herbs. Bring to a simmer, cover and place in a preheated 375 degree oven for 2 to 2 1/2 hours, or until meat is very tender and almost falling apart.

Strain the liquid from the

meat and vegetables. Allow the liquid to sit for a few minutes so the fat will rise to the surface. Strain off and discard fat. Return the liquid to the pan and, over high heat, reduce by about 1/3 to concentrate flavors (if desired, thicken with 2 teaspoons cornstarch dissolved in 2 tablespoons wine or water). Correct seasoning with salt and pepper.

Return meat and braising vegetables to pan and warm through. Slice meat and arrange in shallow bowls along with some of the braising vegetables. Generously ladle reduced sauce around and garnish with roasted potatoes and mushrooms.

Recommended wine: This is a hearty "peasant style" dish that is a great match to big, deep reds like cabernet, zinfandel or syrah.

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partner should have separate responsibilities; compromise. Honesty and good taste are required. No surprises there.

And Jeff's advice about restraint struck a chord. With overeager chefs working in tandem, it's easy to go overboard and end up with a refrigerator full of leftovers. Few people can nurture romance while clutching an overstuffed belly.

Here are other rules that may keep the spark alive without igniting dangerous flames:

- For a special meal at home (say, Valentine's Day), don't venture into uncharted territory. "It's nerve-wracking enough to prepare a romantic dinner," Barbara says.

Take the time for a test run, and adjust measurements, temperatures and cooking times as needed. After following a magazine recipe for supposedly foolproof Engagement Chicken, Mr. Sizale and I opened the oven to a thoroughly undercooked bird. We opted for takeout.

- Make sure to keep sharp knives on hand, but not for the reason you might think.

Eliminate unnecessary surprises during cooking by taking an advance inventory of utensils and supplies. Remember what happened when fictional heroine Bridget Jones used blue string instead of kitchen blue soup.

- Set up an orderly array of prepared and measured ingredients, called mise en place. It

may keep two hands from reaching simultaneously for the only cup measure or cutting board in the kitchen. "It should be like a cooking show, where everything you'll need is all there and ready," Barbara says.

- Don't go overboard with the menu. Barbara recommends a special roast, such as a standing rib roast, which can cook in the oven while you focus on other, more intricate dishes.

For an easy dessert, a sabayon with berries is Barbara's favorite. One person can tend to the berries while the other whisks the custard. Sabayons

can curdle if not properly tended, so the dish benefits from having extra hands on deck to handle other tasks.

- Have only one person at the stove, "or it gets ugly," Jeff says. "Have the other person decorate the table, find wine and make sure that the other elements are in place. It's not just the menu: Music, candles and romance make the dinner more special."

- Finally, a sink full of dirty dishes is a surefire deal breaker. Even if the cleaning must wait until morning, take responsibility for your mess. The Blacks' rule: "You cook, you clean it."

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The perfect brownie: Bow and arrow not required

By Leigh Lambert
The Washington Post

It was a nice conversation with a cute man at a party. We talked about our families, our jobs, our hobbies. I felt a connection. Then he uttered these words: "I try not to eat refined sugar anymore." And that was that. I excused myself and headed straight for the buffet table, where I filled up on cookies.

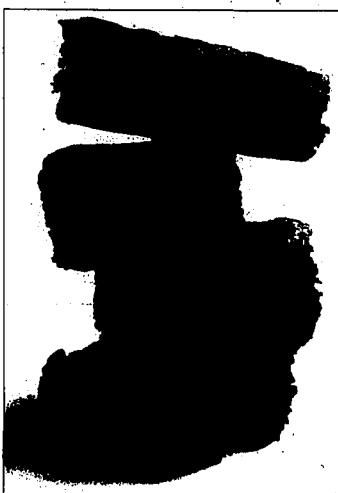
It might as well have been a religious difference. I devoutly pray at the altar of sugar, so if a man doesn't have a sweet tooth he's pretty much sunk. Baking is my language, my talent, my way of showing love.

Whether I'm dating someone or not, I go on obsessive jags, baking batches and batches of an item until I think I've perfected it. I went through all that with brownies years ago. After much experimenting, I thought I had found the gold-standard recipe on the back of the Baker's chocolate box: simple, easy, dependable. But every now and then a nagging voice in the back of my head would wonder if it could be improved upon. So I went back to the kitchen.

First: I have to define what makes a perfect brownie, starting with what doesn't. A brownie is not to be fudgy. Fudgy is for cakes. A brownie is not a confection. We call that fudge. A brownie has a crusty top hiding a thick, chewy center with a recognizable crumb and intense chocolate flavor. This glorious food is all-American, perhaps created by accident when a baker forgot a cake's baking powder. A recipe appeared as long ago as 1896 in the original "Boston Cooking-School Cook Book," but with nutmegs and no chocolate, it bears little resemblance to what we expect from a brownie today.

After cross-referencing many of the recipes I'd saved over the years, I developed a brownie that uses powdered cocoa in place of chocolate because it delivers a richer, deeper flavor. I replaced some of the white sugar with brown sugar, lending a moist chewiness. I raised the amount of vanilla extract to a half 2 tablespoons to mellow the sharp edge of the cocoa. Finally, I always use kosher salt, the perfect foil for the sweetness.

At first I cut each 9-by-13-inch batch into 24 brownies.



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What makes a perfect brownie? Here, the result of many experiments.

Now I don't think that's generous enough. In fact, sometimes I cut the same size batch into a mere 12 brownies. It makes people think they are practicing restraint when they take only half a brownie, even though it is still the size of an Altoids box. And that's the way it should be. Skip on your salad, not your dessert.

I knew I had found the right balance when my friend Erica Waitman named the champion batch Leigh's Man-Catcher Brownies and included them in a collection of recipes as a wedding gift for her sister.

Yes, the bride had already caught her man. But it never hurts to have a backup plan.

MAN-CATCHER BROWNIES

Makes 24 (2 1/4-by-2-inch) brownies

These are for purists who like nothing but brownie in their brownie, but chocolate chips or toasted chopped walnuts could be added.

12 ounces (3 sticks) unsalted butter
2 cups cocoa powder, sifted

(natural or Dutch process)
6 eggs
2 cups sugar
2 cups packed light brown sugar
2 tablespoons vanilla extract
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon kosher salt

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9-by-13-inch pan with aluminum foil or parchment paper and spray with nonstick cooking oil spray.

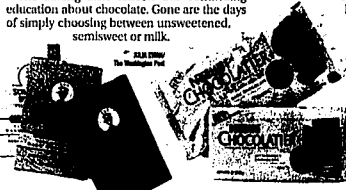
Melt the butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Remove from the heat and add the cocoa powder, stirring to combine. Let cool slightly.

In a large bowl, whisk the eggs together, then add the sugars and vanilla extract, stirring to combine. Add the cooled butter-chocolate mixture, then fold in the flour and salt until just combined; do not overmix. Spread the batter evenly in the pan, making sure the corners are filled. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until a crust forms on the surface and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out mostly clean. Transfer the pan to a wire rack; cool completely before cutting the brownies.

Get your chocolate fix

The Washington Post

The baking aisle reflects our continuing education on chocolate. Gone are the days of simply choosing between unsweetened, semisweet or milk.



Look no farther than your grocery store to find the cacao content (53, 62, 70 and 99 percent) prominently displayed on labels of brands such as Scharffen Berger (six-ounce bar, 62 and 70 percent, \$5.99; six-ounce bar, 99 percent, \$6.99) and Nestle (10-ounce bag and 8-ounce bar, 53 and 62 percent, all priced at \$4.29). The higher the percentage, the higher the ratio of cacao solids (which provide complexity and depth) to sugar and cocoa butter.

Homemade chocolates: A how-to

By Leigh Lambert
The Washington Post

Home cooks who have bought their weight in specialty chocolates over the years might be tempted to try to whip up a batch at home.

To that end, Andrew Garrison Shotts' new "Making Artisan Chocolates" (Quarry Books, 2007, \$24.99) may seem like a goldsend. A chocolatier in Providence, R.I., gives all the instructions and illustrative photos you would need, with

chapters on truffles, molded chocolates, hand-dipped chocolates and gifter fun chocolate confections.

But after reading about the careful temperature calibration required to temper chocolate for the right glisten and snap, about hard-to-find ingredients such as rose petal oil and set de Guarande, and about the special molds, air-brushes and decals it takes to make chocolates look as beautiful as Shotts does, even the avid hobbyist may realize why only talented profes-

sionals dedicate themselves to such a perfectionist's craft.

Nonetheless, the book is inspiring and educational, detailing the step-by-step labor and explaining Shotts' tempering flavor combinations.

Those who aren't ready to tackle making the kinds of novels Shotts sells can try the hummer offerings in the last chapter: cookies, caramel corn and drinking chocolate.

Even the nonprofessional can handle those — and can (log or order) the others.

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Chickens and food safety

By Walter Nicholls
The Washington Post

Question: Each time my wife and I buy free-range poultry we get ill from it. We've tried cooking it longer and/or at higher temps than "regular" poultry, but it doesn't seem to matter.

Answer: Before we blame the wandering hen, are you on guard for cross-contamination of cutting boards, knives and cooking utensils?

Do you wash your hands after touching raw bird parts? With that out of the way, in a study published in January by Consumer Reports, chickens bought in supermarkets and natural food stores across the country were tested, and 83 percent had campylobacter or salmonella, two common bacteria.

In fact, chickens labeled "organic" or "raised without antibiotics" were more likely to test positive. ("Free range," a term that guarantees only that the chickens have access to the outdoors, whether or not they use it, was not singled out.)

In a similar Consumer Reports study in 2003, 49 percent tested positive, so this is a significant increase and cause for concern.

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Scoring the chickpea hat trick:

1 huge can, 3 distinctive dishes

By Bonnie S. Bewick
The Washington Post

Could your inner cook find contentment in a six-pound, 14-ounce can of chickpeas? The ways in which Beem Azouy dispatches its contents are convincing: a transporting soup, an exceptional hummus and a satisfying stew, all done with ease.

Long before the Lebanon native began cooking at her Figs cafe Washington, Azouy would stock such small drums in her pantry. Chickpeas went into bruschetta and dinners for friends, and into after-school snacks for her children, now 10 and 12. She remembers the fresh green chickpeas of her childhood, eaten straight from the pod. She has rediscovered their taste courtesy of the freezer case at Trader Joe's, but canned chickpeas remain a daily inspiration.

Chickpeas, also commonly called garbanzo beans (and called in Italy), are consumed in many ways the world over. The U.S. grows its own, with somewhat less demand. "Utilitarian, but there's poetry inside," Azouy says, preferring to demonstrate rather than engage in mere chickpea chatter.

During a recent kitchen session, she proves the point. Stockpot on the burner. Plump cloves of garlic, soon cut in half, are consumed in many ways the world over. The U.S. grows its own, with somewhat less demand. "Utilitarian, but there's poetry inside," Azouy says, preferring to demonstrate rather than engage in mere chickpea chatter.

Ten minutes in, Azouy brandishes a substantial, well-worn mortar that she uses to mash some of the boiling chickpeas; the tool is essential to achieve the right texture, she says. With firm, down-beats, the now deep-golden mixture becomes more of a chunky soup. Before its half-hour of cooking time is done, she will have chopped the parsley and mixed the garlic paste, fresh lemon juice and a fruity olive oil, all for Part 1 from the big can: Chunky Ballita With Citrus Explosion.

A small bowlful with the dressing and a shot of paprika across the surface is fragrant, bright and warming, Azouy says many of her female customers seem hooked on the soup, lingering over their servings in the afternoon. The dish is not particularly low-calorie, but it is healthful and satisfying.

"One regular (patron) has told me, 'I have yet to meet a man who can make me half as happy as a bowl of ballita,'" the proud cook says with a half-smile.

It would be understandable to stop and indulge at this point, but Azouy is well into the prep for Part 2: hummus. She transfers four cups of the soupy chickpeas — making sure to include a cup of liquid — to the food processor and begins the alchemy, adding ingredients that will yield the smoothest dip.

Her passion for this particular concoction overtakes her earlier reserve and furrows a brow that is otherwise line-free. "People don't get this right," Azouy says about hummus. "You can start with the recipe, but you need to look, feel and taste. You don't want to make cement or something that's too runny."

On this day, she adds a bit of lemon juice, some minced garlic, olive oil and salt. "I do what you like. It's all in the technique," she says. In less than a minute of whirling, she has stopped to smell, taste and assess the texture at least three times. The attention

pays off in a light, creamy hummus that clings to soft hunks of barbabari, an Afghan flatbread used for scooping.

But there are still chickpeas in the pot. How can she pull off a stew in the half-hour or so she has granted her audience? Azouy grabs a bag of cubed Jerusalem artichokes from the freezer and two small containers of potatoes and cooked, deboned lamb shanks from the refrigerator. Leftovers, elevated for Part 3's Chickpea Stew with vermicelli rice. She adds them to the chickpea pot, along with a cup of chicken broth, and turns up the heat.

Then she gets the vermicelli rice under way by crushing a couple of nests of fine vermicelli, sautéing them to a golden brown before adding the water and rice that will cook to form the stew's tender platform. A pat of butter stirred into the rice mixture gives it a rich sheen: "A small guilty pleasure. You don't have to," Azouy says. The finished dish, with its depth of flavor and textures, tastes and smells like it took hours to prepare.

It takes a photographer record time to shoot Parts 1, 2 and 3, says he's informed he can dig into the subject matter when he's done. The big, empty aluminum can heads for the recycling bin, and the chickpeas have played the muse in three acts, once again.

PART 1: CHUNKY BALLITA WITH CITRUS EXPLOSION

Makes four to six 1-cup servings, plus a bit for the next 2 recipes

Simple to prepare and lightly seasoned, this is Azouy's version of ballita, chickpeas boiled with garlic, lemon juice and spices, served in her native Lebanon. Mashing half the chickpeas as they cook creates the right texture and thickness. You'll have garlic-lemon dressing left over.

- 5 large cloves garlic, crushed to a paste
- 1 cup lemon juice (from about 6 large lemons)
- 1 cup good-quality olive oil
- One 6-pound, 14-ounce can chickpeas, with the liquid (may substitute seven 15 1/2-ounce cans)
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric
- Pinch saffron threads
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 bunch flat-leaf parsley, finely chopped (about 2 cups)

Sweet paprika, for garnish

In a container with a tight-fitting lid, combine the crushed garlic, lemon juice and olive oil. Cover and shake until well blended. Set aside.

Place the chickpeas and their liquid in a large pot over medium-high heat, and bring to a boil. Add the turmeric, saffron threads, cumin and coriander, stirring to combine. Cook for 30 minutes, stirring and mashing about half of the chickpeas with a mortar or the back of a ladle, until the mixture has thickened slightly. Reserve 4 cups of the cooked chickpeas with about 1 cup of the liquid for the hummus recipe that follows.

To serve, divide among individual bowls and add 1 to 2 tablespoons of the garlic-lemon dressing to the center of each bowl; reserve the remaining dressing for another use and the remaining ballita for the stew recipe that follows. Top with chopped parsley and sprinkle with paprika. Serve hot.

PART 2: HUMMUS

4 appetizer servings

What sets this basic hummus apart from many others is its smooth texture: neither too watery nor too much like spackle. Consider this recipe a starting point; according to Azouy, it is essential to look at, feel and taste the hummus as it comes together. You can omit the garlic, and you can add water, a touch of lemon juice or olive oil, as you like.

- 4 cups reserved cooked chickpeas with 1 cup liquid (see previous recipe)
- 2 tablespoons tahini (sesame paste)
- Medium pinch salt
- 1 to 2 medium cloves garlic (optional)
- Water (optional)
- Lemon juice (optional)
- Olive oil (optional)

In a food processor, combine the cooked chickpeas, tahini, salt and garlic, if using. Process until smooth, adding water, lemon juice or olive oil as desired. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

PART 3: CHICKPEA STEW

2 to 4 servings

The last of the ballita combines with leftovers you might have on hand: tender meat from long-braised lamb shanks, cooked Yukon Gold



Chickpeas can be made into a transporting soup, an exceptional hummus and a satisfying stew, all done with ease. Nearly seven pounds of chickpeas — all from one container! — go into a stew, left, hummus and ballita by the cook at Figs cafe in Washington. Those without a forklift can substitute seven 15 1/2-ounce cans.

potatoes. Azouy likes to use frozen Jerusalem artichokes and Misko brand dried vermicelli. The edamame is a recent tweak to the recipe.

For the vermicelli rice: Canola oil 2 small nests dried vermicelli, crushed (about 2 1/2 ounces)

3 cups water Salt 1 cup medium-grain rice 1 teaspoon unsalted butter, softened (optional)

For the stew: About 2 cups ballita 1 cup low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth 1/2 cup cooked and boned lamb shanks (optional) 1/2 cup cooked and cubed Yukon Gold potatoes 1/2 cup cubed, frozen Jerusalem artichokes 1/2 cup shelled frozen edamame

then add the rice. Cook for 5 minutes, then reduce the heat to low, cover and cook for 15 minutes, until the rice is tender.

Remove from the heat and let stand for 5 minutes. Uncover and stir in softened butter, if using.

While the vermicelli rice is cooking, make the stew:

Combine all the ingredients in a large pot over medium heat, and cook for 5 to 10 minutes, or until the mixture begins to bubble around the edges and the frozen vegetables are heated through.

To serve, divide the vermicelli rice among bowls and ladle the stew on top. Serve hot.

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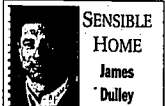
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DEAR JIM: We are adding a large room which will need heat. I am thinking about getting a gas, propane or kerosene heater. I am a bit concerned about safety of a vent-free kerosene heater. What type of heater is best?

— Jack P.



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dullely

DEAR JACK: Your idea of installing an additional heating unit instead of connecting the new room to your existing furnace makes sense. Your existing heating system may not have adequate heating capacity to handle the extra room during very cold weather.

Adding an additional heater allows you to zone heat a large room. You can keep temperature higher when it is being used without setting the main furnace thermostat higher. This results in a substantial savings. Many people install a room heater and a gas family room for example, even if their central furnace can handle the heating load.

Another advantage of your room-heater approach is there will still be heat from the electric power goes off during a storm. A central gas or oil furnace stops when the electricity goes off. Depending upon the type of gas heater you select, some generate their own electricity to keep them running.

For safe, efficient and quiet operation, a direct-vent gas/propane heater is your best choice. The entire combustion process is sealed and separate from the room air. Combustion air is drawn in from outdoors, and the exhaust gases flow back outdoors.

This is generally accomplished with just a single small pipe through an outside wall. The heater is against the wall. The pipe is a dual-chamber concentric design. Outdoor combustion air is drawn in through the outer chamber, and the hot exhaust gases flow out through the inner chamber. The exhaust gases preheat the incoming combustion for better efficiency and combustion.

Although most people



This small direct-vent gas heater uses no electricity. It produces about 10,000 Btu/h, enough to heat a small to medium-size room.

install gas or propane direct-vent heaters, kerosene models are also available. Being vented outdoors, they are as safe as any other heater.

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For the topping:
3/4 cup brown sugar
3/4 cup raisins, soaked until soft

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Cream brown sugar, salt and shortening. Add egg, molasses, sour milk or buttermilk, and baking soda. Beat well.

Add flour and spices; mix well. Pour batter into a well-greased and floured 9-by-13-inch pan. Mix together 3/4 cup brown sugar and soaked raisins. Sprinkle on top of batter. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

Serves 12.

This food is for the eyes as well as the palate

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Sushi chef Scott Clapsadle of Boise's Honor Roll Sushi will teach a class next week that touches on all the sushi basics.

"Sushi and Sake" is set for 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$40.

Clapsadle will walk students through the rice and ingredient preparation, teach how to choose the right fish and seafood, then prepare the class menu. Students may join in for hands-on practice. The class will taste a variety of sakes to accompany each course. The menu: California Rolls, Spicy Tuna Rolls, Dynamite Trawlers, sashimi, Amazon Caterpillar, Four Winds Roll and Shrimp Rolls.

Clapsadle began his sushi career in 1987 in Jackson, Wyo., laying the foundation for his artful sushi. In 1991, he was promoted to sous chef. In 1999 he headed to Ireland for a six-month stint at a bed and breakfast, then



Sushi chef Scott Clapsadle will teach in Twin Falls next week.

he returned to Boise and began working for a corporate hotel and perfecting unique sushi displays.

Honor Roll Sushi opened in 2002. Clapsadle's sushi is sold at the Boise Co-op, Eagle City Market, Idaho Shakespeare Festival and other places. He caters large and small events, setting up sushi bars in homes.

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Work and the Glory 3 (12:00-11:00)
Alpha Dog (12:00-11:00)
Daddy's Little Girls (12:00-11:00)

Helping online shoppers

The Washington Post
You can't actually buy anything at www.blinddecor.com.

But its creators see it as a must-visit first stop to help online shoppers find what they want faster and with more confidence.

The Web site was founded last fall by two "busy mothers with a passion for mod-

ern home decor" who renovated their Commecut homes using online sources.

It's an edited list of their favorite home furnishings sites — some famous, others not.

But the site also includes blogs and design advice that is surprisingly helpful and fresh for any budget.

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Cake just like mom made

By Julie Rothman
Special to The Baltimore Sun

Douglas Sloan of Severville, Tenn., was looking for a recipe for a molasses cake similar to the one his mother used to make. Kathleen Kosinski of North East, Md., sent in a recipe she found in her copy of Great Recipes from The Women's North East Civic League. The cake has a nice moist texture and is particularly delicious served warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

MOLASSES CAKE

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup sour milk or buttermilk

1 teaspoon baking soda
1 3/4 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

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COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

NEW! I JUST GOT A CARD THAT SAYS "BE MINE!"

BEES GOT MINES!

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

LOOKS LIKE YOU MIGHT BE A FEW INCHES TALLER THAN YOU WERE LAST TIME WE MEASURED YOU. ZOE.

BUT I HAVEN'T GROWN UP YET!

THAT'S OKAY. I CAN HAVE A GROWTH SPURT AT ANY TIME!

BTWHHHHHHHH!

THAT'S SPURT! NOT SPIT.

SOFFY!

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

I TAKE MY FRONT BEELS OUT OF HUGENENT.

WHAA... A LOT OR JUST A LITTLE?

TO SAY A LOT.

ONE WHEELS ON MY CAR, AND THE OTHER ONES IN A DITCH SOMEWHERE.

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

INVISIBLE PEOPLE KING

Dilbert By Scott Adams

CATBERT: EVIL DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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HOW DO WE KNOW YOU WON'T BUY CHEAP HOT DOGS AND POCKET THE REST OF OUR MONEY?

EVERY DAY IT GETS HARDER TO APPRECIATE YOU.

OH, DON'T WORRY. I'LL BE THERE.

Doonesbury By Gary Trudeau

OH, YOU'RE BACK IN THE OFFICE?

ANYONE ELSE HERE? I'M IN THIS ROOM, THINK YOU CAN HEAR ME?

ARE YOU KIDDING? I COULD HEAR YOUR ROOM WITH MY DICK CLOSED!

AM I IN THIS ROOM OR NOT?

NO, YOU'RE NOT IN THE ROOM.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Trause

You know, Mr. Winters, there's this lovely old legend...

Really? And what happens if the other bird declines?

Well, from what I saw on this National Geographic Special - it's not pretty.

For you, Dusty?

Oh, love old legends.

THIS ONE SAYS THAT EVEN BIRDS CHOOSE THEIR MATES AROUND VALENTINE'S DAY.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

WE WERE ALL THROWN FOR A LOOP WHEN THE FIRE HORN BLEW IN AND WE HAD TO LEAVE OUR APARTMENTS HURRYING OUT OF FLURRY. I'M SORRY.

YOU ARE??

I LISTEN TO THEM LOVELY SWEETHEART WANTS TO SLEEP IN MY ROOM. I'D LIKE TO GO TO MY ROOM.

WE OWN THE BUILDING - ALL THE OFFICE IS RENTED OUT TO THE CALIFORNIA AND HOY DID I GOON-GAME A LONN!

I THOUGHT YOUR DAD WENT OUT ON THE PICTICAL WHEEL.

WHICH I REMEMBER TO MARRIAGE PROBABLY MICE... MY LAND IS TOTALLY IN FOCUS.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

THE QUEEN'S HIDING HER JEWELS IN HER COLLAR.

AH - DIAMONDS IN THE RUFF!

Luann By Greg Evans

SO YOU'RE SAYING WE SHOULD BE TRYING TO FIND A GOOD GUY FOR ME?

NO, I'M SAYING - WE SHOULD BE TRYING TO FIND HIS DUM, NOT A GUY.

SOMETIMES WE FIND GUYS WHO'RE NOT LOOKING FOR BEN. BUT WE WANT TO BE WITH A GUY WITHOUT FINDING YOU.

THIS ISN'T ABOUT FINDING IT'S ABOUT FINDING BEN'S GOT TO BE WITH A GUY WITHOUT FINDING YOU.

WELL, YOU ARE KINDA HIGH MAINTENANCE.

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

ACTUALLY GOT A VALENTINE... THAT SOMEBODY ACTUALLY SENT! ...ADDRESSED TO ME "MALLARD FILLMORE."

OR CURRENT RESIDENT.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

Dear Maury, it is Valentine's Day and I miss you.

From now on, I will only be attached to things that contrast granite.

I just hugged my best gal.

Pickles By Brian Crane

THAT SURE IS SOME SCARF, EARL.

YEAH, EARL KNITS ME A NEW ONE EVERY YEAR.

WHY DID SHE MAKE IT SO LONG?

WHO KNOWS?

I'M COMIN' IN COMIN'!

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

WELL, LEAVE THE SCRATCHING PAST HERE AND LET PRET-BABOO FIND IT ON OWN!

SCREECH SCREECH!

SCREECH SCREECH!

SCREECH SCREECH!

SCREECH SCREECH!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

OH, I'LL LEAVE YOU TO IT. I'LL BE BACK SOON.

OH, I'LL LEAVE YOU TO IT. I'LL BE BACK SOON.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

Strange Brew By John Deering

SOFFY!

WELL, I DON'T SAY ANYTHING RATIC.

OH, I'LL LEAVE YOU TO IT. I'LL BE BACK SOON.

WELL, I'LL LEAVE YOU TO IT. I'LL BE BACK SOON.

WE DISTINGUISH AND 'MAGNANIMOUS' STELLA, AND I SAY YOU'RE BEAL. NOW BE QUIET, I'M TRYING TO READ.

Aries: The best things in life are free.

IF FEB. 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: If you chase rainbows these next few months or become preoccupied with things of a temporary nature, you may get your comeuppance in May, June and July. During the late spring and early summer, you could be weighed down by extra obligations or be criticized for past mistakes. Maintain a low profile and start nothing important until October - when Lady Luck will be there to help you. A chance to permanently improve your circumstances might be presented at that time or you might reap the rewards you so surely deserve. Expect to be thrown into contact with true friends and helpful contacts in the early fall.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The best things in life are free. A few temporary frustrations might be due to your own headstrong ways. Take time out from a hectic schedule to celebrate Valentine's Day in style.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Concrete proof of your affection is likely to get a warm reception. Thoughtful Valentine's Day presents say more about the gift-giver than about the recipient.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

Don't limit Valentine's Day greetings to just your mate or steady hookup. There might be a child, relative or a dear friend who needs a morale booster right now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Frustration might be the result if you seek instant gratification of your desires with someone, or through something outside a private and familiar circle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Business might leave little time for pleasure. Keep an eye peeled for people who are reliable and can be counted on in a pinch. Don't forget to perform traditional Valentine's Day routines.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Meditate on "poetry in motion." Express your true feelings in writing. Your beautiful dreamer will love to receive sentimental Valentine's Day cards or a hand crafted set of romantic verses.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Spread smiles today and harvest benefits in the future. Even the most dedicated "material girl" or "material guy" likes to receive an inexpensive heart-shaped box of goodies. It's the thought that counts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be on your best behavior and don't overlook conventional Valentine's Day exchanges. Pamper yourself by joining a spa or starting an exercise regimen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take advantage of what's right in front of your face. The most romantic place in the world might be in your own backyard. cupid might hamper a few arrows that hit home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Gather all the loose ends and make a knot. Be a captain of industry in the daytime and the prince or princess of passion after the lights are off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't ignore a new inspiration or idea where your personal money management is concerned. Cupid might hit the heart of a friend and change a relationship.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be pleasant even if the atmosphere briefly seems chilly. You can't afford to daydream where finances are concerned. Homemade Valentines might be more greatly appreciated than store bought sentiments.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom, & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



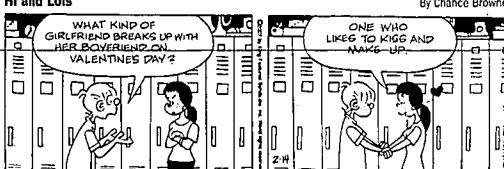
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By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



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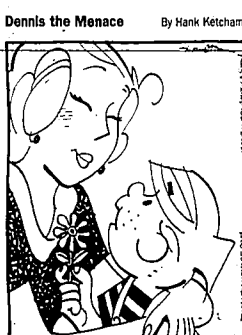
The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Unexpected kindness helps grandmother out of a jam

DEAR ABBY: I took my grandsons to see a movie. They were looking forward to our outing all week. As we stood in line to buy tickets, I realized I had only a \$20 bill in my wallet. We had planned to lunch on hot dogs and drinks in the theater, but I knew I wouldn't have enough cash. I told my grandchildren we had a problem — I was short of money — but I figured I could write a check.

The 7-year-old said, "No, MeeMaw! The sign says cash only," I replied, "That's OK because it doesn't cost much for kids." He piped up again, "MeeMaw, the sign says \$4 for children."

As the line to the cashier grew shorter, we decided that we'd buy only one hot dog and one drink, and we'd share. Unbeknownst to me, a young lady standing in front of us overheard our conversation. When she reached the cashier, she purchased her tickets, then turned to me and handed me three tickets to see our movie. I was shocked and delighted and so were the boys. I tried to thank her, but she was gone in a flash.

Abby: I will never forget that dear girl's kindness and neither will the boys. It happened more than a year ago, but I still think of it to this day and have tried to pass her generous act forward. I hope she sees this letter so she will know what an impact her spontaneous act of kindness



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR GRATEFUL MEEMAW IN AUSTIN, TEXAS DEAR MEEMAW: So do I. Acts of kindness are like pebbles tossed into a reflecting pool. The ripples radiate outward long after the deed is done.

DEAR ABBY: I know you sometimes enjoy sharing amusing incidents with your readers. Years ago, we lived in a friendly community of row houses with attached garages. I was attending college at the time, and usually returned home around midnight. My best pal, my cat, Peg, would wait for me on top of the garage. When I left the garage, Peg would jump on me for several hours after I went inside to study.

One night I was delayed getting home. My next-door neighbor, an alcoholic, came home from a party stowed to the gills around the time I usually left in the garage, and it was very dark. Assuming it was me, Peg

jumped on his shoulders as he left the garage. My neighbor screamed and yelled. The neighbors came out to see what was going on. In the line to see the morning paper had the headline, "Wild Animal Escapes From Zoo."

— MORRIS W. IN ARIZONA DEAR MORRIS: And I know which one. It was one of their pink elephants.

DEAR ABBY: Please help me. My lover and I have been disagreeing lately and are considering couples counseling. However, he keeps insisting that we see the marriage counselor he and his wife are currently seeing.

I want to make this relationship work, but I think it's inappropriate to receive counseling from the same one that they are currently seeing. What do you think?

— NEEDS THERAPY IN TEXAS

DEAR NEEDS THERAPY: I think you should definitely have some sessions with the therapist who is counseling your lover and his wife. They could prove enlightening. I'm willing to bet the firm that the same issues that have caused him to cheat on her are the ones at the root of your problems with him. And I'm not at all sure that "making this relationship work" would ultimately be in your best interests.

Valentine's Day had unusual start

This day in history: Valentine's Day was originally Lupercalia, a four-day Roman festival of love, sex and fertility that took place in the middle of February. Lupercalia festivities began with the sacrifice of a goat for fertility and a dog for purification. Next, a lottery randomly linked unattached women and men. They were encouraged to become lovers for the year. Meanwhile, married but childless women lined up for a race of naked young men randomly brandishing whips. If a woman were hit with a lash, it was considered an indication that she would become pregnant that year.

The Roman Catholics, following their tactic of Christianizing indigenous holidays, supplanted the fertility elements with chaste romanticism by concocting a story



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

about a St. Valentine's who supposedly promoted love in a time when marriage was forbidden.

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FOOD & HOME

A real taste test: Fire and chocolate

By Leigh Lambert
The Washington Post

Today it's trendy to combine chocolate with chili peppers, but the pairing is ancient: Mayans and Aztecs mixed ground cacao seeds with chili peppers to make a spicy, frothy drink long before chocolate started being made in solid form.

The same yin-and-yang balance is at play in the spiked confections made by modern chocolatiers.

We put together a tasting panel to sample a dozen brands that offer a chili-infused chocolate: some bars and some truffles, some with only the chili and chocolate flavors, and others adding other spices, herbs and fruits to the mix.

Besides Washington Post Food section staffers Leigh Lambert and Joe Yonan, and Erin Harrigan of Washingtonpost.com, we invited Lisa Scruggs, the executive pastry chef at Buzz; Katie Park, the specialty food buyer for the Curious Grape; and Leon Baker, pastry chef at Farrah Olivia.

Our favorites were the simplest: not too sweet and with few other flavors or textures to distract our attention from an additive combination.

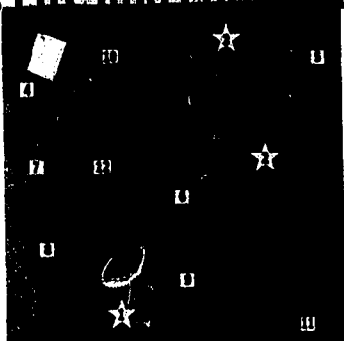
Love at first bite

1. **KEE'S CHOCOLATES:** That chili and Szechuan peppercorn (\$1.75 each), www.keeschocolates.com — Amazingly creamy; delicious peppery heat that builds.

2. **VOSGES HAUTE CHOCOLATE:** Oaxaca exotic candy bar, Red Fire exotic candy bar (\$7, 3-ounce bar), www.vosgeschocolate.com — Beautifully smoky and round in flavor.

3. **ARTISAN CONFECTIONS:** Ancho chili chocolates (\$40, 24 pieces), www.artisanconfections.com — Caramel-like, with only a hint of chili and cinnamon; lingering heat.

A tasting panel sampled a dozen brands that offer a chili-infused chocolate.



Warmly regarded

4. **CHOCOLATE SMITH:** Dark chocolate chili sampler (\$19, 2 1/3 pound), www.chocolatesmith.com — Peanut Butter Finger's mole-like earthiness combines with a pleasant burn; pistachio bark marries salty and sweet.

5. **SEÑOR MURPHY:** Chili pistachio bark (\$23.75, 1-pound box), chili cremes (\$16 for two 3.5-ounce boxes), www.señormurphy.com — Bark is on the sweet side, with interesting spices; cremes taste medicinal, with a gummy texture.

6. **LARTISAN DU CHOCOLATE:** Mild chili, three-chili apricot (\$62 per pound), www.lartisanduchocolat.com — Mild chili is smooth, rich and deep, with very subtle chili; apricot has artificial candied-orange flavor.

7. **DAGOBA:** Xocolatl (\$2.29, 2-ounce bar), www.dagobachocolate.com — Very deep with a sneaky back-of-the-throat burn, plus citrus, floral and jasmine.

8. **BLUEMOON CHOCOLATES:** Chipotle Spice Truffles (\$39.95, 1/2 pound), www.bluemoonchocolatier.com —

Peppercorn garnish, pudding-like center, strong cinnamon and disappearing heat.

9. **CHOCOLOVE:** Chills and cherries in dark chocolate, "limited edition" (\$2, 3.2-ounce bar), www.chocolove.com — Nutty and fruity; little heat but decent balance.

Didn't fan the flame

10. **CHOXIE:** Fiery Chocolate Truffle Bar (Target) (\$2, 2.5-ounce bar), www.target.com/choxie — Clashing, fake flavors and waxy texture.

11. **KINGSBURY CHOCOLATES:** Chipotle Five Spice Bar, Chipotle Cinnamon Truffle (\$18, 12 pieces), www.kingsburychocolates.com — The bar has muddled flavors, not enough heat and a chalky texture; the too-sweet truffle has a gummy center and artificial cinnamon taste.

12. **KNIPSCHILD CHOCOLATIERS:** "Patricia" red chili/tangerine ganache (\$48 per pound), www.deananddebutca.com — Too much fruit and sugar, not enough heat.

Edge Brownie Pan gets buzz

By Bonnie S. Davrick
The Washington Post

You might say the Edge Brownie Pan is about to turn a corner.

It has been about a year since former urban planner Matthew Griffin started selling his mazelike invention, which delivers more crust per square inch to baked brownies, bar cookies, breads and cakes than does a standard 9-by-13-inch pan. A few specialty retailers and plenty of online buzz have prompted positive reviews from America's Test Kitchen, Fine Cooking magazine and newspapers.

The smooth, rounded channels of the 9-by-12-inch pan reduce the baking expenses that can lead to soggy centers. Testers report faster, more even baking. The pan's offset handles are a thoughtful nod.

Indianapolis residents Griffin, 32, and his pastry chef wife, Emily, began developing their product almost a decade ago with the premise that chewy edges are premium brownie real estate. (Read their success story at www.gildedfork.com/artisancorner/bakers-edge-306.html.) They've sold about 5,000 of the nonstick cast-aluminum pans, which are manufactured by Nonticware.

In the works: tweaking the design to build a better lasagna pan and getting the Edge Brownie Pan into more stores. Griffin hopes to meet with representatives from Sur La Table and Cooking.com at the 2007 International Home & Housewares Show in March. The pan costs about \$35, with spatula. For recipes and to order online, go to www.bakersedge.com or www.bakerscatalogue.com.

Testing the vacuum fur factor

By Jim Kneebles
The Washington Post

It took Consumer Reports six months to stockpile enough bags of Maine coon cat hair to do its first ratings of how vacuums sweep up pet hair in the March issue, the magazine tested the fur factor of 65 upright and canister models by dumping what they were told was the most stubborn pet hair — on carpeting.

"We had lots of requests from subscribers to test vacuums for pet hair removal," says James Nannari, Consumer Reports manager for appliances. Roomsters were asked to save hair from this specific breed. Testers examined how much hair the vacuums cleaned and how much got caught in the brush.

The results were no surprise. Uprights and canisters that performed best in regular cleaning trials also were best on hair. Kennedee models, in particular, earned high rankings.

One buying tip: Cat hair is harder to empty from dirt bins of bagless vacs than from models that use bags.

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Valentine's Day is a high-wire act for most guys

Today is the high holy day of Giving Chocolates to That Special Someone. It's mostly a male endeavor, which is a problem. Men, as a gender, are unschooled in the social graces and really bad at reading the minds of the women in their lives. That's a volatile combination. The pitfalls of gifting chocolates to your valentine are basically these:



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

- She may or may not be on a diet. If she is, your gift of chocolates will strike her as a cruel joke. If she isn't, chocolates are temptation, and thus, a cruel joke.

- She reads labels a lot more closely than you do, which makes a box of See's chocolate far more effective than a box of, say, Brach's. That's trouble because most guys will buy the least expensive box of candy they can possibly find.

- Size does matter. Giving a half-pound box of chocolates labels you as a cheap son of a buck, which is only slightly better than forgetting Valentine's Day altogether.
- The wrapper is key. Chocolate-covered cherries are the Keystone Light of confections — cheap, and they taste that way. They're filled with fondant, a thick, corn-syrup-based liquid that runs down your chin and all over your shirt when you bite into one. And the more cut-rate the fondant, the runnier the fondant.

- Many a relationship has been dashed by a guy who left his beloved's box of chocolate on the dashboard of his truck with the defroster running.

- When she says she wants "candy" she means "chocolate," not those fruit-flavored candy Sweethearts bearing signs like "Wise up" and "You are gay."

- You pretty much need to know what kind of chocolates are in the box before you give it to her, especially if she's allergic to nuts.

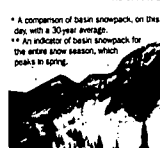
- Keep your damn hands to yourself. There's a reason why boxes of Valentine's chocolate come sealed in cellophane.

- Once you've bought her a double-decker Valentine — that's a box of chocolates with one level of candy under another — you're stuck with doing the same from here on out. Few things breed dissatisfaction like waffling down one layer of chocolates and then

Snowpack Levels

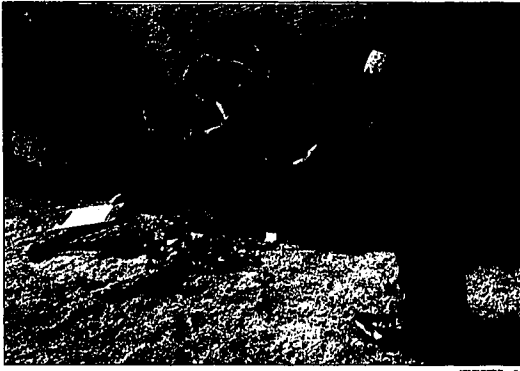
Watershed	% of Avg.	Peak**
Salmon	76%	52%
Big Wood	62%	49%
Little Wood	62%	43%
Big Lost	62%	41%
Little Lost	73%	47%
Hernys Fork/Fox	72%	53%
Upper Snake Basin	72%	50%
Oakley	77%	56%
Salmon Falls	68%	48%

As of Feb. 13



* A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 20-year average.
** An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in April.

Turnaround



College of Southern Idaho students Chris Labecky, right, Davis Conklin and Mike Moore, who are all in the Law Enforcement Training Program, investigate a mock crime scene Tuesday afternoon on the school's campus.

CSI law enforcement program transformed into 'a model program'

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The blood and bullet casings were unlike anything I've ever seen in a student lounge.

However, the Law Enforcement Training Program is unlike any other program I've reported on at the College of Southern Idaho.

The students stand at attention when Brent Reid, the program's coordinator and only full-time instructor, enters the classroom and they remain standing while he tells me about the program.

"They learn about everything from criminal law to crime scenes," he said, while the students stare silently at the front of the classroom.

"But first and foremost we teach ethics, honor and duty because that's what it takes to work in law enforcement."

Then he tells the students to be seated. Although Reid can say a lot about the program, he doesn't say much about how he turned the program into one of the best in Idaho.

The agency that evaluates and certifies training for law enforcement officers recently released its evaluation of the Law Enforcement Training Program at CSI. And according to the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Academy



See it on the web:

Students in the Law Enforcement Training Program practice crime scene investigation at www.magicvalley.com.

assessment, the program has "become a model program within the state."

"The program has now caught the attention of recruiters from as far away as Florida, and it is attracting students throughout Idaho.

Students like Adnan Rudin, 19, from Boise, are enrolling in the program because they have the opportunity to earn a two-

year degree while preparing for their law-enforcement certification.

Even the POST Academy, which trains law-enforcement officials for most of southern Idaho, is recommending the program at CSI.

"I looked into the POST Academy in Boise, but even they said this is pretty much the No. 1 program in Idaho," Rudin said.

The POST Academy is now hoping to hire an academy coordinator for the program. The coordinator would make it possible for cadets and law-enforcement officials to receive training at CSI rather than

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Marshal Allen stands at attention with classmates Tuesday before the start of class.

Dover lawmaker pushes production tax for wind farms

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — Wind turbines, those dominating and swooping machines of clean energy growing in both numbers and popularity, are being noticed by lawmakers.

Rep. George Eskridge, R-Dover, introduced legislation Tuesday that would relieve commercial wind farms of paying property taxes and instead require a form of excise tax — a "production tax," he said — through 3 percent of their annual gross revenue.

Eskridge and energy lobbyists said the owners of the turbines rarely have enough capital to pay property taxes immediately. The law would give them additional time by taxing their energy output, as well as give investors a chance to make steadier payments and provide counties up to 10 percent more money for 20 years.

A similar measure passed in the House last year but stalled in the Senate.

"You are talking a lot of time to get into production," Eskridge said after his presentation to the Revenue and Taxation Committee.

The idea is that property taxes are determined from market value, which will force the property value to decrease over time. The production tax, meanwhile, would always reflect the turbines' current value.

Eskridge said by the time companies provide actual energy to customers they have already been heavily taxed — without any income. He said turbine production costs will rise 60 percent this year.

"This bill is very important because the price of turbines has gone up," he said.

Some owners of wind-turbines Tuesday were receptive to the idea, including Jared Grover, a developer in Ligerman who plans to build two separate wind farms and is currently working out a deal with Idaho Power Company.

Grover echoed sentiments expressed during the committee meeting and said the toughest part of starting wind farms is having the capital to hook up into power systems. Initially, Idaho Power asked him to find the \$60 million to be incorporated.

Grover said the new tax system might end up costing the initial builder money in the long run, but overall would provide investors with a steady stream of investment and communities with consistent income.

"I can't see any downside for anyone," Grover said. "The current system is actually overcharging us... it's just you're essentially paying for your fuel by getting the turbine up there and buying all the fuel before you start anything."

Iwin Falls County Commissioner Tom Mikesell, referencing a now-defunct Bell Rapids wind farm, said he would support the legislation if it did in fact bring in more money.

"If that's the direction they're going and that can

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Medical condition causes early morning chase on I-84

By LaVar Hamblin
For the Times-News

HEYBURN — The driver of a tractor-trailer rig led police on a 40-mile pursuit Tuesday morning on east-bound Interstate 84.

The incident started about 5 a.m. near the Flying J truck stop at Exit 173 just north of Twin Falls in Jerome County and continued to Exit 211 in Minidoka County, where the driver left the interstate and headed toward Heyburn before stopping, according to Jerome County Sheriff's

Department Sgt. Rick Ustick.

The driver, who was not identified by Ustick, was reportedly driving erratically, which prompted a deputy to follow the truck and attempt to stop it.

"It's not really a pursuit," Ustick said. "It's more of a failure to yield." When the driver was removed from the truck, he was immediately taken to Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert with what dispatchers called a "diabetic emergency."

"This man is a very, very sick man," Ustick said of the driver's condition.

Police surrounded the vehicle near Love's Truck Stop in Heyburn and blocked traffic on Highway 24. According to scanner reports, the truck was traveling about 64 mph when it drove over tire spikes thrown on the interstate near mile marker 201 at about 5:15 a.m.

Ustick said the truck never got over 64 mph, traffic was very light on the interstate and there were no close calls with other vehicles. Spikes were again deployed west of Exit 208.

The truck hit them and continued on, but at a much slower speed —

about 40 mph. After the truck was stopped, officers reported the driver refused to get out. He was finally taken into custody about 5:40 a.m. and an ambulance was dispatched for what dispatchers called a "diabetic emergency."

The driver was the only person in the truck.

Ustick said no charges will be filed or citations issued in the incident. Officers from Jerome County, Heyburn, Minidoka County and Cassia County were involved in the incident.

Head of Milk Producers of Idaho opposes silage bill

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — The head of the Milk Producers of Idaho said Tuesday he will oppose a bill aimed at eliminating whole tires used to hold down tarps over silage or waste at confined animal feeding operations.

Executive Director Brent Olmstead said the entire tire is

necessary to keep tarps tied down and he is going to work with Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchikan. Stennett has said tires cut in half would not harbor as much water for mosquitoes with the West Nile virus. Olmstead, meanwhile, said a typical backyard could have enough water to

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BURRO BE MINE?



Perrine Elementary School Principal Bill Bruforte kisses a donkey Tuesday morning in Twin Falls. Bruforte told his students he would kiss a donkey if they raised \$3,500 for the the American Heart Association program 'Heart Hope For Heart.' They raised \$6,319.93.

BY JARED S. HOPKINS

Jean Kennedy Swartling

SUN VALLEY — Jean Kennedy Swartling, of Sun Valley, died Feb. 9, 2007, peacefully in her own home.

She was born July 28, 1939, in Brookings, S.D., to Ruth (Wagoner) Lester Kennedy. Jean grew up and graduated from high school in Rapid City, S.D. Class of 1958. In 1960 she received her bachelor's degree in history from Carleton College, in Northfield, Minn. In 1962, she married Carleton classmate Rod Swartling, who received his medical degree from the University of Iowa. They lived in Iowa City, Philadelphia and then Honolulu, where Rod practiced medicine in the Navy.



For Jean, Hawaii was heaven on earth, and both her children were born there. In 1958, Jean and her family moved to San Francisco, where Rod completed his medical residency. They settled in Idaho in 1972, when Rod joined Twin Falls Orthopedics. Jean fondly remembered Twin Falls as raising her children while involved in various occupations, such as stained glass, teaching classes, volunteering in the community, at church or for charity causes. The Swartlings lived large with their wide circle of friends. Jean enjoyed traveling with family and friends, at times to exotic and foreign locales. Her favorite adventures were back-

packing in the Sawtooths. In 1995, Jean continued her education at the College of Southern Idaho, earning a desktop publishing certificate which led to meaningful work at the Idaho Mountain Express. At that time, she moved permanently to her family's Sun Valley vacation home. In October 1997, Rod died unexpectedly, and Jean was diagnosed with primary pulmonary hypertension. Jean received lung transplant in 2000, followed by another in 2002. Over the last five years, she overcame frequent complications and, despite physical restrictions, lived a fulfilling life. Jean belonged to the local PEO chapter, a philanthropic organization, volunteered with The Society for Survivors of Domestic Violence and worked at the Community Library.

Jean is survived by her daughter, Tricia Swartling of Ketchum; son, Eric Swartling of Washington, D.C., and grandchildren, Maggie and Zach Williams, and Nicolas and Sofia Swartling. The family will hold a memorial service at 4 p.m. Feb. 22 at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Sun Valley. A gathering will follow at Jean's house, 105 Saddle Lane in Sun Valley, in lieu of flowers. Jean requested memorial contributions be made to the CSI Foundation, in care of Tricia Swartling, PO Box 1295, Ketchum, ID 83340. Funds will be used to establish a scholarship for women in graphic design, the arts or computer fields.

Mattie Myrtle Thomas

PAUL — Mattie Myrtle Thomas, a 78-year-old Paul resident, passed away Saturday, Feb. 9, 2007, at the Burley Care Center.

Myrtle was born March 25, 1928, in Mountaineer, N.M., the daughter of Odessie and Charlie Oliver Berry. As a child, she worked with her mother in the fields. On Nov. 16, 1944, she married Leland Jennings. Together, they had three children, Cecil, Shirley and Donald. They later divorced on Aug. 14, 1970. She worked as a waitress in several factories and also in a nursing home during her lifetime. Myrtle married Albert M. Thomas on Feb. 3, 1978, in Davis, Okla. From this marriage, they made a family of four, three children and his four daughters, Hazel, Lola, Brenda and Esther. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting and collecting owls; there was a story behind every owl she collected. She loved reading her Bible and hugs.

Myrtle is survived by her husband, Albert Thomas; one son, Cecil Jennings; five daughters, Shirley Ann Lenz, Hazel (Jo) Hill, Lola (Larry) Ball, Brenda House and Esther (Royce Hill) Buffalo; 22 grandchildren; numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Berdell Harris. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Leland; one son, Donald Wayne Jennings; and two brothers, Joe and Raymond Berry.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the Paul Cemetery. A viewing and gathering for family and friends will be one hour prior to the service at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

The family wishes to publicly thank all the staff at the Burley Care Center and Dr. Mario Saunders and her staff for they have done for Mattie Myrtle.

Larry Edward Whittaker

DIETRICH — Larry Edward Whittaker was born on Feb. 23, 1965. He left us on Feb. 12, 2007, at his home in Dietrich, Idaho.

Larry and his folks moved here from California when Larry was 5, where he started school in the first grade. He attended Dietrich School through his early years. His high school years were spent attending Shoshone High School, where he was active in junior rodeo, basketball and football. He enjoyed working and ranching with his parents. He trained and rode many a horse. Those who knew him know he was a cowboy through and through. He worked at the Gumbell Ranch next to the Winecup in Nevada. He was an avid hunter, and enjoyed many fine hunting trips to the mountains with his friends. One highlight was taking his son hunting and getting his first deer. He also enjoyed skiing and taking his family to Pomerelle. Larry met and married Kathy Larson on Nov. 7, 1986. They had two children who were the joy of his life. They are Cassidy and Kellie Whittaker, who are still living in Dietrich. Larry also

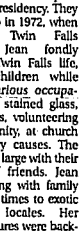
had three nephews, Andru and Jakob Howard and Bradley Lewis; and a god-son, Martin Sant, that he enjoyed immensely.

Larry's adult life was spent in Dietrich and the Magic Valley. He made many lifelong friends. He was a volunteer fireman, an EMT and an active member of the Dietrich Quick Response Unit. He worked many years as a Lincoln County deputy. One of his many accomplishments was being on the SWAT team. His greatest accomplishment was graduation from the POST Academy in 2003 and becoming a full-time team member of the Lincoln County Sheriff's office.

Larry is survived by his wife, Kathy; children, Cassidy and Kellie; ma-in-law, Earlene Lewis; his father, Jim Whittaker of Dietrich; also his aunts, uncles and cousins in California. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Ann Howard; and two brothers-in-law, David Lewis and Norman Larson and his many brothers and sisters in law enforcement. Larry was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Lurline Whittaker. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at the old Shoshone High gymnasium on West D Street in Shoshone. Demary's Shoshone Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Jasper Barnes

SALT LAKE CITY — Robert Jasper Barnes, self-proclaimed horse rider and longtime resident of the Wood River Valley, died Feb. 4, 2007, in Salt Lake City. He was born May 2, 1917, in Cassia County, Idaho, to parents Oscar and Jessie. The youngest of three siblings, Robert was the darling of his mother and, as a young boy, moved with her to California when his parents' marriage ended. After the historic 1933 Long Beach earthquake that destroyed his family's home, he headed back to Idaho, hoping freight trains and "riding the rails." Still in his teens, he decided to make his way West once again to California to see his mother and then to enlist in the Navy. He served on the USS Maryland and was released from active service in 1938.



During World War II, Bob once again enlisted, serving in various capacities and was stationed in China and the Philippines. It was in the Philippines that he met the woman who was to become his wife and lifelong companion, Louise Carter, who preceded him in death in December 2004.

He loved to hunt and fish and moved his family to Idaho in the early 1950s in order to pursue his passion. His children recall with great fondness memories of camping, fishing and picking huckleberries on the shores of Payette Lake in McCall. Each generation of his descendants have cherished

memories of learning to fish, hunt or ride horses under the guidance of their beloved "Papa," "Uncle Bob" or "Grandpa."

He led a rich life and touched many people. He was instrumental in organizing the Black Jack Ketchum shootout in the late 1950s, and he regularly rode to home in the annual Days Parade into his mid 80s. He was a member of the American Legion, Halley Masonic Lodge, served as the president of the Ketchum-Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce. In 1965, was building inspector, planning and zoning administrator, owned a barbershop in Ketchum, was an active member of the Sawtooth Rangers and Warm Springs Riding clubs and was a familiar face at the annual Fourth of July rodeo in Halley.

He is survived by brother, Bruce Barnes of Ariz.; sister, Pauli Huttlinger of town, daughters, Penny (Bill) Wilson of Calif., Barbara (Dick) Lewis of Utah, Roberta Kay of Halley, Idaho, and Kathy Barnes of Boise, Idaho. Locally, he leaves behind two grandchildren, Tara (Jeff) Mann of Bellevue and Tony Malano of Halley; and 14 other grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

A true wanderer, wherever Bob's travels took him, he frequently got lost in his eyes as he dropped over Timmenman Hill and sighed with relief that he was home.

His legacy to his family will always be a great love of the outdoors — hunting and fishing and camping — and he will always be with us when we drop our line in that perfect fishing hole or when we sit around a campfire telling tall tales. "Happy trails to you until we meet again."

Please join us in a celebration of his life, drink a beer and share some tales of your own at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Sun Valley Brewery on Main Street in Halley, Idaho.

DEATH NOTICES

Vilena S. Crane

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at the First Church of God, 131 E. Ave. F in Jerome, with Pastor Peter Page officiating. Cremation is under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Shirley M. Andrews

JEROME — Shirley M. Andrews, 86, of Jerome, died Monday, Feb. 13, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Hospital in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Theodore H. Frappes

TWIN FALLS — Theodore H. Frappes, 80, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

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NAMPÁ — Richard P White of Nampa and formerly of Twin Falls, died peacefully in his sleep. He went home with his good Lord Jesus on Feb. 9, 2007.

Survivors include the love of his life, Karen White; daughters, Wendy (Glen), Carrie (Jason) and Shell (Randy); father, Bruce White (Mary); brothers, Pete and Jim; sisters, Karen, Janicelle and Sandy of Oregon.

Candy Symons, April Kelley and Teresa Morse of Idaho; 10 grandkids, one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his mother, granddad, grandma and numerous others. Graduating from ISU, his careers included business machine repair and seasonal professional agricultural driving. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and lover of nature. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Due to Richard's wishes there will be no service. A family gathering is planned for this summer at Warm River.

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Idaho elk ranchers, hunters square off over penned hunts

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE, Idaho — Fair chase vs. private-property rights. That's how foes in the battle over Idaho's elk ranching industry framed arguments Tuesday, with hunting groups arguing that shooting elk behind fences for cash is tantamount to killing pets, while ranchers said banning "shooter-bull" operations would infringe on their right to make a living from the land.

The Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee heard three hours of public testimony on four bills, including one to ban penned hunting operations. They're scheduled to decide Thursday which measure to send to the Senate floor.

The elk industry favors its own proposal, to create a licensing system overseen by the state Department of Agriculture.

The furor over farm-raised elk, sold for their meat and antler velvet, or as trophies,

was rekindled in August when up to 160 domesticated animals escaped a private hunting preserve near Rexburg. Then-Gov. Jim Risch ordered an emergency hunt to keep them from interbreeding or spreading disease to wild elk around Yellowstone National Park.

"A fenced hunt is just wrong, on so many different levels, for so many different reasons," said Bill London, an Idaho state game warden and member of the Idaho Conservation Officers

Association, who spoke in favor of banning shooter bull operations.

Elk ranchers who charge up to \$30,000 to kill an especially large bull outnumbered their opponents by more than three-to-one at the hearing.

They told the Senate panel that fears of disease are overblown, saying that animals are tested for chronic wasting disease, brucellosis and tuberculosis.

"I don't believe that there is the risk that the public has

been exposed to," said Rulon Jones, a former defensive end with the Denver Broncos pro football team who runs shooter-bull hunting preserves in Utah and southeastern Idaho. "We are regulated. We are taking care of ourselves."

Jones and other ranchers who said there's never been a documented case of disease spreading from domestic elk to the wild.

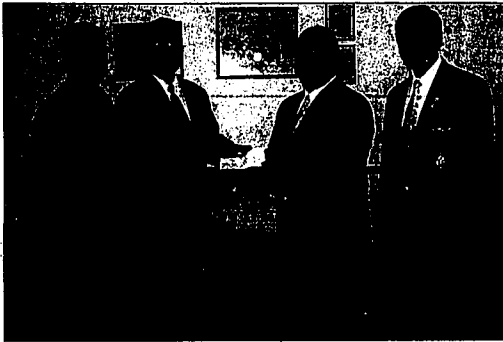
Ted Ilea, a board member with the Idaho Elk Breeders' Association, said the problem

is actually the other way around. Domesticated elk behind fences run a greater risk of catching potentially fatal illnesses from wild elk in the Greater Yellowstone basin, Ilea said.

"It is disease ridden," he said of Idaho's wild elk herd. "We do not want that in our animals."

In the emergency hunt after the August escape near Rexburg, state or private hunters killed 43 bulls, cows and calves, though some likely remain on the loose.

BURLEY ELKS COMBINE WITH RUPERT ELKS



Roy Land and Fred Neardt of the former Burley Elks present a check for the assets from the Burley Lodge to Rick Ilye and Diane Seave of the Rupert Elks. The Burley Elks and the Rupert Elks have consolidated into one and will be housed in the Rupert Elks Lodge building. The Burley Lodge also donated \$25,000 of the proceeds of the sale of the Burley Lodge building to the Elks Rehabilitation Hospital. The Elks are involved in a wide variety of programs, from scholarships to drug education to Veterans Services.

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having to commute to the POST Academy in Boise.

The possibility of being a regional academy is a turnaround for the program, which less than four years ago was struggling just to stay in operation.

The POST evaluation credits the turnaround to field's work with local law-enforcement agencies.

"One of the first things we did was form an advisory committee that's made up of members from local agencies," Reid said. "And most of them are the people who come into the classrooms to teach the students."

He said the program uses instructors from local agencies because they provide up-

to-date and practical training.

Unlike other classes at CSI, students must pass a criminal background check and medical review before they can enroll in the program. But like many CSI programs, the law enforcement program works with students from different backgrounds.

"I have students as young as 18, who are right out of high school, and I had one who was 46 that was looking for a different career," Reid said.

He said that regardless of the student's background, the program only graduates students who can complete the training because they are the ones who market the program.

"When an employer sees

how well prepared they (the students) are, they associate that quality with the program," Reid said. "I think that's the real reason for the program's success."

But students, and also officials from the POST Academy and the college, say it is Reid, who has made the biggest difference in the program.

"People know that the program was pretty much in the trash can until he (Reid) took it up," Rodan said.

Reid denies being directly involved. But in the end, the evidence stands against him.

Times-News writer Joshua Palmer covers education. He can be reached at jpalmer@magicvalley.com or at (208) 420-0526.

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have mosquitoes with the virus.

"It would be an insufficient number to hold down a tarp," Olmstead said. "If you are looking to decrease the West Nile virus there are other ways to do it."

Current law permits up to 1,500 waste tires per operation. Olmstead wants "portions of (tires) to not exceed a number that is reasonably required," according to the bill.

Agricultural Affairs Committee Chairman Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Idaho, said last week the bill would likely pass because there was little opposition from the dairy industry. However, Olmstead

said his group plans to oppose the bill.

"Tires are the biggest mosquito breeding ground in the state," Stennett said on Tuesday. "One bird bath holds as much water as a tire."

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, there are 246,500 cows in Grouse County. Last year there were 46 human cases of the virus, behind only Ada, Canyon and Elmore counties.

Bill would oppose funeral demonstrations

NOISE — Prompted by anti-war protests at military funerals in other states, a North Idaho lawmaker introduced a bill Tuesday that would make

most demonstrations at funerals a misdemeanor.

Rep. Eric Anderson, R-Priest Lake, proposed legislation to the House State Affairs Committee that would apply to anyone who "disturbs the dignity or reverential nature" of a funeral service, burial and other similar processions.

"It's more protective of our citizens," he said. "Funerals have a natural value about them."

There is already federal legislation that prohibits demonstrations at military funerals. Similar laws are in effect across the country. Unlike some of those laws, Anderson's bill does not have a minimum distance because it would make it too vague, he said.

Students give 'Gift of Green' to injured trooper

For the Times-News

RUPERT — Each year, the students at East Minico Middle School are challenged to give to the Gift of Green to help deserving families in the Rupert area.

Several students had make-up applied by other students, Leslie Martino had 12 inches cut from her hair to donate to Locks of Love, and vice principal Karen Skeen was put into jail for two lunch periods, Kathryn Primrose and Taylor Duncan decided "16 Kites a llama" if the students raised \$2,000, which they did — \$2,646 was collected.

With the money raised, the East Minico students assisted four families during Christmas with gifts of clothing and food.

The eighth grade team also gave money after expenses to Idaho State Police Officer Chris Glenn who is paralyzed from the chest down after being shot in the neck Dec. 20, 2006, by an armed robbery suspect.

An account has also been set up at Wells Fargo bank to



East Minico Middle School principal Kevin Vogt presents a check for \$500 to Lt. Rob Storm of the Idaho State Police on behalf of Chris Glenn, an injured ISP officer.

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company with expansion aspirations. It recently introduced a bill to allow the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners to determine a case-by-case basis when state land should be leased commercially.

Statehouse correspondent Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at 343-0901 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com.

That's particularly true if you're in trouble with your sweetie for one reason or another. Under such circumstances, cheating out on Valentine's Day is grounds for significant head trauma and backing into your truck.

Never assume that you're not in trouble with your sweetie for one reason or another.

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falling to find another.

Chocolates make surprisingly effective missiles, which is useful information should she be displeased with your box of candy and decide to throw it back at you.

A dozen red roses sent via a florist will set you back about \$80. A decent box of Valentine's chocolate will cost you about \$25. Do not attempt to save a buck by substituting the latter for the former.

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Elizabeth 'Betty' Koto

TWIN FALLS — Elizabeth "Betty" Koto, formerly of Twin Falls, passed away Dec. 7, 2006, at the Swedish Medical Center in Seattle after a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her father, Tom E. Koto. Survivors include her mother, Matsuye Koto; and siblings, Tom E. Koto Jr. and Patricia Koto.

Elizabeth worked at Perkins Cole for more than 20 years. She was known for her qualities of caring, integrity, and

loyalty, and she was highly respected as a person who set high personal and professional standards. Elizabeth valued and was active in community service. All of us miss this vibrant, multi-faceted woman we had the privilege to know.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls. A memorial service in the United Church of Christ in Seattle, Wash.

The family suggests memorials be made to Tom E. and Matsuye Koto Endowment Fund, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, ID 83301, or any cancer program or a favorite charity.

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Business of love

Retailers embrace today as excuse for singles to celebrate themselves

By Yaa Q. Mai
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Forget love. Let's talk about shopping. Stores have long encouraged couples to show their devotion on Valentine's Day by dropping large retail bucks on chocolates, roses and a bottle of wine of impressive provenance. But now some retailers are targeting singles — and finding that many are willing to spend just as much as twosomes in indulging themselves this holiday.

what? It's Valentine's Day. Give some love to yourself!

For many women, that love can be expressed in the form of \$350 white Mary Jane wedges by Cynthia Vincent, found under the "Be your own Valentine" category at Piperlime. The promotion began in mid-January, and the company followed up last week with an e-mail to customers with the image of a gift tag that read "To me, from me, xxxo." Sales have been strong, Olsen said.

The National Retail Federation, the country's largest trade group, estimates the average consumer will spend \$119.67 for Valentine's Day this year, up from \$100.89 last year. Men are expected to outpace women, with charges of \$156.22 compared with

\$85.08. But the group does not track how much people spend on themselves for Valentine's Day, spokesman Scott Krugman said.

Sill, "It makes total sense," he said. "People certainly do reward themselves during the holidays."

Good economy, hard times



Idaho Gov. C.L. 'Butch' Otter addresses a large crowd gathered west of Burley Tuesday before Pacific Ethanol's groundbreaking ceremony for its 50-million-gal-a-year facility which is expected to take a year to build. Several Pacific Ethanol dignitaries were in attendance, including, from left, Pacific Ethanol Vice President of Operations Terrance Kulesa, Pacific Ethanol Vice President of Government Affairs Tom Koehler and Cassia County Commissioner Paul Christensen. Pacific Ethanol is just one of several businesses opening up in the Mini-Cassia area.

Love contracts take sting out of office romance

By Molly Selvia
Los Angeles Times

With many workers having an office Valentine's and even canoeing on the job — some employers don't want to be liable if the romance fizzles.

They are asking workers, mostly senior executives, to sign "love contracts" that shield employers from liability if intimacy later congeals into a sexual harassment lawsuit or some other discord.

The contracts, most common in the entertainment industry, also act as a formal way for a couple to disclose a relationship, in case their dalliance could affect the bottom line or generate negative publicity.

Such a contract might have been useful for former Boeing Co. Chief Executive Harry Stonecipher, whose extramarital affair with a mid-level female executive ruined the aerospace company in 2005 and led to his ouster.

"If Stonecipher had been able to say, 'Wait a minute, we disclosed this relationship four years ago,' there might have been a different reaction at the board of directors level," said San Francisco attorney Garry Mathison, who said his firm has drafted 1,000 of the sev-

eral thousand love contracts existing today.

Such a contract was used in connection with the proposed sale of a Southern California manufacturing firm, said Monica Ballard, president of Parallax Education, a Santa Monica-based consulting firm. The manufacturing company's president and vice president of sales, each married, were having an affair.

The chief executive of the manufacturing firm had them sign a love contract so he could disclose the relationship to the buyer. The sale fell through, Ballard said, but for other reasons. She declined to reveal the name of the company.

With Cupid's arrows making office romances more numerous, lawyers and mediators say love contracts could become more common. A recent survey found that 43 percent of U.S. workers admit to having dated a co-worker, and many of these relationships lead to marriage.

Lovers try to keep many of these relationships secret. But when they become known, or when an executive decides to reveal it, the couple might then be asked to sign a love contract declaring their affection to be "voluntary" and "consensual."

Economic boom creating difficulties for existing Mini-Cassia businesses

By Laurie Welch
For the Times-News

BURLEY — Mini-Cassia business is good, and as more companies look at grabbing a slice of the area's pie, the business climate is starting to change.

That means some businesses are finding there is more competition for affordable employees. And things will probably get worse before they get better.

Mini-Cassia Economic Development Commission Executive Director Bob Shepard said the commission is expecting to see 500 new jobs in the area between now and July.

"The price of employees is going up," Shepard said.

The changes can hit the service and retail sectors of the economy especially hard. A meeting will be held at noon Tuesday at Connor's Cafe to discuss the challenges business owners face due to the changing economy.

According to Idaho Commerce and Labor, the Mini-Cassia unemployment rate for December 2006 was 3.8 percent, down from 4.9 percent the previous year. Shepard said another indica-

Business challenges

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tor of growth is a rise in housing prices. "There are more spec homes in the area than ever before and more people are moving into the community," Shepard said.

The boom is due to local efforts to recruit businesses and a nationwide trend for companies to locate operations in rural areas.

"Basically what's happening is large companies are looking at the rural communities because they can't compete for the resources in the big cities," Shepard said.

Several business are considering Mini-Cassia for relocation or expansion, Shepard said, including a large distribution center, a call center and more recreational vehicle manufacturers.

Pacific Ethanol and Renova Energy have both recently announced plans to build ethanol plants in Burley. "We are going to be in the

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— Bob Shepard, Mini-Cassia Economic Development Commission executive director

ethanol business, believe me."

Shepard said several companies in diversified industries, each employing 50 to 100 people, will locate here. That would give the community more stability than being supported by just one or two large industries.

"That way if one shuts down, you do not feel such a pinch," Shepard said.

The commission will soon shift its focus from recruitment of business to retention and expansion of existing business.

"After July we will become very selective about who we ask to come," Shepard said.

Shepard said it usually takes about two years for an area to start seeing the payoff from economic development efforts, and things are starting to roll.

"We are really making things happen," he said. "This is going to be a great year."

Small Acreage Conference will teach keys to safe, successful farmers' markets

For the Times-News

CALDWELL — With numbers of farmers' markets more than doubling nationally since 1994 and with interest intensifying in Idaho, the University of Idaho Extension will feature farmers' market management and food safety at its 2007 Small Acreage Conference, set for Feb. 24 in Caldwell.

Participants will learn techniques for selling their products through farmers' markets and community-supported agriculture ventures, for meeting food-safety regulations and for assessing their markets' long-term success, organizers said. Those who produce meat and other animal products for direct sales can find out the best management, nutrition

and vaccination strategies for preventing and controlling livestock diseases. And those who produce crops can learn how to protect organic and sustainable operations from plant-disease losses.

Cinda Williams, U of I Extension small farms specialist, will teach participants a new "rapid market assessment" method to estimate attendance and sales at their markets.

Williams projects that interest in Idaho's farmers' markets — by both sellers and buyers — will continue to grow.

"We're definitely seeing more people who want to develop different types of enterprises and more consumers who want to have a connection with the people

who produce their food," she said. "I see more small farms getting markets, and I see bigger towns getting more markets per city."

At the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, trade specialist Lacey Menasco said respondents to a recent survey of Idaho farmers' market vendors indicate that some have experienced a doubling or tripling of their sales just in the past two or three years.

"People are looking to buy local products, and they're intrigued with agriculture," she said. According to Menasco, 26 farmers' markets were operating in Idaho last year.

The Feb. 24 Small Acreage Conference is targeted to small-scale, part-time and full-time farmers as well as to

small-acreage landowners who are considering developing traditional, sustainable or organic agricultural enterprises. Co-sponsors include Albion College of Idaho, ISDA, Rural Roots, Master Gardeners and Living on the Land Alumni.

The event will be held at Albion College's Sliptrot Dining Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost for those who pre-register by Tuesday is \$25 per person and \$15 for each additional member of the same family. Lunch is included, and five pesticide and organic certification credits are available. Late registrants will pay an additional \$10 at the door. For registration information, call the U of I Ada County Extension Office at 377-2107

in Boise.

An in-depth technical seminar on disease diagnosis and management in turfgresses, forages and sustainable and organic crop systems will precede the conference on Feb. 23. Intended for full-time farmers, green industry professionals and agency representatives, this seminar will be held at the Ada County Extension Office. It will also include information on toxic plants and on white rot in garlic and other diseases of concern for Idaho. Cost is \$50 before Tuesday and \$60 at the door. Six pesticide and organic certification credits are available. For details or to reserve a place, call 377-2107.

Get more information at <http://www.smallfarms.agn.uidaho.edu>.

Market Watch

Feb. 13, 2007

Dow Jones Industrials	+102.30
Nasdaq composite	+8.50
Standard & Poor's 500	+10.89
Russell 2000	+8.74

Corr Agri	25.97	▲ 1.25
Deli Inc.	23.61	▲ 1.10
Idacorp	38.07	▲ 1.00
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Micro	12.22	▲ 0.10
Supervalu	37.90	▲ 1.17

March Oil	59.06	▲ 1.25
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
March gold	665.5	▲ 1.2

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Table of mutual fund performance with columns for Name, Div, Last Chg, and various fund names like Fidelity, Vanguard, etc.

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Table of New York Stock Exchange activity, including volume, high/low prices, and lists of active stocks.

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Summary of market activity for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ, including volume and index levels.

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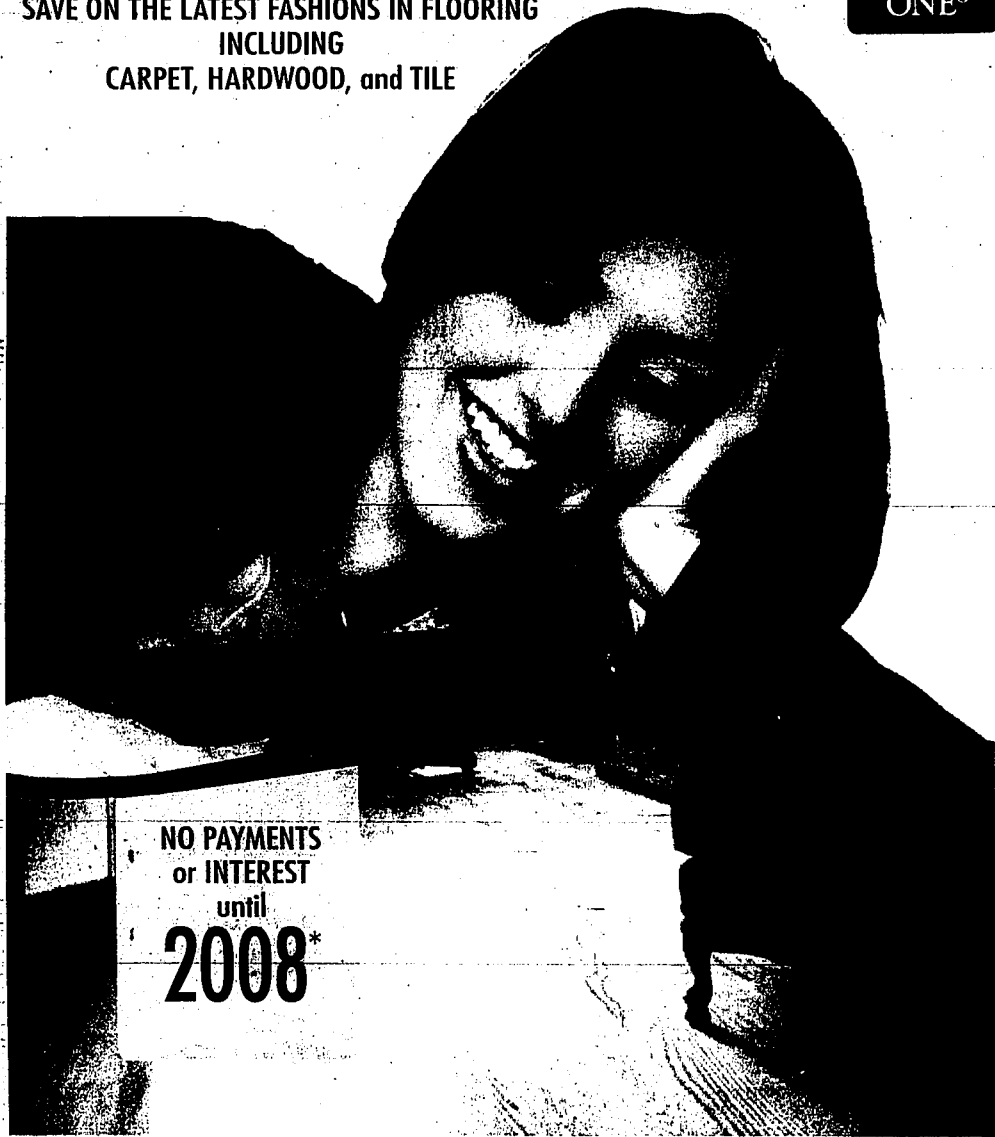
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The Board of Trustees of Hunt School District No. 331 Minidoka, Cassia, Jerome and Lincoln Counties, Idaho, hereby announces that sealed bids will be received for development of MINICO IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN RUPERT, IDAHO, on February 28, 2007 at 2:00 P.M. local prevailing time, at the Minidoka County School District Office, 633 Fremont Avenue, Rupert, Idaho 83350.
Please contact Theo Schult, Maintenance Supervisor at (208) 436-2518, 1018 D Street, Rupert, Idaho for information and specifications.
A pre-bid conference/walk through will be held at Minica High School on February 21, 2007 beginning at 1:00 P.M. Attendance is suggested.
The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to solicit any portion thereof in any or all bids, to waive any technicality, and to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids. No Bid may be withdrawn within a period of ninety (90) days after the date fixed for opening bids.
/s/Michelo DeLuna
Michelo DeLuna, Business manager
PUBLISHED: Minidoka County News February 14 and 21, 2007.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PETITION FOR ABANDONMENT AND VACATION OF ROADWAYS, ALLEYS AND OTHER PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWIN FALLS HIGHWAY DISTRICT has received a petition from CS&F Energy Company LLC and Fossil Gulch Wind Park LLC to vacate a 75-foot wide easement located on the section line between Sections 31 and 32 of Township 6 South, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho. The right-of-way to be abandoned exists on, over, and across a 75-foot-wide strip of land more particularly described as:
The East 25.0 feet of Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho;
The West 25.0 feet of Section 32, Township 6 South, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho; and
The East 25.0 feet of the West 60.0 feet of Section 32, Township 6 South, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho.
The Twin Falls Highway District located at 2620 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho will accept written comment on the petitioned vacation of right-of-way until 2:00 p.m. On February 21, 2007 at which time, the hearing on the petition to vacate said right-of-way will be held.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of Cassia Jr. School District No. 151, Cassia, Oneida, Twin Falls Counties, Idaho, 237 East 19th Street, Burley, Idaho until 3:00 p.m., local prevailing time, Wednesday, February 21, 2007, for:
New Bleachers
Declo High School
505 East Main Street
Declo, Idaho 83323
A description of the work of this project can be summarized to include: Demolish and remove existing bleachers and the supply and construction of new aluminum angle frame outdoor bleachers and press box over a new concrete foundation. Proposals will be opened and publicly read at the above hour and date. A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount, including any add alternates, is required. A Public Works Contractors License for the State of Idaho is required to bid on this work. Plans, specifications, proposal forms, and other information are on file for examination at the following locations:
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270 N. 27th Street, Ste A
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Burley, ID 83318
208-878-6600
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McGraw Hill Construction
4082 Chiron Blvd., Ste A
Boise, ID 83714
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Fax 208-336-1364
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One set of documents may be obtained by licensed general contractors, Beachor Suppliers, and electrical subcontractors from Hutchison Smith Architects for a refundable deposit of \$50.00. Others may obtain documents at cost, non-refundable.
A pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2007. Bidders are encouraged to attend.
Pam Wade
Business Mgr./Treasurer
Publish: February 7 & 14, 2007

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO

ADVERTISING FOR BID
Student bid proposals for the Renard of Buildings C & D of Northview Apartments, College of Southern Idaho, will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., February 21, 2007, in the office of the Vice President of Finance in the Taylor Administration Building, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho, and then publicly opened.
Bids must be received (no faxed bids) at the above listed address on or before the specified bid date and time in order to be accepted. The outside of the envelope should clearly indicate **SEALED BID ENCLOSED**.
Plans, specifications, bid proposal forms and other information are on file for examination at the following locations:
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(208) 232-3432
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A pre-bid conference will be held on February 15, 2007, starting at 2:00 p.m. at the Northwest Apartment Complex at 1322 Washington Street, North, Twin Falls, Idaho. Meet in the parking lot.
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TWIN FALLS HIGHWAY DISTRICT

Herman Osterkamp, Chairman
CS&F Energy Company LLC and Fossil Gulch Wind Park LLC c/o Holland & Hart LLP
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Boise, ID 83702
PUBLISH: January 25, February 14 and 15, 2007

KING HILL IRRIGATION DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
December 31, 2006

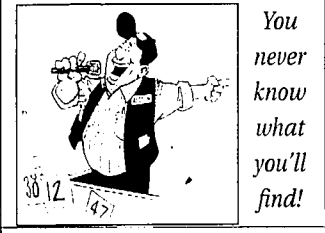
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	525,905
Assessments and Other Receivable	7,232
Prepaid Expenses	38,584
Supplies Inventory	30,517
Total Current Assets	602,245
Noncurrent Assets	
Electrical Project	14,000
Capital Assets:	
Buildings and Equipment	600,050
Furnishings and Improvements	15,194
Irigation Plant and Meters	3,492,309
Less: Accumulated Depreciation (2,504,847)	
Total Noncurrent Assets	1,616,716
Total Assets	2,218,961
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	47,917
Accrued Payroll and Related Liabilities	25,570
Unearned Revenue	18,227
Notes Payable, Current Portion	18,714
Total Current Liabilities	108,428
Long-Term Liabilities	
Notes Payable, Long-Term Debt	35,786
Total Long-Term Liabilities	35,786
Total Liabilities	144,214
NET ASSETS	2,074,747
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
	2,218,961

We certify that the above is a true statement of the financial position of the KING HILL IRRIGATION DISTRICT at December 31, 2006 to the best of our knowledge and belief.
Gardner Brown
Manager, King Hill Irrigation District
Debra Smith
Secretary/Treasurer, King Hill Irrigation District
PUBLISH: February 14, 2007

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No.: HC-97590-C Loan No.: 0430647303
A.P.N.: RPT1401000180A NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY the duly appointed Successor Trustee, by on 4/23/2007 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time). At the entrance to North American Title Company, 260 3RD Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID., will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, of cash or lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property and personal property, and pursuant to the obligation referred in the Deed of Trust executed by PAUL E. NEUBAUER, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of "HERS" MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER EQUIFIRST CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, dated 11/22/2005, recorded 11/28/2005, as instrument No. 2005-027040 records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, the personal interest in the property presently held by U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, by RESIDENTIAL FUNDING COMPANY, LLC, Attorney in Fact. The ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1566(4)(A), IDAHO CODE, NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make the monthly payments on said Deed of Trust and Note dated 11/22/2005. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$15.10, due per month from 8/1/2006 through 4/23/2007, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of the date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$81,019.82, plus accrued interest at the rate of 9.0% per annum from 8/1/2006. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accrued taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy this obligation. Dated: December 21, 2006 FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY Dea. C. Orteg, authorized signatory c/o EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC 15455 San Fernando Mission Blvd., #208 Mission Hills, CA 91345. Phone: (618) 837-2300 Sale Site: (818) 361-6998 ASAP# 811980
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Well played. Or was it? Perhaps, but not well defended. At trick three West should see that there is little future in spades. If his partner has the club king, it is unlikely to go away, and the defense can hardly take more than one club trick. So West should now play a third round of diamonds. Although declarer can survive by playing East, his task is this trump holding, his task has become much more difficult. He will need a precise reading of the distribution to emerge with 10 tricks.

ANSWER: Three hearts here is invitational. Since you have an ill-fitting minimum, you should pass before something bad happens to you! If you bid three no-trump, you will be going from the frying pan into the fire. You have no source of tricks and will never be able both to set up partner's hearts and to enjoy them.

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NORTH	02-14-A
♠ A Q J 3	
♥ A 4 2	
♦ 10 3	
♣ A J 10 4	
EAST	
♠ 10 8 7	
♥ K 10 9 8	
♦ Q J 8 5	
♣ 5 2	
SOUTH	
♠ 4 7 2	
♥ Q J 5 3	
♦ 6 4	
♣ K 9 7 6	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South West North East

1 ♠	1 ♦	3 ♦	2 ♦
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	All pass	

Opening lead: Diamond king

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♠ K 9 6 5
♥ 6
♦ A K 9 7 2
♣ Q 8 3

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1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♣	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
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