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## Red's goes to court



Ryan Horsley, manager of Red's Trading Post in Twin Falls, leaves the McClure Federal Building and Courthouse in Boise Tuesday for a lunch recess. Federal investigators testified that Red's, a federally licensed gun dealership, "willingly" violated sale laws and deserves to have its license revoked.

### Federal case heard in Boise

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

BOISE — Federal agents who repeatedly inspected Red's Trading Post before revoking the license of the Twin Falls gun store in February 2007 said a federal judge Tuesday they were simply tracing guns used in crimes.

"Red's had 10 or more crime gun traces connected to them so they got inspected," said John Hansen, an inspector for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives who investigated the shop in 2000. He said he did not know why the ATF inspectors dealers who have sold 10 or more guns used in crimes. But after an additional audit in 2005, Hansen said, "they did not follow up on their promise to keep better track of their firearms."

Outside the courtroom, Red's manager Ryan Horsley expressed shock at learning that the agency audits dealers

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### Red's case history

**2000** Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives finds that Red's Trading Post failed to account for 30 firearms. At a warning conference with the ATF, Red's owners pledge to fix the problem.

**2001** A follow-up inspection indicates Red's sold a firearm to a customer claiming to be an illegal resident. Another record has unclear status of customer's criminal history. ATF discusses violations; a claim dis-

puted by Red's inspection reveals 10 missing firearms; one sale is made without a background check. ATF claims hundreds of other irregularities, and missing sale reports. ATF agent recommends pulling Red's license.

**2007** ATF pulls Red's license, leading store to request judicial review.

**2008** Federal Judge Edward Lodge hears case between Red's and ATF.

## Senators to make ed board change proposals to Otter

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

Inside

See which legislators are running for re-election.

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BOISE — The Senate Education Committee continued its assault on the State Board of Education on Tuesday when lawmakers proposed possible recommendations for action from Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, including returning board responsibilities that the Legislature transferred several years ago from the Idaho State Department of Education.

In their first formal talk about the board's financial fiasco since questioning

trustees last week, senators pitched recommendations that are expected to be discussed again and voted on before formally going to Otter. The governor, who appoints board trustees, recently said there will be changes to the eight-member panel.

The main proposal, from

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## Developers subpoena ICL's internal records

### Environmental group says it's being harassed, intimidated

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

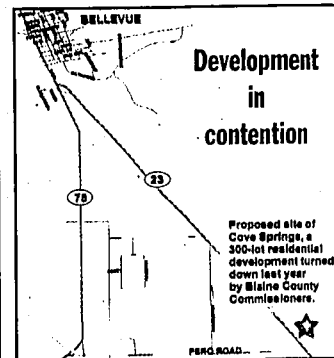
The Idaho Conservation League has asked a judge to dismiss subpoenas filed by developers seeking the organization's internal records — the first subpoenas served to the non-profit in its 35-year history.

The subpoenas were sent to the ICL last month by

attorneys representing Cove Springs Developers, a group of Wood River Valley residents whose proposal for a large residential neighborhood was denied last year by Blaine County Commissioners.

Subpoenas have also been filed against valley special-interest group

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## Global warming skeptics insist humans not at fault

By Juliet Elperin  
The Washington Post

When Christopher Monckton, who served as a special adviser to former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, ponders the current political push to curb greenhouse gases linked to climate change, he thinks of King Canute.

According to Monckton, Canute — the Viking who ruled England along with much of Scandinavia nearly a thousand years ago — took his courtiers to the ocean's edge one day, set down his throne and ordered the tide not to come in. The tide, of course, came in, and the king got his feet wet.

The lesson? The king taught his advisers "humility," Monckton said, by show-

ing them that even he, a king, could not control nature. In the same way, he argued, modern-day politicians should not fool themselves into thinking that humanity is having a big impact on climate.

Monckton, along with other high-profile global warming skeptics such as

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## Clinton breaks losing streak, wins Ohio, Texas, Rhode Island

### McCain clinches GOP nomination

Wire services

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton scored comeback primary wins in Ohio, Texas and Rhode Island Tuesday night, denting Barack Obama's delegate lead in a riveting Democratic presidential race. Arizona Sen. John McCain, an unflinching supporter of the war in Iraq, clinched the Republican nomination.

Clinton's three triumphs ended a month of defeats for the former

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first lady, and she told jubilant supporters, "We're going on, we're going strong and we're going all the way."

Obama won the Vermont primary, and sought to counter Clinton's claims that the night had been a race-altering event. "We have nearly the same delegate lead as we did this morning



and we are on our way to winning this nomination," he told supporters in Texas.

The two rivals also competed for support in caucuses in Texas that began 15 minutes after the

state's primary polls closed.

On the Republican side, McCain swept the day's four GOP primaries to clinch the Republican nomination and

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### Democrats

2,025 delegates needed to win the nomination.

Barack Obama 1,466

Hillary Clinton 1,376



### Republicans

1,191 delegates needed to win the nomination.

John McCain 1,224

Mike Huckabee 261



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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Thursday



Scattered clouds Fair to partly cloudy Mostly sunny High 43 Low 23 46 / 27

MINI-CASSIA

Today: A mix of sun and clouds. Highs, upper 30s. Tonight: Chilly and quiet. Lows near 20. Tomorrow: A touch warmer with even more sun. Highs, 40s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association jam and meeting, members will jam and entertain the public from 6 to 8 p.m. with monthly meeting to follow, Idaho Pizza Company, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, open to the public and prospective members, 735-1580. William Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors," presented by College of Southern Idaho Theater Department, 8 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Theater, Twin Falls, \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students, 732-6781 or tickets.csi.edu.

CHURCH

Centering Prayer Practice, monthly topic and video: "Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit," 7:30 p.m., Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls, no cost, open to the public, 734-9499 or 733-8881.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host-lunch: various speakers on topics important to the community, noon, Golden Corral, 1823 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, 312-5057. American Mothers, Inc. of Magic Valley meeting and potluck luncheon, noon, Bridgeview Estates Great Room, 1818 Bridgeview Blvd., Twin Falls, 733-5133. Bliss Flower and Garden Club meeting, with teacher of horticulture Joann Robbins on the care of evergreens, 1 p.m., at the home of Mayvis Thompson, Bliss, 352-4260.

EXHIBITS

"Datalogy" by Shelley Brulotte and Russ Hepworth, alternative photography exhibit presented by Magic Valley Arts Center, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Brizee Heating, Air Conditioning and Fireplaces showroom, 227 Second Ave. E., Historic Downtown Twin Falls, no cost, 734-2787.

FAMILY

Candlelight Tales, 30-minute, "end of day" presentation for preschoolers and early elementary-age children (may wear pajamas), 7 to 7:30 p.m., in the Storytime Kiva, Twin Falls Public Library, 733-2964 or, 110.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Castelford City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 342 Main, 537-6544. Glenns Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old Highway 30, 366-7436. Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 191 State St. N., 837-6636.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Center and Blaine County Campus Gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475. Fit and Fall Proof exercise class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988. SilverSneakers fitness program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weighs from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Bridgeview Great Room (north entrance, third floor), Bridgeview Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., 404-4793 or 736-9282.

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MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE NATION

IDAHO Budget committee: Idaho teachers will get \$23.8 million more

BOISE — Legislative budget writers on Tuesday approved \$23.8 million for the teacher raises, including a plan to boost the minimum Idaho teacher salary by 3 percent. There's enough additional money for other teachers to get lesser raises, as well. The teachers union immediately planned the plan, saying it's too strong to lure new teachers or keep good ones in the profession. The Joint Finance...

Appropriations Committee voted 12-8 for what was clearly the most contentious part of the \$1.6 billion public education budget. In one sign of the bitterness, Sen. Shawn Keough, R-Blainpoint and sponsor of a rival \$24.7 million package, objected to the bill being sent to the full Legislature with a customary "do-pass" recommendation. The successful measure, sponsored by Rep. Cliff Bayer, R-Boise and drafted with help from public schools chief Tom Luna, follows last week's demise of Luna's Idaho State Teacher Advancement and Recognition System pay-for-performance plan. Luna said the new proposal fairly does...

out raises — until a merit-pay alternative can be crafted.

WASHINGTON Authorities say online child porn network one of most advanced ever

WASHINGTON — Twelve Americans were indicted last week in a worldwide investigation that ultimately changed 22 people with participating in a porn ring — and blocking police from investigating it. In all, more than 400,000 pictures, video files and other images showing children engaged in sexual behavior were produced, advertised, traded and distributed globally in the online pornography ring, according to U.S. and international authorities. The sting, which started in Australia, also netted accused pornographers in England, Canada and Germany. Some victims were as young as five years old. Others were preyed upon for innocuous characteristics such as wearing their hair in pigtails. Authorities won't say how they eventually broke through several layers of encryption, background checks and other security measures the pornographers used to protect their online user group from being accessed. — The Associated Press

FOUR-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

March 6, 7, 8 — "A Year with Frog and Toad," presented by Oakley Valley Arts Council, 7:30 p.m., Howells Opera House, Oakley, \$8 ticket, 677-2787. March 6, 7, 8 — William Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors," presented by College of Southern Idaho Theater Department, 8 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Theater, Twin Falls, \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students, 732-6781 or tickets.csi.edu. March 7 — The Lowe Family in performance, offering a blend of classical, Broadway, Irish, jazz, bluegrass, dance, six-part harmony and gospel music, 7 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, \$20, tickets.csi.edu.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

March 7 — Benefit Race for cancer victim Terry Budd, 6 p.m., registration and 6:30 p.m. race begins with auction to follow, NazCart, 302 Third St. S., Twin Falls, \$300 for four-man team (one-person signups will be put with a team), 420-0356, 420-2626 or 734-8479. March 7, 8 — "Disney Spectacular," dinner/show fundraiser catered by The Best Western Burley Inn and presented by Burley High School's Bel Cantos Choir; includes buffet, 6:30 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley, \$20 per person, proceeds toward group's trip and travel expenses to California Heritage Festival, 878-6606 or 677-8894. March 8 — The Elks' Annual Auction, includes 10:30 a.m. day auction and 6:30 p.m. night auction with barbecue pork shank dinner, Rupert Elks Lodge, \$10 per person for dinner, 436-6852 to donate auction items. March 8 — Snake River Elks Crab Feed or Prime Rib dinner, hosted by the Post Excited Rainers, 6 to 9 p.m., at the lodge, 412 East 200 South (by 93 Golf Course), Jerome, \$20 per person, proceeds to charity fund, 420-7238. March 8 — Magic Valley Arts Council La Mascarade — Arabian Nights fundraiser dinner, dance and raffie (includes prizes: white water rafting trip, fine wines and unique jewelry), 7 p.m., The Ballroom, Twin Falls, \$40 (\$20 tax deductible) per person and raffie tickets: \$10 each or 12 for \$100, 734-2787 or www.magicvalleyartscenter.org. March 8, 9 — Rock and Gem Show, with dealers, displays, demonstrations, grab bags, silent auction, wheel of fortune, mineral table, door prizes and more, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (8) and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (9), Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, 999 Frontier Road, Twin Falls, \$2 admission, no cost for children under age 12 accompanied by an adult, 734-1435.

CHURCH

March 7 — Lenten Luncheon, with homemade soups, sandwiches, pie and drinks, noon, St. Jerome's Church, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome, \$5, everyone welcome, 324-3129 or 324-8794. March 7 — Christian Movie Night, featuring "The Miracle of the Cards" preceded by pizza-and-salad meal by donation, The River Christian Fellowship, corner of Falls Avenue East and road to Shoshone Falls, Twin Falls, no cost, 733-3133. March 9 — Unitarian Universalist Adult Theological Development Class, beginning class of six-session program exploring the history and heritage of theological issues, personal religious values and trends for the future, 8 to 10 a.m., The Learning Center, 273 Shoup Avenue W. (southeast corner, intersection of Shoup Avenue and Blake St.), Twin Falls, (208) 734-6552 or contact@mvu.edu.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

March 6 — Twin Falls Ranch Lions club meeting and no-host lunch, noon, Loong Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, 735-9092 or 733-3429. March 6 — Rickstand Southern Idaho, with guest speaker Dr. Bruce Bradley of Microbial/Vac Systems, Inc. Jerome on "Lessons Learned as a Start-up Company Applying for Patents," 6 to 7:30 p.m., Pandora's Restaurant, 516 Hansen St. S., Twin Falls, no cost, appetizers and drink tickets provided by Idaho TechConnect. brandon.armstrong@idtechoconnect.com or (208) 324-3455. March 8 — Twin Falls Bank & Trust employees meeting and no-host lunch, all former Bank & Trust employees and friends are also invited to attend, 1 p.m., The Bistro, 360 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls, 423-5493 or 420-4418 to R.S.V.P. by today. March 8 — Buttons "n" Bows Square Dance Club Holiday Dance, all new dancers welcome, 7:30 p.m. pre-rundress and 8 p.m. square dance, Twin Falls Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave., 54

per person, bring finger foods, 536-5147.

EXHIBITS

"Datalogy" by Shelley Brulotte and Russ Hepworth, alternative photography exhibit presented by Magic Valley Arts Council, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday through March 15, Brizee Heating, Air Conditioning and Fireplaces showroom, 227 Second Ave. E., Historic Downtown Twin Falls, no cost, 734-2787. March 8 — Gallery Opening, "Cowboys, Parkers and Canyonlands" featuring the work of Ann Parker (sculpture and furniture); new collection from Canyon Lands and Tetons by Teddy Kheitan-Ketton; and new work by gallery's professional artists, 1 to 6 p.m., Lion's Gate Gallery, 218 Main St., Teton public invited, no cost, refreshments, 543-4690 or 420-0034.

FAIRS AND MARKETS

March 8 — The Twin Falls Farmers Market vendors' meeting, for all potential and established vendors, 1 p.m., Onechance Meeting Room, 254 Main Ave. (entrance at rear of building), Twin Falls, all vendors must pre-register, 316-1291 or farmers-market@yahoo.com. March 8, 9 — Indoor Twin Falls Flea Market, with 35 vendors and Girl Scout Cookies for sale at local Girl Scout troops booth, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, camcan@pmt.org.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Registration for March 13, 14 AARP Driver Safety Course, for all ages, no AARP membership required or driving; insurance discount provided for participants age 55 and older, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave., \$10 (pre-registration required), 733-9680. Registration for March 15 AARP Driver Safety Class, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2422 Overland Ave., Burley, \$10 (pre-registration required), 678-9138. Registration for "Talking Control of Arthritis," a six-week, self-help course beginning March 10 on arthritis care presented by the Arthritis Foundation and sponsored by South Central Public Health, 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays, Public Health Office, College of Southern Idaho, \$30 (covers classes, textbook and other course materials), 733-5988 or www.arthritis.org to register.

HEALTH EDUCATION

March 6 — "New Therapeutic Approaches to Breast Cancer," Expedition Inspiration Forum for Breast Cancer Research Open Forum with featured speakers Daniel F. Hayes, M.D. and C. Kent Osborne, M.D.; includes "Meet the Experts" and question-answer session, 5 to 7 p.m., Limestone Court, Sun Valley Inn, Ketchum, no cost, (underwritten by grant from St. Luke's Wood River Foundation), (208) 726-6455, e@expeditioninspiration.org or www.expeditioninspiration.org.

HOME AND GARDEN

March 7, 8 — The 1st annual Discover Magic Valley Home and Garden Show, sponsored by DiscoverMagicValley.com and American Family Insurance/Cade Richmond, Agent, with a variety of vendors from around the Magic Valley; includes drawing for Grand Prize giveaway: Cud Cabnet lawn Tractor, noon to 8 p.m. (7) and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (8), Snake River Plaza (across from Wal-Mart), Burley, (208) 678-2048, (208) 679-3143 or www.DiscoverMagicValley.com.

SPORTS

March 6 — Continuation of Hartford Disabled Ski Championships, hosted by Fairlief's Soldier Mountain Ski area; includes 50-70 racers, coaches, family members, two X-Games winners and 46 representatives from Hartford Insurance Company; also includes charity raffie, live-band party and closing banquet dinner-ceremony at The Mint, Fairfield, 788-3788, 726-9013, 726-4056 or 423-296-5134. March 8 — Beginning day of Jerome Gun Club Annual Sporting Clays League, first of four consecutive Saturdays, 9 a.m. start time, 11 miles north of Junction of 184 and Highway 93, mile marker 64, \$80 for adults and \$62 for juniors and sub-juniors, 733-6045. March 8, 9 — Personal Trainer Certification Workshop, two-day workshop with demonstrations and practical application of one-on-one training, 8 a.m., Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln Ave., Jerome, (800) 237-6242 or www.netaffil.org to register; contact number: 324-3389.

Times-News

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Nowpack Levels advertisement featuring a table of seasonal percentages for various materials like Waterhead, Salmon, Big Wood, Liner Wood, Dig Lost, Upper Slope, Hensh's in Teton, Upper Snake Basin, and Oakley. Includes contact information for Nowpack.

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE section with a photo gallery of a basketball game and a correction notice regarding a misspelled name in a previous article.

# Court

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 who hit the 10-guns mark. He previously said he assumed that an ex-employee with a grade 100 pulled in the 10-guns rule came during the first day of a scheduled two-day U.S. District Court hearing over the future of Red's license. It offered a glimpse of how the ATF decides when an agency cracks down on gun shops. That mystery has evaded Republican Idaho Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo, who each put a hold on the president's nomination for the agency's head pending an ATF explanation of apparent escalation in license revocations nationwide in recent years.

U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge has temporarily allowed Red's to continue operating while he rules whether the ATF was justified

in revoking the dealer's license. That ruling rests on whether Red's "willingly" violated the laws, as the ATF alleges.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Deborah Ferguson, representing the ATF Tuesday drew testimony from two agents who said that Red's had been warned and had been "educated," but that its lapses had proved costly to law enforcement in two failed gun traces.

In fiscal year 2003, two guns used in crimes were traced to the manufacturer, and then the wholesaler and finally to the shop, where the trail ended, an ATF inspector testified.

"The trace was successful all the way to this licensee, Red's Trading Post," said ATF Inspector Caleb Rushing, who after conducting a 2005 audit recommended the license revocation. Rushing

said law enforcement requires licensed gun dealers to respond to his trace request within 24 hours.

"Emergency traces need to be developed all the time," he said. The 2005 audit found Red's had failed to place "internal controls" or training to self-regulate as its president Terry Honsby and her son, Ryan, promised at a warning conference held in 2000 at this same federal building.

Hansen said he had left that conference feeling confident that Red's would resolve its problems.

But in 2005 store employees were found to have repeated their errors, he said. On multiple occasions they left blank the responses to questions on legally required transactions to notify police, as is required, that a customer

had purchased multiple handguns within a five-day period. At least one gun said to have been purchased by Red's could not be accounted for in the shop's records, and in one instance no background check was performed for a sale.

On cross examination, Richard Gardiner, a Fairfax, Va.-based attorney representing Red's, pointed out that most of the problems were quickly fixed. He scolded the agents for not offering training to Red's employees.

"I have you ever made a mistake taking a note," he asked Rushing in an accusatory tone.

The ATF has never trained Red's employees, he said, although agents have trained employees of other shops in how to comply with the law.

"You never offered training," Gardiner said. "In fact,

no one ever did."

The federal agency provides handbooks, quarterly newsletters and posts educational materials to dealers on its Web site.

Ferguson tossed the blame back at Red's for not supplying its own training.

"Most FBI's (federal firearms licensees) have training and standardized practices," Rushing said.

Linda Young, ATF area supervisor, testified she educates dealers at trade shows and conferences.

"I give the dealers my cell

phone number ... to ask questions," Young said. Gardiner grilled Young — Ferguson's last witness of the day — as he had grilled the others.

"Do you maintain that every dealer should not make a single mistake?" he asked. "Dealers make mistakes, do they not? Have you ever made a mistake?"

Ferguson told Gardiner she plans to call one last witness today. Gardiner said he would call four witnesses.

"I do not make the case under advisement or rule today.

# Records

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 Citizens for Smart Growth and at least one former member of the county's planning and zoning board, according to the ICL.

Linn Kincannon, the ICL's central Idaho director, called the subpoenas retribution for opposing developers' plans to build Cove Springs, a 300-lot neighborhood with its own pool center and coffee shop on the 4.630-acre Cove Ranch about five miles south of Bellevue.

In the weeks leading up to public hearings last year, the ICL sent postcards to its members urging them to speak out against the development over concern it would affect wildlife habitat

and migration routes. Commissioners voted unanimously in October to deny the developers a building permit after numerous residents spoke against the plan.

The developers sued the county in 5th District Court in January, calling the commission's decision arbitrary and capricious, and filed the subpoenas shortly after.

Last week, the ICL asked Judge Robert Elgee to dismiss the subpoenas, which seek access to the group's files regarding its involvement in wildlife issues in Blaine County dating to 1991 — three years before the developers filed their request to build the 300-lot neighborhood, Kincannon said.

Elgee temporarily suspended the subpoenas until he rules on another motion in the case.

"This is a very broad fishing expedition way beyond anything relevant to Cove Springs," Kincannon said. "We took it as a form of intimidation and harassment."

President of the developers' association, Steve Beever, declined to be interviewed for this story.

But in a prepared statement, Beever said, "Our request for discovery from ICL and others is to obtain any communications with the Blaine County Commissioners that are required by law in a public process to be

in the public record. We want to be clear that ICL and others are free to communicate anything they want with the Blaine County Commissioners as long as it is in the public record and available to everyone. We are surprised that ICL would want to conceal any communication made in a public process."

ICL says it has nothing to hide, that the information sought by the developers is public information available from the county, and that the subpoenas isn't narrowly tailored to include just correspondence with the county.

Judge Elgee could rule on the subpoenas at an April 3 hearing.

# Board

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 Sen. Mike Jorgenson, R-Hayden Lake, would return the duties — including student testing oversight — the Legislature gradually transferred from the ISDE. The decision was made in the House Feb. 24 in the Idaho Legislature in an attempt to undermine the department when it was run by Democrat Marilyn Howard.

Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, clarified the idea that administration for K-12 education, including testing and federal funding decisions, should be handled by the department. He said the change would not violate the constitutional rule that the board have "general supervision" of Idaho's education.

On Feb. 28, trustees met with senators to explain why \$1.4 million was misspent in 2007 and why the board decided to balance the budget by leaving vacant top-tier positions. The deficit led to discontinuance of state assessment tests for second- and ninth-graders for this spring and next year, and forced Gear Up, a federal grant-matching program that helps low-income kids attend college, to rely on private-sector donors.

Other suggestions from committee members include:

- Remove oversight of all state agencies, such as Idaho Public Television and the Idaho Historical Society, due to concern the board handles too much.
- Have the governor select the board president and length of such terms.
- Designate an aggressive deputy attorney general who according to the committee Chairman John Goettle, R-Coeur d'Alene, "can say, 'No, no damn it,' if that's what it takes."
- Train staff and trustees on their own rules. Trustees told senators the problems stemmed from miscommunication and violations by employees.
- Have quarterly progress reports of the board.
- Assign grant writing and grant requests to higher education institutions. Grants were apparently done by both the board and the department.
- Create an attendance policy for trustees. Trustee Blake Hall missed about a half-dozen meetings last year. At one point during Tuesday's meeting he credited his absences for what he couldn't answer some questions.

"The board seems to think

lems they turned around and blamed the Legislature," said Schroeder. "People who have that kind of secular thinking should resign."

Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Butte, was absent from the meeting. But last month, Gannon said he saw "signs" that legislators felt the board had too much responsibility. He said the board changed from a policy-making body to one involved in "day-to-day operations" where "checks and balances" were lost.

Central to the inquiries has been Twin Falls attorney Laird Stone, a past president

appointed in 2001 whose term expired March 1.

Asked whether Stone will be reappointed, Otter spokesman for Hantson said, "We don't talk about that. When he (Otter) is ready to announce he will and not a second before."

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EDITORIAL

# School district facilities levy deserves support

In public-sector financing, timing is everything. And the timing of Twin Falls School District, which will ask voters to extend the district's longstanding facilities levy on March 11, isn't good.

The economy is softening, and most of the patrons who will vote next Tuesday also went to the polls two years ago to approve a \$19.7 million bond issue to build the new Canyon Ridge High School.

Many of them are wondering why they'll be going back so soon.

Inflation is mostly to blame. The cost of building Canyon Ridge High has blossomed \$9.9 million over the original estimate

— so much so that the district has little money left to complete the \$12 million in renovations to other schools that were part of the 2006 bond issue.

We don't fault the district for that, but we can't help but wish it had been more forthcoming with taxpayers over the past two years about rising costs and its plans for dealing with them. That might have made fewer patrons feel as if they were being asked to pay twice for the same projects.

They're not, of course, and the repairs and preventative maintenance needs of the district's other schools are real. That's why we're urging voters to approve extending the facilities levy on Tuesday just as they have for nearly a half-century.

If the levy is endorsed by a supermajority, property tax rates won't increase because the state will pick up a large share of bond payments starting next year.

And the consequences of not extending the levy would be expensive.

The Twin Falls School District's buildings are old, but they're still in reasonably good shape because the district has long kept on top of repairs. But without the levy and the \$33 million it would generate over the next decade, the district would be on the hook to replace some big-ticket items — and some buildings — sooner than planned.

None of the money will go toward completing Canyon Ridge High. That project is being "value-engineered" — meaning efficiencies are being sought during construction to keep costs down. And the district will sell land it owns near the site of the new school to cover additional costs.

If the levy passes, the top of the district's to-do list would be the projects that were contained in the 2006 bond issue that haven't been accomplished yet, including renovations and additions at most of the existing buildings in the district. Honoring the priorities endorsed by voters two years ago is important.

But it's really a question of paying now or paying more later.

The choice, it seems to us, is obvious.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### U.S. stand on invasion of Kurdistan is deplorable

To Sen. Craig: Reference is made to our conversation in your Twin Falls office about the Turkish invasion of Kurdistan.

You told me the 37,000 killed were Turks. In fact, there were thousands of Kurdish villages destroyed, 1 million Kurds forced to flee Turkey, 30,000 Kurds killed and they are constantly stopped at road blocks and tortured with electrical devices like dogs.

Turkey has denied the existence of Kurdistan from the beginning. They have prohibited the

speaking of the Kurdish language. Isolation and denial of public service, health care, schools, etc., have kept the Kurds at a primitive level. Everyone knows it is easier to pass off mass extinction of an "uncivilized" people.

Especially you, Condoleezza Rice and Bush agree that tanks, jet aircraft, rockets and U.S. spy satellite technology is proper force to deal with the nation of Kurdistan, which has a small gang within it that deals drugs, the PKK.

I wonder what Ms. Rice would think if these Kurds were (black)?

ROBERT F. BERENTZ  
Filer

# The Iraq war's \$2 trillion nightmare

We've been hearing a lot about "Saturday Night Live" and the fun it has been having with the presidential race. But hardly a whisper has been heard about a congressional hearing in Washington last week on a topic that could have been drawn, in all its tragic monotony, from the theater of the absurd.



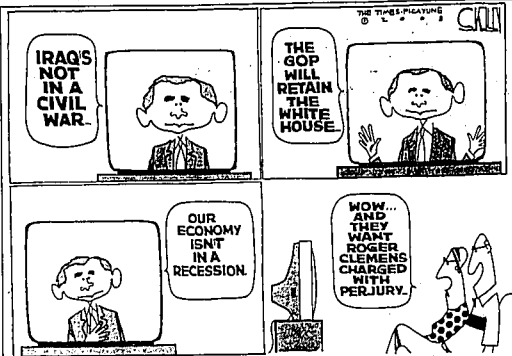
BOB HERBERT

The war in Iraq will ultimately cost U.S. taxpayers not hundreds of billions of dollars, but an astonishing \$2 trillion, and perhaps more. There has been very little in the way of public conversation, even in the presidential campaigns, about the consequences of these costs, which are like a cancer inside the American economy.

On Thursday, the Joint Economic Committee, chaired by Sen. Chuck Schumer, conducted a public examination of the costs of the war. The witnesses included the Nobel Prize-winning economist, Joseph Stiglitz (who believes the overall costs of the war — not just that to taxpayers — will reach \$3 trillion), and Robert Hormats, vice chairman of Goldman Sachs International.

Both men talked about large quantities lost because of the money poured into the war. "For a fraction of the cost of this war," said Stiglitz, "we could have put Social Security on a sound footing for the next half-century or more."

Hornats mentioned Social Security and Medicare, saying that both could have been put "on a more sustainable basis." And he cited the committee's own calculations from last fall that showed that the money spent on the war each day is enough to enroll an additional 58,000 children in Head Start for a year, or make a year of college affordable for 160,000 low-income students through Pell Grants, or pay the annual salaries of nearly 11,000 additional border patrol agents or 14,000 more police officers.



The Bush administration has tried its best to conceal the horrendous costs of the war ... financing (it) almost entirely through "emergency" appropriations that get far less scrutiny.

What we're getting instead is the stuff of nightmares. Stiglitz, a professor at Columbia, has been working with a colleague at Harvard, Linda Bilmes, to document, among other things, some of the less obvious costs of the war. These include the obligation to provide health care and disability benefits for returning veterans. Those costs will be with us for decades.

Stiglitz noted that nearly 40 percent of the 700,000 troops from the first Gulf War, which lasted just a month, have become eligible for disability benefits. The current war is approaching five years in duration.

"Imagine then," said Stiglitz, "what a war — that will almost surely involve more than 2 million troops and will almost surely last more than six or seven years — will cost. Already we are seeing large numbers of returning veterans showing up at VA hospitals for treatment, large numbers applying for disability and large numbers with severe psychological problems."

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Even the most basic wartime information is difficult to come by. Stiglitz, who has written a new book with Bilmes called "The Three Trillion Dollar War," said they had to go to veterans' groups, who in turn had to resort to the Freedom of Information Act, just to find out how many Americans had been injured in Iraq.

Stiglitz and Hornats both addressed the foolhardiness of waging war at the same time that the government is cutting taxes and sharply increasing non-war-related expenditures.

Hornats told the committee: "Normally, when America goes to war, nonessential spending programs are

reduced to make room in the budget for the higher costs of the war. Individual programs that benefit specific constituencies are sacrificed for the common good (hell!) And taxes have never been cut during a major American war. For example, President Eisenhower adamantly resisted pressure from Senate Republicans for a tax cut during the Korean War."

Said Stiglitz: "Because the administration actually cut taxes as we went to war, when we were already running huge deficits, this war has, effectively, been entirely financed by deficits. The national debt has increased by some \$2.5 trillion since the beginning of the war, and of this, almost \$1 trillion is due directly to the war itself (hell!) By 2017, we estimate that the national debt will have increased, just because of the war, by some \$2 trillion."

Some former presidents — Washington, Franklin Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower — were quoted at the hearing on the need for accountability and shared sacrifice during wartime. But this is the 21st century. That ancient history can hardly be expected to compete for media attention, even in a time of war, with the giddy fun of SNL.

It's a new era...

Bob Herbert is a columnist for *The New York Times*.

# Immigration policy is 'udderly' unworkable

The Idaho Dairyman's Association recently launched a new effort to promote immigration reform, the *Times-News* reported Feb. 21. "Immigration reform is important to the economy of Idaho and the United States," an association official told the newspaper. "Our goal is to protect the borders but also to promote responsible immigration reform."

This effort by the dairymen is one more example of how states, communities and industries throughout the Rocky Mountain West are forced by economic necessity to assert leadership in the nation's dysfunctional immigration system.

The failure of the federal government to create a realistic pathway to permanent residence — or even to develop a functional guest worker system — has left many Western businesses struggling to meet adequately staff their operations. The dairymen's association in December hired a prominent immigration lawyer and formed a business coalition to "push for stable immigration policy on a national level." It was just a month earlier that Border Patrol agents arrested more than 100 illegal immigrants in the Twin Falls area. Many businesses, especially those in agriculture and the booming construction sector, rely heavily on immigration



READERS COMMENT

Birch Faber and Brad Hash

labor. Among those laborers are 20,000 to 35,000 undocumented workers in Idaho, according to estimates from the Pew Hispanic Center.

Immigration is a serious problem. But it's just one symptom of the real malady — an immigration policy that doesn't serve our nation's needs and threatens to undermine prosperity in the West.

Idaho's dairymen are not alone in their desire for reform. For example, ranchers in Colorado who depend on seasonal guest workers are short-handed because permits for would-be employees are frequently delayed, denied or unavailable due to unrealistic small annual quotas. In order to combat the labor scarcity, Colorado lawmakers have proposed the creation of an office in Mexico to recruit guest workers, a policy that would challenge the federal leadership our immigration law anticipates.

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Arizona is also coping with a severe labor shortage and is considering its own temporary worker program. These efforts are examples of states forced to patch problems that the federal government fails to resolve.

Job growth throughout most of the Rockies has for years exceeded the ability to fill them with American-born workers. Our region's economic prosperity rides on the availability of workers. Federal law, however, makes lawful immigration virtually impossible for many of the workers we need.

The United States allows a mere 10,000 people with "essential skills" to obtain work visas yearly — a tiny fraction needed to fill the jobs waiting for people with those skills. Legitimate businesses run great risks as they attempt to operate on the receiving end of failed immigration policy.

Existing immigration law also makes no provision for most of the undocumented workers in our region to obtain work visas. They're

here illegally because there's no legal way for them to take the opportunities our economy offers.

As willing workers are increasingly denied access to vacant U.S. jobs, significant losses for businesses are mounting throughout the Rocky Mountain region. The current system forces industries and states to pursue stop-gap remedies. But the solution isn't to add special exemptions for particular industries like agriculture — we've already done too much of that and the results have contributed to the present quagmire. The solution is to comprehensively fix our broken system of immigration so that the best way to immigrate to America is to do so legally and so employers can count on legal immigrants to fill jobs for which there are no native-born workers.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Democrat win will leave U.S. at al-Qaida's mercy

What is the head of the Democratic Party, Nancy Pelosi, thinking? The Senate passes the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act 68-29. For you Democrats that don't pay attention to your party's disregard for the safety of our country, as of midnight Feb. 15 the FISA bill had expired because of this vote.

That means that our intelligence agencies can no longer listen in on conversations on those thought to be tied to terrorist activity. That's called being the enemy. The bill passed in the Senate, but when it came to a vote in the House, Pelosi and friends brought up a bill to indict two of Bush's aids, then walked out without voting on the FISA bill. I guess her vacation was more important than the safety of our country.

Why was it not voted on? No reason is that the FISA bill would grant immunity to certain telecom companies of costly lawsuits. Guess who does not like immunity? Trial lawyers. Guess who gives the Democrats big donations?

Trial lawyers. How about a party that is more concerned about trial lawyers and their money than the safety of our country? Are you Democrats proud of Nancy Pelosi and your party? Al-Qaida and the rest of the terrorist world have to be laughing their butts off and praying that a Democrat gets into the White House, as they know a Democrat in the White House will disarm this world.

If Pelosi and party were in power in 1941, we would be eating rice and speaking Japanese right now. The safety of this country means very little to Pelosi. What counts to her is what's best for her party, not what's best for our country.

Times-News, your lack of coverage on this story was typical of the media today. MIKE SIMMONS

## Credit card industry tries to ensnare young people

All major banking institutions pay big money to colleges and universities for on-campus recruiting rights, offering students low initial

interest rates and/or other sweetheart deals if they accept a credit card. The rest of us get solicitations through our phone or the mail.

Seductive sales campaigns focus on high school graduates and for all kinds of items that TV, movies or society has told them they want, need, should have because they deserve it and otherwise have, so why don't they? Car dealers offer "one-time sales events" to first-time wave earners, high-end electronic stores give 90-day same-as-cash deals and guarantee that no one will be turned down, furniture showrooms offer newbies "no payments 'til next year," cell phones, Internet providers, cable companies, satellite dish outfits all make it sound as if you can't have a decent life without their help.

All this has given birth to an additional parasite — the debt-consolidating, paycheck-cashing, payday-loan, instant-refinancing-of-your-car (and you get to keep your car) — if they come to take it away industry. Public schools teach kids how to drive, play sports, fit

a condom, take birth control pills, find an abortionist or fill out a job application at McDonald's. They don't teach them how to budget, shop wisely or develop a financial plan for their long-term future. They don't apparently teach that there is any life after Saturday night parties. And apparently no one ever mentions out loud that tattoos and body piercings don't qualify as social or financial investments, or seldom enter a portfolio or help in job advancement.

Yes, it's true that contemporary slavery is entered into voluntarily, but it's no less a threat to the individual or to our society.

VAUGHN PHELPS  
Twin Falls

## Al Gore strangely silent about long, cold winter

Old-timers tell me this winter has been long and continuously cold like it used to be.

There has been record snow from California to New England. A reporter in Chicago said they have had the most snow in three decades.

No news from Al Gore this winter. Truth is, mostly the climate is controlled by the sun, winds and eruptions. There is little or nothing we can do about it.

A. LACY JOHNSON  
Twin Falls

## You can't judge a book at least until you read it

Cases like the recent Martin Luther King Day racism lesson reminds me of incidents when parents start calling for bans of wide spectrums of controversial books, and then it is discovered that they have never actually taken time to read the book.

A 2006 case from Houston Community papers featured Alton Vern and his then 15-year-old daughter, Diane, who wanted to ban Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451" because "it's just all kinds of filth," said Alton Vern.

The irony of ironies here is that "Fahrenheit 451" is a book about banning books.

The title comes from the high temperature tipping point at which books burn! The same can be said about "Catcher in the Rye,"

when I Holden Caulfield sees some obscenely described graffiti played on the school walls and, out of love and respect for his little sister Phoebe, becomes determined to scrub off all the (explicives) in the world so that she should never have to see one. If J.D. Salinger had not chosen to insert these harsh words, his poignant point would have come across too diluted.

Huck Finn the same way. Every year or so, some parents want to ban this classic because of Mark Twain's liberal use of the four-word, an accurate depiction of the language in its time and copious contexts. Yet, if folks took the trouble to read between Huck Finn's fishing lines, they would see it is one of the most anti-racism books ever.

After all, Huck decides that he would rather go to the "bad place," than to sell out Jim when he discovers Jim is a runaway slave. How many of us can say that we would be as loyal to our friends, especially if they happened to be born into a dissimilar race?

JIM BANTHOLZER  
Ketchum

## Primary

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force Mike Huckabee from the race.

The Arizona senator, who staunchly supports the 10-point plan, signaled his intention to make the war a major issue in the fall. "Our most vital security interests are involved there," McCain told supporters in Dallas.

He planned a stop at the White House on Wednesday to receive the endorsement of President Bush, who beat McCain in his 2000 try for the White House. The two had a tepid relationship ever since.

The Democratic race, by contrast, appears deeply unsettled after a long night of counting ballots in Ohio and Texas. The next major contest is April 22 in Pennsylvania, making for an unusually long stretch between races in this heavily compacted election season.

Wyoming will hold caucuses on Saturday, and Mississippi has a primary Tuesday. But neither is likely to reshape the essential dynamic of the contest, which has become the most competitive presidential nominating fight in at least 40 years.

That promises at least another seven weeks of campaigning, unless Obama and his allies among the so-called "superdelegates" — many of them party leaders — can prevail upon Clinton to abandon her quest.

That seemed unlikely Tuesday night. At a raucous victory party in Ohio's capital city, the New York senator told a ballroom full of backers, "As Ohio goes, so goes the nation. Well, this nation's coming back and so is this campaign."

Tuesday was the last big day of balloting on the Democrat's election calendar — with 370 pledged delegates at stake in four contests — and voters responded as they have throughout the campaign, turning out in record numbers.

In Ohio, they braved raw, late-winter weather, including freezing rain in the north and flood warnings across most of the state. Clinging the condi-

tions, and a shortage of paper ballots in some precincts, state officials went to court to extend the polling hours in several places.

Obama, bidding to become the nation's first black president, entered the day with 11 consecutive victories and hoped to force Clinton from the race by taking Ohio and Texas. Clinton's top advisers — including her husband, the former president — had said she needed victories in both states to remain viable.

But on Tuesday, Clinton seemed to back away from that assessment, intimating that a victory in Ohio alone could persuade her to continue, even if Obama maintained his lead in delegates.

"My husband didn't get the nomination wrapped up until June. That has been the tradition," Clinton told reporters, though she failed to note the primaries when he first ran in 1992 were much more spread out. As of Wednesday, well over half the states have voted, awarding more than 80 percent of the delegates to the party's national nominating convention.

Even before the first polls closed, Obama was bracing for the race to continue, citing plans to campaign ahead of the contests in Wyoming and Mississippi.

## Warming

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University of Virginia professor emeritus S. Fred Singer and Virginia state climatologist Patrick J. Michaels, are gathered in New York this week for a conference aimed at challenging the idea that a scientific consensus exists on climate change. Sponsored by the Heartland Institute, a free-market think tank funded by energy and health-care corporations as well as conservative foundations and individuals, the 2 1/2-day session poses a stark contrast to the near-unanimous chorus of a mandatory federal cap on greenhouse gases.

After years of voicing doubt, President Bush has said repeatedly that he is convinced that humans are contributing to Earth's

warning and that the nation needs to break its dependency on fossil fuels.

Not so, say the skeptics. While the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change shared a Nobel Peace Prize with former Vice President Al Gore last year, this cadre of critics has formed a counter-group called the Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change (NIPCCC), which issued a report this week arguing that recent climate change stems from natural causes. (While the IPCC enlisted several hundred scientists from more than 100 countries to work over five years to produce its series of reports, the NIPCCC document

is the work of 23 authors from 15 nations, some of them not scientists.)

"We reached the opposite conclusion," said Singer, who edited the report. Singer added that his group surveyed the same peer-reviewed studies the IPCC did, as well as other papers and some more recent scientific articles. The effect of human-generated greenhouse gas emissions, he said, is "not a cause for concern, at least not yet. If the evidence changes, I'll change my opinion, okay?"

Singer welcomed the chance to address a friendly audience for a change — "This is a very nice, warm atmosphere," he observed —

and Heartland Institute President Joseph L. Bast said he believes skeptics are now on the verge of overturning the idea that humans are driving climate change.

"Yeah, I think we're at a tipping point that's going in exactly the opposite direction," Bast said. That point of view has had its moment. "That moment has passed."

While international climate conferences can be tense and a bit gloomy at times, the organizers of the Heartland gathering tried to keep things light, hosting a comedian who mocked Gore and screening films with titles such as "Apocalypse No!" and "An Inconvenient Truth or Convenient Fiction?"

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## Speculating prices Official says speculation blamed for oil price surge

By H. Josef Hebert  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Market speculation on energy prices may have eroded as much as 10 percent to crude oil costs and the peak may be yet to come, a top Energy Department official said Tuesday.

Guy Caruso, head of the department's Energy Information Administration, told a Senate hearing

that supply and demand would suggest a price of about \$90 a barrel. Prices fluctuated around \$102 a barrel Tuesday — although futures prices later dropped below \$100 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange — on word that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries are likely to keep production as is when they meet on Wednesday. Oil prices had surged to \$104 a barrel on Monday.

President Bush, meanwhile, chided OPEC for failing to pump more oil as energy prices soar and the U.S. economy slumps. "My advice to OPEC is understand the consequences of high energy prices," Bush said after an Oval Office meeting with Jordan's King Abdullah II.

"I think it's a mistake to have your biggest customers' economies slowing down as a result of higher energy prices," Bush said.

Caruso said that supply and demand cannot account for all of the recent price surge. "Something is clearly going on," he told the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Caruso said that in the long run oil prices are forecast to decline, but he acknowledged any short-term predictions are uncertain and prices could increase further.

"I think it's difficult to say whether

this is a peak because there's so much uncertainty," said Caruso.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., asked Caruso to explain the recent surge in oil prices.

"I am fairly well convinced that in the short term what we have is an unbelievable orgy of speculation," Dorgan said.

"There's clearly been a surge in

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# JUST A PIECE OF PLASTIC

Gift cards can become worthless when retailers file for bankruptcy protection

By Anne D'Innocenzo  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — You know that Sharper Image gift card you got for Christmas? Right now, it's worthless. And other gift cards in your wallet could lose their value, too.

As more retailers file for bankruptcy or go out of business, more than \$75 million in gift cards are at risk of becoming worthless pieces of plastic this year.

"I knew this was going to happen. I would have tossed them right away," said Jon Tappier, a public relations executive from Boston who received two Sharper Image cards as business gifts just a few weeks ago. Their total face value is \$50.

"I love gift cards, but now this makes me think twice."

The Sharper Image announced last month that it was suspending the acceptance of gift cards, at least temporarily. It urged shoppers to check the company Web site later this month for an update. That is typical of businesses that reorganize under Chapter 11 bankruptcy, which treats gift cards as a loan to the company, not as cash.

For many shoppers, it's a harsh lesson about the risks of gift cards. Consumers spent an estimated \$26.3 billion in gift cards at retailers alone last holiday season, compared with \$24.0 billion in 2006 and \$18.0 in 2005, according to the National Retail Federation.

C. Brit Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group, says "you will see a lot of frustration among customers. You basically stole (money) out of the customers' pocket. They will never forgive you."

The number of retail bankruptcies or liquidations this year is expected to reach the highest levels since the 1991 recession.

Brian Riley, senior analyst at The Tower Group, estimates that shoppers could lose more than \$75 million just from stores and restaurant closings in 2008.

Tower Group's figure doesn't include money-and-pop services like the local mall salon. Riley said such small operations, which are most vulnerable to economic downturns, pose the biggest risks to gift card holders.

The gift-card problem provides more ammunition

to consumer-advocacy groups that have lashed out against expiration dates and burdensome fees imposed if cards are not used within a certain time frame. More than 20 states have passed regulations loosening restrictions on the use of gift cards.

"Consumers need to buy gift cards with their eyes wide open," said Jack Gills, a spokesman for the Consumer Federation of America.

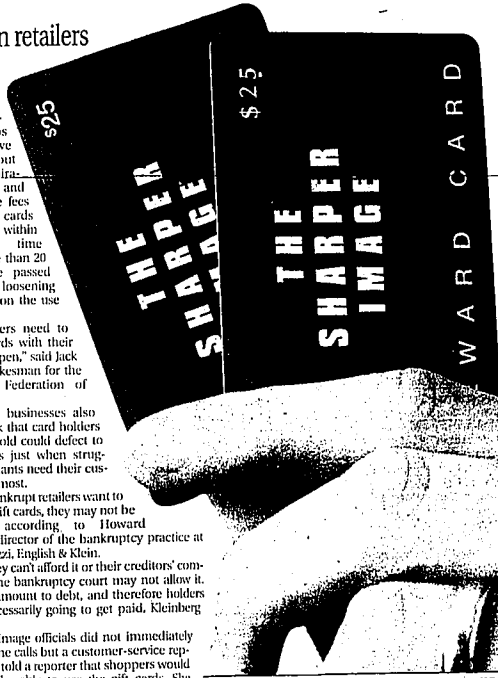
Bankrupt businesses also face the risk that card holders left in the cold could defect to other stores just when struggling merchants need their customers the most.

Even if bankrupt retailers want to honor the gift cards, they may not be able to, according to Howard Kleinberg, director of the bankruptcy practice at Meyer, Swozzi, English & Klein.

Either they can't afford it or their creditors' committee or the bankruptcy court may not allow it. Gift cards amount to debt, and therefore holders are not necessarily going to get paid, Kleinberg said.

Sharper Image officials did not immediately return phone calls but a customer-service representative told a reporter that shoppers would eventually be able to use the gift cards. She declined to say when.

Gift card holders fall in the class of unsecured creditors, which is "low in the pecking order," Kleinberg said. Those at the top of the list are secured creditors — with debts backed by assets such as real estate or accounts receivable.



A pair of unredeemable gift cards from bankrupt retailer The Sharper Image. As more retailers file for bankruptcy or go out of business, The Associated Press finds that more than an estimated \$75 million in gift cards could become valueless hunks of plastic this year.

## Production not likely to increase

Record-high oil prices won't prompt OPEC to intervene, key officials say

By William J. Hale  
Associated Press writer

VIENNA, Austria — OPEC will likely leave output unchanged even as oil prices reach record highs, key ministers said Tuesday, eliciting a rebuke from President Bush.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is shying away from higher production, which could bring down prices, due to political turmoil in the Middle East and U.S. economic weakness that may soon reduce demand globally. OPEC President Chakib Khelil said as ministers gathered ahead of an OPEC meeting in Vienna on Wednesday.

"Because of the economic slowdown in the United States — which is affecting world economic growth and world demand on oil this year — I don't think OPEC will consider increasing its production," Khelil told reporters.

"Stocks are very high... and we are going to have less demand in the second part of the year."

Bush was critical, suggesting a lack of production may induce an economic downturn.

"Understand the consequences of high energy

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## Housing problems to grow

Bernanke says more needs to be done to prevent home foreclosures

By Jeannine Aversa  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke called Tuesday for additional action to prevent more distressed homeowners from falling into foreclosure.

"This situation calls for a vigorous response," Bernanke said in a speech to a banking group meeting in Orlando, Fla.

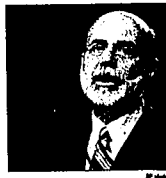
Even with some relief efforts under way by industry and government, foreclosures and late payments on home mortgages are likely to

rise "for a while longer," Bernanke warned.

Rising foreclosures threaten to worsen the problems in the housing market and for the national economy, which many fear is on the verge of a recession or in one already.

"Reducing the rate of preventable foreclosures would promote economic stability for households, neighborhoods and the nation as a whole," Bernanke said.

"Although lenders and servicers have scaled up their efforts and adopted a wider variety of loss-mitigation techniques, more can, and



Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington before the House Financial Services Committee hearing on the latest measures to heal the U.S. economy.

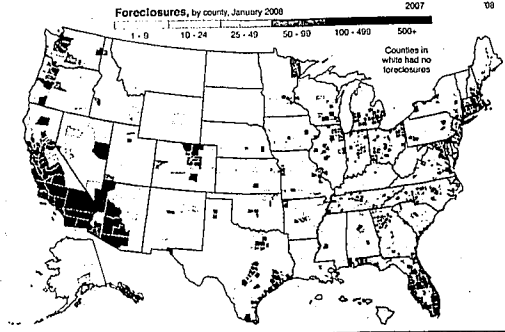
should, be done," the Fed chief said.

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## Hitting home

Foreclosure filings last month were up 8 percent from December and increased 57 percent from January 2007. California had 57,158 properties reporting at least one filing, the most of any state.

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SOURCE: RealtyTrac

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Lithia Mo.	10.03	▲ 1.07	Micron	6.98	▼ .19	Supervalu	28.95	▲ .86

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Live cattle	91.20	▼ 1.45	Apr. Oil	99.52	▼ 2.93
Mar. gold	963.9	▼ 17.6	Mar. Silver	1973.8	▼ 33.5

What to expect today in business

NEW YORK — The Institute for Supply Management releases its non-manufacturing index.

WASHINGTON — Labor Department reports on productivity and costs.

WASHINGTON — Commerce Department reports on factory orders for January.

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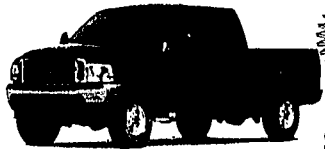
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- Pwr W-L-M
- Tilt/Cruise
- CD

Hertz Price  
**\$8,995**

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## Packers' Favre retires after 17 seasons, says he's 'tired'



By Chris Jenkins  
Associated Press writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre finally met the one person who could stop him.

Himself. He won a Super Bowl and three MVPs. He set every record worth having for a quarterback in the NFL — most career touchdown passes, most career yards passing, most career victories by a starting quarterback. In an age when few quarterbacks could last a whole season, Favre went almost 16 years without missing a single game, an indelible 253 straight regular-season starts.

The fist-pumping highs didn't satisfy him. The head-shaking lows didn't deter him. He had done it all, and he was worn out.

"I know I can still play, but it's like I told my wife, I'm just tired mentally. I'm just tired," one of the NFL's

### Packing It In

NFL records (career)

Passing yards	Favre 61,555
D. Marino	61,301
J. Elway	61,475

Passing attempts

Favre	8,758
Marino	8,368
Elway	7,250

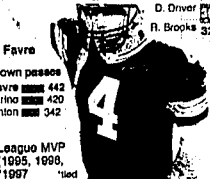
Completions

Favre	5,377
Marino	4,987
Elway	4,123

Highlights

- Nine-time Pro Bowler
- Made All-Pro team seven times

Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre has decided to end his NFL career after 17 seasons.



Favre

Top go-to guys

Receivers with most Favre TD catches:

A. Freeman	41
S. Sharpe	41
D. Orner	32
R. Brooks	32

Touchdown passes

Favre	442
Marino	420
F. Terkenton	342

League MVP (1995, 1998, 1997)

SOURCE: National Football League

greatest players told ESPN's Chris Mortensen in a voice mail message. The Green Bay Packers quarter-

back who completed more passes than anyone in history will let that last throw — an interception in the

NFC championship game that set up the New York Giants' winning field goal — stand as his final toss.

This time, Favre's fans won't have to endure another long winter wondering whether he'll retire.

"I think the finality of it just kind of hits you," Packers general manager Ted Thompson said. "Brett Favre's not going to be our quarterback anymore."

Even the prospect of playing in one more Super Bowl couldn't convince him to stay.

"To go to the Super Bowl and lose, would almost be worse than anything else," Favre told ESPN. "Anything less than a Super Bowl win would be unsuccessful."

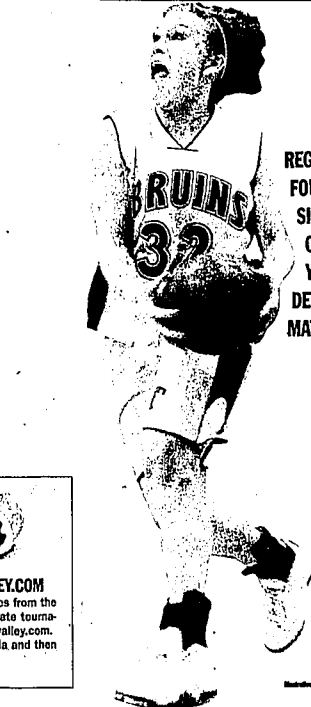
The 38-year-old Favre experienced a career resurgence last season, leading the Packers back to the playoffs. And he broke Dan Marino's career records for most touchdown

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# Garnering honors



**GREAT BASIN WEST PLAYER OF THE YEAR COLTON MOON**



**REGION FOUR-FIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR DEVAN MATKIN**

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## Favre's was a dangerous, daring brand of football

Maybe Brett Favre wasn't the best quarterback in NFL history, although he was pretty close.

There was always a sense of danger — both to his Green Bay Packers and opponents — when Favre dropped back to pass, the ball often held in one hand while dodging defenders.

"Gunslinger" was the word many coaches and players used upon hearing of his retirement Tuesday.

"You knew he was having fun when he played, and that made him fun to watch," said Dallas quarterback Tony Romo, who grew up in Wisconsin watching Favre.

Favre would throw across his body or understand — left or right-handed to a receiver. His first completion as a Packer was to himself — deflected off an onrushing lineman.

Even last season, when at age 38 he threw for 4,155 yards and led the Packers to a 13-3 regular season and a berth in the NFC championship game, he could do those things that would make even his most ardent fans cringe.

In a loss to Chicago, Favre threw a game-turning interception that was all too typical: a toss across his body toward the inside of the field instead of out of bounds. It landed in the hands of the Bears' Brian Urlacher.

"I was trying to make something out of nothing," he said at the time, one reason why he retired with the career records both for touchdown passes (442) and interceptions (288).

In fact, his last NFL pass was an interception by the Giants' Corey Webster that set up the winning field goal in the NFC championship game. That sent New York, rather than Favre and the Packers, to the Super Bowl.

Favre played as if he were still a kid. He jumped up and down at a touchdown, hugging teammates. He even honored opponents, as he did in the final minutes of the final game of the 2001 season, taking a dive for Michael Strahan that gave Strahan the single-season sack record.

Most of all, he never forgot that for all the money and the accolades football is just a game.

"I would hope 20, 30 years from now, I'm remembered for something else besides records," Favre told The Associated Press last summer. "Whether I have them or don't have them. If that's the only way I'm remembered, apparently I didn't do something right or leave a good enough impression on the fans...." "I've never looked at myself as being a superstar or better than anyone else. Regardless of how much success I've had, it's never — to me, I've always looked at it and I tell some of these guys sometimes, I've always looked at it as just a bonus. I feel like my personality is my personality. Whether it's on the field or off the field, I really feel

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The high school hoops season has come to a close and that means it's time to dole out postseason accolades. Area coaches have voted and their choices are in for all-conference selections. Check out page B2 to see if your favorite area player made the cut with the likes of Great Basin West Player of the Year Colton Moon and Region Four-Five Player of the Year Devan Matkin.

## A busy week for Golden Eagles athletics

It's a busy week for College of Southern Idaho athletics. It starts with men's and women's basketball playing host to the Region 18 Tournament. Then there's the 32nd Annual CSI Intercollegiate Rodeo at Eldon Evans Expo Center. Not to be forgotten, the CSI baseball team plays its Scenic West Athletic Conference home opener when Western Nevada College comes to town on Friday.

### CSI rodeo

Cowboys and cowgirls from 12 Idaho and Utah colleges will gather for the 32nd annual CSI Intercollegiate Rodeo Friday and Saturday at Eldon Evans Expo Center.

Action begins at 8 p.m. each day. Tickets are available at the Expo Center from 4:30-6:30 p.m. weeknights at the Expo Center. Tickets purchased in advance are \$8 for adults.

Tickets at the door will be \$9. Kids from age 4-12 will be admitted for \$5.

### Region 18 tourney

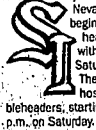
Tickets are on sale for the Region 18 men's and women's basketball tournaments at the CSI gymnasium. The tourney runs Thursday through Saturday. The cost is \$40 per seat for a tournament pass.

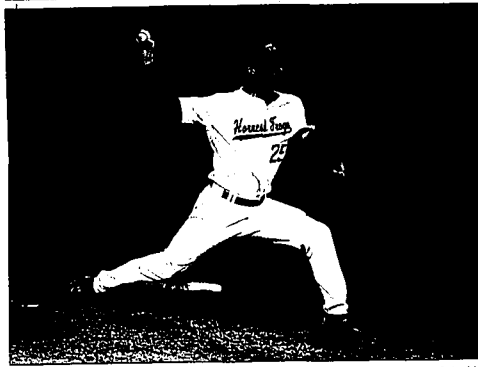
General admission tickets can be purchased at the door at a rate of \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Tournament play begins at noon, Thursday while the CSI women and men begin play at 5:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., Friday, respectively. Call 732-6486 for more information.

### Baseball at home

After 47 games away from Skj Walker Field, the 7-10 CSI baseball team makes its home debut by hosting SIWAC foe Western Nevada College for four games, beginning with a 1 p.m. doubleheader on Friday and finishing with a noon doubleheader on Saturday.

The CSI softball is also home, hosting Snow for a pair of doubleheaders, starting at noon on Friday and 1 p.m. on Saturday.





Filer High School graduate Paul Gerrish pitches against Cal State-Fallerton during a recent relief appearance. Gerrish won in his first NCAA Division I start on Feb. 26.

# Filer grad wins first start at TCU

### Times-News

Former Filer High School pitcher Paul Gerrish earned a win in his first NCAA Division I start, leading Texas Christian to a 6-1 win over Dallas Baptist on Feb. 26. Gerrish struck out four and walked one in his 2-3 innings of work, limiting Dallas Baptist to four hits.

On the season, he is 1-1 in three appearances and has recorded five strikeouts in nine innings of work. A redshirt sophomore, Gerrish sat our last year for the Horned Frogs after transferring from Northern State in Aberdeen, S.D.

### Basketball

#### TOONE NAMED TO NWAAC'S ALL-TOURNEY TEAM

Former Gooding High School star Brittanie Toone was named to the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges' all-tournament team after guiding Walla Walla to the third-place game, where it lost 63-50 to Lane CC (Ore.).

Toone made the game-winning basket in a 66-64 win over Everett and added 21 points in a 68-54 victory over Centralia. She scored another 21 in a loss to eventual champion Columbia Basin before netting 13 in the loss to Lane.

### Track

#### SILVESTER WINS BIG SKY HEPTATHLON

Filer graduate Brad Silvester won the heptathlon at the Big Sky Indoor Track and Field Championship this past weekend. Silvester's efforts earned him all-conference honors. He won the shot put with a throw of 46 feet, 8 inches, then won the 60-meter hurdles in 0.62 seconds and took second in the pole vault by clearing 15-feet, 1-inch. He totaled 5,073 points on his way to the win.

Twin Falls grad Brandon McNew, a freshman for the Bengals, took 11th in the heptathlon with 3,916 points. He also finished seventh in the high jump.

## District IV All-Conference honors

### Class 5A

**Girls**  
All-Region-Four-Five-Six  
Coach of the Year: Nancy Jones, Twin Falls  
Player of the Year: Devan Matkin, Jr., Twin Falls  
First team: Emma Filaga, Jr., Highland; Breanna Van Every, Jr., Highland; Amber Petersen, Sr., Twin Falls; Kelly Vriesman, Sr., Twin Falls; Brit Nefl, So., Madison  
Second team: Lacie Wiederburg, So., Shyline; Lauren Jones, Sr., Highland; Andrea Baldwin, Jr., Shyline; Ashley Ward, Sr., Shyline; Laurel Bodily, Jr., Idaho Falls  
Honorable mention: Brooke Robinette, Sr., Twin Falls; Sara Federico, Jr., Twin Falls; Katelyn Field, Jr., Twin Falls.

### Class 4A

**Boys**  
Great Basin West All-Conference  
Coach of the Year: Jack Bagley, Burley  
Player of the Year: Colton Moon, Burley  
First team: Ben Searle, Burley; Jordan Hostenen, Burley; Justin Stokes, Jerome; Anthony Garcia, Minico; Jason Harper, Minico.  
Second team: Kyle Heworth, Burley; Brad Carella, Burley; Kevin Williams, Jerome; Ty Pebble, Minico; Logan Parker, Jerome.  
Honorable mention: Matt Staskiewicz, Wood River; Bill Carney, Minico; Marcus Hoskins, Burley; Trent McKenzie, Minico; Kameron Pence, Jerome; Greg Wakefield, Wood River.

### Class 3A

**Boys**  
All-Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference  
Coach of the Year: Roger Keller, Kimberly  
First team: Matt Jones, Declo; Tyler Allred, Gooding; Brad Twiss, Buhl; Patrick Osterkamp, Buhl; Tony Cooper, Buhl; Eric Marwin, Kimberly; A.J. Schroeder, Kimberly; Evan Jerke, Kimberly; Dustin Brown, Kimberly; Bryce Beard, Filer.  
Honorable mention: Ty Bedke, Declo.

### Class 2A

**Boys**  
All-Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference  
Coach of the Year: Roger Keller, Kimberly  
First team: Niki Abramowski, Gooding; Mercedes Pearson, Buhl; Kayla Hutcherson, Kimberly; Kassel Newberry, Kimberly; Alex Pfeiffer, Kimberly; Marcey Jones, Declo; Sydney Christensen, Declo; McKell Webb, Declo; Haley Ramseyer, Filer; Jill



Jerome's Aubree Callen, left, was named Great Basin West Player of the Year after leading the Tigers to a conference title.

Engel, Wood River; Teresa Wayment, Burley; Lacy Garner, Minico; Kendra Bailey, Minico.

Honey, Filer.  
Honorable mention: Brittany Wirth, Gooding; Tiffany Jackson, Gooding.

### Class 1A

**Boys**  
All-Magic Valley Northside Conference  
Coach of the Year: Steve Kent, Richfield  
First team: Michelle Clark, Jr., Richfield; Jesse Dill, Jr., Dietrich; Shaynee Gulliford, Sr., Shoshone; Moe Hubstmit, Sr., Richfield; Teenie Kiek, So., Richfield.  
Second team: Jennifer Canarrusa, Sr., Carey; Jessie Curran, Sr., Community School; Naska Norman, So., Dietrich; Jessica Parke, So., Carey; Tammy Anderson, Sr., Dietrich.  
Honorable mention: Kimberly Twitchell, Sr., Richfield; Taylor Astle, So., Shoshone; Amy Ellsworth, So., Carey; Lea Piper, Jr., Richfield; Kenya Bailey, Jr., Carey; Jany Perron, So., Shoshone; Caroline Faichild, Sr., Community School; Shasta Towne, Sr., Dietrich; Paige Davies, Sr., Camas County.

### Class 1A

**Girls**  
All-Canyon Conference  
Aron Crane, So., Glens Ferry; Michael Crane, So., Glens Ferry; Jesus Rodriguez, Sr., Glens Ferry; Damian Valle, Sr., Glens Ferry; Mike Dohoney, Sr., Valley; Antonio Juarez, Sr., Valley; Justin Brandsma, Jr., Wendell; Ruben Cortez, Jr., Wendell; Devin Hosack, Sr., Wendell; Jordan Lancaster, Jr., Wendell; Eric Lopez, Sr., Wendell.

### Class 1A

**Girls**  
All-Canyon Conference  
Jaclyn Ferry, Sr., Glens Ferry; Ashley Gramkow, Sr., Glens Ferry; Jamie Cauhorn, Sr., Valley; Katie Hall, Jr., Valley; Camelle Sizemore, Jr., Valley; Shannon Sizemore, Sr., Valley; Laurie Andrus, Jr., Wendell; Kristen Brandsma, So., Wendell; Jon Fleming, Jr., Wendell; Whitney Gines, Sr., Wendell; Jacl Lancaster,

Jr., Wendell.

### Class 1A

**Boys**  
All-Magic Valley Northside Conference  
Coach of the Year: Gar, Ward, Richfield  
First team: D.J. Simpson, Carey; Brian Buckner, Richfield; Mike Whittington, Community School; Michael Lezami, Richfield; Anthony Pitman, Dietrich.  
Second team: Tyler Parke, Carey; Spencer Harris, Community School; Josh Olsen, Shoshone; Ben McLam, Camas County; Jason Stoddard, Dietrich.  
Honorable mention: Brody Norman, Richfield; Tai Clark, Richfield; Blake White, Carey; Matt Lezami, Richfield; Max Harris, Community School; Marshall Hollingshead, Dietrich; Toher Dayton, Shoshone; Ian Ingram, Community School; Kade Peterson, Carey; Dillon Simpson, Carey; Cole Erkins, Bliss.

### Class 1A

**Girls**  
All-Magic Valley Northside Conference  
Coach of the Year: Steve Kent, Richfield  
First team: Michelle Clark, Jr., Richfield; Jesse Dill, Jr., Dietrich; Shaynee Gulliford, Sr., Shoshone; Moe Hubstmit, Sr., Richfield; Teenie Kiek, So., Richfield.  
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Note: All-conference selections for Region Four-Five-Six boys and girls will be published when released to the Times-News.

## Duncan, Spurs earn 10th victory in a row

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan had 29 points and 12 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs beat the New Jersey Nets 81-70 Tuesday night for their 10th straight victory.

Manu Ginobili added 12 points for the Spurs, who sit atop a competitive Western Conference, where just a handful of games separates them from the eighth-place Golden State Warriors.

Vince Carter led New Jersey with 19 points and reserve Marcus Williams scored 16. New addition Devin Harris added 13 points.

The Nets have lost two in a row.



New Jersey Nets forward Josh Boone, left, is fouled by San Antonio Spurs center Tim Duncan in San Antonio, Tuesday.

### MAGIC 102, RAPTORS 87

ORLANDO, Fla. — Hedo Turkoglu scored 24 points, Dwight Howard overcame a slow start to collect 19 points and 14 rebounds, and the Magic beat the Raptors.

Howard had only three points on 1-for-3 shooting until the fourth quarter, sitting long stretches with foul trouble. He seemed energized after the rest, and scored six straight in a 1:10 stretch that expanded Orlando's lead to 89-79 with six minutes remaining.

T.J. Ford single-handedly kept Toronto alive in the fourth quarter. He scored 13 of his 20 points in the period, the first 13 the Raptors had.

Bashard Lewis scored 22 for Orlando and Jameer Nelson added 13.

### WARRIORS 135, HAWKS 118

ATLANTA — Baron Davis scored 35 points and Stephen Jackson had 29 to lead the Warriors to their fourth straight victory, beating the Hawks.

The Warriors, who lead the NBA in scoring, set their season high for points. Oakland since 1993-94.

Monta Ellis scored 20 points and Michael Pietrus finished with 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Warriors.

Joe Johnson had 38 points for the Hawks, losers of two straight and 10 of 13.

### BOBCATS 109, TIMBERWOLVES 89

MINNEAPOLIS — Jason Richardson had 25 points and eight rebounds, and Eric McCorum added 19 points and 11 boards, and Charlotte snapping a nine-game road losing streak with a victory

over the Timberwolves.

Matt Carroll scored 18 points for the Bobcats.

Al Jefferson had 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Timberwolves.

### PISTONS 100, SUPERSONICS 97

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Tayshun Prince scored 24 points. Chauncey Billups added 20 points and nine assists, and the Pistons overcame a slow start to beat the SuperSonics.

Seattle shot 82 percent in the first quarter on its way to a 41-20 lead, but that fell to 32 percent in the final three periods as the SuperSonics lost for the fifth time in six games.

Richard Hamilton scored 18 for Detroit. Earl Watson had 23 for Seattle, while Chris Wilcox and Kevin Durant added 20 apiece.

### BULLS 112, GRIZZLIES 97

CHICAGO — Drew Gooden and Luol Deng scored 21 points apiece, and the Bulls beat Memphis to extend the Grizzlies' losing streak to nine games.

Gooden had his best game since the Bulls acquired him from Cleveland in the three-team trade that sent Ben Wallace to the Cavaliers. He was a force inside, hitting 10 of 15 shots and grabbing 14 rebounds.

Kirk Hinrich added 19 points and 12 assists, while Andre Nocioni scored 20. Ben Gordon chipped in 16 points for Chicago.

— The Associated Press

## Hansbrough, No. 1 Tar Heels rout Seminoles

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Tyler Hansbrough had 20 points and Ty Lawson added 10 in his first home game in a month to help No. 1 North Carolina beat Florida State 90-77 on Tuesday night.

Marcus Ginyard added 13 points for the Tar Heels (29-2, 13-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), who led by 12 at halftime and maintained a comfortable margin through most of the second half for their seventh straight victory. The Tar Heels have won eight straight meetings and 19 of 22 in the series.

Jason Rich had 27 points for the Seminoles (17-13, 6-9), who were trying to win four straight ACC games for the first time in 15 years.

### NO. 9 TEXAS 70, NEBRASKA 66

AUSTIN, Texas — D.J. Augustin scored 22 points and the Longhorns went 6-for-6 from the free throw line in the final minute.

J.J. Abrams hit a clutch 3-pointer with 41 seconds left for the Longhorns (25-5, 12-3), who moved into a tie for first in the Big 12 with No. 5 Kansas. Texas was coming off an 83-80 loss at Texas Tech that ended an eight-game winning streak.



North Carolina's Ty Lawson (5) reacts after a basket against Florida State during the second half in Chapel Hill, N.C., Tuesday.

one of Ohio State's worst free throw shooters, hit two foul shots and made a big defensive play down the stretch.

The loss dropped the Boiler-makers (23-7, 14-3).

### NO. 21 MARQUETTE 67, FLORIDA GULF COAST 37

MILWAUKEE — Lazar Hayward had

18 points and 11 rebounds to lead Marquette.

Wesley Matthews scored 12 points and Dominic James added 11 for Marquette (22-7), which came up with its second-best defensive effort in the nine seasons under coach Tom Crean.

Marquette held Illinois State to 32 points during the 2004-05 season.

### UTAH 82, COLORADO ST. 61

SALT LAKE CITY — Shaun Green scored a season-high 20 points and grabbed nine rebounds as Utah snuffed a four-game losing streak by handing Colorado State its 18th straight loss, 82-61 on Tuesday night.

The Utes (16-12, 7-8 Mountain West) dominated from the start, shooting 58 percent and badly outbounding the Rams (6-23, 0-15). Colorado State had only one starter — 6-foot-6 forward Andre McFarland — taller than 6-4 because of injuries to 7-foot center Stuart Creason and Ronnie Aguilar.

Utah capitalized on the height advantage with 39 rebounds to Colorado State's 23 and ended a four-game losing streak.

In the absence of an inside game, the Rams shot a season-high 32 free pointers. They made 12 of them, but shot 38.6 percent overall.

— The Associated Press

## Oklahoma City approves arena upgrades to lure NBA team

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma City voters approved a sales tax extension Tuesday to fund \$121.6 million in improvements to a downtown arena and build a practice facility in hopes of luring an NBA team.

The proposal received support from 44,849 voters, or 62 percent of those who cast ballots, according to final results from the Oklahoma County Election Board.

The plan calls for a one-penny sales tax to be extended by 15 months to pay for \$97 million in upgrades to the Ford Center and another \$24.6 million for a brand new NBA practice facility.

"I think we really set up to get an NBA team. I know people want to know which one and when, and I don't have the answer to those questions," Mayor Mick Cornett said. "There's a process to this, and that process is going to play out. You can't circumvent the process."

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# SCOREBOARD

## BASEBALL

MUS Spring Training		W L Pct	
Team	Record	W	L
Arizona	4-1	4	1
Boston	4-1	4	1
California	4-1	4	1
Florida	4-1	4	1
Los Angeles	4-1	4	1
Montreal	4-1	4	1
New York	4-1	4	1
Philadelphia	4-1	4	1
Pittsburgh	4-1	4	1
San Diego	4-1	4	1
Texas	4-1	4	1
Washington	4-1	4	1

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	5	2	.714
Boston	4	2	.667
Chicago	4	2	.667
Cincinnati	4	2	.667
Cleveland	4	2	.667
Colorado	4	2	.667
Los Angeles	4	2	.667
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## WISCONSIN'S 5th

Wisconsin's 5th grade boys basketball team defeated Chicago 5-0 in the first round of the state tournament. The team, coached by Coach [Name], scored 25 points while allowing only 10. Key players included [Name] with 10 points and [Name] with 8 points.

## NBA BOXES

**TORONTO**  
 Toronto 91, Detroit 87. Toronto's Vince Carter scored 25 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Raptors to a victory over the Pistons. Carter also had 5 assists and 3 steals.

## GAME PLAN

**TV SCHEDULE**  
**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
 11 a.m.  
 ESPN - PressPassion  
 Minnesota vs. N.Y. Yankees  
 ESPN2 - Syracuse at Solon Hill  
 5 p.m.  
 ESPN - Duke at Virginia  
 ESPN2 - Syracuse at Solon Hill  
 7 p.m.  
 ESPN2 - Texas A&M at Baylor

## NBA BASKETBALL

**ESPN - Phoenix at Denver**  
 8 p.m.  
**ESPN2 - Utah Champions**  
 League playoffs, 7:30 p.m.  
 finals, led 2. Chicago FC vs. Olympiacos FC in London  
 8 p.m.

## SOFTBALL

**SOFTBALL**  
**Scoring West Athletics**  
**Conference Standings**  
 Through March 2

Team	W	L	Pct
San Jose	6	2	.750
San Diego	5	3	.625
San Francisco	4	4	.500
San Jose State	3	5	.375
San Francisco State	2	6	.250
San Diego State	1	7	.125

## TENNIS

**ATP-USTA Tennis Channel**  
**AT the Century Memorial Tennis Center**  
 Prince Man. Surinwood (Ind. Senior)  
 5:00-6:00 p.m.  
 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Player	W	L	Pct
Prince Man. Surinwood	1	0	1.000
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## SKI RACE

**Boyan Best**  
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Boyan Best	1	0	1.000
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## Men's College Basketball

**ESPN - Duke at Virginia**  
 ESPN2 - Syracuse at Solon Hill  
 7 p.m.  
 ESPN2 - Texas A&M at Baylor

## Women's College Basketball

**ESPN - Duke at Virginia**  
 ESPN2 - Syracuse at Solon Hill  
 7 p.m.  
 ESPN2 - Texas A&M at Baylor

## Baseball Standings

Team	W	L	Pct
San Jose	6	2	.750
San Diego	5	3	.625
San Francisco	4	4	.500
San Jose State	3	5	.375
San Francisco State	2	6	.250
San Diego State	1	7	.125

## Baseball Standings

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: A low clouds overhead. Highs, lower 40s. Tonight: Mainly clear skies. Lows, lower 20s. Tomorrow: Near average temperatures. Highs, 40s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists weather for Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: A mix of sun and clouds. Highs, upper 30s. Tonight: Chilly and quiet. Lows near 20. Tomorrow: A touch warmer with even more sun. Highs, 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. There will be quite a bit of cloud cover today, but a little light snow, if any at all, is expected.

BOISE Sunny. High 43, low 23. Expecting for the next two to three days. With high pressure overhead, conditions will stay dry as well.

NORTHERN UTAH It will be a chilly, mostly cloudy, mainly dry day. As high pressure builds and moves in on Thursday, temperatures will warm up a touch.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 47 at Arco, Low: 16 at Starkey. Weather key: B: blizzard, C: cloudy, H: heavy snow, Hs: haze, Ht: light snow, M: mostly cloudy, S: sunny, T: thin clouds, W: snow, Ws: snow showers, Wd: wind.

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY "The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret of staying ahead is breaking your complex overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks, and then completing them one by one."

Hendrick critical of Las Vegas walls Track vows to fix them

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Team owner Rick Hendrick thinks NASCAR should not return to Las Vegas Motor Speedway until the retaining wall Jeff Gordon slammed into is improved.



Jeff Gordon won't be back at NASCAR's UAW-Dodge 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in Las Vegas until the track fixes its retaining walls, Gordon's team owner Rick Hendrick said on Tuesday.

Special barriers are located in the outside walls at Las Vegas. But the track did not install them along the inside wall, which the four-time NASCAR champion hit in the closing laps Sunday. The force was so violent Gordon's entire transmission was ripped from under the hood.

"If the teams are asked to spend \$15 million a piece for a car that is a little bit safer, then we need to fix the damn walls at the track," Hendrick told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "That ought to be priority No. 1, and if the tracks don't have the walls, then we shouldn't race there."

CANADIAN FORECAST

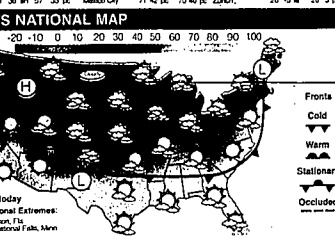
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NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists weather for major US cities like New York, Los Angeles, Chicago.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists weather for major world cities like London, Paris, Tokyo.



NFL ROUNDUP

Favre's announcement overshadows Sapp's retirement and other moves

[AP] — Brett Favre's retirement nationally overshadowed a bunch of other moves in the NFL on Tuesday, including one of his teammates leaving the game. The iconic Green Bay quarterback's decision to stop playing after 17 seasons, an unprecedented three MVP awards and a slew of passing records sent the official retirement of Warren Sapp to the back burner.

With CBS Asante Samuel and Randall Cunningham going to the Patriots, New England signed Jason Webster. Webster has 393 tackles and 11 interceptions in 87 career games, 74 of them starts. He played in one game last season for Buffalo before injuring his arm.

In a reserve-role last season, he played 13 games with six sacks, 20 tackles, four forced fumbles, one interception and one fumble recovery. The team also signed blocking tight end Jerame Tuman to a two-year contract. He appeared in six games, one as a starter, for the Steelers last season before going on injured reserve Nov. 14.

Legacy

Continued from page B1 they're one in the same. To me it's just normal." Where does Favre fit in history? The records say top 10. His 253 consecutive starts are a record for quarterbacks — they extend to 275 counting the postseason and his two Super Bowl appearances. Many were played in pain, including a full season with what was probably a broken thumb.

Favre

Continued from page B1 Favre had a revolving door of receivers from Sterling Sharpe and Robert Brooks to Antonio Freeman and Mark Chumum through Driver, the best by far of a nondescript crew in the early part of this decade that had him contemplating retirement annually. The irony of his retirement is that last season's group was the best in a decade. Drives to Antonio Freeman and Mark Chumum through Driver, the best by far of a nondescript crew in the early part of this decade that had him contemplating retirement annually.

He played the last two seasons with Houston and had six catches for 39 yards and a touchdown last year for the Texans. Favre told the team he was simply worn out, physically and mentally, after starting every game since taking over as the Packers' starting quarterback in 1992. He talked to coach Mike McCarthy by telephone twice Monday night, indicating he intended to retire, then spoke to Thompson to finalize his decision Tuesday morning. "It was said it was time for him to hang up the cleats," McCarthy said.



## Color and simplicity in demand

Bright hues become more common in southern Idaho decor

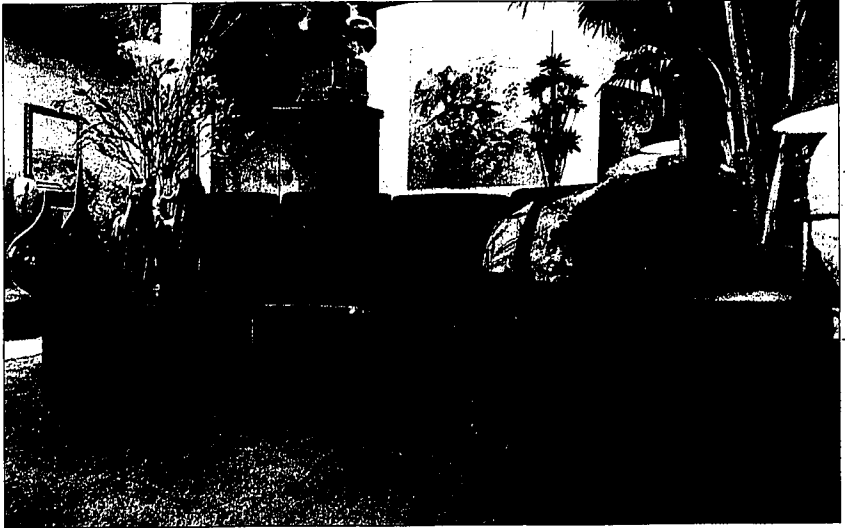
By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

It may be dull and grey outside, but around southern Idaho homes, everything's springing up color.

"People are doing more color than they used to," said Sherry Morrill, of Creative Eye Interior Design and Window Covering in Kimberly.

Morrill, recently certified as a color consultant with the Dewey Color System, said the specific shades vary from home to home, but that more homeowners are asking for bright hues. "Reds, greens, blues and yellows. I think more people are more willing to venture out and do that now."

Although color is most commonly used on walls and in accessories, investment pieces like furniture and rugs are increasingly coming in bright tones, said Dyan Peterson.



When sofa shopping, southern Idaho homeowners are looking for leather and for sectionals, say local interior designers. Furniture and accessories are requested in brighter colors than they have been in the past. Here, examples in the Twin Falls showroom of Tribes Interiors.

owner of Tribes Interiors, which has stores in Ketchum and Twin Falls.

"We always try to be cutting edge, so we have been purchasing pieces of furniture that have color in them, and people are liking that," Peterson said. "If maybe they're a little nervous to do very extreme in the upholstery, they'll do it in their pillows and rugs."

Peterson added that upholstery designers turn to runways to discover what hues designers are choosing for fashion — these colors often appear on sofas and curtains a few months later.

In addition to color, the biggest trend the interior decorators have noticed is toward simplicity.

"What we're seeing up in the Ketchum area is people are wanting cleaner lines, simpler, kind of more Zen," Peterson said. Some Magic Valley residents are seeking the same feeling, Morrill said, with modern straight-lined furniture, classic artwork and fewer accessories.

"People have such active lifestyles now that we're making their houses

### What else is in?

Other trends that local interior decorators have noticed include:

- Leather furniture
- Wooden and honeycomb blinds
- Sectional sofas
- Insulating drapes.
- Spanish and Tuscan design themes

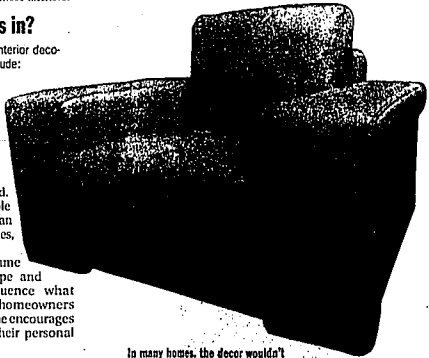
more simple," she said.

"There's some people that like a really clean look, just the necessities, not a lot of fluff."

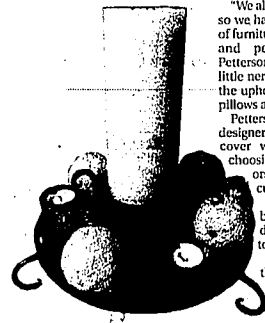
Although big-name designers from Europe and the East Coast influence what southern Idaho homeowners request, Morrill said she encourages everyone to express their personal design.

"People around here are more individual and they're not so much like sheep to follow everything they do in the East," she said. "Each family is looking for whatever their lifestyle is."

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In many homes, the decor wouldn't accommodate a traffic-cone orange leather chair, but bright colors like this are appearing more often on investment items this year. If subdued hues feel more appropriate for you, try a few richly colored accessories — they may give you the same effect without the commitment.



Brightly colored accessories — including small ones like the fruit in this candle holder, as well as larger pieces like rugs, curtains and furniture — are in demand this season.

## Electric panini press trumps tradition

By Amy Scattergood  
Los Angeles Times

Things I love: perfectly cooked panini, anything cast iron (also steak weights and bricks).

Things I don't love: single-use kitchen gadgets, nonstick coating, anything I have to plug in.

So when it came time to test the many panini makers, manual and electric, on the market, I was expecting to fall in love with a gorgeous, old-fashioned hunk of iron. This did not happen.

On the contrary, it was an electric nonstick panini maker.

Here's why: The manual pans, which are made of either ridged cast iron or anodized aluminum and come with heavy, ridged, cast-iron presses, are gorgeous — especially Mario Batali's, a stunning shiny crimson square.

But as much as I wanted to love them, they look better than they cook. And the hinged, electric presses I've been using one every day since I bought my experiment.

I tested five manual pans made by some of the heavyweights (so to speak) of cookware: All Clad, Calphalon, Le Creuset, Mario Batali and the Italian company Bialetti. They range in price from \$60 to \$160.

The Calphalon, Le Creuset



Breville Panini Grill



De'Longhi Retro Panini Grill



Cuisinart GR-1 Griddler Panini



Hamilton Beach 25451 Contact Grill and Sandwich Press

and Batali are made of enameled cast iron, painted in lively colors, with matching iron presses. The All Clad and Bialetti pans are aluminum with nonstick surfaces; they come with cast-iron presses.

I also tested five electric presses, the newest models from Cuisinart, Breville, Krups, De'Longhi and Hamilton Beach, ranging in price from \$50 to \$100.

To test them, I made a basic ham-and-cheese panini on each. I was looking for even grilling on top and bottom, a press that supplied enough pressure to cook the panini through yet not squish out the filling, ease of use, design ver-

satility and ease of cleanup.

The manual presses, despite their terrific hefty aesthetics, were a big disappointment. With some models, the weights are too heavy, squashing the panini rather than pressing it, others perched on top of the panini without pressing it enough to cook through.

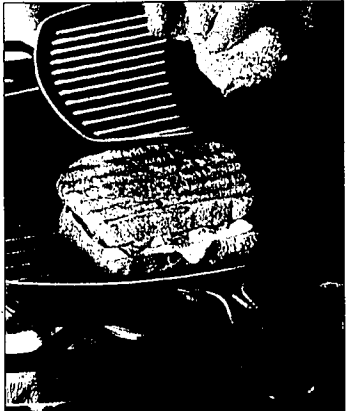
Heating the pans to the correct temperature requires some guesswork and it's difficult getting pan and press to the right temperature simultaneously, which is necessary if you want to cook the panini without flipping it.

And even if you manage to correctly heat the separate

elements, it's hard to get the panini to come out perfectly without monitoring pan and panini like a complicated science experiment. The pan cooks unevenly; the press doesn't stay parallel to the surface of the pan, the pan gets too hot as the press cools (which makes for a charred bottom and an uncooked top), or it doesn't stay hot enough.

So much for the simplicity of cast iron.

In comparison, many of the electric pans I tested are a joy to use. You just plug them in, they light up when they're ready to grill and they cook panini to a terrific crispness



The Le Creuset panini press and skillet grill, with a 10 1/4-inch square pan with a 4-pound, 9-inch cast-iron press, makes great panini as long as you preheat both elements to the right temperature.

— evenly and simultaneously from top and bottom.

Some of the electric grills have larger surface areas or more features, such as adjustable heights and temperatures and grease runoff spouts. That makes them versatile, capable of grilling steaks and hamburgers, fish and vegetables, even cooking bacon and making great crostini. Others are less versatile — but also less expensive.

All five have floating hinge

systems that solve the problem of earlier generations of home panini makers, allowing parallel adjustment of the machine to fit the sandwiches (or other contents) being pressed. Older presses had a tendency to squash their contents from the rear of the pan out, as the hinges didn't float, but were, well, hinges.

Of the five electric grills, the Breville is the most

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**Celebrity chef John Ash has written three books. His latest, 'John Ash Cooking One-on-One: Private Lessons from a Master Teacher,' was published in 2004 and won a 2005 James Beard Award.**

## California chef returns for classes

Times-News

A downtown Twin Falls kitchen store is bringing celebrity chef John Ash from the California wine country again — this time for a pair of cooking classes.

Ash, who travels widely teaching home and professional cooks, made a Twin Falls appearance in February 2007. Next week he'll teach a class titled "The Marriage of Food & Wine" from 7 to 9 p.m. March 12, at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$10.

Class will begin with an aroma challenge in which students will focus on their ability to identify flavors using the nose. Then Ash will lead students through a pairing in which they'll taste several wines with foods and learn how they interact and affect each other.

From 7 to 9 p.m. March 13 at Rudy's, Ash will teach "From the Earth to the Table" using recipes from his 1996 *John Child Cookbook of the Year*. Award-winning cookbook. The book was updated with 45 new recipes and published in 2007 by Chronicle Books. Class cost is \$75.

The menu: Grilled Asparagus with Pecorino, Coppa and Lemon Olive Oil; Italian Garlic and Bread Soup with Poached Eggs; Fresh Alaskan Halibut in a Spicy Coconut Milk Broth; Grilled Flank Steak with a Lime-Chipotle Sauce; and Soup of Fruits with Mincut Sabayon and Almond Tiramisu.

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



## Learn to cook for diabetic diners

Times-News

A six-week cooking school for people with diabetes and their families, titled "The Healthy Diabetes Plate," will be presented by the Cassia and Minidoka county University of Idaho Cooperative Extension offices.

Classes will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. March 11, 11 and 25 and April 8, 15 and 22 at the Minidoka County Extension office, 85 E. Baseline Road, Rupert. Instructors will be Rita Lauring, extension educator; Camille Jays, extension nutrition coordinator; and Gretchen Manker, extension nutrition adviser.

Cost is \$25 per person or \$35 per couple. Pre-registration is required: 878-9461 or 435-7184.

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## How to let sunlight heat your water

**DEAR JIM:** I want to become more green and my children are all for it. From what I have read, using a solar water heater makes the most sense. I don't have much money for one. How can we build a simple one ourselves? — Pat E.

**DEAR PAT:** Solar water heating makes the most economic sense for almost every region of our country because hot water is used year-round. This is in contrast to solar space heating which is used only about six months each year; its maximum output is needed when the daylight is shortest.

Since your budget is very limited and your children want to help, building a simple batch-type solar water heater is your best option. It is not as effective as an elaborate active solar system, but it costs less than thousands of dollars either. Depending on the scrap materials you can find, you should be able to build a batch system for less than \$200, and the savings will pay back its cost in a couple of years.

The water-heating energy savings you can expect to realize depend upon the specific design and your climate. During the summer, a 50 percent savings is reasonable as is a 25 percent savings during fall and



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spring. In many areas of the country, it is best to bypass the solar heater during winter to avoid freezing and possible damage to the heater or plumbing.

A batch solar water heater is used as a preheater for the incoming cold water before it reaches your standard water heater. If the water is warmer, it takes less gas or electricity to heat the water to the regular hot water temperature (120 degrees is best). On a hot, sunny summer afternoon, the solar heater can warm water enough that the water heater stays off all day.

The most common design of batch solar water heater uses a water tank inside of an insulated box with a clear top. Special solar water heating tanks can be purchased, but first, contact plumbers to find one or two old discarded water heaters which do not leak. Strip off the sheet metal skin and insulation to expose the steel tank. It will already have the plumbing fittings.

The water heater tank

should be painted flat black. Special solar paints, which are formulated to absorb more solar heat, are also available at a reasonable cost. Use an old glass storm door or buy a sheet of clear acrylic plastic for the top. For the greatest year-round solar gain, slope the clear top at an angle equal to your latitude angle.

Run the hot water outlet pipe from the tank through the back or side of the box and then down near the ground into your house to the water heater. Run another incoming cold water pipe from the water heater to the solar heater. Insulate them very well. Install a crossover pipe and two valves to bypass the solar water heater during winter.

The following companies offer solar kits and components: AAA Solar Supply, (800) 245-0311, [www.aaa-solar.com](http://www.aaa-solar.com); Alternative Energy Store, (877) 878-4060, [www.altenrgystore.com](http://www.altenrgystore.com); Build It Solar, [www.builditsolar.com](http://www.builditsolar.com); PLS Energy, (877) 862-5050, [www.pslsolar.com](http://www.pslsolar.com); and Solar Components, (603) 668-8186, [www.solar-components.com](http://www.solar-components.com).

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## Frozen-meat cooking directions may lead to foodborne illnesses

Times-News

Faulty directions on frozen ground-beef patty package labels and net packaging techniques could lead to foodborne illnesses, according to a University of Idaho School of Family and Consumer Sciences faculty member.

Sandra McCurdy, a food safety specialist, said customers shouldn't use color

alone to decide whether meat is safe.

McCurdy said some consumer labels don't say how long to cook frozen meat patties, and others specify inadequate cooking times, such as "1.5 minutes on each side," or "cook until brown."

"We did a test to see how long it actually takes to cook (frozen beef patties), and the average was somewhere

around four minutes per side," McCurdy said in a U of I press release. "Meat is safe after it reaches 160 degrees F throughout."

Findings came from studies of Katrina Finley, a U of I graduate who, during a student project, recorded instructions on 40 package labels from frozen meat products sold in the West.

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## Panini

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Impressive. It's smartly designed with a degree-specific temperature control, adjustable legs that allow for the pan to tilt at the flat, and a front that curves down into an attachable drip tray.

I used it to make perfect panini of all heights and dimensions: Prosciutto and cheese panini, grilled vegetable panini, and my absolute favorite, a Nutella panini.

Then I used the machine to cook fish filets, grill perfectly crisp bacon, make toast; I even caramelized shallots and wilted arugula on it.

No, it's not as great looking as the cast iron, nor will it, probably last as long, but it works perfectly.

Regardless of which pan you choose, there are some tricks to making good panini.

Use a traditional panini roll or a good country white bread. Cut the slices of even thickness. Make sure whatever you're filling you use — cured meats and cheeses, grilled vegetables, marinated tuna, chunks of bitterness chocolate — is arranged evenly between the two pieces of bread.

Bring the ingredients to room temperature before you grill: if the ingredients are cold, the bread will brown long before the interior of



04877 FREDERICKS Los Angeles Times

A croque-monsieur prepared on a panini grill combines French cheese and Black Forest Ham into a sublime golden melt.

your panini is heated, much less melted.

Once you have your sandwich assembled, simply put it on the hot grill. You don't need to butter the bread first or grease the pan because the bread won't stick to the surface.

Press down the top for a minute to make sure that everything is firmly in place, then let the sandwich cook until it's golden and crispy.

Grill an "autostardo," a traditional Italian panini made with Italian meats and cheese and marinated peppers, or a glorious croque-monsieur, a

French bistro-style ham and cheese sandwich. With rich slices of Black Forest ham and nutty Gruyere cheese, it don't even need the traditional sauce Morray on top: Just sprinkle on chives.

With the right pan — and a little electricity — you can make a terrific panini out of just about anything. That would be "panini," singular. I guess the manufacturers of these "panini pans" assume you won't ever make just one.

### CRÔQUE-MONSEUR

Although a classic croque-monsieur is served with a sauce Morray, this is a simpler version, with snipped fresh chives for garnish. This recipe assumes the use of an electric panini press.

4 slices white sourdough bread

4 ounces Gruyere cheese, grated or very thinly sliced

4 ounces Black Forest ham, very thinly sliced

2 tablespoons chives, snipped with a pair of scissors

1. Turn on the panini grill. The grill heats, assemble the "sandwich." Spread the cheese equally over 2 pieces of bread. Layer the ham equally over the cheese. Place the

grill scraper.

What's the difference: The Griddler only has about half the surface cooking area as the other pans.

What we thought: The small grill size of this new model means you can only cook two panini at once. Its lack of runoff spout and tray and its preset temperature control make the grill less versatile than the others. Accommodating tall sandwiches is more problematic because when the hinge is fully extended, you lose about an inch of surface grilling area. No lock means you can't store it upright.

How much: \$50 from www.cuisinart.com, www.bedbathandbeyond.com, www.cooking.com and www.amazon.com. Check local retailers, too.

## The perfect cast-iron panini pan

Los Angeles Times

If an electric panini press is not for you because you want to make panini while camping, or you've given up electricity, the Le Creuset panini press and skillet grill set is the best of the manual models.

It's the most expensive, but it's also got the smartest design of the five, including a perfectly weighted press of the right dimensions, pour spouts and an enameled cast-iron pan with prominent ribs for great grill marks.

Made from enameled cast iron in those cool Le Creuset colors (kiva, teal, red, crimson, orange), the 10 1/4-inch square pan with a 4-pound, 9-inch cast-iron press,

remaining slices of bread on top.

3. When the grill is hot (the light will turn on), place the sandwich (or both sandwiches, depending on the size of the bread and your panini grill) on the grill. Press the top of the grill down firmly, making sure that the top and the bottom of the grill are parallel.

4. Cook for about 4 to 5 minutes, until the cheese is melted and the sandwiches are golden. Lift the top and remove from the grill, cut into quarters, stack and top with

makes great panini as long as you preheat both elements to the right temperature.

The press is just the right weight and it fits into the pan, but not so tightly that there's no room to maneuver.

Unlike the other sets we tested, the sides of this pan angle out, which makes it easier to adjust.

It also has pour spouts on two sides (none of the other sets have one). Though you don't need them to make panini, they're a very useful feature when using the pan for other things, such as searing meat with a high fat content or cooking bacon — the press is great for this.

At \$145, Colors vary by retailer.

chives. Serve immediately. Total time: About 10 minutes. Servings: 2 sandwiches.

Each sandwich: 526 calories; 34 grams protein; 46 grams carbohydrates; 3 grams fiber; 23 grams fat; 12 grams saturated fat; 92 milligrams cholesterol; 1,140 milligrams sodium.

Los Angeles Times

### KING OF PANINI

The brushed stainless-steel Breville Panini Grill has a 3 1/2-inch-by-10-inch nonstick grilling surface, variable temperature control (350 to 440 degrees), a six-setting height control, flip-out feet and a locking mechanism for upright storage. A large drip tray fits securely against the front panel with a recipe book and a grill scraper.

What's the difference: This is the only grill that has a degree-specific temperature control, height control and flip-out feet that let you elevate the front of the machine, or slam it downward. Because the pan has no lip, it doesn't need a pour spout.

What we thought: The Breville is the clear winner. Like the De'Longhi, its temperature assures a nicely grilled sandwich every time, because you can regulate the heat according to what's inside your sandwich. So when it comes to panini, there's a two-way tie. But the Breville is good for making much more than panini. It's also great for grilling vegetables, cooking burgers, bacon and other things because the flip-out feet let you cook at an angle, allowing the grease to drain. The fact that the pan is lip-less, unlike all the others, makes cleanup much easier. The lip-less design also makes it easier to slide off cooked ingredients. The height control, on the other hand, doesn't add much functionality.

How much: \$180, exclusively from Williams-Sonoma stores and online at www.williams-sonoma.com.

### TAKES ON TALL ONES

The De'Longhi Retro Panini Grill has a height-adjustable hinge, an adjustable heat control, an 11 1/2-inch-by-9 1/2-inch nonstick grilling surface and a locking system that allows upright storage. A recipe book is included.

What's the difference: The De'Longhi has a temperature control with three settings.

What we thought: The shiny De'Longhi, with its cool retro design, grills panini as well as the Breville. With its pivoting heavy top, the machine accommodates tall ingredients, such as super-filled sandwiches or steaks. But it's not as good at grilling anything fatty because the unattached cup that catches the oil is too small and doesn't stay in place. Still, for panini it's great.

How much: \$60 at Bloomingdale's stores and online at www.bloomingdales.com, www.cooking.com and www.amazon.com. Check local retailers, too.

### ONE-TEMPERATURE WONDER

The Krups Universal Grill

## Assessing five electric panini presses

Panini Maker has a nonstick surface and a locking mechanism. It comes with a recipe book.

What's the difference: The Krups only cooks at one temperature and there's no pour spout.

What we thought: The Krups is a sturdy, functional machine. Without a pour spout, though, it's difficult to clean and its preset temperature limits its use to panini and other foods that can cook at that particular temperature. Though it has a locking mechanism, the lock is flimsy, rendering the handle useless for carrying it (it falls open). But its nice, slim design makes it easy to store.

How much: \$80 from Sur La Table stores and online at www.surlatable.com, www.krups.com, www.cooking.com and www.amazon.com. Check local retailers, too.

### SMALL BUT STURDY

Cuisinart GR-1 Griddler Panini and Sandwich Press has a brushed stainless-steel housing, an 11-inch-by-6 1/2-inch nonstick surface and a floating hinge. It comes with a

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4. Cook for about 4 to 5 minutes, until the cheese is melted and the sandwiches are golden. Lift the top and remove from the grill, cut into quarters, stack and top with

can remove nonstick grill plates and put them in the dishwasher.

What we thought: The grill cooks unevenly with food browning at the edges before it cooks in the middle. The design of the press, which has edges that rise farther up than the ribs on both sides, also means that you can't cook very thin food, such as bacon slices or thinly sliced bread. The grill plates rattle, so the machine doesn't seem very sturdy (also, the unattached drip pan is easily knocked around). The parts are dishwasher-safe, but it's not much easier to clean because disassembly is required.

How much: \$50 from Target. Check other local retailers, too.

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# Creating crepes

By Amy Scattigeros  
Los Angeles Times

Batter spills across an expanse of hot iron like the tide washing over a beach. A "rozzelle" spreads to the T-shaped wooden tool making a wide arc and turn, into a circle. The edges move into a fine lace filigree, the wide interior cooks up the color and texture of muslin. A spatula flips the crepe on its back, so it passes briefly before it's done, coming to rest on a plate, a paper-thin picture of the sun ready for whatever awaits it. A handful of grated Gruyere, a rain of sugar, your hunger.

A crepe is not so much a recipe as a pan and a state of mind.

There's an economy of movement and coordination of design — a swirl of batter, a tilt of the pan — that's beautiful, whether the crepes are coming off the pans of the street vendors in Paris, or the "creperies" in Brittany, or the one on the stove top of your own kitchen. The crepe's beauty is in its utter simplicity, both in composition and in consumption, and although it looks difficult, it's actually much easier to make than you might think.

Made from the simplest of ingredients and filled with whatever was on hand, crepes originated as street

food for laborers in the seaview landscape of Brittany, in northwestern France. There the streets were filled with workers and farmers, townfolk and — later — tourists and locals who would flock to the crepe stands and creperies for a quick meal. Filled with a sausage or spread with ham and cheese, crepes formed easy rustic repasts, simple and delicious fare that could be eaten easily, without utensils.

Crepes are simple food, best eaten in kitchens or on paper plates along street sidewalks.

"On Sunday afternoon we would make crepes," says chef Alain Giraud, of his childhood in Paris. "All the ingredients were in the fridge — milk, eggs, flour." And what do you put inside? "Anything," says Giraud. "A slice of ham, mushrooms, a little bechamel."

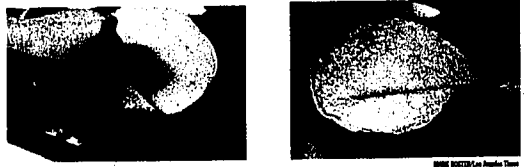
Giraud then begins a sudden catalog of ad hoc crepe recipes. Fill them, he suggests, with vanilla whipped cream and a compote of fresh fruit, with lobster and grapefruit, bake a lemon soufflé inside, spread chocolate ganache in them; or maybe grate black truffles in the bat-

ter and then fill them with mascarpone cheese and grated fresh truffles, lots of them. "Or just Nutella, that's probably my favorite."

The original "galettes" were made from just buckwheat flour, water and a little salt, which were mixed together, then the batter left to rest. Later people added wheat flour to smooth out the batter, or traded in the buckwheat altogether, adding milk and eggs and butter. Although you can make serveable crepes with only flour and water, the addition of the eggs and dairy makes crepes more tender — and noticeably easier to cook.

There are as many crepe recipes as there are regions where crepes are eaten, particularly as it's not really about an exact recipe but getting the right texture. A few cups of flour, a little salt, about twice as many eggs as you have cups of flour, and enough milk or water to thin the batter is the basic idea.

You can add cream, or even use all water, but a proportion of half milk to half water works best, as it yields a smooth and creamy batter without over-thickening it. Likewise, too many eggs thicken the batter too much,



Top row, left to right: **POUR:** The prepared crepe batter should just cover a hot, lightly buttered pan. **SWISH:** Tilt the pan, swirling the batter, to evenly cover the whole surface. Bottom row, left to right: **CHECK:** Lift the edge closest to you with a spatula to see if the underside is golden. **FLIP AND FINISH:** Use a spatula to turn the crepe, then cook that side briefly.

making it too cakey, too much like an extremely thin omelet. If making galettes, use half buckwheat flour to half wheat flour, which brings out the nutty flavor of the buckwheat but softens the texture. Instead of kosher salt, throw in a generous pinch of fine sea salt from Brittany. If making regular crepes, you can add a tablespoon of sugar, and/or vanilla or brandy — even cinnamon or orange flower water or Pernod.

You can whisk the ingredients together in a bowl, but a blender — makes an even smoother batter. Blend on high speed for about 10 seconds, blend for another 10 seconds. Strain the mixture through a fine sieve into a bowl, which ensures that you have a fine, velvety batter.

Let the batter rest, at least for an hour and as long as overnight, to allow the flour to absorb the liquid, the gluten to relax, and the air trapped within the batter from the mixing to dissipate. The down time also gives the crepe its distinctive flatness. Good crepes shouldn't have any lift to them; ideally, they're paper thin.

When cooked on the traditional bilig used in creperies

and in many crepe stands, the crepe maker uses the rozzelle, an old Breton tool. If you're making crepes at home on a large cast-iron crepe pan, you can also use a rozzelle, which some crepe pan manufacturers sell with their pans. It's a cute little tool — imagine Peter Rabbit's garden rake — but you don't really need one.

Making good crepes simply requires a flat pan that you can swirl — a griddle, a wide saute pan, a nonstick omelet pan — anything with a flat surface area. But best, not surprisingly, is a crepe pan. Not the large cast-iron crepe pans — which, although serviceable, make crepes that are rougher and sometimes difficult to turn over — but the round, smooth metal crepe pans that are usually 8 inches across, with a long handle and an edge that curves up from the base. The lip allows the batter to swirl and meet the sides, forming an easy circle without rising up from the base. Brushed with a little butter, the pan easily yields up the crepe, which is then flipped and cooked briefly on the other side.

On a pan like this, about one-quarter cup of batter will be the right amount for each

crepe. When you swirl the batter around the pan you can check: Add more if it's not enough to coat the surface of the pan, pour off the extra if it's too much.

After the batter has sat, stir it gently to recombine it. If it's separated, and add a little more water if it seems too thick — it should move like heavy cream when you stir it.

Once your batter's ready, assemble the ingredients for filling the crepes. Nutella; some sliced fresh strawberries and whipped cream; diced ham and grated cheese; lox, a slice of tomato, a few capers. Or spike cream fraiche with a little horseradish and chopped fresh dill, spread it across a buckwheat galette, and top with crumbled smoked trout.

Or if you want to get fancy, cook sliced apples in butter, and sugar until they're caramelized, then flambé them with a splash of Calvados, then spoon the mixture into a crepe and top with a spoonful of cinnamon-spiced Chantilly cream. The apples and cream are familiar Brittany ingredients, and the Calvados, a heady apple brandy, recalls the hard cider that crepes often were

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## Tips for assembly

**Folds**  
There are about as many ways to fold a crepe as there are things to fill it with. They can be square, round, triangular, rolled up like little carpets or tied into beggar's purses.

Traditional "galettes" often were folded into squares, the fillings first put in the center, then each side folded in so it became a packet, the better to eat them on the run. Sometimes the four sides were only folded partway in, so a glimpse of filling was visible. In "crêpes," crepes can come in these squares, or simply folded in half, like semicircles. You can roll them up tightly like cigars or loosely like a burrito; use two crepes and make a sandwich or stack of a few of them and cut them into dainty triangles. Tie them up with chives, or fold the edges underneath, like a present. Or, if you want to get really ambitious, make a gâteau du crepes — an architectural study of crepes found in "L'arousse Gastronomique" — by layering a dozen of them with Chantilly cream and strawberry jam.

Or just spread your filling across one half of the crepe, fold the other side over top, then fold it again into a loose triangle for a casual presentation that fits nicely on a plate. And easily into your mouth.

- Fillings**
- Thinly sliced ham and grated Gruyere
  - Sautéed mushrooms, ham and a little bechamel
  - Smoked trout or smoked salmon and creme fraiche spiked with a little horseradish and chopped fresh dill
  - Creamed fresh mozzarella, diced tomatoes and torn basil
  - Smoked salmon, whipped cream cheese and capers
  - Crumbled goat cheese and a little erugula lightly dressed with balsamic vinegar and olive oil
  - Creamed spinach
  - Duck confit, warm cannellini beans and a few sage leaves
  - A thin layer of sour cream, finely diced hard-boiled eggs, minced chives and capers.
  - Nutella
  - Ice cream, with or without, sliced fruit
  - Chocolate or chestnut mousse
  - Chocolate ganache
  - Fruit preserves
  - A sprinkle of powdered sugar and a squeeze of lemon
  - Grand Marnier
  - Fresh berries and whipped cream
  - A thin layer of peanut butter and grated semisweet chocolate
  - Lemon curd and mascarpone
  - Sautéed pears and chopped roasted hazelnuts



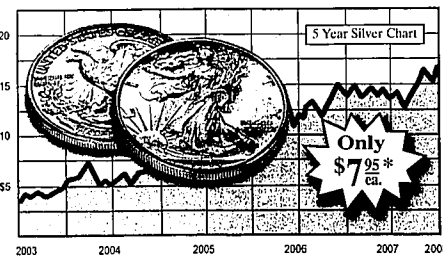
A buckwheat crepe filled with smoked trout.

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# Crepes

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paired with. Or whip up a ganache with sweetened heavy cream and bittersweet Valrhona chocolate, pipe it across a sweet crepe.

On the savory side, sauté wild mushrooms and shallots in butter, add a splash of sherry and a little fresh thyme, then fold in some creamy goat cheese. Or spread a thin layer of sour cream over a galette, add a fine dice of red onion or a handful of chopped chives, then a large spoonful of caviar or salmon roe.

For a savory filling that's great with buckwheat crepes, shake off the 19th-century weight of the traditional "fruits de mer" in white sauce by trading the roux for a little creme fraiche. Sauté leeks in butter, add equal parts dry white wine and cream and reduce. Throw in a handful of shrimp (langoustines are traditional in Brittany), some sweet bay scallops, fresh tarragon and lemon juice, then swirl in creme fraiche for texture and a little zing.

Once your fillings are ready, keep them warm on the stove top and make your crepes. Although crepes keep very well, tightly wrapped in the refrigerator or the freezer, they're at their finest right out of the pan. So have everything ready—including your guests and any available children, who adore crepes simply dusted with powdered sugar or a little lemon.

Then heat the crepe pan over medium-low heat, oiling it with a paper towel dipped in a little melted butter. You want a thin film, just enough to keep the pan greased. Too much butter will fry the crepe and give it an unpleasantly rubbery texture. When a few drops of water sizzle across the pan, it's hot enough to begin.

Pour batter onto the pan and immediately swirl it around so it reaches the edges. If the butter bubbles and splits (too much, the pan's too hot and the batter will cook before it covers the entire pan; turn the heat down and try again). Making crepes, like the pancakes and blini that are its cousins, often requires the sacrifice of the first few, until you get the pan to the right temperature. But once you get the feel of it, the crepes come off the pan one after another. You might need to lower the heat, to brush the pan with a little more butter every now and then, but you'll get a rhythm going that will seem almost effortless.

As the crepes stack up, layer them with wax paper so they don't stick together, and make a pile. From that, you can quickly assemble them, filling the crepes with whatever strikes your fancy. Impress your guests with a dinner party, or your family with a simple dinner.

Or eat them yourself. With a demitasse of espresso, crepes are the perfect street food for your own sidewalk.

## GALETTES FILLED WITH SHRIMP AND SCALLOPS

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 large leek, white part only, finely sliced



A buckwheat crepe, or galette, is filled with seafood in a cream sauce made with creme fraiche.

- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 pound bay scallops
- 1/2 pound medium shrimp, shelled, deveined, tails removed and cut into chunks
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon
- Juice of half a lemon
- 1/4 cup creme fraiche
- 4 buckwheat crepes

In a large saute pan, melt the butter and saute the leeks over low heat until tender, about 5 minutes.

Add the wine, cream, salt and pepper and simmer gently until reduced by two-thirds. Add the scallops and shrimp and stir until the shrimp is pink and the seafood cooked, about 5 minutes. Stir in the tarragon, lemon juice and creme fraiche.

Spoon about 1/2 cup of the mixture onto a buckwheat crepe, fold in half and serve immediately.

Servings: 4  
Total time: about 20 minutes

## APPLE AND CALVADOS CREPES

- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 1/2 tablespoon powdered sugar
- Pinch of cinnamon
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 3 Fuji apples, peeled, cored and sliced
- 1/3 cup sugar

Servings: 4  
Total time: 25 minutes

- Pinch of sea salt
- 1/3 cup Calvados (apple brandy)
- Juice of half a lemon
- 4 sweet crepes

Make a cinnamon Chanilly cream. In the bowl of a standing mixer fitted with a whisk, or with a hand-held mixer, beat the cream, sugar and cinnamon until soft peaks form. Refrigerate until you're ready to assemble the crepes. (You will have extra; reserve for another use.)

In a large saute pan, melt the butter until it foams and subsides, then add the sliced apples, sugar and salt. Cook over-medium heat until the apples caramelize and the sauce is thick, about 10 minutes.

Taking the pan off the flame, pour in the Calvados, and then return it to the heat; if it doesn't ignite in the pan, tip the liquid toward the front of the pan, being careful not to let it spill, and light it with a match. Let it flame until the flames subside, about 10 seconds. Stir in the lemon juice.

Spoon 1/4 of the apples into the middle of a sweet crepe; fold it into quarters and top with a dollop of cinnamon cream. Serve immediately.

Servings: 4  
Total time: 25 minutes

## SWEET CREPES

You can omit the sugar and use this recipe for savory

crepes.

- 2 cups flour
- 4 large eggs
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- Softened butter for the pan

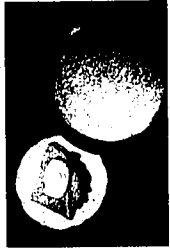
1. In the jar of a blender, blend the flour, eggs, milk, salt, sugar and 4 tablespoons butter with 1 1/4 cups water at high speed for 10 seconds, stop and scrape down the sides, then blend for 10 seconds more. Strain batter through a fine-mesh sieve. Cover and chill for at least 1 hour or overnight.

2. Heat a crepe pan or non-stick saute pan over medium heat until a few drops of water sizzle when sprinkled on the pan. With a paper towel, spread a little butter on the pan, being sure to wipe most of it off.

3. Using a bowl or a measuring cup with a spout, pour enough batter to just cover the pan (for a crepe pan, a little less than one-fourth cup), immediately swirling the batter around until it covers the surface. If the batter seems too thick and doesn't spread quickly, add up to an additional one-fourth cup of water to the mixture and stir until blended. Adjust heat if necessary. If the batter sizzles when you pour it onto the pan, it's too hot; if it just lies there, it's too cold. The first one or two crepes are usually experiments.

4. When the edges of the crepe begin to turn golden and move away from the pan, after about 2 minutes, lift up the edge nearest to you using a spatula (an offset spatula works best). Flip the crepe over. Cook the second side of the crepe only long enough for it to set, less than a minute. Remove from the pan and start a stack of crepes, layering wax paper between each crepe as you cook more. Add more butter when needed with a paper towel.

Servings: 18 to 24 crepes  
Total time: About 1 hour.



A crepe filled with apples and Calvados and topped with cream.

plus chilling time

## GALETTES (BUCKWHEAT CREPES)

Buckwheat flour is available in the baking section of well-stocked supermarkets. Be sure to store it in the refrigerator.

- 1 cup buckwheat flour
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- Softened butter for the pan

1. In the jar of a blender, blend the flour, eggs, milk, salt and melted butter with three-fourths cup water at high speed for 10 seconds, stop and scrape down the sides with a spatula, then blend for 10 seconds more. Strain the batter through a fine-mesh sieve. Cover and

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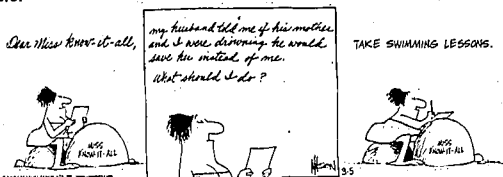
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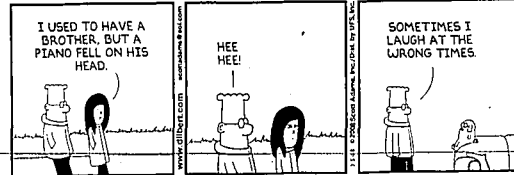
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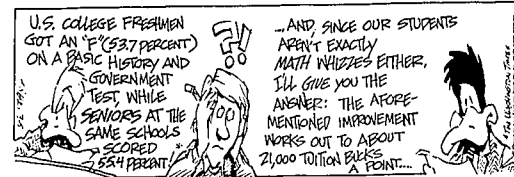
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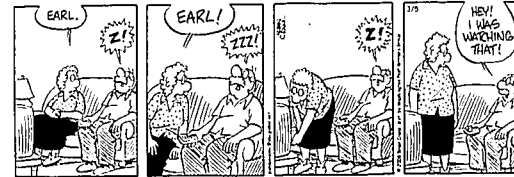
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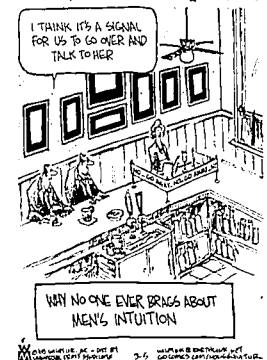
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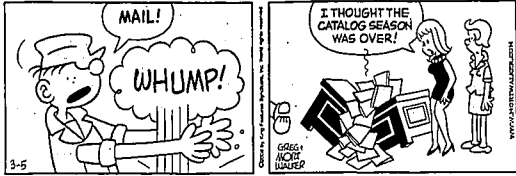
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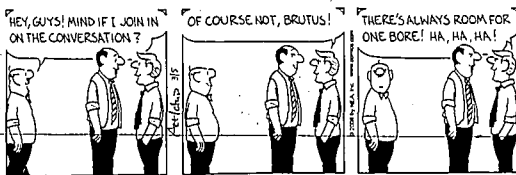
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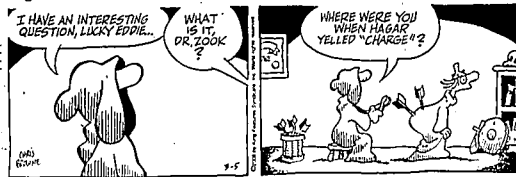
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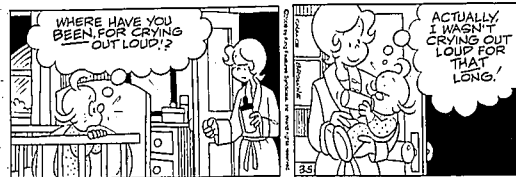
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# Active fantasy life does not mean you are cheating

DEAR ABBY: My co-workers and I have been talking, and we disagree on this. Is fantasizing about someone other than your partner cheating? I say no. What do you think?



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

— "BEAUTIFUL DREAMER," BRIDGETON, MO.  
DEAR "BEAUTIFUL DREAMER": It is not unusual for people in the throes of passion — or even walking down the street — to take a fantasy side trip. It's not cheating and can enhance the experience.

fair to housekeeping. Their motto was always, "Happy children are more important than a clean house."

However, for you and your co-workers to discuss sex at the office is being "unfaithful" — to your boss!

There are so many more interesting and important things to do; I get little satisfaction from housekeeping. Cleanliness is short-lived around here, anyway. I believe there are more messy homes out there than people admit. A little clutter never hurt anyone. This problem is not family-threatening, but I would like your opinion on it.

DEAR ABBY: After 10 years of marriage, I have come to a realization. I am a terrible housekeeper! I have tried learning to clean better, using new techniques or different equipment. My husband has begged, bribed and fought with me over picking up my stuff. We have a good relationship, though, and this is one of the only conflicts between us.

— GOOD MOM IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.  
DEAR GOOD MOM: You asked for it — and here it is. I agree that there are probably more messy homes out there than people admit. However, there is a difference between "clutter" and "not clean."

By no means live in squalor, but our house is usually messy. Frankly, I'm not interested in housecleaning. I'm not lazy. I'm busy with two kids, volunteering at two different schools, preparing healthy meals, engaging in endless play, make-believe and kiddie craft projects. My mom and grandmother were also somewhat laissez-

Your kitchen and bathrooms should be kept clean to safeguard the health of your children and spouse. If the problem is clothing in your bedroom that you have tossed all over, allow me to pilot a moment to toss an item into the clothes hamper, hang it up or return it, folded, to the drawer from which you took it.

While I agree that "happy children are more important than a clean house" are not mutually exclusive, A disorganized home can also be a sign of a disorganized mind. You're setting a poor example for your children, who will grow up thinking this is acceptable — just as you did. You should be teaching them to do their part, too.

PS. Has it occurred to you to hire a housekeeper to come once or twice a month?

DEAR ABBY: My husband reads the newspaper at the dinner table almost every night in front of the children. He says it's the only time he has to read the paper.

Is it rude to read at the dinner table when there are four other people sitting there?

— INQUIRING MIND IN GLENDA  
DEAR INQUIRING MIND: It's not only rude, it's poor parenting. You're doing your part by having dinner on the table, but your husband is shirking his duty as the ideal dinner host by the adult time for family conversation, for him to learn about what's going on in the children's lives and to discuss current events — providing they are old enough. It is also a time for parents to "model" the kind of manners they want to pass on to their kids.

I don't know what your husband is doing AFTER dinner, but that would be the optimum time for him to catch up on the news rather than hiding from all of you.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March 5, the 65th day of 2008. There are 301 days left in the year.

### Today's highlight:

On March 5, 1770, the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers who'd been taunted by a crowd of colonists opened fire, killing five people.

### On this date:

- In 1849, Zachary Taylor took the oath of office at his presidential inauguration.
- In 1868, the Senate was organized into a Court of Impeachment to decide charges against President Andrew Johnson, who was later acquitted.
- In 1908, actor Rex Harrison was born in Lancashire, England.
- In 1933, in German parliamentary elections, the Nazi Party won 44 percent of the vote; the Nazis joined with a conservative nationalist party to gain a slender majority in the Reichstag.
- In 1946, Winston Churchill delivered his famous "Iron Curtain" speech at Westminster College in

Fulton, Mo.

In 1953, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin died after three decades in power.

In 1963, country music performers Patsy Cline, "Cowboy" Copas and "Hawksshaw" Hawkins died in a plane crash near Camden, Tenn., that also claimed the life of pilot captain Hughes (Cline's manager).

In 1970, a nuclear nonproliferation treaty went into effect after 43 nations ratified it.

In 1977, President Carter began questioning from 42 telephone callers in 26 states on a network radio call-in program moderated by Walter Cronkite.

In 1982, comedian John Belushi was found dead of a drug overdose in a rented bungalow in Hollywood; he was 33.

Ten years ago: Details of President Clinton's deposition testimony in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case against him were published in The Washington Post, prompting an angry denunciation from the president for the news leak. NASA scientists said enough water was frozen in the loose soil of the

moon to support a lunar base and perhaps, one day, a human colony.

Three years ago: In a blunt warning to the United States and Britain, the foreign ministers of France, Germany and Russia said they would block any attempt to get U.N. approval for war against Iraq. The massing of students around the U.S. walked out of classes to protest a possible war. A suicide bus bombing in Haifa, Israel, killed 14 Israelis and an American teenager. A Kuwaiti police officer was sentenced to 15 years in prison for the 2002 attack that wounded 20 U.S. soldiers on a Kuwait desert highway. Comedian George Miller died in Los Angeles (his age is given variously as 53 or 61).

One year ago: A suicide car bomber turned a venerable Baghdad book market into a deadly inferno, killing some three dozen people. Nine U.S. soldiers died in two separate incidents north of Baghdad. President Bush, facing criticism he'd been ignoring Latin America, said the U.S. would spend tens of millions of dollars to improve education, housing and health care across the region.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor James Noble is 86. Actor James B. Sicking is 74. Actor Dean Stockwell is 72. Actor Fred Williamson is 70. Actor Michael Warren is 62. Actor Eddie Hodges is 61. Singer Eddy Grant is 50. Violinist Eugene Fodor is 58. Rock musician Alan Clark (Dire Straits) is 55. Actress-comedian Marsha Warfield is 53. Magician Penn Jillette is 54.



Actress Adriana Barraza is 52. Pop singer Teena Marie is 52. Rock singer Craig Reid is 46. Rock singer Charlie Reid is 46. Rock musician John Fruscella (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 38. Singer Ronnie Connolly is 34. Actress Jill Ritchie is 34. Actress Jolene Blalock is 33. Model Niki Taylor is 33. Actor Jake Lloyd is 19.

## THOUGH

"Exhilaration is that feeling you get just after a great idea hits you, and just before you realize what's wrong with it."

— Sir Rex Harrison, British actor (1908-1990)

## Ex-drug officer turned pitchman for marijuana is running for Congress in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — A former narcotics officer who advocates the legalization of drugs has a new career goal — congressman.

Barry Cooper is running as a Libertarian candidate in the 31st Congressional District in Central Texas. He faces Republican incumbent John Carter and Democrat Brian P.

Ruiz, a consultant. None of the three had an opponent in Tuesday's primary.

Cooper, a police officer in several Texas towns, became a successful narcotics officer after joining the Permian Basin Drug Task Force, a regional group in West Texas. Cooper, 38, said he took part

in 800 drug busts, and seized more than 50 vehicles and \$500,000 in cash and assets. However, he saured on his former profession and now advocates the legalization of drugs, saying that would mean addicts could receive better treatment and drug-related crimes would decrease.

# Make green curry chicken in 25 minutes

By Bonnie S. Benwick  
The Washington Post

When Sak Pollert collaborates on a Thai dish to be served at Rice, his restaurant in Washington, the chili paste and curry paste, with lemongrass, kaffir lime zest, galangal and more.

But when he cooks at home, expediency is key. So the soft-spoken native of northern Thailand, 44, keeps curry paste on hand and uses ingredients most of us can find at the market. Pollert is comfortable at the cutting board thanks to his mother, "an amazing cook who could make curry, stir-fry, grilled anything" — even on a farm without electricity, he says.

This dish combines color, crunch, sweetness and heat, and it came together effortlessly recently in the half-renovated kitchen in his Washington home. As you can tell from the accompanying photo, Pollert arranged the components artfully, but it tastes just as good in a jumble on the plate.

The curry mixture can be served over steamed jasmine rice instead of pasta, he says, and goes well with a glass of blueberry or pinto grigio. As he cleaned up, the practical Pollert said that he refrigerates the leftover curry paste in a small plastic container for 2 to 3 weeks; he heats any remaining coconut milk with sugar and a pinch of salt as a dessert sauce over rice or ice cream.

## LINGUINE WITH GREEN CURRY CHICKEN

- 4 servings
- 8 ounces fresh or frozen sugar snap peas (about 2 1/2 cups)
  - 1 to 1 1/4 cups regular or low-fat coconut milk, as needed
  - 4 tablespoons Thai green curry paste, preferably Mae Sri brand
  - 12 ounces fresh egg linguine
  - 1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, trimmed of visible fat
  - 2 tablespoons sugar
  - 1/2 to 1 teaspoon salt
  - 10 Thai basil leaves

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil over high heat.

Strain the snap peas and cut the carrots lengthwise into quarters; combine in a medium bowl.

Heat 1/2 cup of the coconut milk over medium heat in a large skillet. When it begins to bubble, add the green curry paste, stirring to combine. Let the mixture

cook for a few minutes to darken in color.

Add the pasta to the boiling water; keep an attentive eye on it so it does not boil over.

Meanwhile, cut the chicken breast halves crosswise into very thin, almost translucent slices. When the curry mixture becomes fragrant, add the chicken to the skillet and stir to coat evenly.

Increase the heat to medium-high; add 1/2 cup coconut milk, sugar, salt to taste and

then the vegetables, stirring to combine and coat the vegetables and chicken evenly. Cover and cook for 10 minutes; the sauce will bubble at the edges and the chicken should be cooked through.

While the curry is cooking, drain the pasta in a large colander and rinse it under cool running water. Divide the pasta among individual plates or bowls, making low mounds. Uncover and taste the curry; if it is too spicy, add

up to 1/4 cup coconut milk, stirring to combine and heat through. Just before serving, add most of the Thai basil leaves, stirring just until slightly wilted. Arrange the vegetables on the pasta, then the chicken in the center, if desired, or just divide the curry-vegetable-chicken mixture evenly on top of the pasta. Garnish with the remaining leaves and serve immediately.

Per serving: 606 calories, 40 g protein, 69 g carbohydrates, 784 mg sodium, 20 g fat, 14 g saturated fat, 119 um, 6 g dietary fiber.



Sak Pollert's Linguine With Green Curry Chicken. g protein, 69 g carbohydrates, 784 mg cholesterol, 20 g fat, 14 g saturated fat, 119 um, 6 g dietary fiber.

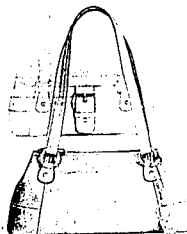
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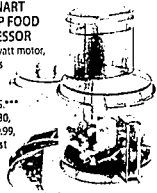
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## Skirt steak for fajitas

The Washington Post

Q: Could you explain the differences among flat-iron steak, skirt steak and flank steak? Would flat-iron or flank work for fajitas? Why is skirt the best?

A: Wagshal's Market butcher Pam Ginsberg says her top choice for fajitas is the grill-it-is the cut for which the dish is named: skirt steak, the diaphragm muscle between the cow's abdomen and the chest cavity. (In Spanish, "fajita" is the diminutive form of the word for skirt, a reference to the skirt steak.)

"A marinade helps it cook quicker, and its thickness means you can control the cooking," Ginsberg says. "You can grill skirt steak very quickly and not worry about overcooking it. The cut is so thin that the residual heat finishes the job." Flank steak, a thicker cut from the lower hindquarter, can have some gristle if it is not cut properly. It can overcook in minutes.

Flat-iron steak, sometimes sold as "top blade" steak, comes from behind the shoulder and isn't thin enough to "flash" grill, she says. It is best saved for other preparations, such as pan-fry with mushrooms, onions and peppers.

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## When you're too sick not to go to work

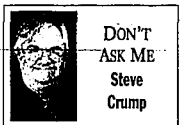
Some years ago, a Twin Falls business had an employee who called in sick one morning.

"I can't come in today because my horse is ill," she explained.

Suspicious, her supervisor visited the woman's other place of part-time employment, a retail establishment. He found her standing behind the counter.

"How's your horse?" he asked.

"He's feeling much better," the woman replied. "But I'm not feeling so good right now."



The story illustrates a problem most of us have during cold-and-flu season: How to call in sick and make it sound convincing?

For the fact is, most people can't sound ill over the telephone even when sounding ill is required.

And sick or not, what are you supposed to tell your supervisor after he's already taken three other sick-out calls before 8 in the morning?

"Um, hi, Mr. Amberson. This is Janice. I can't come in today because, um, well, not feeling too good and..."

...and it's Monday," the boss asks archly.

Nobody wants to have that conversation, so the alternatives are calling in before your supervisor shows up for work — say 3:30 a.m. — and leaving a message on his/her voice mail, or actually going to work and acting like Camille bidding farewell to her beloved Armand even as she succumbs to tuberculosis. ("It's so dark in here, and I'm so cold. Is it my fevered delirium, or do I hear a telephone ringing?")

Still, even if your skin isn't a glaucous gray and your eyes aren't limbed by dark half-circles, actually showing up for work is a certain amount of credence to your case for convalescence.

Better still, if you can persuade a co-worker to attest loudly enough for the boss to overhear that you — the stricken one — have no business being there. This isn't a particularly hard sell if you sneeze several times in the general direction of the folks working in adjacent cubicles.

"Excuse me, Ms. Dickinson, sir, but Steve just coughed up a lung. I think he might be contagious."

There's not a lot Ms. Dickinson can say about that. The absentee rate in her department is already running 75 percent, and if the two remaining workers call in sick she'll have to do actual work.

I conducted a small, unscientific survey of a half dozen people I know who supervise employees for a living, and asked them what kind of alibi was most convincing.

"Don't tell me a story," said one wearily. "Just tell me you won't be in today."

"And when you call in, don't try to forecast the future course of your illness," said another. "I don't care if you have the same symptoms that you had when you were off work for three weeks in 1992."

I asked a third boss what she did when she needed to call in sick.

"I don't call in sick," she replied. "Because there would be nobody left at the office to take sick-out calls, would there?"

Unless, I suppose, she takes her horse to work.

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## State lawmakers eye re-election bids

### Smith to decide by this weekend if he'll run again

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

BOISE — State legislators expect to wrap up the Legislature before the end of the month.

For many, election campaigns are just around the corner. Those interested in

running for state office can file from Monday through March 21.

Almost all 15 south-central Idaho lawmakers say they plan to run for re-election. Just one lawmaker said he'll decide by next week.

Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, said he will decide this weekend whether to seek a sixth term. His District 25 colleagues, Rep. Sharon Block and Sen. Chuck Coiner, both Twin Falls Republicans, are running again. Block, chairwoman of the Health and Welfare

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Committee, is in her fourth term. Coiner, vice chairman of Commerce and Human Resources, is in his second term.

Smith sits on the Judiciary,

tax and transportation committees. An attorney and former chairman of the Idaho Transportation Board, Smith is a moderate Republican who last year voiced his frustration with the new conservative House leadership.

But he said his decision to run will be personal, rooted in whether his wife, Jan, a professor at the College of Southern Idaho, retires.

"The atmosphere here is good this year and I've good this year. I've good this year," he said. Please see ELECTIONS, Page D3

## Searching for a solution

### Governor's health care committee to visit March 19

By Kate Poppino  
Times-News writer

Displeased with your insurance? Can't find a doctor?

The state of Idaho wants to hear from you.

After meeting with 45 Idahoans involved with or affected by the health care industry at an August closed-door health summit, Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter issued a list of 11 recommendations for further study and created the eight-member Governor's Select Committee on Health Care to take his ideas to the public.

On March 19, that committee will visit Rupert and Twin Falls, two of the last stops before members review the feedback they've collected and issue recommendations of their own to Otter and the Legislature. Among other topics, the committee is asking Magic Valley residents to share their thoughts on access to medical care, proposals providing health insurance to all Idaho citizens and ways to expand medical education in the state.

The committee has had audiences as large as 125 people in Boise, and has heard a lot about the shortage of health care providers and the costs of insurance in the state, said Joyce McRoberts, the governor's special assistant for health care and a member of the committee.

"When you hear about people that have had a job and everything and had insurance, and then end up being really ill and lose it all, where do they go from there?" she said. "What they've heard, McRoberts said, is much from the small business community. That's something the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is trying to change. Chamber President Shawn Bariger said he's working to line up business owners for a

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### TAKE PART

The Governor's Select Committee on Health Care will make two stops in south-central Idaho on March 19. From 10 a.m. to noon, it will be at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert, and from 4 to 7 p.m., it will be in Room 117 of the Shields Building at the College of Southern Idaho. Both hearings are open to the public. To read Gov. Otter's 11 recommendations: [http://gov.idaho.gov/health\\_care/recommendations.pdf](http://gov.idaho.gov/health_care/recommendations.pdf).

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## GIRLS WITH GUNS



Idaho Army National Guard Spc. Natalie Parton gives an IV drip to Pvt. Joshua Corbett during a demonstration Tuesday at the army in Twin Falls for some 20 young women during an all-girls technology event.

## M.V. teens trigger M-4s at Idaho Army National Guard

By Andrea Gates  
Times-News writer

An assortment of teenage girls sporting light makeup and braes put down pink bags and picked up M-4 rifles Tuesday at the Idaho Army National Guard armory in Twin Falls.

About 20 young women from schools around the Magic Valley toured the armory during one of a dozen field trips for girls in technology arranged by the College of Southern Idaho.

Almost 300 young women in all, many ages 14 and 15 took part in the event. Some went and viewed the Idaho National Laboratory while others stayed locally and went to St. Luke's and Magic Valley Medical Center or CSI classrooms.

The all-girls technology event is in its seventh year, but this was the first time participants made it over to the armory, which is also growing with women.

There's been a big increase during the past two years in the number of local women serving as citizen soldiers — from almost none to around 80, said Capt. Doug Uphoff, IHIC Company Commander.

The company has about 250 sol-

diers, said Sgt. 1st Class Steven Stephens. A change in focus came in from their last deployment to Iraq. The armory has since gone from being a predominantly male tank battalion, to special troops with more jobs women are permitted to do in the military.

Female soldiers from this unit act as medics, electricians, intelligence analysts, technical support personnel, drivers and cooks.

These jobs don't involve combat, but they could still bring women to the front line.

"If a person is able to do the job then they should be able to do it," Uphoff said.

And on Tuesday some of these female citizen soldiers told young girls about what they would do in battle.

Spc. Natalie Parton, 24, a medic and mom, said she enjoys serving her country and it helps pay for school.

As she put an intravenous needle into the arm of her comrade, dark blood oozed out, and she told her young female visitors that in battle speed is everything.

"If he's in need of an IV, stick him as fast as you possibly can," she said.

That sentiment was echoed by Spc. Alexandra Anderson, a specialist in the

"I liked the guns, but not the IV. This is something I'd think about, but I want to go to college."

— Karlee Peterson, 15-year-old sophomore at Shoshone High School

chemical aspects of battle.

She handed a mask to her comrade, an alarm sounded and she told the girls they had only seconds to deploy it.

But he didn't get it in on time. "He's dead," Anderson told the girls.

Male soldiers handed the girls some rifles, and then told them how to hold them, aim them and fire them at simulated targets on a screen under a tarp.

Most of the girls said the field trip was "cool."

Even though they were too young to recruit, Stephens said, this military exposure is important if the girls decide one day to serve. "It plants a seed," he said.

Some of the young women said the military may be in their stars.

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## Officials: Wendell's tree problem likely not caused by emerald ash borer

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

The trees in Wendell City Park may be on the decline, but don't blame it on the emerald ash borer, said Dave Klesig, assistant professor of horticulture at the College of Southern Idaho.

"There are watch groups set up throughout the country and we would have been notified if the emerald ash borer was heading west," Klesig said. "That borer has been contained in the Midwest."

The emerald ash borer is

an exotic beetle first discovered near Detroit, Mich., in 2002, and is responsible for the death and decline of more than 25 million ash trees in the United States.

The possibility of local trees being infested with the bug was brought up during Wendell's Feb. 21 City Council meeting.

"I thought that's what we had," said Wendell Tree Committee Chairman Louie Bay. "We on the tree committee are just get-

ting started at this and we don't really know everything that is going on. We know our trees in City Park are sick and dying. I guess we need to do a bit more investigating into why."

Klesig echoed the same sentiments. "The city's tree

problems aren't going to be solved with a chain saw," he said. "What they are seeing are signs and symptoms of something else."

Mike Cooper, deputy administrator for the Idaho Department of Agriculture Department of Plant Industries, said ash trees are not native to the area and, as such, are more likely to fall prey to pests.

Federal guidelines are in place to curb the spread of the emerald

ash borer, Cooper said, and an outbreak of the beetle would likely come from two sources: infested nursery stock or firewood.

"In both scenarios, the person moving the stock or firewood out of the containment area would be in violation of federal quarantine orders," he said.

Even though the beetle has been identified by the ISDA as not being present in Idaho, Cooper said state officials may visit Wendell to see just what kind of problem is

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# Cancer risk persists after hormone therapy stopped, study finds

By Stephanie Desmon  
The Baltimore Sun

The millions of women who abandoned hormone replacement six years ago when research showed it increased the risk of certain illnesses are more likely to develop breast cancer than women who didn't take the hormones, research published today suggests.

But the increased risk of heart disease associated with hormone therapy seems to dissipate, according to a long-anticipated follow-up study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Benefits of the pills — including decreased risk of hip

fractures and colorectal cancer — also disappeared when women stopped the medications.

Women who took the hormones long-term should not necessarily be worried, but they should watch their health carefully, said Dr. Gerardo Helsa, an epidemiologist at the University of North Carolina School of Public Health and one of the study's authors.

"There's a reason to be vigilant," Hellsa said. "There's no reason for alarm."

After the original, critical study of the Women's Health Initiative appeared in 2002, prescriptions for hormone replacement therapy drugs dropped precipitously.

Groups ranging from the Food and Drug Administration to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists began recommending that hormones be given only to women actively experiencing the symptoms of menopause — and then only at the smallest possible dose for the shortest period of time.

"Today's report in JAMA confirms what researchers learned in 2002, reaffirming the decision to halt the original trial."

"This is further confirmation of the danger of long-term combination hormone therapy," said Dr. Michael Lauer, prevention chief at the National Heart, Lung and

Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health, which sponsored the study. "Even after stopping therapy, the harms do not just plain disappear."

For a half-century, hormone replacement therapy was pitched to women as a path to staying young, beautiful and healthy. Women took the medications for many years, believing they helped protect against the diseases of aging — particularly cardiovascular disease.

They often were given estrogen in combination with a synthetic form of progesterone — two female sex hormones that drop dramatically in menopause.

Animal experiments with estrogen backed up these theories, while observational studies showed that women who took estrogen and progesterone were healthier than those who did not.

At its peak, an estimated 15 million women were on hormone replacement therapy. But no one had conducted a large clinical trial to test its use.

"It was very frequently prescribed and taken for long periods of time, because there was insufficient awareness of the risk," Hellsa said. "It was not uncommon for women to take it for 10 years or more."

The publication of the unexpected Women's Health

Initiative results in 2002 upended the conventional medical wisdom. Hormones went from being prescribed liberally to older women to being recommended only for those experiencing the acute hot flashes, night sweats and sleep disturbances of menopause.

"Before this study, there was the thought that hormone therapy might be beneficial to all women post-menopause," said Dr. May Hirsch Blanchard, an obstetrician/gynecologist at the University of Maryland Medical Center. Now, she said, "the only reason to be on hormone therapy is for short-term symptom management."

## AROUND THE WORLD

### IRAQ Helicopter crash kills 7 Iraqis, 1 U.S. soldier

BAGHDAD — An Iraqi military helicopter crashed in a sandstorm, killing the seven Iraqis and one American service member on board, U.S. and Iraqi officials said Tuesday.

The crash was a blow to the Iraqi military's efforts to rebuild its air force, which was devastated during the 1991 Persian Gulf War and never recovered.

The Iraqi Defense Ministry said two Russian-built Mi-17 transport helicopters were ferrying troops from the northern city of Fall Ajah to Baghdad on Monday when they encountered bad weather south of Baiji. One aircraft was able to avert the storm, but the other crashed, said Mohammed Askari, a ministry spokesman.

The last reported contact with the aircraft was at 2:40 p.m. Monday, the U.S. military said in a statement. American search and rescue teams located the wreckage just before noon Tuesday in the Iraqi desert region between Baiji and Lake Tharthar.

### WASHINGTON 82nd Airborne unit leaving Iraq as part of U.S. drawdown

WASHINGTON — An Army paratrooper unit that led the U.S. troop surge into Baghdad last year is returning home, marking a resumption of a troop drawdown that will test the durability of recent security gains.

The drawdown began last December with the departure of one brigade, numbering about 5,000 troops, dropping the overall U.S. troop level in Iraq to 158,000. A three-month lull was built into the drawdown plan, during which commanders saw insurgent violence shift from Baghdad to northern Iraq.

Although it has not yet been publicly announced, a

senior military official told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the 2nd brigade, 82nd Airborne Division is heading back to Fort Bragg, N.C. in coming days and will not be replaced in the rotation. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the movements are not completed.

"That will drop the number of U.S. combat brigades in Iraq from 19 to 18, with an additional three scheduled to leave by July."

### WEST BANK Palestinian leader rebuffs Rice's request for quick revival of talks

RAMALLAH — The U.S.-backed Palestinian leader rebuffed the Bush administration's request Tuesday to quickly end a walkout of peace talks with Israel, saying Israeli military bombardment of civilians in the Gaza Strip is unacceptable under any circumstance.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said negotiations are the only solution to end militant Israel's right to defend itself, saying the tiny Hamas-held territory as a launching pad for increasing numbers of rockets targeting civilians in southern Israel. "I understand the difficulties of the current moment," Rice said following meetings with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. "We all must keep an eye of what is important."

She won no public promise that Palestinians would enter their boycott soon. U.S. officials say they understand his political predicament and predict talks will resume after a brief lull. Abbas was not expected to relent before Rice leaves the Middle East on Wednesday.

"I call on the Israeli government to halt its aggression on the necessary environment can be created to make negotiations succeed, for us and for them, to reach the shores of peace in 2008," Abbas said. He was referring to the goal — stated at a U.S.-sponsored Mideast peace conference in

November — of reaching an Israeli-Palestinian peace treaty by the end of the year.

"Negotiations are going to have to be able to withstand the efforts of rejectionists to upset them, to create chaos and violence, so that people react by deciding not to negotiate," Rice said in Egypt at the start of two days of Mideast meetings overshadowed by the Gaza crisis. "That's the game of those who don't want to see a Palestinian state established."

### COLOMBIA Venezuela moves troops to border as diplomats try to head off conflict

CUJUTIA — Venezuela and Ecuador reinforced their borders with Colombia on Tuesday as the three nations traded increasingly bitter accusations over Colombia's recent military operations on a leftist guerrilla base in Ecuador.

Rejecting a Colombian apology as insufficient, Ecuador sought international condemnation of the attack during an emergency meeting of the Organization of American States, convened in Washington to help defuse one of South America's most volatile crises in years. Venezuela's justice minister declared that war "has already begun."

President Rafael Correa called his Colombian counterpart, Alvaro Uribe, a "bold-faced liar." Uribe demanded the International Criminal Court try Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez for genocide. "President Bush accused Chavez of 'provocative maneuvers.'"

Colombia said documents found at the base showed rebels wanted to make a radioactive dirty bomb. But the documents it shared with reporters didn't support the allegation, indicating instead that the rebels were trying to buy uranium to resell at a profit.

Uribe said Chavez should be prosecuted for allegedly financing the revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia,

or FABC. Uribe cited the documents in a laptop seized in Reyes' jungle camp that he said showed Venezuela recently made a \$300 million payment to the rebels. Both Venezuela and Ecuador dismissed all the allegations as lies.

### PENNSYLVANIA You may not want to eat the white snow, either

PITTSBURGH — To the list of simple childhood pleasures whose safety has been questioned, add this: eating snow.

A recent study found that snow, even in relatively pristine spots like Montana and

the Yukon, contains large amounts of bacteria.

Parents who warn their kids not to eat dirty snow (especially the yellow variety) are left wondering whether to stop them from tasting the new-fallen stuff, too, because of Pseudomonas syringae, bacteria that can cause diseases in bean and tomato plants.

But experts say there's no need to banish snow-eating. "It's a very ubiquitous bacteria that's everywhere," says Dr. Penelope Donnelly, a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' committee on infectious diseases. "Basically, none of the food we eat is sterile. We eat bacteria all the time."

Children practically bathe

in bacteria when they go to the playground, and Donnelly says they won't get anything from snow that they wouldn't get from dirt.

"We eat stuff that's covered with bacteria all the time, and for the most part it's killed in the stomach," says Dr. Joel Forman, a member of the pediatric academy's committee on environmental health.

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**Ophidian Theatre**

**Fool's Gold** on Day 7:00-9:25  
 Jerome, Chitima 4

**Spideewick Christmas** on Day 7:00-9:15  
 Vantage on Day 7:00-9:15  
 Semi Pro on Day 7:30-9:45  
 Jumper on Day 7:30-9:45

**Ophidian Theatre**

**Charlie Bartlett** on Day 7:30-9:45  
 Slip Up 2 on Day 7:00-9:15  
 No Country Old Men on Day 7:00-9:15  
 Witness Protection on Day 7:00-9:15  
 Evelyn & Chipmunks on Day 7:00-9:15  
 There Will Be Blood on Day 7:30-9:45

**Event Cinema 12**

**National Treasure 2** on Day 6:45-9:30  
 Rambo on Day 7:30-9:45  
 The Bucket List on Day 7:30-9:45  
 Jumper on Day 7:30-9:45  
 Alvin & Chipmunks on Day 7:00-9:00  
 27 Dresses on Day 7:15-9:45  
 The Eye on Day 7:15-9:45  
 Jump on Day 7:30-9:45  
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The Three Tenors, also soccer fans, stage their first appearance together on the eve of the 1990 World Cup final matches in Rome. They sing, as well as fluents and trios with the Orchestra del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino and the Orchestra del Teatro dell'Opera di Roma conducted by Zubin Mehta.

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Sealed bids for an Industrial Grade and Manual Lathes will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2008...

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Notice of Trustee's Sale
Trustee's Sale No. 02-FMGS-0409 Notice is hereby given that, Pioneer Land Service Co., LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on June 27, 2008, at the hour of 11:00 A.M., of said day, in the lobby of Alliance Title & Escrow, 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, Idaho, sell at public auction to the highest bidder...

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Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Morgo Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for its successors and assigns. The above GRANTEE in compliance with Section 45-1506 (6)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, personally responsible for this obligation...

101 Lost and Found
LOST Golden Retriever
6 weeks old, black and tan, white chest, black face. Born in Idaho area. Boss. \$1500 REWARD. 200-0325.

101 Lost and Found
LOST Red Heeler mix, female, Harry Davidson's dog, husband and wife, at Granton, by First American Title, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for its successors and assigns...

101 Lost and Found
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101 Lost and Found
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Federal Employment Information is free. Remember, no one can promise you a federal job. For more information about federal jobs, call Career Connection, Inc. 478-757-3000

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206 Drivers
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Delivery Driver
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207 Drivers
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Transport Driver
needed for Wonder Brand driving an established route delivering product. Will load and unload racks of truck. Must be 21 with 2 years exp. and have class A CDL. Valid shifts required. Apply at 211 Freightway Twin Falls

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page E-8.

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Send resume to or pick up application at: 112 S. Apple St. Shoshone, ID 83352. Openings Close March 12, 2008

**GENERAL**  
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A City employment application and job description are available at [www.tfid.org](http://www.tfid.org).  
For additional information contact the Human Resource Office located in City Hall, 921 2nd Avenue, East or phone (208) 734-7243.  
Closing date is 03/14/08. The City of Twin Falls is an Equal Opportunity Employer, Drug Free Workplace.

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Unscramble 10 four letter words, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.
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# THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"Courage, as distinguished from panic, is almost always simply a lack of ability to suspend the functioning of the imagination."

— Ernest Hemingway

Does the mention of a squeeze drive you into a cold sweat? It should not, for although squeeze-play can be very complex, there are many deals in which only a medium of basic technique is required. Let's look at the unsuccessful approach before we see the winning line.

You play in six spades on a diamond lead to your ace. You ruff a diamond in dummy and play a trump. East alerts rummy with the ace and returns a trump to avoid being endplayed. You now run all the trumps, pitching clubs from dummy, but East, who is following after dummy, is under no pressure. On the last trump you bare dummy's club ace, and East comes down to a singleton club himself, taking trick 13 with the heart jack.

The reason the squeeze did not operate was that you could exert no pressure from the club suit. To succeed, you need to utilize a maneuver called the Vienna Coup. After winning the second trump, try the effect of taking the club ace and then running the trumps.

The significant difference is that you come down to four hearts in dummy, with the lead in your hand and the club queen posing a threat against East, who also has sole control of the hearts. What is he to discard? If he pitches his club king, you cash the queen, then take the top hearts. If he tosses a heart, then dummy is good.

### NORTH

♠ 8 7 3 2  
♥ A K Q 10  
♦ 9  
♣ A 8 5

♠ 4  
♥ 7 2  
♦ Q 10 7 5 4 3 2  
♣ J 6 2

### WEST

♠ 5  
♥ 7 2  
♦ Q 10 7 5 4 3 2  
♣ J 6 2

### EAST

♠ A G  
♥ K J 8 5 4 3  
♦ K 5 6  
♣ K 10 7

### SOUTH

♠ K Q J 10 9 4  
♥ 8 6  
♦ A 8  
♣ Q 4 3

Vulnerable: East-West  
Dealer: South

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 4 ♦ Pass  
5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ All Pass  
\*Opening leads, agreeing spades  
Shooting lead: Diamond five

## BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ 8 7 3 2  
♥ A K Q 10  
♦ 9  
♣ A 8 5

South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
2 ♣ Pass 3 ♦ Pass  
?

ANSWER: Your partner's three-club call is forcing. It is fundamental to a free game in hearts, though it could be showing a better hand than that. To get your spectacular trumps and singleton diamond across, jump to four diamonds. In all such auctions a jump like this is a splinter, promising a singleton diamond and suitability for slam.

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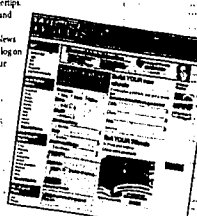


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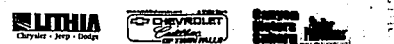
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Contributing writer *Crescent Dragonwagon* aptly sums up attitudes toward vegetarian eating with this anecdote: She's at a book signing with all her books. A man picks up *Dairy 1 House 1 I'llow Soup and Bread* and exclaims, "Oh, we love soup and bread. We eat it all winter long." He buys the book. A woman picks up *Dairy 1 House 1 I'llow Cookbook* and says, "We spent our last anniversary at a country inn." She buys the book. Another woman picks up *Passionate Vegetarian* and says, "Hmmm. I have a sister-in-law who's thinking about becoming vegetarian." She puts the book down and walks away.

To most people, eating vegetarian means deprivation and focusing on what isn't there (namely, meat) rather than what is there—in most cases flavor. But lots of our most indulgent dishes are vegetarian—Fettuccine Alfredo, Eggplant Parmesan—even pizza. Flavor aside, we also know that a vegetarian diet is typically a healthier diet too. So check out our recipes beginning on page 6. You won't be asking, "Where's the beef?"

Whether you're a vegan, ovo-lacto vegetarian or a flexitarian (see page 23), we want to hear your thoughts. What are your favorite ingredients, recipes or bean burgers? Join our conversation with *Crescent* on our new blog at [relishmag.com/blogs](http://relishmag.com/blogs)

*Jill*  
Jill Melton, Editor

**Q** I made the Winter Vegetable Lasagna from the November 2007 issue of *Relish*. What does "blanching the turnip greens" mean? —Pat Fisher, RD, LD, CDE

**A** Blanching is done to loosen the skins of peaches and tomatoes and to precook hearty vegetables, such as the winter greens, which appear in this month's Mushroom and Black-Eyed Pea Ragout on page 6. To blanch, plunge food into boiling water briefly (less than a minute), then into cold water to stop the cooking process.

# This and That

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## Eat Your Veggies

*The Vegetable Dishes I Can't Live Without* by Mollie Katzen (Hyperion) takes us back 30 years when Katzen's *Moosewood Cookbook* was first published. This new book, with Katzen's drawings, is a labor of love in these computer times. Sporting the same look as *Moosewood*, it leaves us knowing why the balance of vegetables and meat in our diet in the last decades has tipped in favor of veggies. The nearly 100 recipes illustrate Katzen's talent for combining ingredients. For the late-winter kitchen, we have our eyes on Braised Escarole with Garlic and Golden Raisins, Portobello Parmesan and Sesame Cabbage with Leeks. For the recipes, go to [relishmag.com/molliekatzen](http://relishmag.com/molliekatzen)—Jean Kressy

## Weight Watching

Anne Reiniger of Bisbee, Ariz., went to her January Weight Watchers' meeting to find much ado about the Braised Chicken with Fire-Roasted Tomatoes (below) from the January issue of *Relish*.

The leader made it, loved it and came to the meeting brandishing a copy of *Relish*. The group calculated the points (for a total of 6) and copied the recipe. Missed the recipe? Go to [relishmag.com/braisedchicken](http://relishmag.com/braisedchicken)



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March 10

## Registered Dietitians' Day

Diet a wreck? Go see a registered dietitian in honor of March 10, the day newly proclaimed to honor the nutrition experts. To find one near you, go to [eatright.org](http://eatright.org) and click on "Find a Nutrition Professional."

## From Our Message Board

I am so glad I tried the recipe for African Peanut Stew! This is the first vegetarian recipe I have made that I absolutely love! It is full of veggies and flavor, so delicious and only 190 calories per serving. I added ¼ cup of cooked brown rice per cup of stew—very hearty and filling. I prepared it using all the ingredients listed and used natural creamy peanut butter too. Liked the curry-peanut taste. Thank you, Cheryl Forberg, for creating this keeper!—sweet one, 1/11/08

(Are you a flexitarian? Go to [relishmag.com/blogs](http://relishmag.com/blogs) to find out.)

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Great American Bake Sale  
The Great American Bake Sale kicks off its national campaign to end childhood hunger in America this month. Through the campaign, communities across the country hold bake sales to raise money for summer and after-school food programs and nutrition education programs for low-income families. To find out how to participate, go to [greatamericanbakesale.org](http://greatamericanbakesale.org)

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- 2 cups fresh or frozen vegetables
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 1/2 cup reduced fat shredded Cheddar cheese

1. Stir soup, water, rice, onion powder, black pepper and vegetables in 11 x 8" (2-qt.) shallow baking dish.
2. Top with chicken. Season chicken as desired. Cover.
3. Bake at 375°F for 45 minutes or until chicken and rice are done. Top with cheese. Let casserole stand for 10 minutes. Stir rice before serving.



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# Chard School



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## Frittata with Chard and Whole-Wheat Spaghetti

*From spring through late October, when chard is at its peak, an omelet with whole-wheat pasta makes a quick and delicious supper. Use your largest shallow skillet. Serve with a salad and crusty whole-grain bread.*

- 1 pound Swiss chard, trimmed and coarsely chopped
- 5 eggs
- ½ cup 2% reduced-fat milk
- 3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Coarsely ground black pepper
- 2 cups cooked whole-wheat spaghetti (4 ounces uncooked pasta)
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 cup shredded provolone or mozzarella cheese

1. Rinse chard and place in a large pot with water clinging to leaves. Cover and cook over medium heat until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain thoroughly. When cool enough to handle, squeeze out excess water.
2. Combine eggs, milk, Parmesan, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Stir in spaghetti and chard.
3. Melt butter in a large ovenproof skillet. Add egg mixture; cover and cook over low heat until top is almost set, 10 to 13 minutes.
4. Preheat broiler. Sprinkle frittata with provolone cheese and broil 3 minutes, or until golden brown. Serves 5.

*Per serving: 300 calories, 16g fat, 240mg chol., 20g prot., 22g carbs., 4g fiber, 680mg sodium.*

The charm of chard is irresistible. Its mild tasting stems and earthy leaves work in just about any dish, from stir-fries and omelets to gratins and soups. Why then, are most of us unfamiliar with it?

Also called Swiss chard, this member of the beet family most likely originated centuries ago in the Mediterranean, where cooks are still coming up with interesting ways to use it. If you'd like to incorporate it into your menus, follow these simple rules:

- Chard can take the place of spinach or any winter green in most recipes. Its red, green and multi-colored varieties are interchangeable in cooking.
- Use both the stems and leaves.
- When preparing chard, cut a few leaves at a time instead of the whole bunch. Besides facilitating chopping, it's easier to see any bruised or damaged parts that should be discarded.
- To promote even cooking, cut thick stems lengthwise in strips before chopping into smaller pieces. As chard is cut, place it in a large bowl of warm water, swish around and transfer to a pot by lifting it out with your hands.
- When buying chard, remember cooking shrinks it to a fraction of its bulk. A pound of fresh chard yields about 2 cups cooked... and plenty of flavor. |

*By Jean Kressy, a food writer in Ashburnham, Mass.*

## Stir-Fried Chard with Asian Seasonings

*Here's an easy way to add flavor to these hearty greens—perfect with roast chicken, pork or beef.*

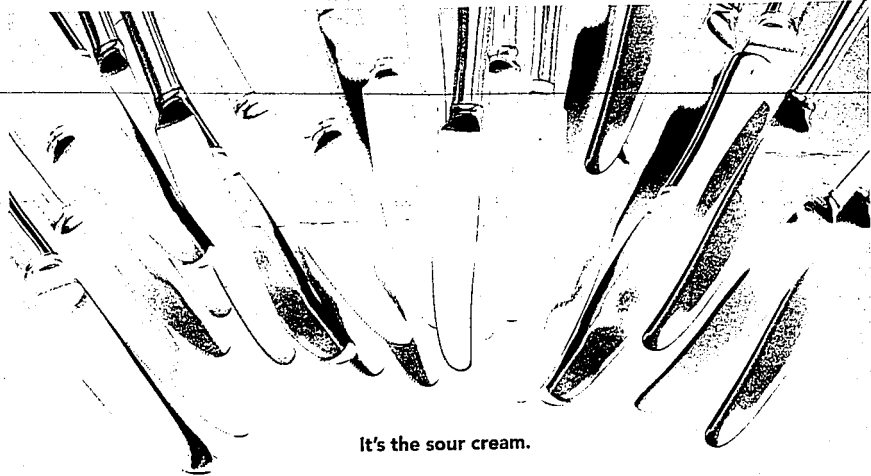
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1½ pounds Swiss chard, trimmed and coarsely chopped
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- ½ teaspoon sesame oil
- 3 drops Tabasco sauce, or to taste

1. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add garlic and cook 1 minute. Gradually add chard; as one batch wilts, add another. Cook over medium heat, stirring often, until tender and most of the liquid evaporates, about 10 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and stir to combine. Serves 4.

*Per serving: 70 calories, 5g fat, 0mg chol., 3g prot., 7g carbs., 3g fiber, 580mg sodium.*

*(Continued on page 10)*





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# A Dragon's Tale

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As soon as we heard her name—Crescent Dragonwagon—we knew: Here's a person who's a lot of fun. But this poet, novelist and children's book author, who answers the phone at her Vermont home: "Hello, this is Dragon," has always been serious about her food.

Crescent and her late husband Ned Shank opened Dairy Hollow House, a bed and breakfast in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas, in 1980. In the inn's kitchen, she combined charretelles from local foragers and fresh produce from local growers to create meals for more than 11,000 guests. And while she cooked meats for her guests, she herself was "a closet vegetarian," who was not comfortable as a food professional "confessing such heresy as vegetarianism."

Beginning in 1992, though, she was ready to come out of the closet. And she did so with a bang. She spent 10 years working on *Passionate Vegetarian*, appropriately subtitled *More Than 1,000 Robust Recipes with Notes on Cooking, Eating, Loving and Living Fearlessly*. In supreme Crescent style, she sports a bowl of vegetables on her head in the cover photograph. Also Crescent-esque, she dishes out the story of how she and Ned met, the meals they shared during their travels and at home, and her culinary beliefs: "Eating was never utilitarian to us. Rather, eating well—-not just healthfully but satisfyingly, sensually and socially—-was a consistent, constantly changing daily pleasure," she writes.

Though Crescent and Ned closed the inn to guests in 1998 and she completed *Passionate Vegetarian* in 2002, she continues to create new vegetarian dishes, such as these fashioned specially for *Relish*.

"If the 'V' word puts you off, just think of these plant-centered entrées as what they are: a rich mushroom ragout and an irresistible layered casserole of tortillas," she says.

Full of flavor and brimming with creativity—-we'd expect nothing less from the Dragon. ♪

Constance Floyd

## Mushroom and Black-Eyed Pea Ragout

A ragout (*ra-GOO*) is a thick stew of meats or, in this case, vegetables. It's great with the creamy Parmesan Polenta, but also good with mashed potatoes or even grits.

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, sliced vertically
- ¼ pound shitake mushrooms, tough part of stems removed, thickly sliced
- ¼ pound mixed mushrooms (such as cremini, baby bella and oyster mushrooms), sliced
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2½ cups mushroom or vegetable broth
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 cup red wine
- 2 (15-ounce) cans black-eyed peas, drained
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Coarsely ground black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon honey
- ¼ teaspoon Tabasco
- 1 bunch hearty greens (kale, turnip, mustard or chard) washed, thinly sliced and blanched
- Parmesan Polenta (recipe folios)
- Fresh shaved Parmesan, optional

1. Heat oil over medium heat in a large nonstick skillet. Add onion, mushrooms and garlic; sauté until onions are soft, about 5 minutes.
2. Add broth, tomato paste, wine, black-eyed peas, salt, pepper, honey and Tabasco; bring to boil. Reduce heat, and simmer 20 minutes or until sauce thickens slightly. Stir in greens; cook until thoroughly heated.
3. Spoon Parmesan Polenta into serving bowls. Top with ragout and garnish with Parmesan shavings, if desired. Serves 6.

Per serving: 250 calories, 8g fat, 0mg chol, 10g prot, 39g carbs, 8g fiber, 400mg sodium.



**Cookbooks by  
Crescent Dragonwagon**

**Dairy House Hollow Cookbook**

Macmillan, 1983

Cato & Martin paperback, 1992

**Dairy House Hollow Soup and  
Bread: A Country Inn Cookbook**

Workman Publishing, 1992

**Passionate Vegetarian**

Workman Publishing, 2002

**The Combread Gospels**

Workman Publishing, 2007

**Parmesan Polenta**

*Baked in a pan in the oven, this no-fuss, no-stir polenta is perfect with almost any spicy stew.*

**Cooking spray**

- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3½ cups water or mushroom or vegetable broth
- 1 cup coarse, stone-ground yellow cornmeal
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- ¼ teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 4 ounces grated Parmesan cheese
- Coarsely ground black pepper
- ¼ cup warm milk, optional

1. Preheat oven to 350F. Coat a 13-by-9-inch baking dish with cooking spray.
2. Combine salt, water and cornmeal in baking dish. Stir well. (The mixture will separate with meal sinking to the bottom.) Bake, uncovered, 30 minutes.
3. Remove from oven; stir well. Bake 10 minutes.
4. Stir in butter, olive oil, cayenne pepper, Parmesan and black pepper. Add milk to thin polenta if desired. Serve immediately with Mushroom and Black-Eyed Pea Ragout. Serves 6.

*Per serving: 190 calories, 10g fat, 20mg chol, 9g prot., 16g carbs., 3g fiber, 510mg sodium.*

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"The Dragon," go to  
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# Hands On Snacks

## Crunchy Coconut Balls

- 1/4 cup cashew (or soy nut or almond) butter
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/2 cup crispy rice cereal (such as Rice Krispies)
- 2 tablespoons nonfat dry milk
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut

1. Combine cashew butter and honey with fork. Add cereal and dry milk, mashing well with fork. Form 3/4-inch balls and roll in coconut, pressing firmly. Makes 10 balls.

*Per serving: 70 calories, 4.5g fat, 0mg chol, 2g prot, 7g carbs, 0g fiber, 65mg sodium.*

## Nutter Butter Nibblers

To crush pretzels, place in a bowl and mash with a potato masher.

- 1/2 cup crushed fat-free pretzel sticks
- 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup nonfat dry milk
- 1 tablespoon honey

1. Place half the pretzels in medium bowl; add chocolate chips, peanut butter, dry milk and honey. Mix well with hands or fork. Form 1/4-inch balls and roll in remaining pretzels. Makes 10 balls.

*Per serving: 135 calories, 9g fat, 0mg chol, 5g prot, 11g carbs, 1g fiber, 76mg sodium.*

## PB&J Crunchers

- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup crispy rice cereal (such as Rice Krispies)
- 1/4 cup nonfat dry milk
- 2 tablespoons grape jelly

1. Combine peanut butter, cereal and dry milk in a medium bowl with hands or fork, mashing well. Spread jelly over top of entire mixture and mix in slightly. Form 3/4-inch balls. Makes 12 balls.

*Per serving: 85 calories, 5g fat, 0mg chol, 3g prot, 7g carbs, 1g fiber, 79mg sodium.*

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These easy-to-pack balls can go anywhere, from school lunches to soccer practice. They're best really cold and will keep up to a week sealed in a zip-top plastic bag stored in the refrigerator. And best of all, you'll feel good knowing that your kids are noshing on nutritious snacks.

So grab a bowl, call the kids, and crunch, mash and roll away. From coconut to peanut butter to chocolate, there's a flavor for everyone. ♪

By Christine Gable, a food writer in Little, Pa.

Crunchy Coconut Balls, left; PB&J Crunchers, middle; and Cocoa Chewies, right.

## Cocoa Chewies

- 1/2 cup tahini
- 1 tablespoon cocoa
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/4 cup currants or raisins
- 1/4 cup mini chocolate chips
- 1 cup crispy rice cereal (such as Rice Krispies)

1. Combine tahini, cocoa and honey with fork. Add currants, chocolate chips and rice cereal, stirring until well combined. With freed hands, form 1/4-inch balls. Freeze at least 15 minutes. Makes 12 balls.

*Per serving: 95 calories, 4.5g fat, 0mg chol, 1g prot, 12g carbs, 0g fiber, 27mg sodium.*



## TOP TOSS-INS

Customize these snacks by mixing and matching your kid's favorite foods. Add Cocoa Puffs in place of Rice Krispies or peanuts in place of cashews. In addition, toss in any of these nutritious extras:

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- Dried cranberries, cherries, raisins or dried fruit bits add natural sweetness, fiber, potassium and a satisfying chew.

- Whole grain cereals add crispy crunch plus fiber, vitamins and minerals.

- Nut butters are high in monounsaturated fats and Vitamin E, interchangeable and rich in flavor—try peanut, sesame, soy nut or cashew and almond butters.

For more kids' snack ideas, go to [relishmag.com/kids](http://relishmag.com/kids)



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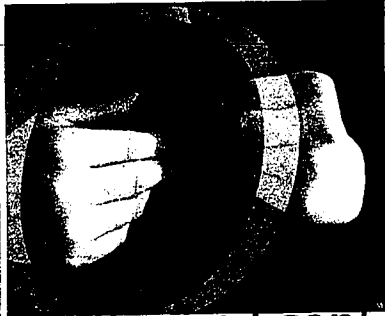
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- Have a history of chronic lung disease. ORENCIA can worsen symptoms of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
- If you are scheduled to have surgery.
- Have been recently vaccinated or are scheduled to receive a vaccination.

- Have diabetes and are using a blood glucose monitor. You may get falsely high blood glucose readings with certain types of blood glucose monitors the day you receive an infusion of ORENCIA (abatacept).

- Are pregnant or are planning to become pregnant. It is not known if ORENCIA can harm your unborn baby.
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- **Allergic reactions** including hives, swollen face, eyelids, lips, tongue, throat or trouble breathing.
- **Malignancies.** There have been rare cases of certain kinds of cancer in patients receiving ORENCIA. The role of ORENCIA in the development of cancer is not known. The more common side effects with ORENCIA are: headache, upper respiratory tract infection, sore throat and nausea.

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**Chard with Lemon and Feta**  
*The bright flavors of lemon and feta are perfect complements to earthy chard. Serve with grilled chicken, pork or fish.*

- 1½ pounds Swiss chard, trimmed and coarsely chopped
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- ½ cup (2 ounces) crumbled feta cheese
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Coarsely ground black pepper

1. Rinse chard and place in a large pot with water clinging to leaves. Cover and cook over medium heat until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain well and return to pot. Reduce heat to low. Add remaining ingredients; toss to combine. Serves 4.

Per serving: 110 calories, 7g fat, 25mg chol, 6g prot., 7g carbs, 3g fiber, 740mg sodium.

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## Monosodium Glutamate (MSG)

A white powder with little taste of its own, MSG (monosodium glutamate) is one of the world's most common food additives. Chemically speaking, it's a sodium (salt) derived from glutamic acid (an amino acid, or protein). Commercially speaking, it's a powerful flavor enhancer used in everything from canned soup to take-out chicken.

MSG began its ascent to ubiquity in 1908, when a Japanese chemist found it produced a savory flavor, distinct from the sweet, sour, salty and bitter tastes recognized by gourmands of the time. He dubbed the flavor *umami*, Japanese for "delicious." (Rich, natural sources of umami-producing glutamates range from cheese to mushrooms.) He further noted that a sea vegetable Japanese cooks had used for centuries was particularly rich in the stuff. Boom! Scientists went to work to extract it, and a multinational industry was born.

While the FDA maintains that MSG is perfectly safe when consumed at typical levels, opponents blame it for maladies ranging from ADHD to Alzheimer's. If you suspect you might be sensitive, avoiding it practically requires a PhD in chemistry; MSG is a major component in a long list of additives with such sexy names as hydrolyzed protein and autolyzed yeast.

Interestingly, the health risks of MSG came to light only after major food processors found ways to extract it cheaply. Japanese cooks had used sea vegetables for years with no apparent health problems, and one of the first published reports of "Chinese Restaurant Syndrome" came from a Chinese immigrant who first experienced symptoms after moving to the United States. —Jo Marshall

Wine columnist Wini Moranville guides you to the best bottles for the money.



While I love to seek out obscure wines from boutique shops, it's a thrill to score a head-turning wine from a supermarket shelf. This month's picks are cases in point. And once I gave them a chance in the glass, I thought, "Wow—where have you been all my life!" I've also chosen wines with a little heft. Spring may be on the calendar, but the cold March wind still blows till we get there. Let's leave the lighter wines for summer.



**Gallo Family Vineyards 2005 Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon (\$15):** Lush, dark fruit flavors are framed by a little toasty vanilla notes for a well-crafted sip from the Gallo family.

**Red Truck 2005 California Red Wine (\$10):** Soft, approachable, and brimming with cherries and spice, this mostly Syrah and Petite Syrah blend is a great pizza-pasta-burger wine.



**Coastal Ridge 2006 California Pinot Grigio (\$7):** Some Pinot Grigios all but disappear on the palate; here's a nicely fruity pick that lingers on the palate and in the memory.

**Banrock Station 2006 Semillon-Chardonnay (South Eastern Australia; \$6):** If you love the round fullness of a Chardonnay, but wish it could be just a little sweeter, this lush, fruity wine—with just enough citrus for balance—is for you.

Wine expert Charles Smotherman answers your questions.

**Q.** What is "finish"?

**A.** Finish is simply a wine's aftertaste—the impression it leaves after you've swallowed it. A finish should be just as delicious as what you tasted when the wine was still in your mouth. By contrast, poor-finishing wines often display an unpleasant bitter or sour aftertaste.

The other quality to look for in a finish is length—how long the flavors stick around after swallowing. This attribute is so important that it's safe to say that no truly great wine would be considered great *without* a long finish. In exceptional cases, this may last as long as several minutes, making not only a happy ending, but also perhaps the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

**Gnarly Head 2006 Old Vine Zinfandel (Lodi, California; \$12):** Remember when you could find a less obdurate Zin at a very reasonable price? You still can with this juicy, fruity, push and tummy-warm, velvety pick.

# LOVE IN THE CRACKER AISLE:

## THE FORBIDDEN ROMANCE BETWEEN GARLIC AND MOZZARELLA

This is the story of how Garlic got caught up in a crazy little thing called love with, of all things, Mozzarella. Two ends of the spectrum coming together with unabashed passion.

It all started when Garlic saw Mozzarella out with Tomato. Of course, Garlic was crushed. Mozzarella with boring, old, safe Tomato—how predictable. Little did Garlic know that Mozzarella felt the same way.

Sure, Tomato and Mozzarella got along, but there was no spark, no electricity—besides, Tomato was

Mozzarella was smitten. Nobody thought it would work! But work it did. This curious little affair

blossomed into something magical. Cheesy, silky Mozzarella and flavorful Garlic became one.



seedless. So one summer evening, Garlic and Mozzarella sneaked out, and it was everything Garlic had dreamt it would be. And, despite Garlic's breath,

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# Sunrise Sandwiches



## Grilled Reuben Sandwich

*Rye bread and corned beef punch up scrambled eggs in this recipe, perfect for using leftover corned beef.*

- 2 eggs
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Coarsely ground black pepper
- 4 ounces thinly sliced corned beef or ham
- 4 slices light rye bread with seeds
- 2 (3/4-ounce) slices Swiss cheese
- 1 teaspoon butter

1. Scramble eggs with salt and pepper.
2. Layer corned beef and cheese on two slices of bread. Top with scrambled eggs and remaining bread.
3. Melt butter in a small skillet. Grill sandwich until golden brown and crisp. Serves 2.

*Per serving: 390 calories, 16g fat, 265mg chol., 28g prot., 31g carbs., 2g fiber, 1090mg sodium.*

If you want to make the point that you're working hard, saving money and being virtuous in general, tell someone you had a sandwich for lunch. Cold lunchmeat slapped between two pieces of (more than likely whole grain) bread—we get it. But mention that you had a breakfast sandwich, and the whole picture changes. Now we're thinking of warm cheesy omelets folded in between toasted bread (or better yet a croissant) with a slice of ham or bacon.

So here is our tribute to the most important meal of the day. Our Grilled Reuben Sandwich is inspired by The Commuter Sandwich at La Grande Orange Grocery, in the historic Phoenix, Ariz., neighborhood of Arcadia. Our Italian Breakfast Panini is an easy-to-make take on Sven's Breakfast Panini, available at Sven's European Café, in Milwaukee, Wis. And, guess what, you may want to call them Sunset Sandwiches—they're just as good for dinner. |

*By Lisa Waterman Gray, a food writer in Overland Park, Kan.*

## Italian Breakfast Panini

*Sourdough bread, cheese and fresh spinach add Italian zip to this sandwich.*

- 3 eggs
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Coarsely ground black pepper
- 2 (3/4-ounce) slices Cheddar cheese
- 1 small Roma tomato, thinly sliced
- 1 small handful baby spinach leaves
- 2 slices cooked bacon
- 2 (3/4-ounce) slices provolone
- 4 slices sourdough bread
- 3 tablespoons prepared tomato basil sauce (or use marinara sauce and add 1 teaspoon chopped fresh basil), optional

1. Scramble eggs with salt and pepper.
2. Layer Cheddar cheese, tomato, spinach, bacon, eggs and provolone cheese on 2 slices of bread. Top with remaining bread.
3. Cook 3 minutes on panini grill or in a grill pan. Serve with tomato basil sauce on the side, if desired. Serves 2.

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### French Toast Sandwich

*You'll need a fork to eat this rich and decadent take on an old favorite.*

- 4 ounces mascarpone cheese, softened
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons chopped walnuts
- 1 teaspoon butter
- 1 large apple, diced with skin on
- 1 egg
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup 2% reduced-fat milk
- 8 slices cinnamon raisin bread

1. Combine mascarpone, cinnamon, nutmeg, maple syrup and walnuts; mix well. Melt butter in a small nonstick skillet. Add apples and cook until tender. Remove apples.

2. Whisk together egg and milk. Dip bread in egg mixture; cook bread on both sides in nonstick skillet until golden brown.

3. Spread 1 tablespoon mascarpone mixture on one side of each of 4 slices of bread; top with cooked apple and remaining bread slices.

4. Cook until apple filling is thoroughly heated. Serve with maple syrup. Serves 4.

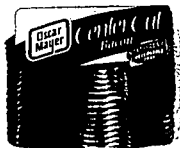
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# Sara Foster's Easter Dinner

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## Easter Menu

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Aunt June's Lemon Ice Box Pie\*  
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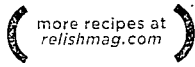


Cookbook author and restaurateur Sara Foster likes taking advantage of North Carolina's mild weather, moving casual gatherings outdoors earlier in the year than other climates allow. The owner of Foster's Markets, a pair of upscale food emporiums in Durham and Chapel Hill, N.C., Foster finds an al fresco Easter dinner the perfect way to celebrate spring.

Giving full outdoor treatment to her Easter menu, she grills rather than roasts the traditional leg of lamb and makes a theme of the season's new mint in a fresh pea soup and in a spicy mint pepper jelly for the lamb.

With a simple seasonal vegetable such as lemon-roasted asparagus on the side and a make-ahead lemon pie to finish, Foster supplements this easy-on-the-cook menu with one of the classic Easter specialties from Foster's Market, such as hot cross buns, deviled eggs or roasted new potato salad. †

By Damon Lee Fowler, a food writer in Savannah, Ga.



**Sweet Pea Soup with Mint Pesto**  
if you use frozen peas, buy the petite variety; they're sweeter than larger peas.

**Pesto:**

- 1 cup fresh mint leaves, loosely packed
- 1 cup flat-leaf parsley leaves, loosely packed
- 4 garlic cloves
- ½ cup extra virgin olive oil
- ¼ cup blanched slivered almonds
- 1 cup grated Asiago or Parmesan cheese.
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

**Soup:**

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 1½ pounds Yukon Gold potatoes (3 to 4 medium), peeled and chopped

- 3 celery stalks, chopped
- 5 cups lower-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 cups shelled fresh or frozen green peas
- 1 head butterhead (Bibb) lettuce (about 4 cups, loosely packed)
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
- 2 teaspoons sea salt
- 1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

1. To prepare pesto, place mint, parsley and garlic in a food processor. Pulse to roughly chop. With motor running, pour in olive oil. Scrape down sides of bowl. Add almonds, cheese, salt and pepper. Purée until smooth, about 1 minute. Use immediately or refrigerate in an airtight container up to 1 week.
2. To prepare soup, melt butter and olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion; reduce heat, and cook, stirring often, until soft and translucent, about 10 minutes.

3. Add potatoes and celery; cook 5 minutes.
  3. Add broth and peas and bring to a low boil over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer until potatoes are tender, about 15 minutes. Add lettuce and simmer until tender, about 2 minutes. Stir in mint, salt and pepper. Remove from heat. Cool slightly.
  4. Working in batches, pour soup into a food processor or blender and purée until smooth. Taste and season with additional salt and pepper if desired. Serve warm or chilled with a teaspoon of Mint Pesto spooned onto each serving. (You'll have pesto left over). The soup will keep, refrigerated in an airtight container, up to 3 days. Serves 6 to 8.
- Per serving: 260 calories, 12g fat, 15mg chol., 8g prot., 29g carbs., 5g fiber, 1380mg-sodium.*
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## Grilled Butterflied Leg of Lamb with Mint Pepper Jelly

*Begin marinating the lamb up to two days in advance.*

### Mint Pepper Jelly

- 1 cup pepper jelly
- ¼ cup chopped fresh mint
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

### Lamb

- 1 (4½- to 5-pound) butterflied leg of lamb
- 8 garlic cloves, cut in half, smashed lightly with a knife blade
- ¼ cup fresh rosemary or 1 heaping tablespoon dried rosemary
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ cup dry red wine or Marsala
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper
- Safflower oil or canola oil for oiling the grill

1. To make jelly, combine all ingredients; whisk until well blended. Refrigerate in an airtight container until ready to use, up to 1 week.

2. To prepare lamb, make about 8 small incisions on the fatty side of lamb and insert a garlic half and some rosemary into each slit. Rub lamb on both sides with olive oil, wine, remaining garlic and rosemary, mint, salt and pepper. Cover and refrigerate overnight or let stand 1 hour.

3. Brush grill rack lightly with oil. Preheat grill. Remove lamb from marinade. When fire is medium-hot, place lamb on rack and cook 15 to 20 minutes per side, until temperature reaches 130F to 135F for medium rare or 140F to 145F for medium. Baste frequently with remaining marinade.

4. Remove lamb from grill and let rest, lightly covered, 10 minutes before slicing. Carve into ¼-inch thick slices and serve with 1 tablespoon Mint Pepper Jelly per serving (You'll have some jelly left over). Serves 6 to 8.

*Per serving: 335 calories, 16g fat, 155mg chol., 50g prot., 6g carbs, 0g fiber, 395mg sodium.*

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# Going without the Grain

With wheat allergies and allergies in general on the rise, more gluten-free versions of familiar foods are now available. Yummy gluten-free pastries, pizza and sausage can be found not only in the "special diet section" of the supermarket but also in many restaurants and bakeries.

"People with allergies often feel deprived if they can't eat what is offered in restaurants and at parties," says Mariah Justice, owner of Wild Wood Art Cafe in Austin, Texas. "We make gluten-free foods that are so good almost everyone likes them better than ordinary wheat-filled items. Many of our customers don't even know we're a gluten-free restaurant."

Justice created a cupcake for people like herself who can't tolerate gluten, a protein found in

wheat, rye and barley. Her version uses rice flour and, as a bonus, nonhydrogenated safflower oil, which contains no trans fat. It's also dairy-free.

At Soul Dog Restaurant and Bakery in Patchoukepsie, N.Y., owners Jenny and Adam Teague turned their frustration as parents of children with multiple allergies into inspiration for gluten-free treats. They offer favorites like gluten-free hot dogs (with 25 possible toppings), pizza and macaroni and cheese. Tasty bakery items for people with food allergies—and everyone else—include chocolate chip cookies, brownies and coffeecakes. The Teagues bake bread with a chickpea-based flour and enjoy creating custom birthday cakes.

"No one cares that all our food is gluten-free. It's so good customers can't tell the difference," says Adam Teague.

Gluten-free products—from soups to desserts—are available on the Internet and in specialty grocery stores, but Justice cautions consumers to read labels carefully. Gluten is an ingredient in many products, including Worcestershire and soy sauces.

Alternative food options—the main means of controlling lifelong food allergy conditions—are steadily increasing. And the healthful reinventions are good enough for everyone to enjoy. |

By Beverly Burneier, a food writer in Austin, Texas.

## Soul Dog Gluten-Free Chocolate Chip Cookies

These are some of the best chocolate chip cookies we've ever had. No one will know (or care) they're gluten-free.

- 1 cup canola oil
- ¾ cup sugar
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2½ cups Gluten-Free Baking Mix (see page 34)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups chocolate chips

1. Preheat oven to 350F. Grease a baking sheet.
  2. Combine oil and sugar in a large bowl, and beat with a mixer on medium-high speed. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing until creamy. Add vanilla.
  3. Reduce speed to low and gradually add baking mix, baking soda and salt. Stir in chocolate chips.
  4. Drop by level tablespoons or small ice cream scoop 2 inches apart onto baking sheet. Flatten slightly.
  5. Bake 10 to 12 minutes. Remove cookies from pan; cool on wire racks. Makes about 2 dozen.
- Per cookie: 250 calories, 15g fat, 20mg chol., 3g prot., 25g carbs., 2g fiber, 250mg sodium.

## What Is Gluten?

Gluten is a mixture of proteins found in wheat, rye and barley flours. It's the gluten that gives bread its elasticity and cakes their spring. For 3 million people in the United States, gluten causes problems. Their immune systems respond to gluten by damaging the fingertike villi of the small intestine, where food is absorbed. When the villi are damaged, the body is unable to absorb nutrients into the bloodstream, which can lead to malnourishment, autoimmune diseases, osteoporosis, thyroid disease and cancer. If you're avoiding gluten products, try these alternatives: corn, millet, buckwheat, rice, quinoa or amaranth. Bob's Red Mill, whose products are widely available, makes gluten-free flours, such as the ones we've used here.

## Buttermilk Pancakes

These pancakes are not fluffy, but rather like thick crepes. You can find tapioca flour at most supermarkets next to the flours.

- ¾ cup buttermilk
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- ½ cup tapioca flour
- ½ cup cornmeal
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt

1. Whisk together buttermilk, egg and oil in a medium bowl until smooth. Sift together tapioca flour, cornmeal, baking powder and salt in a small bowl; stir into buttermilk mixture just until ingredients are moistened (mixture will be slightly lumpy).
2. Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Working in batches, drop ¼ cup batter per pancake into skillet and cook until light golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Serve with maple syrup and bananas or confectioners' sugar; or spread with strawberry cream cheese and roll up. Serves 4.

Per (2-pancake) serving: 150 calories, 5g fat, 55mg chol., 4g prot., 21g carbs., 1g fiber, 280mg sodium. Recipe reprinted with permission from Donna Klein's *The Gluten-Free Vegetarian Kitchen* (Penguin, 2007).





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## Pho (Beef Noodle Soup)

The hot broth ladled over the noodles and raw beef cooks the beef, which is why it's important to cut it as thinly as possible. Eat the noodles and beef with chopsticks, and savor the broth with a spoon.

## Broth:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 medium yellow onions, quartered lengthwise
- 1 (3-inch) piece of ginger, peeled and cut in half lengthwise
- 3 quarts lower-sodium chicken broth
- 1 to 1½ pounds boneless beef chuck, sliced crosswise into 1-inch strips
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 3 whole cloves
- 3 whole star anise

## Noodles and Beef:

- 1 pound dried rice stick noodles, ¼-inch wide, usually labeled *banh pho*
- ¼ cup fish sauce
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ pound boneless beef rib-eye, strip or flank steak, slightly frozen, sliced paper-thin across the grain and cut in bite-size pieces
- 1 medium yellow onion, peeled and thinly sliced
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1 pound mung bean sprouts, tails trimmed, rinsed
- ½ bunch fresh cilantro
- ½ bunch fresh basil
- 2 limes, cut into wedges

1. To prepare broth, heat oil in a large stockpot. Add onions and ginger; sauté until brown. Add chicken broth, beef chuck, cinnamon, cloves and star anise. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat; reduce heat and simmer 1 hour.
2. To prepare noodles, soak noodles in warm water until pliable, 20 to 25 minutes. Drain well.
3. After broth has simmered 1 hour, remove from heat. Remove cooked beef, and save for another use. Strain broth into another large stockpot, discarding onions, ginger and whole spices. Stir in fish sauce, sugar and salt. Just before serving, bring back to a full boil.

4. Arrange yellow onion, green onion, bean sprouts, cilantro, basil and lime wedges on a small platter.
5. To cook noodles, bring a large pot of water to a full boil. Place noodles, one or two servings at a time, into a sieve and lower into boiling water. Cook 20 to 30 seconds. Drain well and transfer to large individual bowls. Repeat until all noodles are done.
6. Top each bowl of noodles with a few slices of steak. Ladle in 2 cups of hot broth. The heat should cook the meat instantly. Garnish with yellow onion, green onion, bean sprouts, cilantro, basil and lime wedges. Serves 6.

*\*Per serving: 470 calories, 3.5g fat, 15mg chol., 22g prot., 82g carbs., 3g fiber, 1850mg sodium.*

# Bowl of Pho

For comfort and simplicity, few foods beat the Vietnamese beef noodle soup known as pho. Served in deep, oversized bowls, pho consists of long strands of rice noodles, a smattering of fresh herbs and thin slices of meat cooked quickly in hot broth.

According to Chef Mai Pham, author of *Pleasures of the Vietnamese Table*, pho originated in Hanoi after the French occupation of Vietnam in the late-1800s. Historians note its similarities to pot-au-feu, a French classic with meat and vegetables cooked in water or consommé. Some believe the word *pho* (pronounced "fu") comes from *feu*, the French word for "fire."

Others point to the influence of the Chinese, neighbors to the north, who favored ingredients such as rice noodles, ginger and star anise.

In time, of course, the Vietnamese embraced pho as their own. They added splashes of fish sauce to the simmering broth, and some cooks incorporated mung bean sprouts and aromatic basil. They also offered garnishes and condiments. This is the pho Vietnamese immigrants introduced to Americans in the 1980s and '90s.

The recipe includes a lot of ingredients, but it can be made in stages. While the broth bubbles gently on the stove, work on other elements. An hour or so later, top servings of cooked noodles with slices of beef, and ladle on generous amounts of steamy broth. With chopsticks in one hand and soup spoons in the other, slurp away. |

By Christina Eng, a food writer in Oakland, Calif.



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## Chileques Verde

Mexican home cooking at its best (and a great way to use up stale corn tortillas), this combination of tortillas, salsa, vegetables and cheese is a terrific potluck dish. Try it with a side of black beans.

### Cooking spray

- 2 cups prepared salsa, divided
- 8 to 10 (6-inch) stale corn tortillas, torn in quarters
- 1 (8-ounce) package Neufchatel cheese
- 2 eggs
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 8 ounces extra-firm, water-packed tofu, crumbled to 2 cups lightly steamed fresh vegetables (zucchini sliced in ¼-inch rounds; string beans sliced in ½-inch lengths; chopped, cooked Swiss chard)
- 1 cup fresh or frozen corn kernels
- 1 (10-ounce) can green chile sauce
- 4 ounces shredded sharp Cheddar or Monterey jack cheese

1. Preheat oven to 350F.
2. Spray a 15-by-10-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Spread about ¼ cup salsa over the bottom of dish. Scatter one-third of the tortillas on top.
3. Place ½ cup salsa, Neufchatel, eggs and cornstarch in food processor. Process until smooth. Stir in crumbled tofu.
4. Spoon half the Neufchatel mixture over tortillas. Scatter vegetables and corn on top. Drizzle with remaining ¼ cup salsa, and top with half the remaining tortillas. Cover with remaining Neufchatel mixture. Top with remaining tortillas. Spoon green chile sauce over top.
5. Bake, covered, 40 minutes. Remove cover; sprinkle with shredded cheese. Increase heat to 375F; bake 10 to 12 minutes, until cheese is melted and slightly browned. Serves 8.

Per serving: 322 calories, 15g fat, 90mg chol., 16g prot., 32g carbs., 3g fiber, 660mg sodium.



## Going Vegetarian?

With the flavorful melting pot cuisine that abounds today, eating vegetarian is not a hardship. Here's the lexicon of vegetarian eating styles:

**Vegan:** The purist of vegetarians, vegans do not eat meat of any kind, nor eggs, dairy products, fish or processed foods containing these or other animal-derived ingredients such as gelatin or Worcestershire sauce. There is even debate as to whether certain foods, such as honey, fit into a vegan diet.

**Ovo-lacto vegetarian:** People who do not eat beef, pork, poultry, fish, shellfish or animal flesh of any kind, but do eat eggs and dairy products. (Ovo comes from the Latin word for "egg"; lacto, from the Latin word for "milk.")

**Flexitarian/Semi-vegetarian:** You don't have to be vegetarian to love vegetarian food. "Flexitarian" is a term recently coined to describe those who eat a mostly vegetarian diet but occasionally eat meat.



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## Lemon-Roasted Asparagus

- ¼ cup olive oil
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 2 pounds asparagus, trimmed
- ½ head napa cabbage, cored and cut into 4 strips
- ¼ cup reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- Juice of 1 orange
- 2 tablespoons dry sherry or vermouth
- 1 tablespoon peeled, minced fresh ginger
- 2 oranges, peeled and sectioned
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onions

1. Preheat oven to 400F.
2. Combine oil and lemon juice in a bowl. Add asparagus and cabbage; toss to coat. Spread evenly in a baking pan. Roast about 10 minutes, turning once, until crisp-tender.
3. Combine soy sauce, brown sugar, vinegar, orange juice, sherry and ginger in a bowl; stir well. Add orange sections.

4. Arrange asparagus and cabbage on a platter and top with orange mixture. Garnish with green onions. Serves 6.

Per serving: 190 calories, 9g fat, 0mg chol., 5g prot., 22g carbs., 5g fiber, 360mg sodium.

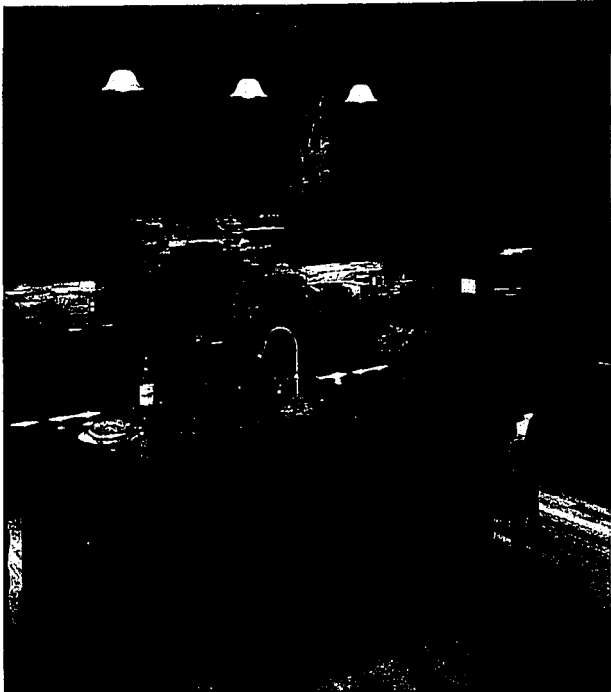
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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with this fabulous cake. It will delight chocolate lovers of all nationalities. *—Crescent Dragonwagon*

# Cake from the Emerald Isle

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## Guinness Stout Chocolate Layer Cake

*Kells, the legendary Irish pub in Portland Ore., serves a single-layer version of this cake with whipped cream. Be sure to use Guinness or a similar strong beer as light beer won't impart the same flavor.*

- Drizzling Syrup:**  
 ½ cup Guinness Stout  
 ½ cup dark brown sugar  
 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder  
 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Cake:**  
 ¾ cup Guinness Stout (measured after foam has subsided)  
 ¾ cup currants  
 ½ cup, plus 2 tablespoons, unsweetened cocoa powder  
 2 ounces semisweet chocolate, cut into small pieces  
 ¾ cup buttermilk  
 1¾ cups, plus 2 tablespoons, sugar

- 2 cups, plus 2 tablespoons, all-purpose flour  
 Cooking spray  
 ¾ cup butter, softened  
 4 eggs  
 1½ teaspoons vanilla  
 1½ teaspoons baking soda  
 ½ teaspoon baking powder  
 ¼ teaspoon salt  
 ¼ cup red currant jelly, warmed  
 Bittersweet Icing (see recipe)  
 1 cup chopped walnuts
1. To prepare syrup, combine all ingredients in a small, heavy saucepan, whisking until smooth. Heat over medium heat, until sugar dissolves and syrup is smooth.

2. To prepare cake, pour stout over currants; cover and soak until plump.  
 3. Drain currants, reserving stout. Add stout to a small saucepan. Whisk in ½ cup cocoa and bring to a simmer. Remove from heat; add semisweet chocolate, stirring until chocolate melts. Cool slightly. Stir in buttermilk.  
 4. Preheat oven to 350F.  
 5. Combine 2 tablespoons cocoa, 2 tablespoons sugar and 2 tablespoons flour. Coat two 8- or 9-inch square or round cake pans with cooking spray; dust with cocoa mixture.  
 6. Beat butter with a mixer at medium speed until smooth. Gradually beat in 1¼ cups sugar until well blended. Beat in eggs one at a time. Beat in vanilla.  
 7. Combine 2 cups flour with baking soda, baking powder and salt. Add flour mixture to butter

- mixture alternately with chocolate mixture, stirring until blended. (Batter may look curdled.) Stir in currants.  
 8. Divide batter between pans. Bake 25 to 30 minutes, until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in pans on a wire rack 10 minutes; invert onto rack.  
 9. Poke tops of cake layers with a skewer or toothpick. Spoon Drizzling Syrup over tops. Place one layer on a platter. Spread warmed jelly over layer on the platter. Chill 30 minutes. Cover Bittersweet Icing. Place second layer on top.  
 10. Ice top and sides of the cake with the remaining icing. Press nuts into sides of cake. Serves 16.

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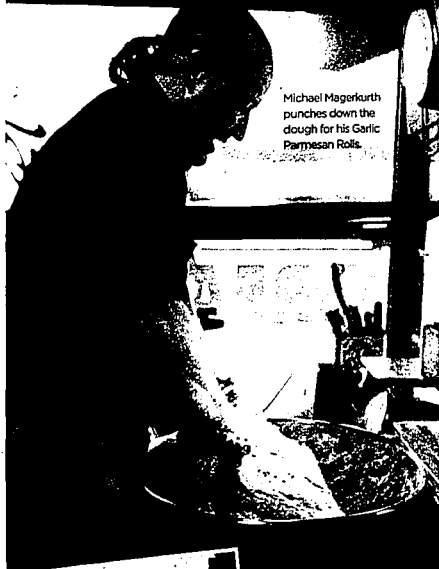
## Bittersweet Icing

Boil the cream and melt the chocolate a day ahead to allow plenty of time for the mixture to chill. Once the cake is iced, keep it cool.

- 1½ cups heavy cream
- 6 ounces bittersweet chocolate, finely chopped
- 4½ tablespoons confectioners' sugar
- 4½ tablespoons cocoa
- 1½ teaspoon vanilla
- ¼ teaspoon salt

1. Bring cream to a boil. Place chocolate in a heatproof bowl, pour boiling cream over it, and whisk until chocolate melts and is thoroughly combined. Cover tightly and chill. Chill beaters from a hand-held mixture at the same time.

2. Up to 3 hours before serving the cake, whip chocolate mixture with a hand-held mixer. When soft peaks form, sift in confectioners' sugar and cocoa and add vanilla and salt. Continue whipping until combined.



Michael Magerkurth punches down the dough for his Garlic Parmesan Rolls.

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## Geppetto's Garlic Parmesan Rolls

The peeled garlic found in a jar is a huge time-saver in this recipe.

Rolls:	Topping:
1½ tablespoons active dry yeast	½ cup pure olive oil
1 tablespoon sugar	2½ cups shredded
2 cups warm water	Parmesan cheese
(105F to 115F)	½ cup diced garlic
3 cups bread flour, divided	½ teaspoon oregano
1 tablespoon salt	
3 cups all-purpose flour	

1. Sprinkle yeast and sugar over water in a large bowl. Stir until combined. Let the stand until foamy, about 10 minutes.
2. Add 2 cups bread flour and salt. Whisk vigorously until smooth, about 3 minutes. Stir in remaining bread and all-purpose flours, ½ cup at a time, using a wooden spoon. The dough will form a shaggy mass and clear sides of bowl.
3. Turn dough onto a floured surface and knead about 5 minutes, adding more flour, 1 tablespoon at a time, as necessary, until dough is soft, silky and resilient. It should not be sticky.
4. Place in a greased bowl and turn once to grease top. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise until

- tripled in bulk, 1½ to 2 hours. (At this point, dough can be punched down and placed in the refrigerator to rise again overnight.)
5. Portion dough into 2-ounce rolls (about the size of a golf ball) and place on lightly greased rimmed baking sheet. (You can also shape the dough into three 16-ounce loaves if desired.) Loosely cover with plastic wrap and let rise until doubled, 30 to 40 minutes.
  6. Preheat oven to 400F.
  7. To prepare topping, combine olive oil, Parmesan cheese, garlic and oregano in a bowl until blended. Remove plastic wrap from rolls. Spoon topping over each roll.
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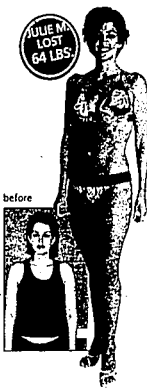
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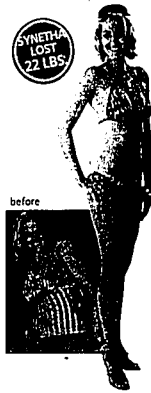
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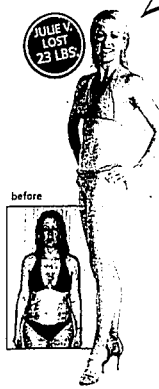
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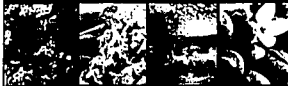
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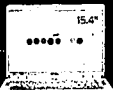
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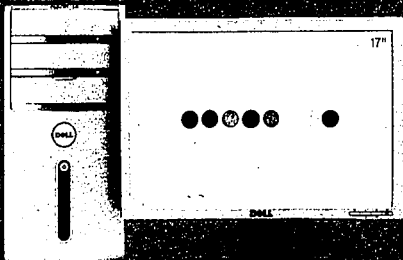


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