

Hostess recalls snacks due to possible asbestos contamination

SCHILLER PARK, Ill. (AP) — HoHo's, Twinkies and more than a dozen other types of snacks were recalled in 21 states because a bakery might have been contaminated by asbestos.

Interstate Brands Corp. said Tuesday it recalled the snacks and closed its plant in this Chicago suburb because of a potential threat from asbestos fibers in insulation removed from a boiler Jan. 11.

State inspectors had planned to close the plant Monday night when it was shut down voluntarily.

"We are taking this extremely seriously and want to make sure that the public knows about it, and it is taken from the shelf immediately," said Tom Schafer, a spokesperson for the state health department.

The recall includes 13 Hostess products and Dolly Madison cupcakes, almost all of which have expiration dates ranging from Jan. 22 through Feb. 6. The HoHo's under recall have expiration dates ranging from Jan. 29 to Feb. 13. The products can be returned to the place they were purchased for a refund.

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Dr. Tsutsui received her Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Rochester in 1954 and her A.B. in Chemistry/Biology at Kenka College in 1948.

A memorial service for Dr. Tsutsui is tentatively planned for 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 30 at the Clayton Williams Alumnae Center at A&M.

Dr. Tsutsui has requested that her bones be cremated, and according to custom, some of the ashes will be buried with her mother in Geneva, New York; some with her husband in Nagoya, Japan, and some left with her children.

Her son and daughter-in-law, Bill Tsutsui and Majorie Swann, have requested that donations be made to the Dr. Ethel Tsutsui Scholarship Fund for Undergraduate Women in Biochemistry.

CLINTON

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House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., followed Clinton's lead. "Let's get the surplus, let's see it, let's touch it for a few moments before we spend it, if it's there. But let us first deal with Social Security."

Amid fresh tensions with Saddam Hussein, Clinton issued a veiled threat of force against Iraq: "You cannot defy the will of the world. ... You have used weapons of mass destruction before. We are determined to deny you the capacity to use them again."

In a subtle reference to Clinton's personal troubles, Lott said the Congress would back the president against Iraq "despite any current controversy."

In his annual report to the nation, Clinton said America is enjoying good times enhanced by the lowest unemployment and inflation in decades. He urged Congress to raise the minimum wage — now \$5.15 an hour — but did not specify how much. "We can afford to take one simple, sensible step to help millions of workers struggling to provide for their families."

Social Security faces bankruptcy next century under a tidal wave of payoffs for the baby boom generation. On this politically charged issue, Clinton challenged Congress to join in a bipartisan search for a fix. With the prospect of the first balanced budget in 30 years, Clinton said the question is what should be done with the projected surpluses.

"I have a simple four-word answer: save So-

cial Security first," the president said. "Tonight I propose that we reserve 100 percent of the surplus — that's every penny of any surplus — until we have taken all the necessary measures to strengthen the Social Security system for the 21st century."

That proposal sets up a confrontation between the Republican-led Congress and the politically weakened president. Gene Sperling, a senior economic adviser to Clinton, said the surpluses should be "protected from being spent or tax cut away" until a Social Security fix is in sight.

To promote a Social Security solution, the administration will arrange three or four regional conferences to discuss the problems. Clinton will host a White House conference in December. He said he would convene the leaders of Congress next January to craft a bipartisan agreement.

The strategy would allow Clinton to spend the year talking about saving Social Security while delaying decisions until after the midterm elections.

Clinton also challenged Congress to pass national tobacco legislation, but its fate is uncertain. He urged raising the price of cigarettes by \$1.50 a pack to deter teen smoking, and said tobacco companies should be slapped with penalties "if they continue marketing to kids."

Clinton urged \$21.7 billion for a childcare initiative, doubling to 2 million the number of kids eligible for childcare subsidies. "Not a single family should have to choose between a job they need and the child they love," he said.

CRIME

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Both the Bryan and College Station departments offer Citizens on Patrol courses to members of the community about the dangers of crime prevention.

Simpson, who directs the Citizens on Patrol said that the program began 11 years ago.

"We realized a long time ago that we can't do it ourselves," Simpson said. "Most importantly, on Patrol opens the doors for a two-way communication between the community and the police department. In the 36-hour class that began on Jan. 22, parents and elderly members of the community instruction on what occurs on a daily basis in the department, Simpson said.

"Citizens on Patrol is a positive program," Simpson said. "It allows us to explain why we do some of the things that we do. (Participants) learn about the functions of patrol, respondents of domestic violence and the procedures followed during a building search. Participating in a situation can be."

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