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# Bush orders missile defense

## President wants early system by 2004; some analysts question whether it will ever work

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - President Bush on Tuesday ordered the U.S. military to begin fielding ship- and land-based interceptors and radars designed to defend the country against a handful of ballistic missiles.

The Pentagon would deploy the system from 2004 to 2005. It would be a scaled-down version of former President Reagan's "star wars" anti-missile shield, and the first anti-missile system built to defend U.S. territory since a

North Dakota-based system was deemed impractical and closed after several months in 1976.

Bush said he ordered the deployment as part of a commitment he made when he took office to improve the country's defenses against new threats, including long-range missile programs pursued by Iran, Iraq and North Korea.

Tensions have escalated with North Korea since it admitted having a secret nuclear weapons program. But the White House said the timing of the announce-

ment was not intended to pressure Pyongyang to abandon the program.

Serious technological problems and delays have dogged the testing and development of missile defenses, however, and numerous scientists and other experts doubt they will ever work. In addition, many intelligence and military officials think attacks by cruise missiles or crude terrorist weapons are much more likely than the ballistic missile attacks the new system is intended to defeat.

Just last Wednesday, a prototype interceptor missile failed to destroy a target warhead high over the Pacific Ocean in a test. It was the third failure in eight attempts.

George Lewis, associate director of the Security Studies Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, called the deployment premature.

He said missile-defense tests essentially were rigged to boost the odds of success, and that they didn't replicate the huge stresses and uncertainties of real warfare.



# GAINING A 'WINDFALL'

## Jerome County man plans to generate more power than he uses

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - One Jerome-area man thinks he's figured out how he won't have to pay any power bills by the time he retires.

Dennis Myers installed a 20-kilowatt, 80-foot-tall wind tower at his place northeast of Jerome. The \$21,000 machine with a 29-foot blade span begins to turn when the wind blows 8 mph.

With the amount of power the turbine is generating - enough that he hasn't had to pay any money to Idaho Power since he installed the device three months ago - Myers, 42, estimates that in 20 years he will have the machine paid off.

Not only has Myers not had to pay Idaho Power for electricity, but he received a \$4 credit on his October statement.

He is one of nine Idaho Power Co. customers who are taking advantage of the new "net-metering" system, which started Sept. 1. The system, regulated by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, allows payments to be made to customers when they generate more electricity than they consume.

Myers said that between the money he saves by not paying an electric bill - and the money he receives for producing excess energy - he expects to have \$125 to \$150 per month to repay a loan he obtained to pay for the turbine.

Idaho Power's Randy Alphin said that since Myers hooked up to the net-metering system, at least four or five more customers have done so.

"They just keep coming," he said.

Rick Sterling of the Public Utilities Commission said there are already well over 100 small energy projects in the state, which existed before net metering was developed. However, "They didn't have any way to interconnect it to us" until net metering was approved,

Alphin said.

While the new program makes power generation attractive for homeowners and others, in the long run it might not look as good, he said.

"If thousands of these went up, it could have the potential to push rates up," he said. The net metering tariff has a 2.5-megawatt cap which, when reached, will be reviewed by the Public Utilities Commission. But it will take a long time before that cap is reached.

*'The first thing they need to do is get ahold of Idaho Power. It's not feasible for everybody to do it.'*

- Dennis Myers, advice to anyone interested in power generation

"That's a lot of units," Alphin said.

The full retail price that is paid to people generating power under net metering is a little of a subsidy because those customers don't have to pay for factors such as cost of energy, cost of facilities and cost of delivery, he said. And those customers don't have to pay a usage fee.

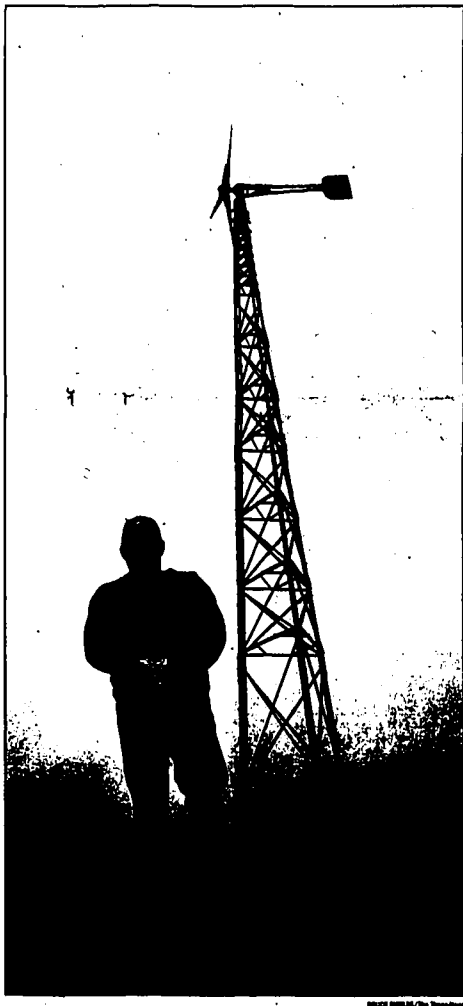
"I get paid 6.8 cents per kilowatt," Myers said.

"It's a bit of a windfall," Alphin said, no pun intended.

While this windfall is being paid out, customers who generate power have the expense of the turbines and maintenance. And they have a few other risks.

While Myers had heard that the wind blows all the time in Idaho, since he hooked his turbine up two months ago, the wind has blown little, he said.

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Dennis Myers of Jerome County was one of the first Idaho Power Co. customers in the state to put a wind turbine under the new "net-metering" system. When he generates more power than he uses, the utility pays him for the excess energy.

# Judge: Permit may proceed

## Cheese plant wants wastewater facility

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

GOODING - A judge ruled Tuesday that the state may continue processing the Magic Valley's biggest cheese producer's wastewater disposal permit while permitting procedures are challenged in court.

Retired 7th District Judge Ted Wood from Bonneville County heard legal arguments at the Gooding County Court.

House Resident 5th District Judge Barry Wood, acting on his own behalf, and Gooding contractor Ben Gness are challenging Idaho Department of Environmental Quality rules they say shut out the public.

"At this point it's not clear that one party or the other will prevail," Judge Ted Wood said following Tuesday's arguments.

Barry Wood and Ben Gness live next to farmland Glanbia Foods Inc. wants for expanded

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# Odor guru lays out schedule

By Julie Pease  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It was a skeptical - and weary - crowd that odor expert Ron Sheffield faced Tuesday when he explained how he plans to come up with a workable odor standard for the state.

The faces were familiar, as all of the 25 or so in attendance at a special meeting with Sheffield at the College of Southern Idaho attend most daily regulation meetings. Most were from the Filer area of Cedar Draw. The

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# WAITING FOR FRODO

## Tolkien-maniacs hail 'Lord of the Rings' sequel

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

JEROME - Not many people are so devoted to a book that they learn to speak the imaginary language it contains.

But then, not many people are Denny Gilmarin.

"I love these stories," said Denny, a 15-year-old home-schooled fan of J.R.R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. "And I loved the first movie. But I think my favorite story is 'The Two

### Debut day

"Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" opens today at the Twin Falls Public Library. The book is available in the library's collection and the movie is available on DVD.

"The Two Towers," the middle book of Tolkien's fantasy, reaches the big screen today, and Denny can't wait.

Of course, he already knows the story forward, backward and pretty much sideways. If you doubt that, Denny can describe it to you in Elvish, the language of one of the many neighborhoods of Tolkien's fictional Middle-earth.

"They left a few things out of 'Fellowship of the Ring,' the first movie released last year," Denny said. "I was a little disappointed about that. But I've heard good things about the second movie."

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Denny Gilmarin, 15, shows his entire collection of J.R.R. Tolkien books.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today, Cool with scattered clouds. Highs near 37. Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy and dry. Lows near 18. Tomorrow: Breezy with patchy sunshine. Highs near 34.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Misty, cloudy and cool. A few snowflakes may form. Highs in the lower to middle 30s. Tonight: Remotely partly cloudy with little to no threat of precipitation. Lows in the upper teens. Tomorrow: Mostly dry and cool. Expect a blend of clouds and sun. Highs in the lower to middle 30s.

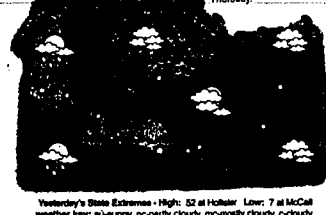
IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cold with clouds and a chance of light snow forming today. Thursday with remain of light snow. Most precipitation activity will end under clearing skies.

Today Highs 17 to 27. Tonight's Lows 8 to 18. BOISE Morning fog, then partly cloudy and cool. Sparse freezing rain or snow showers are possible. Thursday will be mostly dry, chilly and partially sunny.

NORTHERN UTAH

Cloudy with a chance of snow forming through tonight. Becoming partly cloudy and mostly dry on Thursday.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 52 at Hatcher, Low: 7 at McCall. Weather: Heavy snow, abnormally cloudy, milder, cloudy, cloudy, thunderstorms, abnormally, rain, snow, blizzards, w-wind, m-missing.

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Moonrise and Moonset

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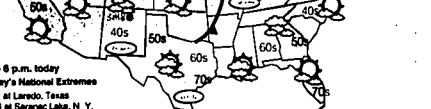
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Rings

Continued from A1. So has Janis Mottern-High, an English teacher at Twin Falls High School who fell in love with Tolkien's stories as a student.

"I was little leery of what Peter Jackson the director of 'The Fellowship of the Ring' movie would do with them, but he did a great job," said Mottern-High. "The aptitude to see what he does with 'The Two Towers'."

The Fellowship that was formed to destroy the ring in the volcanic fires of Mount Doom has fractured in battle. The hobbits Merry (Dominic Monaghan) and Pippin (Billy Boyd) were kidnapped, the wizard Gandalf (Ian McKellen) plunged into a canyon while fighting a demon, and the human Boromir (Sean Bean) was slain by enemy soldiers.

Now, the quest begins to turn around two colossal towers, each with a ghoulish army trying to reclaim the ring.

"But 'The Two Towers' was a transitional book, and it was Ringmasters - Mottern-High and Danny Gilman included - are even more keen to see 'The Return of the King,' the third and climactic movie of the trilogy scheduled for release next December.

Meanwhile, Mottern-High is pleased to see Tolkien, up until recently pigeon-holed as a writer of fantasy, get some attention as a serious author and a master storyteller.

"We just finished studying

Public hearing set

As Glanbia Foods Inc. proceeds with its new waste water treatment plant, a public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Gooding County Extension Office, 203 Lucy Lane in Gooding.

Written comment will be accepted through 5 p.m. Dec. 21. Direct questions, requests or written comments to Dave Anderson at the DEQ Twin Falls Regional Office, 601 Pole Line Road, Suite 2, Twin Falls 83421. Reach him by phone at 733-2190 or by e-mail at danderson@deq.state.id.us.

Draft permit requirements. Wastewater used for irrigation must be dewatered from other property and water sources. 300 feet or more from homes. 100 feet or more from public access areas. 50 feet or more from natural rivers and streams. 50 feet or more from man-made surface waters.

Permit

Continued from A1. wastewater disposal capacity. The company would irrigate more than 500 additional acres with untreated cheese and dairy processing wastewater. Glanbia already irrigates about 940 acres near its Gooding plant.

Judge Ted Wood didn't decide whether DEQ's wastewater permitting process holds up under state law. That issue is set for consideration Jan. 28. But he denied Barry Wood's and Gnesa's request for an injunction that would have stopped DEQ from processing Glanbia's permit until the lawsuit is decided.

It would be speculative to determine that Barry Wood and Gnesa would suffer irreparable harm if the permit were to continue to be processed, Judge Ted Wood said. While it is likely DEQ will issue Glanbia a final permit, it is not a certainty, he said.

Craig calls for conference over Lott issue

BOISE (AP) - In an apparent softening of support for Senate leader Trent Lott, Idaho Senator Larry Craig on Tuesday said he favors having a Republican conference next month to consider a replacement.

"While I have publicly and privately accepted Senator Lott's apology and believe it to be sincere, it is appropriate and very important that the Republican Conference meet to deal with the issues surrounding the Majority Leader," Craig said.

Odor

Continued from A1. group has been plagued with strong dairy odors since two large dairies moved into the neighborhood about three years ago. Sheffield, a waste management engineer, came to the University of Idaho extension service in Twin Falls from North Carolina State University in March.

At the request of the Idaho Rural Council, an organization whose leaders say is devoted to sustainable agriculture, Sheffield explained to the Filer group on Tuesday his methodology and timetable for getting in place an agricultural odor standard for irrigation.

"We're not looking at milking this out over time," Sheffield said, explaining to them that within nine to 12 months he hopes to have standards he can recommend to the Legislature's odor committee.

By January he hopes to have trained sniffers in the field taking samples at places he is "94 percent sure" will sink on any given day. By March he hopes to have determined which of three mechanical odor measurement devices will be the best for the state to rely on. And by July, he's hoping he'll be in the standard-setting stage.

Times-News telephone directory

Table listing phone numbers for various departments and services.

Pol: Hispanics like economic opportunities U.S. offers. Please see page B5

Power

Continued from A1. "If I use more than I make, I have to pay them," he said. The planning and zoning process was another problem. "By the time you get through public comment zoning, you are ready to pull your hair out," Myers said.

NATION

# U.S. presses for change in inspections

**Knight Ridder News Service**

WASHINGTON - Convinced that Iraq's 12,000-page weapons declaration is false, President Bush has settled on a high-risk strategy designed to unearth a "smoking gun" that proves Saddam Hussein is hiding weapons of mass destruction, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

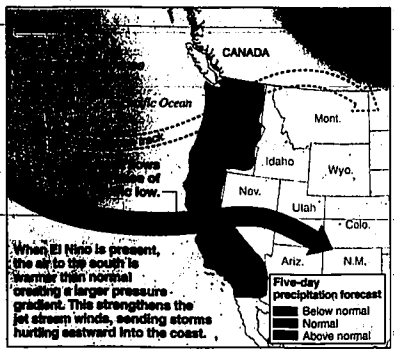
The Bush strategy involves pressing the United Nations for aggressive inspections of a handful of sites where U.S. intelligence agencies suspect Iraq is hiding evidence of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. The inspectors would be armed with the latest U.S. intelligence data and, Washington hopes, will be able to interview Iraqi scientists associated with the sites who will be spirited out of that country.

Bush's policy is designed to bring the crisis with Iraq to a relatively quick resolution, avoiding months of haggling over the U.N. weapons inspections.

If the United States determines that Iraq lied in the weapons declaration it handed over on Dec. 7 and is attempting to deceive inspectors, it could push for an invasion to oust Saddam.

But the White House strategy faces several important obstacles. Catching Iraq in a lie, something weapons inspectors were rarely able to do throughout the 1990s, is a "tall order," a State Department official acknowledged.

"The philosophy here... is we're not going to get a long time, and we're not going to get more than one chance," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "We can't hand Saddam a victory by crying wolf," he added.



# Storms hitting West Coast kill at least nine

**BEN LOMOND, Calif. (AP)** - Pacific Coast residents waited Tuesday for the next big front in a series of deadly storms, as authorities warned of possible mudslides, floods and avalanches and scientists predicted a winter of El Niño-related deluges.

After five days of heavy rain, people took advantage of a brief lull Tuesday to clean up from the last storm and prepare for the next one. Forecasters said heavy rains could return to California Thursday.

"We're trying to scramble and get as much accomplished as possible before the next storm hits," said Deputy Kim Allyn, a spokesman for the Santa Cruz County sheriff's department, which was assembling its emergency response team. "It's time for people to go buy batteries."

Since the storms first slammed the West Coast late last week, at least nine people have died in weather-related accidents and almost two million electricity cus-

tomers have lost power, although most service has been restored.

Rainfall records in San Francisco and Los Angeles fell Monday, but records in the Sierra Nevada measured snowfall by the foot and a lightning strike knocked out a National Weather Service radar station in the Santa Cruz mountains.

No major storm hit Tuesday, but problems continued. Hall fell briefly in downtown San Francisco, the U.S. Forest Service issued an avalanche warning for the Sierra Nevada and high winds forced the cancellation of a rocket launch at Vandenberg Air Force Base on the central California coast.

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### Lott vows to fight despite pressure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Embattled Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott said Tuesday he believes he has the votes to survive a furor over racially insensitive remarks, despite increasingly blunt suggestions from officials close to the White House that he give way.

While some Republicans said they hoped a politically damaging struggle could be resolved before the rank and file meet on Jan. 6, Lott, R-Miss., said he was digging in.

A handful of Lott supporters spoke out in his defense during the day, but there were ample signs of weakness in his position, and officials described a nonstop round of discussions among senators eager for a successor to emerge as the party's leader when the Senate convenes under Republican control in January.

"There is now a substantial question as to whether Senator Lott has the capacity to move" the GOP agenda in the new Congress, said Sen.-elect Jim Talent, R-Mo.

A senior Republican official with close ties to the White House said there was a widespread consensus among GOP rank and file that Lott must go.

### U.N.: Al-Qaida remains popular among many

The Washington Post

UNITED NATIONS — Al-Qaida continues to command an extensive network of well-financed terrorist operatives in 40 countries and has reopened new training camps in remote eastern Afghanistan to prepare a new generation of Islamic extremists for attacks against the West, according to a U.N. report.

"Let's face it, the sympathy for this organization is actually quite widespread in many countries," Michael Chandler, the chief author of the report, told reporters Tuesday.

"New volunteers are making their way to these camps, swelling the numbers of would be al-Qaida activists and the longer Term capabilities of the network," the report by a U.N. committee monitoring sanctions against the international terror movement said.

The 40-page report surveys the status of the international war on terrorism. While it credits the United States and other governments with making important strides in breaking up al-Qaida terrorist cells and freezing its financial assets over the past year, it says that those governments have been unable to prevent the organization and other extremist groups from raising enough funds — through religious charities and informal money-changing operations known as hawalas — to "support major operations" from Bali, Indonesia to Mombasa, Kenya.

### Arrests spark fear of big attack in Europe

Los Angeles Times

PARIS — French police have arrested "suspected" Islamic extremists in possession of suspicious chemicals and a special anti-contamination suit, authorities said Tuesday, worsening fears that al-Qaida is plotting a large-scale terrorist attack in Europe during the holidays.

Anti-terrorist police made the discovery Monday in an apartment and a basement storage room of a gloomy housing project, where they arrested three Algerians and a Moroccan, authorities said.

The raid in the heavily Muslim suburb of La Courneuve was part of an all-out crackdown across France that has produced more than 20 arrests in recent weeks. The three men and a woman captured Monday allegedly have ties to a suspect in an alleged plot in London involving chemical products, according to French Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy.

Police raiders in La Courneuve found two 13-kilo (29-pound) containers, empty, two vials of liquid that is now under analysis, Sarkozy told French legislators Tuesday.

Until technicians at a military laboratory identify the substances it is impossible to know if the materials are lethal.

### Iraqi opposition groups agree to plan for Iraq after Saddam

LONDON (AP) — Iraqi exiles declared they want to build a "new Iraq" and agreed Tuesday on a power-sharing plan that for the first time recognizes the political clout of Shiite Muslims who are a majority in a nation-long controlled by Sunni Muslims such as Saddam Hussein.

The agreement by Iraq's usually fractious opposition groups resulted from a heated London conference aimed at mapping out Iraq's political future if Saddam is ousted, and finding accord among exiles divided along ethnic, political and religious lines.

Aspirations were high. Delegates settled on the size of a

committee that could form the basis of a post-Saddam transitional government, and plan to reconvene Jan. 15 to decide the committee's leadership. Ahmed Chalabi, whose Iraqi National Congress was one of the six main factions at the conference, said that meeting would take place in northern Iraq, their enemy's backyard.

Northern Iraq slipped from the Iraqi president's control after the 1991 Gulf War and now is run — under the protection of U.S. and British war planes — by two Kurdish groups that took part in the meeting that ended Tuesday. Negotiations in London were

so tough that delegates retreated into a closed session to hammer out details after holding a closing news conference complete with ringing declarations in support of reconciliation and tolerance. The conference, which had been scheduled to end Sunday after three days, lasted two days longer as delegates fought over the committee's size and composition.

Hours after their news conference, organizers released a list of the committee's 65 members. Shiites, largely denied political power under Saddam and his predecessors, held nearly half the seats at 32.

### Grenade attack injures two U.S. soldiers

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Attackers ambushed two U.S. soldiers and an Afghan interpreter at a busy corner outside the capital's Blue Mosque on Tuesday, wounding all three with a grenade thrown at their unmarked jeep.

Kabul's police chief said two men were arrested. One said later during questioning witnessed by journalists that he attacked the Americans because "they were laughing at women."

A policeman at the scene, speaking on condition of

anonymity, said he saw a boy throw a grenade at the Americans' jeep. A Russian-made jeep, a second man also tried to throw a grenade but was tackled by a fruit vendor, the officer said.

There have been frequent attacks on U.S. bases in eastern Afghanistan, but attacks on American troops in Kabul are rare.

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### Poll: Americans don't buy Bush's case

Most think more evidence is needed to go to war

LOS ANGELES (AP) — More than two-thirds of Americans believe the Bush administration has failed to make its case that a war against Iraq is justified, according to a poll by the Los Angeles Times published Tuesday.

Ninety percent of respondents said they don't doubt Iraq is developing weapons of mass

destruction. But without new evidence from U.N. inspectors, 72 percent of respondents, including 60 percent of Republicans, said the president has not provided enough evidence to justify starting a war.

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Support for a possible war appears to be weakening, with 58

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## EDITORIAL

### Craig should help end the Lott controversy

As the national feeding frenzy continues over Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott's racially insensitive musings, the focus has switched now to the Republican party. GOP members need to act reasonably, and swiftly, toward a resolution that helps the country and the party.

pared with the South's. Race is at the heart of all Southern politics. And with a history that includes slavery, the Civil War, Reconstruction, Jim Crow laws and the Civil Rights era, it may always be so.

As a Westerner, Craig has some detachment from the issue and can help soothe nerves in the GOP caucus. Ultimately, Craig and other

#### Our view: Idaho Sen. Larry Craig should help broker a deal between Sen. Trent Lott and the Senate GOP that benefits the party and the country.

Lott, R-Miss., has been under steady criticism since making an astoundingly ill-advised comment at Sen. Thurmond's 100th birthday celebration. He praised Thurmond's "Dixiecrat" past, saying America would be better off if Thurmond's segregationist 1948 presidential campaign had succeeded.

#### What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The controversy is a painful development for Senate Republicans. Instead of preparing for their return to a majority, Republican senators are embroiled in a debate over who should lead them.

Craig, finishing his term as the Senate's No. 3 Republican, plays a major role in party politics behind the scenes. He's in a position to help his party - much as he did in 1995, when he helped ease Oregon's libidinous Bob Packwood out of the Senate.

Craig represents a region that has its own racial issues, but they are nothing com-

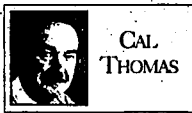
make real progress among black voters, it must pick leaders who effectively and sensitively manage racial issues. Lott's ability to do that has been damaged, and the Democrats will exploit Lott's weakness to regain their lost political momentum.

That doesn't mean Lott should give up his Senate seat. His comments were off-base, but they shouldn't force him out of the Senate. That's something only the voters of Mississippi should decide.

Craig knows Lott well and can be a major influence in this situation. He's in a position to help broker a solution for the good of the party and the country.

### Lott's groveling drops him even lower

For years I have used this opening line on the lecture circuit: "I'm happy to be here from Washington, D.C., where the only politicians with convictions are in prison."



Appearing last Monday night (Dec. 16) on Black Entertainment Television (BET), Lott seemed willing to reverse any previously held position and abandon any "conviction" if it would allow him to remain Majority Leader.

The Martin Luther King holiday? Lott, who opposed it when it was debated nearly 20 years ago said it was too costly to the federal government and there are already too many holidays, now says he would vote for it.

Lott pledged to go on tour with black Democrats, apparently to get his "mind right," to bor-



row a phrase from the film "Cool Hand Luke." "This can only mean that Lott, if he survives the malpractice to his leadership, will have to pay high extortion fees to win the praise of the liberal civil rights establishment. Liberal Democrats see an opportunity to squeeze concessions from Lott to advance their agenda. They will never give him their blessing, but they will give the Republican Party plenty of grief, erode its base and regain control of Congress when Republican voters are turned off, which is Democrats' ultimate goal.

This is why Lott must not continue as Leader. He will be used as a tool to advance the liberal Democrat agenda, not the agenda of President Bush and his fellow Senate Republicans. He will always have to prove himself to others who oppose Republican policies, and this is what makes him damaged goods.

Lott's lightning "conversion" on racial "sensitivity" has been likened by some to Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus. There are several differences. Paul didn't ask to keep his job as the Pharisees' persecutor-in-chief of Christians. He abandoned privilege, power and prestige, counting all of that "garbage" compared to the new life to which he had been called. Paul also separated himself from his former colleagues in order to identify with his new ones.

Lott's sincerity may be genuine, but the weakened position in which he has put himself and his party means he cannot be an effective Republican leader in the Senate. He will be forced to constantly prove that he is a new man and the only proof his liberal opponents will accept is if he votes in favor of their issues. Otherwise, his past remarks and actions will be thrown up in his

face and his honesty questioned. The definition of pandering well describes what Lott is now doing: "to provide gratification for others' desires." In our polluted, focus-group politics, the number of politicians willing to stand on principle and explain their convictions is in decline. This entire episode reveals what some conservatives have long thought about Lott (who is not alone in this) - that when it comes to a choice between principles and the power and perks that go with the job, he is willing to sacrifice the principles. If his fellow Senate Republicans keep him as Leader, they will have sacrificed their own principles, ignored the convictions of those who voted for them and will not deserve their new majority status.

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

### Bush's faith-based initiative is a public sacrilege

President Bush traveled to Philadelphia last week and resurrected his faith-based initiative with the stroke of his pen. From now on, by presidential decree, denominational charities will be able to receive and disburse federal tax money for social welfare programs.

This is a terrible idea, by far the worst of Bush's presidency. To understand why, start by ditching the euphemism, "Faith-based" has nothing to do with faith. You can have faith in the goodness of man or the kindness of strangers or the rebirth of the Knicks, but it isn't qualify you for any cash under the president's program.

On the other hand, you can be a cynical crook and get licensed by the government to give away money - provided you are recognized as a man or woman of God by a church, mosque, synagogue or some more exotic house of worship.

In other words, you have to be in the religion business. And in this country, anybody can be.

That's something the public learned the hard way after Sept. 11, when the feds discovered devout Islamic charities giving money to al-Qaeda. It is now clear that there are mosques all over America where highly respected imams preach a veneration for terrorists and suicide bombers.

Bush, who keeps saying Islam is

ZEV CHAFETS

a religion of peace, would undoubtedly argue that these imams don't represent the true face of their faith. Perhaps they are. All reputable religions are (and always have been and always will be) bedeviled by fanatics, scam artists and self-interested hypocrites.

David Koresh was the head of a Christian congregation. The Haddid wealth-dealers of New Square, Rockland County, N.Y., who defrauded the government out of millions, are pious men. The Archdiocese of Boston turned charitable contributions into hush money. The list of religious charlatans and crackpots is long and depressing.

In countries where religion and state are mixed together, quality control isn't an issue. Proponents of the One True God are rewarded; heretics are banished or consigned to second-class status or put to death. Afghanistan was like that. Saudi Arabia is like that.

But religious quality control is a little more complicated in a secular democracy. Once the government starts handing out subsidies to denominations and clergy, it has only two choices: It can give to everyone, saints and sinners alike, or it can discriminate.

Does Imam X preach that secu-

lar democracy is a tool of Satan? Fine, he can say what he likes, it's a free country - but tax money for a neighborhood soup kitchen goes to Imam Y, whose views conform more closely with the government's idea of good theology.

Does Rabbi A insist that the doctor and patients in his synagogue-run clinic observe the Jewish Sabbath? No problem: give the financing to Rabbi B, whose doctrine permits Saturday appendectomies.

Thus does the government, slowly and inevitably, become the arbiter of what is and is not acceptable religious doctrine and practice. Of course, Washington won't tell anyone what to believe. But there are lots of clergymen who will sit down and figure out for themselves what Caesar wants and render it unto him.

Inevitably, this will go beyond mere matters of belief. Does Reverend C have a problem with the senator or governor or mayor? Is he a critic, a political opponent, a pain in the neck? Well, right across the street is the church of Minister D. He's a few million bucks for a day care center.

I'm not cynical enough to suppose that the president wants to turn men and women of God into an alternative network of welfare service providers that he and his party can control. Bush is better than that. When he talks about his faith-based initiative, as he did the other day in Philadelphia, he gets a beatific smile on his face.

He's picturing the Rev. Bing Crosby or Rabbi Ben Stiller, kindly ecumenical figures full of good works and wry piety, unselfishly handling out aid and comfort to the disadvantaged. Even more, I suspect, he's thinking of himself and the evangelical Christians who helped him turn his life around. Having experienced the power of faith, he wants to unleash it on the country.

This is a laudable impulse that must be stifled immediately. Bush has a good heart, but it is exactly the wrong place for him to seek the correct balance between church and state.

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### Local animal shelter needs attention now

Recently, I had occasion to go to the shelter to purchase tags for a family member's dogs. I was appalled at the conditions those

poor animals live in. Not that the people there weren't doing the best to care for them but what they have to do with. Even the new runner shelter for a human isn't this unsanitary. Why, if we can build bike

paths, walking paths along the canyon, skateboard parks - the list goes on - then why can't we have a decent animal shelter?

force, twice or more many animals that people throw away. I do not own a dog or cat myself, but if I did, it would have a good home.

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Hunting is not about riding ATVs; get off and walk

I was recently hunting in Unit 43 above Fairfield. With about one to two inches of snow on the ground, getting around was a bit difficult.

I was amazed at the amount of hunters on four-wheelers and snow machines. They were not hunting; they were patrolling—not only going into areas where they weren't allowed but tearing up hillslides and trails.

There was an article in the Times-News awhile back about a couple hunting moose in eastern Idaho. The picture showed them with two bull moose and their four-wheelers. They said they patrolled until they found their moose. Where is the hunting in this? Are the people using machines handicapped? Handicapped is one thing; laziness is another.

Hunting is getting out, being quiet and stalking without the whir of motors.

There was a camp of six men, age probably averaging 70 years old. They walked and hunted. When I left, four out of six had their elk.

If you people with machines

want to run your machine, you have every right to as long as you don't tear up the terrain. But do it before or after hunting season.

DON DEFEW  
Jerome

Local gallery offers change of pace, local artists' work

I just finished reading Sunday's Times-News article regarding local artists June Carey and Claudette Bray, their top ratings at the Association of American Mothers art competition and how they will go on to compete in the national contest.

I wanted to inform interested fans that a number of paintings by these two artists are on display at the Full Moon Gallery in downtown Twin Falls. It's a great viewing (and buying) pleasure to see their works as well as many other local artists in this gallery.

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 He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Neva Fillmore; and brothers Lloyd Wall and Evan Wall.  
 Memorial services will be held Saturday, December 21, 2002, at 11 a.m. in the Spring Glen, Utah LDS Chapel, 955 W. 4000 N. Spring Glen, UT. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Eva graduated from Preston High School in 1927. She attended the City Business School in Pocatello, Idaho; Utah State College in Logan, Utah; and Frank Wiggins Trade School in Los Angeles, California, studying Food and Nutrition Management.  
 She was employed by the Los Angeles and Del Norte, California, cook, trainer, and manager. She retired in 1958 after 29 years of service.  
 Eva had a great personal spirit. She studied and taught yoga in multiple settings and communities throughout her life. Eva had a passion for living, enjoying many years in sunny southern California. She enjoyed water skiing, fishing, and boating. She loved cooking, gardening, oil painting, and writing poetry.  
 She returned to her Idaho roots in 1963, settling in Burley, living closely to three siblings and being the primary caregiver for her aging father.  
 While living in Burley, she became very active with the Idaho Senior Center. She was a focus on food and nutrition, planning meals for Senior Centers.  
 Eva leaves no survivors. She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters. Eva was widowed by husbands Fred Anderson (15 years), Mac McBride (18 years), and R.H. Patterson (19 years).  
 She leaves her sister-in-law of 56 years, Virginia B. Anderson of Glens Ferry; her niece Christine Anderson of Boise, Idaho; and numerous other nieces and nephews.  
 At her request, no services will be held. Eva will be cremated with her cremains buried in her family plot at the Clifton, Idaho, Cemetery. Arrangements are by Summers Funeral Home of Boise, Idaho. Memorial contributions can be made to the Glens Ferry Senior Center, 502 E. Cleveland Avenue, Glens Ferry, Idaho 83323.

Reah Child Scott

Reah Child Scott, 83, of Paul, died Monday, December 16, 2002, in Burley.  
 She was born May 8, 1919, in Riverdale, Utah, the daughter of Jesse Edward and Lucy Pearl Stephens Child. She graduated from Weber High School and then attended LDS Business College. She married Thomas Bradshaw Scott on December 16, 1937, in the Salt Lake Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.  
 They lived in various places in Utah prior to moving to Paul in 1957, where they homesteaded. In 1972, they built a home in the Emerson District. Tom died on February 16, 1988. Reah has resided at Highland Estates for the last two years.  
 As a member of the LDS Church, she served faithfully in the auxiliary organizations and was ward organist for many years. Reah loved her family and was a wonderful homemaker. She enjoyed sewing and was an outstanding seamstress! She also enjoyed other handwork and reading. She was a longtime member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.  
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**Don Erwin Dilworth**  
 Don Erwin Dilworth, 86, of Corvallis, Oregon, passed away December 15, 2002.  
 He was born on January 11, 1916, to Ernest and May Simpson Dilworth in Carey, Idaho. He married Mary Elizabeth Johnson on September 7, 1942, in the Logan Temple. They resided in Idaho, Montana, Utah, California, and Oregon.  
 As an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints he served three stake and three full-time missions. He also served as Branch President, High Council and many other callings in the church.  
 They lostered four sons who are part of their family today: Eugene Feltsky Peterson, Dennis (Irene) Feltsman of Salt Lake City, Utah; Douglas Feltsman of San Diego, California; and Terry (Gail) Feltsman of Pocatello, Idaho.  
 Living natural children are: Ina (Rex) Lee, of Pocatello; Ferrel (Susan) Dilworth of Corvallis, Oregon; Eileen (Gene) Rapp of Boise, and Carla (John) Bayley of Hartford, Connecticut. There are 48 grandchildren and 63 great-grandchildren.  
 Don was preceded in death by his son, Don Evan Dilworth.  
 Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, December 20, 2002, at the LDS church in Carey, Idaho, with Bishop Vernon Jotley of the Carey 2nd Ward officiating. The viewing will be held at noon prior to the services at the church. Burial will follow at the Carey Cemetery.  
 Arrangements are under the direction of Colonial Funeral Home, 2005 S 4th Ave., Pocatello.

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SERVICES

Edith Ina Kling of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at the Eternal Life Christian Center in Twin Falls; interment will follow the service at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Roger E. Parvin of Shoshone, service at 11 a.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel, 737 Main St., Gooding; interment with military honors will be at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Royce "Mike" Weeks of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call one hour before the service.

Mary L. Gibson of Hansen, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Myrtle Lauretta Manker of Caldwell and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Peace Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens St., Filer (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Edith George Monson Stutzman of Blackfoot and formerly of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. today at the Hawker-Hill Funeral Home in Blackfoot; burial at the Groveland Cemetery.

Darla Kay (Green) Galvan of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Kathryn Louise Howard Keefe of Sacramento, Calif., memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Violet Elizabeth (Summer) Porter Hinz of Burley and formerly of Eden, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; graveside service

will follow at 2 p.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 18th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Bill Lee Dorman Sr. of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Cemetery; interment will follow the service (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Eileen Tussey of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Dec. 23 at the First Christian Church in Buhl.

DEATH NOTICES

**Elsa M. Vaughn - TWIN FALLS** - Elsa M. Vaughn, 84, of Twin Falls died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002, at Bridgeview Retirement Estates. Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

**Margaret Mary Clapp - BOISE** - Margaret Mary Clapp, 88, of Boise died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002, at Life Care Center of Treasure Valley. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

**Eileen Tussey** - Eileen Tussey, 81, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002, in Burley.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at the First Christian Church in Buhl. Refreshments will be served.  
 In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Darrell Surber Scholarship Fund at the College of Southern Idaho.

S.V. shuttle service begins

SUN VALLEY - The free Galena Express bus will make its inaugural run from Sun Valley to Galena Lodge today.

The bus will leave the Elephant's Perch at 10 a.m. and make stops at several sites in Ketchum, as well as Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters, the Baker Creek parking lot and West's Bridge.

It will depart Galena Lodge at 2 p.m., returning to Ketchum at 2:35 p.m.

**Valley in brief** - The bus will run Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday through March 30, taking people up Galena to ski, snowshoe or have lunch. Members of the Galena Advisory Committee and Blaine County Recreation District will hop aboard the bus today to give it a try.

A number of businesses, including Backwoods Mountain Sports, Elephant's Perch, Atkinsons Markets, Valley Paving, Sawtooth Board of Realtors, Galena Lodge and the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber and Visitors Bureau, made the free rides possible.  
 The Recreation District is eyeing the possibility of using a punch card fare system next year, said Cathy Baer, who raised money for the free service.

Meeting on new water district takes place today

SHOSHONE - The Idaho Department of Water Resources will hold a public hearing at 2:30 p.m. today on plans to expand a new water district that regulates groundwater use.

Water District 130 covers the Magic Valley north of the Snake River. The proposed expansion would extend the district north of Shoshone and Gooding to the northern boundaries of the regional aquifer. The expansion would include about 1,400 square miles and affect about 300 groundwater users, who were notified in November.

Water rights solely for domestic or stockwater uses will not be affected at this time, the department said.

The water district was formed after an agreement was reached between surface water users and groundwater pumpers over how groundwater use should be regulated.

More information will be available at today's meeting in the Shoshone School District office, 409 N. Apple St., in Shoshone. People needing Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations should call 327-7900 in advance. Written comment will be accepted through Dec. 31.

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**THANK YOU**  
 We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to the community for the outpouring of love and warmth shown to us with the passing of our father, Glenn L. Sorensen. He passed from this life November 1, 2002, after a short battle with cancer. His roots and love ran deeply for South Central Idaho where he lived and raised his family. Thank you for your special part in his life. He valued his association with each one of you.  
 His wife Colleen, and his children, Loretta (Orin) Dilworth, Patricia (David) Mecham, Allen (Teela) Sorensen, Eran (Vivian) Sorensen, Leon (Mary) Sorensen, Shelly (Jerry) Sharp, Alden (Cherie) Sorensen, Delynn (Wickie) Sorensen, Regina (Kenny) Kemp; and his brothers Wayne (Nina) Sorensen, Gordon (Gloria) Sorensen, sisters Alice (Elwin) Webb, and Shirley Larsen express our thanks for the flowers, food, phone calls and cards of sympathy.  
 Your loving care and kind words have helped ease the pain of our loss.

**The Glenn Sorensen family**

# Rupert council looks at sewer plant options

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** - Investigation into a new sewer treatment plant continues in Rupert.

Gary Ashby and Rick Noll of Forsgren and Associates presented an addendum to a sewer facility study done in 1998.

They offered two proposals to the City Council: expand and renovate the existing plant with a cost of \$12,574,000 or build a new facility with an activated sludge filtration system and a cost of \$11,552,400.

The council decided to move ahead with the study, focusing on the new facility option. Noll said the next step is finishing the plant plans and taking them before the council and the Department of Environmental Quality for approval.

Forsgren and Associates is recommending a new facility because it will allow for a re-use plan where treated water could be used for irrigation. Output from the sewer plant now is transported to lagoons and eventually applied to land.

Phosphorus and nitrates must be heavily monitored on that land. Under the re-use plan, once water leaves the treatment facility no monitoring would be needed, Noll said.

Using the existing plant would require expanding aeration basins from 5 million gallons to more than 7 million gallons, Ashby said. More than 450 acres of land would need to be acquired for the land application, and the waste would need to be transported to that land.

An activated sludge process

would mean water would be treated when it leaves the plant and allow the water to be used anywhere, Noll said.

Land application was a great idea in the 1970s and '80s because it defrayed capital costs and re-used water and nutrients on land, Noll said. But land application is causing high amounts of nitrates and phosphorus to be found in areas, and more regulations are to come with land application.

Ashby did show the council that some test wells in Rupert are above the maximum levels of nitrates and phosphorus. He also noted those wells are in an aquifer roughly 130 feet below the ground. A higher aquifer, around 70 or 80 feet, might need to be monitored if it is under the land application area. Water in the higher aquifer is probably worse.

City Administrator Roger Bagley asked which alternative would provide more options in economic development, such as recruiting more industry to town.

Noll said a new facility would be a huge advantage by being able to be expanded easily and by allowing the city to treat many types of waste.

Moving ahead with the new facility will mean another look at sewer rates. As the engineers finish the plan for the council and DEQ to consider, they will also look at what rates will need to be made to make a new facility, or a renovation of the old facility, happen.

Times-News writer Shari Chaney can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 638, or by e-mail at schaney@magicvalley.com.

# Burley airport plans for new rotating beacon

By Shelley Ridenour  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - A new rotating beacon will be installed at Burley's J.R. "Jack" Simplot Airport now that the City Council has approved a bid for lighting improvements at the facility.

The council Tuesday awarded an \$18,716 contract to Argus Electric of Twin Falls to install a new beacon and to change the way the runway lights are activated. Argus submitted the low of two bids for the work. A \$9,828 bid was submitted by Walton Inc.

City Administrator Mark Mitton described the existing beacon as "antiquated." "It's old and it's hard to get parts for it and to get it fixed," Mitton said, adding that he thinks the beacon has been there as long as the airport has existed.

The second part of the light project involves installing equipment which allows pilots to activate runway lights from their planes. Most airports have a standard procedure in place whereby so many "clicks" of the lights on and off, Mitton said. However, at Burley's airport, it's a different number of clicks for each runway, and the number isn't consistent with other airports in the United States.

Making the change will reduce confusion some pilots experience when they fly in and out of Burley, he said.

The city will pay 6 percent of the project costs, with 90 percent coming from the Federal Aviation Administration and 4 percent from the state, Mitton said.

Mitton also reported some revised numbers for the recently completed airport runway rehabilitation project.

The total price of that work was \$272,670. The FAA paid 90 percent, 4 percent will come from the state, and the city will pay 6 percent, or \$16,360.

The project included crack sealing on the runways and taxiways and painting the taxiways and runways.

The council handled a third airport item Tuesday, approving the reassignment of a lease for a hangar from Warren Heins to Jeff Heins.

Council members tabled an agreement between the city and

the Cassia County School District regarding the use of baseball fields for the school and the transfer of ownership of city land to the school district.

Mayor Jon Anderson said the school officials had responded to the city's draft offer by offering to allow the school to use a city-owned baseball field next to Salmon Park whenever needed. The city would water and maintain the field, and the school district would mow it.

In exchange, the city would be able to use the school district's new baseball field west of Burley High School and all the school district soccer fields at times both parties agree upon. The city would pay for electricity used at the baseball field when the city was using the field.

The agreement also called for the city to sign a quitclaim deed giving the school district title to the Park to the school district. School officials want to build a storage building on the land.

Councilman Dennis Curtis wanted to reject the agreement, saying, "I just don't think it's right."

But Councilman Dave Ringle suggested the city try to renegotiate some parts of the agreement, especially the parts about when the city can use the soccer baseball fields.

The matter was tabled until the Jan. 7 council meeting.

Other council business included:

• **Parks projects** - Councilman Gordon Hansen asked that citizens who have ideas about what they'd like to see done in city parks contact council members to pass that information on. The council recreation committee is getting ready to apply for grants from the Idaho Department of Parks, Hansen said.

• **Playground update** - Councilwoman Adria Masoner said Families at Play members are now selling fence pickets to raise money for the planned playground in West Park. For \$25, people can have their - or anyone's - name inscribed on pickets which will be installed at the park.

People may order pickets at City Hall or through Laura Gresser at 2853 Overland Ave. ext. 678-4085.

## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT, COOPER STYLE



Rocker Alice Cooper serves 6-year-old Alex Clarino a hamburger at his Alice Cooper's town Restaurant Monday in Phoenix. Cooper invited children from the Salvation Army's Domestic Violence shelters throughout the valley to enjoy a free meal and a Christmas gift.

# City of Rocks officials look for public comment on projects

The Times-News

**ALMO** - Public comment is being sought on plans for improvements at the City of Rocks National Reserve.

City of Rocks officials plan to build toilets and a small parking area in the northwest corner of the park, up Logger Springs Road. Officials also plan to replace two old toilets with newer models.

One new toilet would be located at Bath Rock, near the fee collection area, and another near Elephant Rock, where the roads

from Oakley, Almo and Utah meet.

Some vegetation would be removed in the installation of the toilets and parking lot.

People can receive free copies of the environmental assessment of the project by calling 824-5519. The document is also posted on the Internet at [www.usgs.gov/nrc/nphtml/facts.html](http://www.usgs.gov/nrc/nphtml/facts.html).

Reserve officials will accept written comments on the plans until Jan. 15. Send comments to Superintendent, City of Rocks National Reserve, P.O. Box 103, Almo, 83312.

# USGS lowers estimates of oil reserves

The Times-News

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - Large stretches of the Rocky Mountains do not house nearly as much oil as earlier believed, according to updated assessments by the U.S. Geological Survey.

The USGS analysis estimated that there are 844 million fewer barrels of oil in five Rocky Mountain basins than it had projected in 1995. The discrepancy is a result of better data and analysis, not a depletion of the oil, said USGS geologist Chris Schenk.

"That's just a view that we

were overly optimistic in '95 and the geology hasn't supported that," Schenk said.

The USGS assessment in 1995 estimated that there were nearly 2.76 billion barrels of crude oil below ground in the five basins, which cover western Montana, much of Wyoming, parts of eastern Utah and western Colorado, and northwestern New Mexico.

According to the updated figures, there are 1.9 billion barrels of crude oil in the region. The United States uses about 18 billion barrels of crude oil daily.

# Mandates

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"quest, carrying out such a goal seems prohibitively expensive.

"We're on a collision course," Smith said. "It appears that it will be financially impossible to achieve the standards that both the federal and the state set on the schools, particularly in the budget crunch that we're suffering here in the state."

Congress did increase funding some. The Twin Falls district received an additional \$350,000, about 3 percent of the district's overall budget. However, that was quickly spent on reading specialists.

For no child to be left behind, the district must intervene with struggling students. That will require an expanded summer school, expanded tutoring programs and the extra personnel for those programs.

"To do the things we're being asked to do takes much more

than we're being funded," Donchit said.

Because many of the demands stem from federal law, lawmakers noted that perhaps the congressional delegates should have been invited to breakfast as well.

"We have to keep pressure on our national leaders to recognize that they can't just keep sending these things down without money," Gannon said. "Unfunded mandates is almost a recipe for failure."

The lawmakers promised to do what they could to help educators in Twin Falls and the rest of Idaho.

"Just about everything that we do in the way of legislation puts burdens on the schools," Smith said. "We can keep an eye on the rules and regulations that are promulgated. We can avoid putting any more unfunded mandates on the schools. We can look for alternative funding."

# Idaho anti-abortion forces press Bush administration position

The Times-News

**BOISE (AP)** - Idaho Chooses Life, the state's leading anti-abortion group, wants lawmakers to adopt the Bush administration's declaration that fetuses are unborn children under the government-financed Children's Health Insurance Program or CHIP.

Pro-choice forces called it an attempt to give a fetus legal status as a person, advancing the campaign to ban abortion.

The proposal would expand coverage of the subsidized health care program that state lawmakers have spent the past three years trying to rein in.

Participation in CHIP has jumped from 5,000 to 12,000 since January 2000. But recruiters have found that many families applying for CHIP actually qualify for Medicaid, increasing those costs.

While the state only pays 20 percent of the cost of CHIP, it pays about 30 percent of Medicaid costs, the fastest increasing part of the state budget.

Enrollment in Medicaid jumped from 96,000 at the beginning of 2000 to more than 141,000 today. More than 30,000 of the additional participants are children.

But David Ripley, director of Idaho Chooses Life, argued that lawmakers who qualify fetuses for CHIP will see it as "one of the smartest ways to save taxpayer dollars" because more pregnant women will receive preventive care that keeps them out of expensive emergency rooms.

# Sheep

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The sheep stay away from thick growth, instead favoring mountain tops and slopes where they can see approaching danger.

If the area looks like it would make a good home for sheep, workers will capture big horns in Owyhee County and move them to Castle Rocks, Smith said. Workers catch the sheep by firing net guns from a helicopter, Smith said. Tangling the sheep in nets is less harmful to the animals than using drugs to tranquilize them.

The goal of the project is to have a population of big horn sheep that spans the Elba-Almo valley, Smith said.

Although native big horns have crossed the valley between Jim Sage Mountain and the Albion Mountains above Castle Rocks, the crossing is more hazardous for big horns today. A highway, several fences, a juniper forest and fields of grain now exist for the sheep to cross. Because the U.S. Bureau of Land Management has suppressed fires in the area, juniper covers the Jim Sage Mountain slopes. Fish and game employees might work with BLM to conduct prescribed burns on the slopes, clearing a path for big horn sheep, Smith said.

There are probably about 50 big horns during the winter on Jim Sage Mountain - died one in February, one in April and one in May," Smith said. "So the last documented mortality was seven months ago."

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# Logger Springs Road closes for the season

The Times-News

**OAKLEY** - Officials at the City of Rocks National Reserve have closed Logger Springs Road for the winter.

The road provides vehicle access to Almo Park and the

southern end of the Albion Mountain division of the Minidoka Ranger District in the forest. The road usually opens around May 1, depending on weather.

For more information, call the City of Rocks visitor center at 824-5519.

# Board

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who sits on the House Education Committee and just took a seat on the House Appropriations Committee, approved of the board's move.

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Ame Hellman, state director of the Nature Conservancy of Nevada, shown here along the Truckee River in Reno Nov. 12, spearheaded the successful campaign on behalf of Ballot Question 1, which authorizes up to \$200 million in bonds to protect natural and cultural resources across the state, including the Truckee River.

## Alarmed by growth, Nevadans begin fighting development

Trend has its critics, though, especially among rural residents

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Ame Hellman remembers when he could see cattle, deer and coyotes in the pastures of the Carson Valley. Now, her view is of trophy homes, an 18-hole golf course and a sprawling clubhouse on what was once prime ranch land.

Hellman says the development south of Reno led her to join the movement to protect open space. Nevada, with its roots in mining, has never been a hotbed of environmentalism. But even here, attitudes are changing because of runaway growth.

Reflecting a nationwide trend, Nevada voters last month approved three significant initiatives, including the biggest conservation bond measure in state history — to protect open lands from urban sprawl.

"I think people deep down come to Nevada because they love the independence and they love our wide-open spaces," said Hellman, state director of the Nature Conservancy, which led the campaign for Question 1.

Approved by a 3-to-2 margin, Question 1 authorizes up to \$200 million in bonds to buy and protect open space, rivers, lakes, wetlands and parks across fast-growing Nevada.

South of Reno, Douglas County voters also approved a stringent growth-control measure last month, and Carson City voters rejected a plan to allow development at a city park.

Nationwide, 139 out of 189 conservation measures on local and state ballots were approved by voters this year, according to the San Francisco-based Trust for Public Land. The measures will provide \$5.7 billion for land protection.

"Americans are continuing to demonstrate they'll pay to protect the places special to them," trust spokesman Matthew Shaffer said. "This is a trend that's been going on for the last five or six years. It's definitely an issue that brings all sides together."

This year's support of conservation measures was all the more surprising, given the Republican election sweep and the sour economy. One major reason given for the trend in Nevada's unchecked growth, Nevada's population soared from about 490,000 in 1970 to 2.1 million in 2001, making it the nation's fastest-growing state.

### West spends the most to protect land

Voters passed 74 percent of all local or state conservation ballot measures in 2002, up from 70 percent in 2001. These states approved a total of 139 measures.



Spending for open space



SOURCE: The Trust for Public Land

The growth also has changed the state's demographics, making Nevada the nation's most "urban state," with nearly 92 percent of its residents living in the Las Vegas and Reno areas in 2000, the Census Bureau said.

"We see rampant change and people are scared and they ought to be," said Paul Starrs, a University of Nevada, Reno geography professor. "There's a hell of a lot of Californians moving eastward. We don't want to see Nevada 'Californicated' in the same way as the Santa Clara Valley, Sacramento Valley and Sierra foothills."

Veteran political consultant Jim Denton of Reno said he thinks many new Nevada residents want to avoid the mistakes of their home states. Only 21 percent of Nevadans are natives, census figures show.

"I think a lot have moved here from regions where they didn't do a good job of preserving open space. They've made a choice that they would not like that to happen to Nevada," said Denton, a Republican.

Marge Sill of the Sierra Club said the state's growth and changing demographics have spurred other recent protection efforts across Nevada, where the federal government manages 87 percent of the land.

Two years ago, Congress passed

a measure to protect 1.2 million acres in northern Nevada's Black Rock Desert, doubling the amount of wilderness in the state. In October, President Bush signed a law to protect 444,000 acres around Las Vegas as wilderness, while freeing 223,000 acres for public use or development.

Many Nevadans — especially those from rural counties — are unhappy about the trend.

Rural Nevada is home of the Sagebrush Rebellion, a movement spawned in the late 1970s by ranchers and miners who wanted to shift control of public land in the West from the federal government back to the states.

Many rural residents think the government already owns enough land. They fear measures such as Question 1 will result in more land being set aside for open space instead of for mining and ranching.

"Only 11 percent of Nevada land is owned by private property owners or the state of Nevada now. And now we want to lock up more land where we can't use it?" asked Janine Hansen of the conservative Eagle Forum.

But Starrs, a former ranch cowhand, said he expects support for slow growth and quality-of-life causes to increase across the country. Otherwise, he said, "I'll be condos as far as the eyes can see."

## Ed board OKs education research center, holds off on rest of project

BOISE (AP) — A \$53 million natural resource research center, the first leg of the state's biggest public works education project, got the green light Tuesday from the state Board of Education.

The board endorsed the Idaho Water Center 7-1, even though the state canceled all other construction and most maintenance to deal with its worst financial crisis in decades.

"This project is a symbol, maybe a sign to the state, that we're not dying," board member Laird Stone of Twin Falls said. "We're moving forward. It's a risk, but a risk I'm willing to take."

Rod Lewis of Boise was the lone dissenter. He dominated much of Tuesday's five-hour session on the project with questions about the financing and necessity of the center. The project was authorized last winter by state lawmakers.

Located just north of the Boise State University campus, the center will house key University of

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Idaho research programs, the state Department of Water Resources and the National Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Research Station. It should be completed by late 2004.

Still on the drawing board are the other two parts of the \$136 million complex to be used by the University of Idaho and Idaho State University — a teaching center and a health professions center.

Boise State University has been unenthusiastic about the complex because its officials fear that kind of physical presence by another university will foreclose the nat-

ural growth of Boise State's programs.

Lewis convinced the board to require that the name not sound like the complex belongs to the University of Idaho. The board also directed the three schools to work out an agreement giving Boise State the lead role in administrative services and program development.

Board President Blake Hall of Idaho Falls also told the schools the same kind of agreement must be in place before they get the go-ahead on the rest of the complex.

Lewis questioned the revenue projected from leasing additional space in the center to retail and private business interests and the cost and adequacy of the parking in the area just east of downtown Boise.

University of Idaho officials said the Water Center will draw significant new research grants and contracts as well as special gifts to further research into water — the state's most important commodity.

## Embattled Boise mayor's assistant leaves

BOISE (AP) — A longtime chief of staff for Mayor Brent Coles resigned Tuesday amid scrutiny over their bills from an expensive New York City trip that included a Broadway musical and dinner at an upscale restaurant.

Gary Lyman resigned while praising Coles and thanking the community for his stay in the mayor's office since 1993. Coles asked Lyman to step down.

"For the past nine years, it has been my high honor to work for the city of Boise," Lyman wrote. "You, Mr. Mayor, have been an excellent leader for this commu-

nity during a time of high growth and Boise is a much better place today because of your leadership."

Coles and Lyman were attending a Conference of Mayors meeting in November in Rochester, N.Y. At the same time, City Attorney Susan Mimura and her assistant were in New York City on other business.

In what Coles has called a "creative annual bonus" for Mimura, Coles and Lyman flew to New York and treated Mimura and her assistant to the Broadway musical "Oklahoma!" and dinner

at Ruth's Chris Steak House.

The mayor expensed the air travel, tickets and dinner to the city, but paid back the \$1,871 cost after City Councilman Mike Wetherell filed the items during a routine spot check of city payments.

Lyman said he understood he served at the mayor's pleasure.

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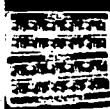
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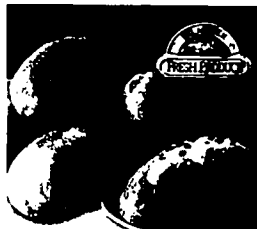
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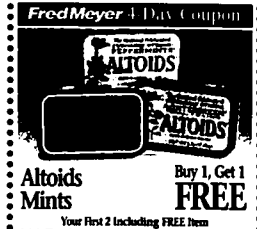
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Pop a favorite CD into the stereo and settle into a baking project, a break from the ordinary routine with mouthwatering results. Instead of another round of the battle of the bulge, let this year's festivities focus on baking that's a treat for the body and the palette. These recipes boast less than 30 percent of calories from fat.

**APPLE CRANBERRY TEA RING**  
**Bread:**  
3 cups all-purpose flour, divided  
3 tablespoons sugar  
1 1/4-ounce packet Red Star Active Dry Yeast  
1 tablespoon grated orange rind  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup milk  
1/4 cup water  
2 tablespoons butter  
1 egg  
**Egg wash:**  
1 tablespoon water  
1 egg white  
**Filling:**  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 cup (1 medium) apple, peeled, thinly sliced  
1 cup dried cranberries  
3/4 cup toasted nuts, chopped  
**Glaze:**  
1/2 cup powdered sugar  
1 to 2 tablespoons orange juice  
1 teaspoon orange zest  
Blend 1 cup flour with next 4 ingredients; set aside. Heat milk, water and butter until warm (120 F); pour into large bowl. Add flour mixture. Beat on low 30 seconds; add egg. Beat on medium 3 minutes. Stir in remaining flour. Knead on floured surface 5 to 8 minutes until smooth and elastic. Place dough in oiled bowl; turn to grease. Cover; let rise in warm place until double in size, 1 hour. Punch down dough on lightly floured surface. Roll into 15-by-12-inch rectangle. Blend egg white and water; brush over dough. Refrigerate remaining egg wash. Combine sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over dough. Top with apple, cranberries and nuts. Starting with long side of dough, roll into log; pinch to seal. Form into ring; overlap and seal ends. Place seam-side down on greased baking sheet. Using scissors, cut ring from outside through all dough layers to within 1-inch of center. Make 12 cuts, 2 inches apart. Twist each cut section 3/4-turn so cut side faces downward forming pinwheel. Cover with damp cloth and let rise in warm place until indentation remains after touching side, 30 minutes. Brush with remaining egg wash. Bake in preheated 375 F oven 30 to 40 min-

**One more:** For another recipe, please see HOLIDAY RECIPE on page C3.  
utes until golden brown; cool. Blend powdered sugar, orange juice and orange zest. Drizzle over cooled tea ring. Serves 12.  
**CRANBERRY APPLE OAT BARS**  
3 cups rolled oats  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
2 cups brown sugar  
1/2 cup applesauce  
1/4 cup margarine, softened  
2 cups dried cranberries  
1 cup apple juice  
2 cups (2 medium) apples, peeled, cubed  
1 teaspoon cinnamon, ground  
Blend first 4 ingredients; set aside. Beat brown sugar, applesauce and margarine in large bowl, on high until smooth. Stir-in flour mixture until crumbly. Press half onto bottom of greased 9-by-13-by-2-inch pan; reserve other half. Bake in preheated 350 F oven 15 minutes. Place cranberries, apple juice, apples and cinnamon in small saucepan; soak 20 minutes. Boil over medium high heat 5 minutes until tender, stirring occasionally. Spread hot fruit over crust; crumble remaining crust mixture over fruit. Bake at 350 F 20 to 25 minutes until light brown. Makes 48 bars.

## RECIPES AND AREA HISTORY

### Bellevue historical society offers cookbook

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**BELLEVUE** - The Bellevue Historical Society has published an historical document for the kitchen. "Cooking in the Wood River Valley, 1800's to the Present" is a cookbook jammed full of recipes from Wood River Valley residents.

Many are classics, handed down through generations. The book contains about 300 recipes divided into sections: Breakfast, Beverages, Appetizers, Soups, Entrees, Breads, Desserts. Recipes for all levels of cooking skills are included and are personalized with comments and brief histories, explained Linda Watkins, cookbook committee member.

The recipes range from Dandelion Wine to Spotted Pup. The household hints section in the back of the book covers everything from old-time weights and measures to how to make a mustard plaster or butcher a hog. There is also a short narrative by Ruby Burrell called "Singing for the President" that recalls President Harry Truman's visit to Ketchum and offers a description of Trader Day in Bellevue's old city park on the river.

Melanie Dahl, historical society member, said the society has a lot of members who come from pioneer families and who love to cook. Bellevue also has a colorful mining history, and the society tried to capture that rough-and-umble feeling in the book.

The cookbook took about four months to create. In June, 500 books arrived. Between 350 and 400 books have been sold so far. The club is already planning a reprint, Dahl said.

### WOOD RIVER VALLEY RECIPES

**CATHERINE'S RAISED DOUGHNUTS FOR 50**  
(Contributed by Catherine Kiefer)  
1 1/2 sifters of flour (9 cups)  
3/4 cup sugar  
3/4 pound butter or margarine (or 1 1/2 cups oil)  
6 eggs  
1/8 cup yeast  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 quarts water  
3/4 cup flour to make a medium stiff dough. Raise until double, roll out, cut and let rise. Fry in deep fat until golden brown.

**POTATO DOUGHNUTS**  
(Contributed by Margaret Hamilton)  
1 cup washed potatoes  
1 pinch salt  
Butter the size of walnut  
Beat thoroughly.  
Add:

1 heaping cup sugar  
2 eggs  
1 cup sweet milk  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
Nutmeg  
Enough flour to mix and roll  
Deep fry on hot oil until browned.  
-From the kitchen of Grandma Drebnow

**ED'S BREAD**  
(Contributed by Ed Cameron)  
2 packages yeast  
3 tablespoons sugar  
3 tablespoons shortening  
3 teaspoons salt  
4 cups milk  
8 cups flour  
Bolt milk until there is a scum on top. Take scum off and put milk into a bowl. Add salt, sugar and shortening. When milk is cooled to warm milk, add yeast. Add flour and stir till real thick.

## COOKING

### In The Wood River Valley

1880's To The Present

Bellevue's Old City Hall, 1885

Presented by the Bellevue Historical Society

This Wood River cookbook, check full of recipes and their histories, is the product of the Bellevue Historical Society.

Cover and let rise and get bubbly. Add more flour till you can knead the mixture, but keep the dough sticky. Let rise once more and put into loaves to roll out for rolls. Let rise again. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes for rolls or golden brown for bread (45 minutes).

Sally served these in her dell in Bellevue. They were a big hit and are now served in Glenn's Market.

**SOULDOUGH SCONES**  
(Contributed by Sally Drake)  
2 cups scalded milk  
1 cup sourdough  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
2 eggs  
2 tablespoons yeast  
1 cup potato flakes  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder

### To get a copy

To order "Cooking in the Wood River Valley," send check or money order for \$10 to BHS Cookbook, P.O. Box 474, Bellevue, ID 83313. Call Teresa at 788-4013 or Norma at 788-9655. Or visit Read All About It in Halley, Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum or Glenn's Grocery in Bellevue.

1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
2 teaspoons salt  
6 cups flour (approximately)  
Scald milk. Add sourdough, oil, eggs and yeast, stirring constantly. Add dry ingredients, adding flour one cup at a time. Knead on a floured surface and put into greased bowl and refrigerate overnight. Roll out, cut and fry in oil. Can be served with honey or sugar/cinnamon coated.

## Gorgeous, easy to make

This baked beauty takes just 50 minutes to prepare

Kraft Creative Kitchens

Here's a holiday dessert that looks elegant but is unbelievably easy, with about 10 minutes of prep time and 40 minutes for baking. Six simple cuts with the knife produce the irresistibly charming Christmas tree shape.

**HEAVENLY CHOCOLATE CAKE**  
1 package chocolate cake mix (2-layer size, not pudding in the mix variety)  
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa  
3 eggs  
1 1/3 cups water  
1 cup Miracle Whip or

Miracle Whip Light  
Stir cake mix and cocoa in large mixing bowl. Add remaining ingredients. Beat with electric mixer on low 30 seconds, scraping bowl frequently. Beat with electric mixer on medium speed 2 minutes. Cream and flour 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Place bottom with wax paper. Bake at 350 for 35-40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 20 minutes. Remove from pan. Cool completely on wire rack.

Cut a 9-by-2-inch section from top of cake. Divide into four pieces. Use one for the trunk and the other three as presents. Cut remaining cake into one large triangle and two smaller triangles. Arrange the smaller pieces on tray to form tree shape. Top with the large triangle. Place trunk piece at base. Frost tree and presents with white frosting (add green food coloring for tree). Decorate as desired with decorative icings, candies, nuts and dried fruit.



Set a pretty table with this Christmas tree that really does look good enough to eat.

FOOD & HOME

# Bellaire: Large, but compact



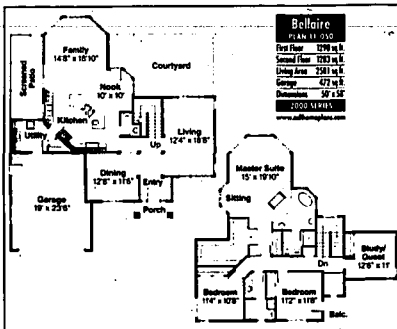
## House works well on a small lot

The Bellaire is a large yet compact family home, designed for construction on a narrow lot. Arched windows, a tile roof, and stucco relief trim give the plan a contemporary Mediterranean flavor.

Outside, hanging plants drape the upper edges of the balcony, preventing the stately stucco portico from appearing overly imposing. Inside the entry, sidelights flank the door, transom windows rim its top, and the ceiling stretches two stories up. More light spills in from a narrow arched window on the upper level. A built-in bench here comes in handy when shedding dirty shoes.

Graceful archways mark the entrances to the living room and dining room, large rooms ideal for entertaining and family events. But for everyday life, family members gravitate to the spacious and relaxed family room/kitchen at the back. Bay windows expand the nook and family room, creating an open atmosphere, filled with light.

Amenities in the comfortable kitchen include a walk-in pantry, built-in oven, microwave and dishwasher, plus a long work island with vegetable sink and



range. Utilities, along with a sink and a counter for folding clothes, are just a few steps away. The utility room is also accessible from the garage. The long, screened porch is large enough for outdoor dining and lounging as well.

In the luxurious master suite, the sleeping area boasts a large bay window. A spa tub nestles into a smaller bay with glass block walls. Another bay creates a bright sitting area. Flames from the see-through fireplace can be enjoyed from anywhere

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# Shrimp rice casserole serves eight

Sam Adler's recipe for Shrimp Rice Casserole ran in the Dec. 11k Food and Home section. Here is the recipe, with more extensive preparation instructions.

**SHRIMP RICE CASSEROLE**  
Serves 8  
4 pounds small cooked, peeled shrimp (50-60)  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1 1/2 cups raw rice (Uncle Ben's Converted Rice), cooked  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
4 green peppers, cut into small cubes (about the size of a finger-nail)  
1 onion, chopped  
8 large fresh mushrooms  
1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
1/4 teaspoon mace  
1 can tomato soup, undiluted  
1 cup heavy cream  
1 cup cream sherry (not dry)  
1/2 cup sliced almonds  
Red pepper, to taste  
Cook green pepper, onion and mushrooms in olive oil. When

onion is transparent, put the peppers, onion and mushrooms along with the rest of the ingredients, including the cooked rice into a casserole dish and mix together. Top with the almonds and sprinkle with red pepper to taste. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

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# These mashed potatoes satisfy even the queen

By Elen Hawkis  
The Baltimore Sun

Paige Lutz of Abingdon, Md., wrote, "I am known as the 'mashed potato queen' because of my love for mashed potatoes. A co-worker made this dish and brought it in for me for lunch one day. It is delicious."

**MAKE-AHEAD MASHED POTATOES**  
4 to 5 pounds POTATOES (about 6 russets)  
Splash of milk  
1/2 to 1 stick butter  
1 8-ounce tub cream cheese  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon pepper  
1/4 cup green pepper, chopped  
1/4 cup green onion, chopped  
1 egg

Cook potatoes and mash with milk and butter as you normally would for mashed potatoes. Add other ingredients and mix together.

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er. Put in a casserole dish and bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes to 1 hour. You can put it under the broiler 1 to 2 minutes to brown slightly. This is great to make the day before, especially for holiday dinners because it keeps you from mashing potatoes on that busy day. You can load it into a casserole and pop the whole thing in the freezer. Then and pop it into the oven, and you'd never know these were made ahead. Serves 6 to 8 as a side dish.

**NOTE:** Peel and quarter potatoes and place them in a large pot with just enough cold water to cover and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Over high heat, bring the water to a boil, then lower heat to medium-low and cook, covered, until very tender, about 20 to 25 minutes.

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# Holiday gift ideas for the gardener

It was the week before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, certainly not my spouse. For he was clueless.

OK, so I'm not a poet, but I can dig up a list of hints for those who want to give a little something to their favorite gardener.

How about a new pair of gloves? I try to take care of my gloves, but they work hard taking care of me, and they often end the season looking like they died a valiant death.

For roses and other prickly things, I like goatskin gloves. They're always soft, yet tough enough to keep the thorns out. For weeds and sloppy, wet work, I like the rubberized gloves with tight cuffs to keep the yuck out.

Garden clogs can't be beat for dry feet. These all-terrain clogs are comfortable and always dry. I'm partial to the Birki-clogs because of the cork footbed - it fits every curve in my feet and keeps them even after a whole day of gardening. The footbed can be slipped out while you rinse the clogs under the hose, too.

Once upon a time my true love gave me a certificate for five



GREEN THUMBPRINTS  
Cathy Walworth

holes. We were just starting a new landscaping project, and those holes came in handy. He uses a bigger shovel than I do.

Speaking of gift certificates, my favorite nursery is offering them as gifts this year. Some folks feel shy about giving a gift certificate because it has dollar amounts on it. Kind of like somebody forgetting to remove the price tag. So don't give one with a dollar amount - give one for, say, a hanging basket. Or a tree, or a flat of petunias. What fun it will be to dream of all the ways to spend such a gift!

Or how about a gardener's vacation? Seattle's Flower and Garden Show is coming up in February. Garden tours of England can be had from your friendly travel agent. Brochures from either of those all wrapped up and tied with a bow

would be most welcome. Garden sculpture is a delight hidden among summer's blooms, but really comes into its own in the winter garden. Tour the garden center now for the perfect cement critter. Prices are especially good on garden art this time of year.

Burt's Bees makes all insister of skin remedies. Gardeners get too much sun, risk insect stings, suffer from dry, cracked skin and more. Once you explore all the goodies from these fine folks (found at the garden center) it will be hard to decide which product to take home. So try the gift pack with everything. Your

gardener will thank you. My favorite garden helper gets bored driving the John Deere around, so last year he got a battery-operated CD player. It was labeled tough enough for joggers, so it does fine on the back of a lawn tractor. You might include a couple of his/her favorite recording artists with this gift.

However you celebrate this holiday season, I wish you peace, love and hope - now and throughout the coming new year.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper, or e-mail her at: [caww@spmt.org](mailto:caww@spmt.org).

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## Quick breads cut time needed for baked gifts

By Susan Selasky  
Detroit Free Press

A homemade baked good wrapped with care from relatives or friends or neighbors is a much cherished goody. Quick breads can be made in regular or mini loaf pans. Simply wrap them in plastic wrap - which comes in a variety of colors - or cellophane and finish them off with a pretty ribbon or bow.

### PUMPKIN NUT BREAD

- Shortening plus flour for greasing pans
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice (or substitute 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon, or 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg or to taste, or 1/2 teaspoon ginger or to taste) or 1/2 teaspoon cloves or to taste)
  - 2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1 teaspoon baking soda
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1 can (15 ounces) pure pumpkin
  - 1/2 cup sugar
  - 1/4 cup brown sugar
  - 1/2 cup apple juice
  - 3/4 cup vegetable oil
  - 4 large eggs

1 cup sweetened dried, fresh or frozen cranberries tossed with 1 tablespoon flour

2/3 cup toasted and chopped walnuts or pecans

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour two 9-by-5-inch loaf pans or 4 to 5 mini loaf pans. Set the pans aside. In a large bowl combine the flour, pumpkin pie spice (or substitute), baking powder, baking soda and salt. In a separate bowl, beat together the pumpkin, sugar, brown sugar, apple juice, oil and eggs until just blended. Add the pumpkin mixture to the flour mixture; stir until just moistened. Fold in the cranberries and walnuts or pecans. Spoon the batter into the prepared loaf pans. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in the center of the loaves comes out clean. Remove them from the oven and cool them in the pans for 10 minutes. Invert them onto wire racks and cool completely. Makes two loaves.

— Adapted from "The Baker's Manual," by Joseph Amendola and Nicole Rees

### HOLIDAY RECIPE

- #### APPLE CRANBERRY BREAD
- 3 to 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, divided
  - 1/2 cup rolled oats
  - 1/4 cup brown sugar
  - 1 1/4-ounce packet Red Star Active Dry Yeast
  - 3/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground mace
  - 3/4 cup milk
  - 1/4 cup water
  - 2 tablespoons butter
  - 1 egg
  - 1 cup (1 medium) apple, peeled, chopped
  - 1 cup fresh cranberries, chopped
  - 1/2 cup pecans, chopped
  - 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- Blend 1 1/4 cups flour and next 6 ingredients; set aside. Heat

milk, water and butter until warm (120 F); pour into large bowl. Add flour-oat mixture. Beat on low 30 seconds; add egg. Beat on medium 3 minutes, scraping occasionally. Stir in remaining 2 cups flour, apple, cranberries and pecans. Knead on floured surface 5 to 8 minutes until smooth and elastic. Place dough in oiled bowl; turn to grease. Cover and let rise in warm place until double in size, 1 hour. Punch down dough on lightly floured surface. Shape into loaf; place in greased 9-by-5-inch loaf pan. Sprinkle with brown sugar. Cover and let rise in warm place until double in size, 1 hour. Bake in preheated 350 F oven 40 to 45 minutes until golden brown. Cool 5 minutes; remove from pan.

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**FOOD & HOME**

# Lemon cookies stir holiday memories

By Linda Cleoro  
The Miami Herald

Whenever readers write about old holiday recipes, I turn to "The Pioneer-lady's Country Christmas" by Jane Watson Hopping (Villard, 1989). She writes: "Mother always made these crispy lemon cookies at Christmastime. I can still remember peeping out the back door, watching for Daddy and Grandpa to come in so we could surprise them. The cookies were so light and crispy that they were more suited to a ladies' tea or a special church or school doin's than to the cold, rough hands of country men who ate them by the handfuls and washed them down with hot coffee."

**LEMON CRISP COOKIES**  
1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened  
1 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon lemon juice  
2 teaspoons finely grated lemon peel  
1 egg, well beaten  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
1 egg white, whipped until foamy  
Cream butter and sugar in a medium-size bowl. Stir in lemon juice and peel. Add the egg, beating well. Into a large bowl sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Gradually add dry ingredients to the butter-sugar mixture, beating until smooth. Cover and chill dough for about 30 minutes. Remove from refrigerator and shape into a log about 1 3/4 inches in diameter. Cover and chill overnight. (Dough must be chilled thoroughly so the butter stays in it when baked.) The next day, slice the dough log into 1/8-inch thick rounds and place about 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Brush tops with egg

**Cook's Corner**

white for a smooth, golden brown surface. Bake until lightly browned in preheated 375-degree oven, about 10 minutes. Remove from oven and immediately transfer to an opened brown grocery bag to cool. Store in an airtight container until ready to serve. Makes about 1 1/2 dozen.

**QUESTION:** We had the most delicious coconut fried shrimp at a restaurant in Cedar City, Utah. Do you have a recipe?

**ANSWER:** I make this once a year, for my son's birthday. Deep frying is just too messy. I make my own sweet-and-sour sauce with lots of pineapple but you can use bottled. Serve with rice.  
**COCONUT FRIED SHRIMP**  
2 pounds raw shrimp  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon white pepper  
1 teaspoon curry powder or other seasoning (optional)  
1 1/2 cups milk  
2 cups shredded coconut  
Vegetable oil for deep frying  
Sweet and sour sauce  
Peel and devein shrimp, leaving tails on. Whisk 1 1/2 cups of flour with baking powder, salt, pepper and curry. Whisk in milk. Place remaining 1/2 cup of flour in a pie plate, and shredded coconut in another. Dredge shrimp in flour, dip in batter, then roll in coconut. Refrigerate at least 15 minutes. Heat at least 1 1/2 to 2 inches of vegetable oil to 350 degrees in a heavy pot. Gently slip shrimp into the oil a few at a time; do not crowd. Fry, turning once, until coconut is golden. Drain on paper towels. Let oil reheat to 350 degrees between batches. Makes 4 servings.

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# Battery power comes in handy

**DEAR JIM:** It might sound silly, but with potential terrorism, snipers, etc., I am concerned about losing the electric power. I cannot afford a back-up generator. What type of battery systems are available?  
-PEG N.



**SENSIBLE HOME**  
James Duley

**DEAR PEG:** Your concerns are not silly at all. People often forget that many home security systems stop functioning when the power goes off and the internal battery runs down. I keep a portable battery back-up power supply charged to operate my security system, a TV, light and laptop computer when the power goes off.

There are portable battery power packs available, like the one I use at home, that allow you to plug standard 110-volt appliances directly into them. Most of these units also have an outlet for 12-volts to start your car in case your car battery runs down or to power other battery-operated devices.

In addition to emergencies, battery power packs are ideal for camping, fishing, picnicking, and using power tools or lights outdoors. They use sealed lead acid batteries so they are safe to move and handle. It is all housed in a plastic case with a handle and built-in electric outlets.

To use batteries to operate household appliances, the direct current (DC) battery power must be converted to 110-volt alternating current (AC). This requires the DC power to run through an inverter to convert it to AC. Some power packs have a built-in inverter while others use a plug-in one.

The amount of electric energy stored in a battery is measured in amp-hours. Power packs range in

output from about seven-to-100 amp-hours depending on the size and number of the batteries inside. The weight also varies from about 10 pounds for a small one to more than 80 pounds for a powerful one.

An 18- to 20-amp-hour model is adequate for most household emergencies and outdoor recreational use. They weigh only about 20 pounds. This size power pack can operate a lamp for 12 hours, a security system for two days, a small television for 10 hours, or a sump pump for two hours. Most power packs have a tiny charger you plug into a wall outlet. They include either a gauge or LED lights to let you know when they are fully charged. They can also be charged from your car (use a drive (plug it into the cigarette lighter) or attach it to solar panels or small windmills for free charging.

Depending on how you plan to use the power pack, there are several features to consider. For strictly home use, just the 110-volt outlets are most important. For use in your car too, consider a model with a built-in air pump and a bright built-in spotlight to see at night and a snap-on red lens to alert others you need assistance.

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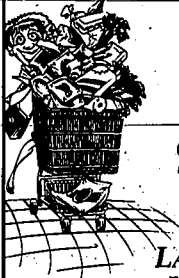


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## This recipe renders tasty dinner in minutes

By Linda Gassenheimer  
Knight-Ridder News Service

This is a tasty mixture of Pacific Rim flavors.

**HOT AND SPICY SWEET BEER**

- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1/2 cup chopped shallots (can substitute red onion)
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh ginger or 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 3 stalks lemon grass, sliced, or grated lemon rind from 1 lemon
- 1/2 pound steak, cut into 1/2-inch by 2-inch strips (sirloin, flank, skirt, strip)
- 2 tablespoons unsalted, roasted peanuts, chopped
- Mix tomato paste, hot pepper sauce, water and sugar together and set aside. Heat the oil in a wok or skillet on high. Add the shallots, garlic, ginger and lemon grass or lemon rind and stir-fry 2 minutes. Add meat and stir-fry 4 to 5 minutes. Add sauce and mix a few seconds. Remove to a plate and sprinkle with peanuts. Makes 2 servings. Serve with the following recipe.

Sesame noodles with snow peas

- 1/4 pound Chinese noodles
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1/2 pound snow peas, trimmed

- (2 cups)
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add noodles, cook 1 minute and drain. Toss with sesame oil. Using same wok as for meat, add snow peas and stir-fry 1 minute. Add noodles and toss 2 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Remove to dinner plates and serve beef on top. Makes 2 servings.

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# Fruitcakes are ritual at abbey

By Allison Askins  
Knight Rider News Service

**MONCK'S CORNER, S.C.** — For more than 50 years, November at Mepkin Abbey has been fruitcake-making time. The rich, fruit- and pecan-filled cakes are slowly baked on Fridays, prepared as gifts by the poverty-sworn brothers for family and friends of the abbey. Ingredients for the cakes — candied fruit, dates, pecans — are ordered in the summer and begin arriving by fall. The baking cannot begin until all are in.

"Part of the problem is the pecans," explained the Rev. Aelred Hagan, 50, who oversees the cake-baking. "We want them fresh."  
The monks also want lots of pecans. As many as 15 pounds go into a batch of 55 cakes. Legendary Southern fruitcake expert Marie Rudisill says the monks are right about the pecans.

"I absolutely, thoroughly agree with them because the pecan is rich and meaty," said the 91-year-old Rudisill, author of "Fruitcake: Memories of Truman Capote and Sook."

Rudisill has appeared on the Jay Leno show defending fruitcakes. Her book is the story of her cousin Sook's fruitcakes and how Sook and Rudisill's nephew, author Truman Capote, delivered the cakes at Christmas throughout their small Alabama community. She wrote the book determined to combat the bad commentary fruitcakes so often receive.

"The basic recipe is about 40 percent pecans," she said. And no mangoes or tropical fruit.

The cakes at the abbey, \$14 each, are wrapped plainly in saran, keeping with the simplicity of life at Mepkin. All proceeds go back into the maintenance and upkeep of the abbey.

For more information, visit [www.mepkinabbey.org](http://www.mepkinabbey.org) or call (843) 761-8509.

**FRUITCAKE RECIPES**

Mepkin Abbey keeps its fruitcake recipe a secret but offers this holiday bread recipe from Brother Boniface's cookbook "Baking With Brother Boniface."

**MEPKIN ABBEY HOLIDAY BREAD**

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 (8-ounce) jar baby food prunes
- 1/2 cup pitted prunes, optional
- 1/2 cup black walnuts

- 1/2 cup English walnuts
- All-purpose flour to mix with nuts
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Using a large spoon, mix sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Add eggs, vegetable oil and purged prunes. Add pitted prunes and nuts, which have been mixed with a little bit of flour to keep them from settling to the bottom. Pour into a greased and lightly floured 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Bake on middle rack of oven for about 50 minutes.

- FRUITCAKE COOKIES**  
(144 servings)
- 1 pound candied pineapple
- 16 ounces candied cherries
- 3 cups dates, pitted and chopped
- 4 1/2 cups golden raisins
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 6 cups chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 4 eggs, separated
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3 teaspoons baking soda

- 3-tablespoons sweetened condensed milk
- 1/2 cup brandy
- Cut fruit into small pieces. In a large bowl, dredge fruit and nuts in 1 cup flour. Cream together butter or margarine, brown sugar and egg yolks. Stir together flour, cinnamon and nutmeg; add to creamed mixture. In a small bowl, dissolve

- baking soda into sweetened condensed milk. Gradually add soda mixture and brandy. Turn mixture into the big bowl of fruit and nuts. Combine. Beat egg whites to stiff peaks. Fold into dough. Bake at 300 degrees for 20 minutes, or until lightly browned. Cool on wire racks. Cookies should be soft.
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FOOD & HOME

# Make cookie mix a festive gift

By Linda Cleo  
The Miami Herald

It's easy and inexpensive to make a jar of cookie mix a festive present. A paper dolly or a circle of fabric can be placed between the lid and the ring on a canning jar. Tie on a cookie cutter or a wooden spoon. You don't even need a jar - the ingredients can be layered in any airtight container, even a zipper-lock plastic bag. Then pack the bag into a tin, add coffee can or oatmeal box or even a disposable cookie sheet.

It takes careful packing to fit all the ingredients into a 1-quart or 1-liter jar (a quart, of course, equals 4 cups while a liter is a bit larger). Use a potato masher to press down the sugar, flour, oats and nuts. You also want to be sure the result is colorful, so obviously you want to put a different color ingredient between flour and sugar, for example. Fine textured ingredients such as granulated sugar will seep down, so it's best to put it below a layer of chips or canoes.

You'll want to include baking instructions, and I think you should include the entire recipe so your recipient can adopt the idea. You should also advise that the mix should be stored in a cool, dark and dry place and be used within a month or two. If you use very fresh baking powder and sugar, the mix actually will work well for longer than that.

Here are some cookie ideas, but you can adapt your favorites, too. Just make sure the ingredients don't add up to more than 4 to 4 1/2 cups if you're using a quart jar.

**COOKIE JAR RECIPES**

**BASIC COOKIE MIX IN A JAR**

- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white sugar

**Cook's Corner**

- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

1 to 1 1/2 cups total of chocolate chips, M&Ms, chocolate-covered raisins, chopped nuts or whatever you fancy

- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla (optional)

Whisk together the flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. Set aside. Firmly pack the brown sugar into a 1-quart wide-mouth jar. Pack the white sugar into the jar next, then pack in the remaining dry ingredients, ending with the flour. Along with the recipe, attach these instructions to the jar: Put butter out to soften. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease cookie sheets. Dump cookie mix into a large bowl. Use your hands to thoroughly blend the ingredients. Add butter, egg and vanilla. Mix until with your hands until well blended; the dough will be very sticky. Shape into Ping-Pong size balls and place 2 inches apart on cookie sheets. Bake 11 to 13 minutes. Cool 5 minutes on pan. Remove to racks to finish cooling. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

2 cups rolled (old-fashioned) oats

- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla (optional)

Whisk the flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, baking soda and salt together in a bowl. Place in a wide-mouth, 1-quart canning jar. Push raisins firmly down into flour mixture, then the oats, brown sugar and finally white sugar. You must pack tightly to get it all to fit.

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3 (1.55-ounce) bars white chocolate, chopped

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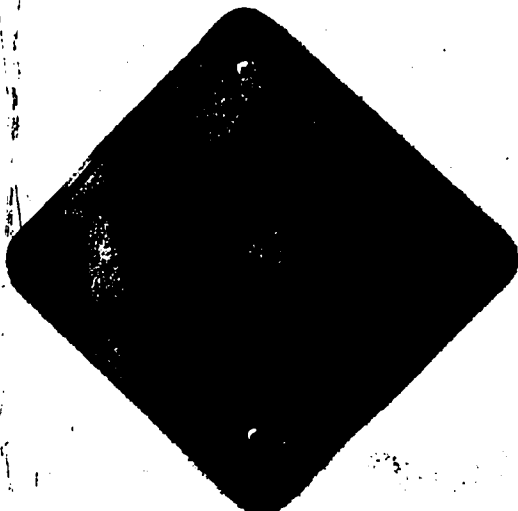
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**Fake greenery is getting better**

By Megan Sexton  
Knight Ridder News Service

That wreath hanging from the front door. The garland draped around the light post. The poinsettias lining the stairway. Real or fake?

It's getting harder and harder to tell. Call it faux, artificial, permanent or fake. Whatever you call it, the holiday garland, flowers and trees filling store shelves this time of year are looking a lot more, well, real. It's a far cry from the days of cheap plastic poinsettias or garland whose only resemblance to natural greenery was the color.

Many people still insist on the real thing, but the improvement in artificial flowers and greenery is fueling their growth in holiday use.

The biggest change during the past few years is the quality of products available from overseas. Instead of imitating some non-existent holiday plant, garlands now are made to look like a real one. There are Canadian spruce, all sorts of pine, and even cedar that's dried and treated with fire retardant. The change has made the offerings more extensive and more realistic, said Jane Dillard of Madison Hall in Columbia.

"When they went from plastic to silk, that was a huge leap," Dillard said, "and even since then ... sometimes you have to touch it and smell it."

Holiday trees, too, have seen their quality improve. Mary Beth Singleton, general manager for Santa's Closet, said the trees it sells are handwired and cut, with silk-wrapped ends. About 95 percent of their trees come in three sections with all metal components and no plastic. And today's trees boast higher "tip counts" - more branches, which give them a fuller look. But the biggest change in trees is similar to that of other greenery - the color combinations now available can make the trees look more like the real thing. For example, you can find trees with a slight blue tint looking more like a natural Fraser fir.

At some stores, permanent trees run from \$200 to \$1,000, with 7 1/2 feet the most popular size. Along with the improved look, people turn to artificial for other reasons, including a lack of time to create their own fresh decorations. Plus, folks around here like to start decorating soon after Thanksgiving - a long time to expect natural decorations to last.

There's a safety factor

involved, too. "A lot of people would prefer natural, but because people like to leave them up, the greenery dries out," said Jean Clapp, a floral designer at Michael's in Harrison, S.C. "And if you use candles, there's a fire hazard."

Still, for many people, there's no substitute for the real thing. Interior designers suggest a combination of the two. For example, silk poinsettias for outside arrangements (where there's no fear of the plant's being zapped by the frost), and real poinsettias for a dining room table centerpiece. Or you can try artificial garland around the front door, but a real wreath, offering the scent of the holidays each time you open the door.

Or you can combine the two, purchasing an artificial wreath or garland and "stuffing" it with pieces of real holly or other greenery.

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**Nutritionist offers tips  
for better holiday health**

By Judith Weinraub  
The Washington Post

People concerned about their weight (and who can afford private counseling) have often sought guidance from nutritionist Katalin Talkadge, the author of "Diet Simple" (LifeLine Press). Here are her holiday tips:

- Give yourself permission to indulge at one social gathering out of every four, especially in the same week. "But only eat the foods you really love. Don't waste your calories on food you don't care about."

- Eat before you party. It works. Avoiding lunch makes it likely you aren't going to take dietary shortcuts at the dimmerette buffet table. And if a late meal-time is scheduled, eating a piece of fruit or some vegetables ahead of time helps. "But you'll feel full longer if it's eaten with fat or protein, such as a couple of tablespoons of peanut butter or an ounce of nuts or a serving of low-fat or no-fat yogurt."

- Savor each bite. "At parties we tend to gulp food without thinking about it very much. Put your food on a plate and take it to a table. Sit down, relax and enjoy it."

- Wear something tight and sexy. You're less likely to stuff yourself.
- Get rid of leftovers. "Holiday

meals are notoriously high in fat and calories. Spurging is great but you want to get back to normal as soon as possible."

- If you must lose weight over the holidays, write down what you eat. "Research shows the people most likely to lose over this high-risk season were ones who closely self-monitored everything they ate."

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**SPORTSQUOTE**

“ Roger Clemens has only one request if the Yankees trade him. He wants to end his career throwing at American League batters. ”

—San Francisco Chronicle columnist Alan Ray

**TRIVIA QUESTION:**

UCLA plays New Mexico on Christmas Day in the Las Vegas Bowl. What do coaches Ed Kezarian of the Bruins and Rocky Long of the Lobos have in common?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**High school boys' basketball**  
 The Community School at Carey, 7:30 p.m.  
 Castleford at Glenns Ferry, 7:30 p.m.  
 Dietrich at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.  
 Rockland at Raft River, 7:30 p.m.  
 Aberdeen at Valley, 7:30 p.m.  
 Wendell at Gooding, 7:30 p.m.  
 Century at Minico, 7:30 p.m.

**High school girls' basketball**  
 The Community School at Carey, 6 p.m.  
 Burley at Century, 7:30 p.m.

**High school wrestling**  
 Twin Falls, Glenns Ferry at Mountain Home, 6 p.m.  
 Minico at Jerome, 6 p.m.  
 Buhl, Kimberly at Filer, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

**North Texas wins New Orleans Bowl**

NEW ORLEANS — Kevin Galbreath ran for 130 yards and a 35-yard touchdown, and North Texas intercepted Cincinnati's Gino Guidugli five times en route to a 24-19 victory Tuesday night in the New Orleans Bowl.

The victory was North Texas' first against a Division I-A team outside the Sun Belt Conference and gave the 2-year-old league its first bowl triumph. North Texas lost to Colorado State last season in the inaugural New Orleans Bowl.

Andrew Smith completed 9-of-22 passes for 126 yards, but North Texas (8-5) gained 192 yards on the ground in controlling the game. Jeremy Pearl returned an interception 20 yards for a touchdown.

And the North Texas defense forced Cincinnati (7-7) to settle for field goals twice after crossing the Mean Green 20.

Quinn, who came in averaging 255 yards passing, completed 19-of-34 for 224 yards and a touchdown.

**AP names Utah lineman to their All-American team**

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah offensive lineman Jordan Gross was named Tuesday to The Associated Press All-American team.

Gross, a 6-foot-5, 306-pound tackle from Fruitland, Idaho, is only the second Utah to make the AP's first team. Former Utah defensive lineman Luther Ellis was an All-American in 1994.

Gross started his last three seasons and didn't allow a sack in the final two years.

He was also one of three finalists for the Outland Trophy, which went to Washington State defensive tackle Rien Long. The award is given annually to the best interior lineman in college football.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

**TRIVIA ANSWER:**

Both played in the short-lived World Football League. Kezarian was an offensive lineman for the Southern California Sun and Long was a safety for the Detroit Wheels.

5A, 4A WRESTLING

## Minico monster

Vail leads talented Spartan grappling team

By Scott Thompson  
 Times-News writer

RUPERT — Minico wrestler Joey Vail has snuffed at a state championship the past couple of years, and that has only served to whet his appetite for the whole enchilada.

After placing second as a sophomore and third as a junior, the 171-pound senior, who has been on the mats since he was 5 years old, dedicated himself even more to the sport than ever.

Vail, who finished 41-6 last year, wrestled more in the high school off-season than in the past and took home a freestyle state championship.

He also went to western regionals and the national championships.

And the goal was simple: a Class 5A state title.

"I just want to take it one



Minico seniors Joey Vail, in front, and Neil Clark are two of the Spartans' top guns this year, with Vail trying to build on a third-place finish a year ago and a second-place finish last year.

match at a time, but in the back of my mind there's always thoughts of a state championship," he said. "Losing in the

## Trip to championships won't be easy this year

By Scott Thompson  
 Times-News writer

The Minico Spartan wrestling team may be the favorite but the path to the Region Three championship certainly got more difficult this year with the addition of Idaho Falls and Skyline.

Idaho Falls was the only team to beat Minico in a dual a year ago and Skyline is the reigning state champion.

"It certainly didn't get any easier," Twin Falls coach Chad Ryan said.

And the Bruins didn't need it any more difficult as they try to rebuild a program that has been down.

In Twin Falls' opener, the Class 5A Bruins fell to Class 3A Gooding 49-30 and gave up four forfeits because of open weights. Twin Falls is down to just 20 wrestlers after several have quit in the preseason.

Ryan said there are numerous reasons for the low turnout, including that it is harder to recruit kids into his program since he is not a teacher at the school and doesn't see students every day.

The second-year coach also said many other coaches at the school encourage athletes to spe-

cialize in one sport and he said it's also tough to break the stereotype of cutting weight even though that is not happening as much.

But the biggest reason is the general condition of the program, starting at the junior levels.

"These kids are getting up here without any experience and they're getting beat up and not having any fun and quitting," Ryan said. "And I don't blame them."

But Ryan has started a junior program and while he covets more athletes now, there is a benefit to being down to just 20 wrestlers. "We are down to just those who are willing to sacrifice and work," Ryan said. "And we can give them plenty of attention."

Senior Ryan Pohlman leads the charge for the Bruins at 135 after finishing fourth at 125 last year.

Other bright spots include state qualifiers Ben Paston (171) and Leonard VonBernadt (215).

Minico coach Brad Cooper said he likes the direction the Bruin program is going in with Ryan at the helm.

"I like that coach they have down there," he said. "I think he teaches some real good stuff."

## Burley's upper weights give Bobcats edge



Burley's Gerardo Vega, who finished fifth a year ago at the Class 4A state tournament, pins Rigby's Chad Jones Saturday at Minico High School. Vega won both of his matches Saturday with pins in under a minute and is a favorite in the 180-pound class.

By Scott Thompson  
 Times-News writer

BURLEY — Call them murderer's row.

If all goes according to plans, the Burley wrestling team will have standout Gerardo "Gordo" Vega wrestling at 160 pounds and leading into a stretch that includes Kyle Bowers at 171, Josh Meline at 189, Cole Jones at 215 and Blake Bushman at heavyweight.

Have fun.

"That will definitely be the heart of our lineup," Burley coach Clint Milliron said.

And nobody is disputing that.

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## 2002-03 Wrestling Previews

Today: The season outlook for the area's Class 5A and 4A wrestling teams.  
 Friday: A look at the Class 3A, 2A and 1A programs.

## Three Ohio State players earn spots on AP All-American team

The Associated Press

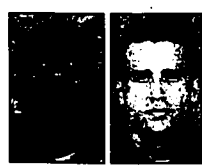
NEW YORK — Ohio State is No. 2 in the polls and No. 1 in AP All-Americans.

Ohio State strong safety Mike Doss, linebacker Matt Wilhelm and kicker Mike Nugent were among 25 players selected to The Associated Press All-American team Tuesday.

When the Buckeyes line up to play top-ranked Miami for the national title in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 3, they will face two All-Americans — tailback Willis McGahee and center Brett Romberg.

Doss and Wilhelm led a formidable Ohio State defense that ranked second in the country in points allowed at 12.2 per game. Nugent made 24 of 26 field goals for the Buckeyes (13-0), who won six of their games by seven points or fewer.

McGahee, who set school records with 1,686 yards and 27 touchdowns, often followed the blocks of Romberg in helping the Hurricanes (12-0) average 41.9 points, third in the nation.



Mike Doss Matt Wilhelm

Southern California's Carson Palmer followed up his Heisman Trophy win with his selection as All-American quarterback, with Iowa's Brad Banks — the AP's College Player of the Year — on the second team and Miami's Ken Dorsey on the third team.

Palmer threw for 3,639 yards and 32 touchdowns in leading the fifth-ranked Trojans (10-2) to a share of the Pac-10 title and a berth in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 2. The 6-foot-5, 225-pounder set seven league and 23 school records during his senior season.

Full list — D3

Johnson became just the ninth Division I-A player to top 2,000 yards, finishing with a school-record 2,015 yards and 23 touchdowns.

Cornerback Shane Walton gave Notre Dame its first All-American since 1993.

Leading the defense were end Terrell Suggs of Arizona State, linebacker E.J. Henderson of Maryland and tackle Rien Long of Washington State. Suggs, with an NCAA-record 22 sacks, won the Lombardi Award as the nation's top lineman. Henderson was the lone repeat All-American selection. Long, with 13 sacks, took the Outland Trophy as the top interior lineman.

Charles Rogers of Michigan State and Reggie Williams of Washington were the wide receivers. Rogers caught a school-record 68 passes for 1,351 yards and 13 touchdowns, and Williams had 89 catches for 1,390 yards and 11 TDs.

## Washington State's coach Price will head to Alabama

The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Mike Price said late Tuesday he is leaving Washington State to become head football coach at Alabama.

"I just can't pass it up," Price told the Eastside Journal of Bellevue, Wash., after a team meeting at the Pullman school. "I'm getting up there (in age). I've got to do this for my family."

Price, 56, has been at WSU for 14 years, taking the Cougars to five of the nine bowl games in team history.

Price replaces Dennis Franchione, who left Tuscaloosa for Texas A&M on Dec. 5.

The Alabama job is expected to bring a substantial raise over the \$900,000 that Price could make with incentives at WSU.

Price said he will coach the No. 7 Cougars (10-2) in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1 against No. 8 Oklahoma, and that WSU officials accepted his recommendation that defensive coordinator Bill Doba replace him as head coach. Doba was one of Price's first hires at WSU.

Price, who often wears his emotions on his sleeve, said the meeting with players was emotional, and that he regretted leaving the

impression in a meeting with players earlier this week that he was staying at WSU.

"If you promise somebody something and you don't do it, that's not right," Price said. "I hope they can find it in their hearts to understand."

Players said emotions ran high at the team meeting.

"There were a lot of different emotions and people in there," defensive tackle Jeremy Williams told reporters. "We thought he'd be here forever."

"We are all a little bit hurt," defensive end Isaac Brown added. "I feel like somebody's leaving me."

Washington State athletic director Jim Sterk would say only that the university had scheduled a Wednesday morning news conference to discuss the coaching situation.

Price led Washington State to the Pac-10 regular-season title this year, and the Cougars rose as high as No. 2 in the Bowl Championship Series rankings, briefly flirting with the possibility of winning the national title. Price has an 83-77 record as head coach of the Cougars, including back-to-back 10-2 seasons.



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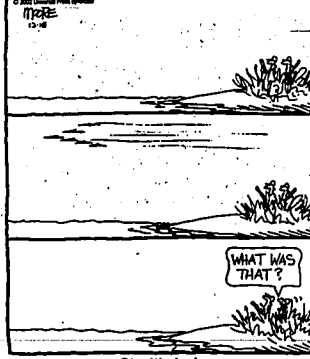
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National Basketball Association

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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



Stealth ducks.

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## Arts center presents holiday show

**BURLEY**—Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with the third annual production of "Hope is Born Again" at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the King Fine Arts Center.

"Hope is Born Again" tells the story of Christ's birth through the performing arts. The original production, presented by Julie Goodfellow, incorporates song, dance, narration and scripture.

It is a heart-felt production that truly brings the spirit of the Christmas season to the audience, Goodfellow said.

The cast features area residents.

New to the



Tonya Peterson, Toby Peterson and Traci Peterson perform "Hope is Born Again" as part of the annual production of "Hope is Born Again" on production is David Greenman, portraying "prophets of old." Returning in a new role are Joseph Randy Jensen, Alissa Barendregt Olsen will portray Mary. Shawn Holdaway returns to perform, "Oh, Holy Night." The innkeeper will be played by Adam Floyd. Joining the cast this year are

## Charming child needs patient parent

"My name is Patty and I'm 5 years old. I like to play Barbies with my brother, James. He's 3. I like to play with my dolls. I have a million dolls. And I like to have fun with my friends. I have a wigly tooth, here in the front. It might come out soon."

Expect the unexpected with Patty, an outgoing charmer who likes to give hugs all around.

Patty's social worker says she is an extremely bright child who already knows her alphabet and the sounds associated with each letter. She enjoys school and interacts well with other children in a Christian academy.

Needs: Charm and control are traits that helped Patty ride out the chaotic, unsafe environments of her infancy. She needs a single parent or stable couple who understand Reactive Attachment Disorder. Empathy, patience and emotional maturity are parenting

traits an adoption committee will look for before selecting a family that can meet Patty's needs. Her parents should plan for access to a skilled therapist, as well as occasional respite (time off) to manage family stress.

Patty and 3-year-old brother, James need the love and commitment of one family who will keep them together.

Patty requires the full-time attention of at least one at-home parent.

Over and over, her parent(s) must establish an authoritative and wise style that responds to anger with firm but loving resolve. Be prepared for challenging behaviors which go with Patty's underdeveloped trust.

Subsidy, adoption assistance and provision for needed services are available. Patty is available for adoption through the Idaho Department of Health and

## Wednesday's Child



**Patricia Age 5**

Welfare. To find out more, call the Idaho CareLine number, 1-800-926-2588.

## CSI offers new Web-based career training courses

**TWIN FALLS**—The College of Southern Idaho has partnered with GES, the country's largest provider of Web-based career training courses, to provide online training for bookkeeping, records management, travel agency, security and certification. Web master, administrative medical specialist, medical transcription and advanced coding for a physician's office.

The new courses are ideal for people wanting to start a new career or for first-time job seekers who need specialized training. The courses take an average of 90 days to complete, and will provide training for an entry-level position.

These certificate programs are available through the CSI Community Education Center. The non-credit programs are designed to provide the skills necessary to acquire professional caliber positions in various occupations. All within a three-month delivery window, CSI reports. Students will receive a certificate from CSI upon successful completion of the program.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

scene will be held from 5-6 p.m. Sunday, 5-7 p.m. Monday and 5-6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church, 308 First Ave. E. in Jerome.

The outdoor scene will feature people in costume re-enacting the first Christmas with traditional characters.

## Liberty Christian Academy holds Christmas concert

**TWIN FALLS**—The Liberty Christian Academy will hold its Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Friday in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Building.

The concert will feature the bell choir, orchestra and choir. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted.

## Gooding Duplicate Bridge announces Dec. 13 winners

**GOODING**—The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced its winners for Dec. 13.

Winners for north/south were: first, Max Thompson and Riley Burton; second, Jodi Faulkner and Louise Smith; third, Sue Borden and Lenard Bard.

Winners for east/west were: first, Lonnie and Beverly Burns; second, Sid Bokovsky and Bill Simonsen and third, Les Saunders and Joe Stansley.

Refreshments were served. The club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at Gooding City Hall.

## Wendell Optimists sell calendars, gather costs

**WENDELL**—The Wendell Optimist Club is selling its 2003 calendars with photos of the early days in the Wendell area for \$20.

Funds raised will go towards young people and other needs within the community. To purchase a calendar, call Helene Coleman, Room #11, 536-5366 or Bobby Coleman at 536-4620.

The Optimists also honored Phillip Matos as Optimist Student of the Month on Nov. 12. Matos is a senior at Wendell High School, a member of Sigma Xi and is involved in many activities at school and in the community.

The Optimists also are gathering coats for its Coats for Kids program. Collection boxes are available at Simerly's, The Shak and Valley Co-op in Wendell.

## Mary Time Club sets January meeting

**TWIN FALLS**—The Mary Time Club will meet Jan. 7 at the home of Irene Mai.

Roll call is anything members want to say.

The club met Dec. 3 for its Christmas potluck at the home of Alice Haines. The hostess was Florence Sheridan.

Thirteen members attended, and the white elephant was won by Florence Sheridan and Floy Oraney. Roll call was a Christmas story on potluck.

Members drew new secret pal names for 2003, and brought cookies for exchange.

Members also thanked their secret pal for cards.

## Hollister Elementary School presents Christmas play

**HOLLISTER**—Hollister Elementary School will present its annual Christmas play, "Magic in the Toy Shop," at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday at the school, 2463 Contact Ave.

For more information, call 655-4215.

## Salvation Army still needs people to ring bells

**PAUL**—Bell ringers are still needed for Salvation Army collection sites.

To volunteer, call Mike Gill at 436-3593 or the Paul First Baptist Church at 438-5126.

## Santa visits the Burley Library on Friday

**BURLEY**—Santa is coming for toddlers and babies story time, to the Burley Library at 10:30 a.m. Friday.

There will be stories, activities, and holiday treat for each child. The public is invited to observe holiday hours, closing early weekdays beginning Friday. The library will resume normal operating hours Jan. 2.

## CLUB CALENDAR

**Chic**

**Blue Lanes** - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at West Coast in Burley; noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center; call Ron at 878-7000.

**Bell** - 12:05 p.m. Thursdays at The Grandview; 541-6428.

**Gooding** - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Room; 545-1245.

**Hayley** - Noon Thursdays at the Senior Center of Blaine County; 788-0079 or 788-2111.

**Idaho** - Noon Tuesdays at the Civic Village; 12:15, Idaho; 216-7000 or 216-4511.

**Idaho Valley** - Noon Tuesdays at the Reno's Plaza and Pasta Restaurant; Bob Stone at 736-1101.

**Idaho** - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elba Lodge; call Jett Bell at 436-5611.

**Idaho** - Noon Tuesdays at the Senior Citizens Center; 788-2211 or 788-2626.

**Livis Falls** - Noon Wednesdays at the Turf Club; 736-4029 or 734-6459.

**Idaho** - Noon Fridays at Prien's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.; Ken Biss at 678-5533.

**Idaho** - Noon Tuesdays at the Idaho Valley Farm Bureau conference room, 444 E. 5th N. Idaho; Janet Elnorberg at 478-0238.

**Gooding** - 4 p.m. first and third Thursdays of the Lincoln Inn, 934-1411.

**Idaho** - Noon first and third Wednesdays at Wells Fargo Bank.

**Idaho** - 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Highway Five station, Clyde May at 736-3333.

**Idaho** - 7 p.m. first and third Thursdays at Klamath; 7 a.m. first and third Thursdays at Crossroads United Methodist Church, 683 N.E. 14-86-02.

**Idaho** - Noon second and fourth Wednesdays at Wayside Cafe in Heyburn; 436-5700.

**Idaho** - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at United Methodist Church, 683 N.E. 14-86-02.

**Idaho** - Noon Wednesdays at the Jade Restaurant; 562-6454.

**Idaho** - Noon first and third Wednesdays at North's Chuck Wagon in Twin Falls.

**Nevada Clubs**

**Bald** - Noon Wednesdays at the Cleared Sports Club; 541-5123 or 543-3261.

**Burley** - Noon Wednesdays at Prien's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.; 628-2233 or 628-0728.

**Idaho** - Noon Tuesdays at the Piner Methodist Church; 736-4530 or 736-4051.

**Idaho** - Noon Tuesdays at the West Elba; 684-2124.

**Idaho** - Noon Tuesdays at the Crossroads United Methodist Church, 215 First Ave. E.; call 334-3321.

**Idaho** - Noon Tuesdays at the Turf Club; 736-4029 or 734-6454.

**Optimist Clubs**

**Idaho** - Noon Thursdays at Crossroads Restaurant; 733-2771, 733-7025 or 734-7025.

**Idaho** - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 1120 E. Idaho St.; 234-5666.

**Idaho** - 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays at the Crossroads United Methodist; 334-6777.

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**Idaho** - Noon second, third and fourth Thursdays at George K's; call Arlene

To obtain or add a listing for your club or organization, please send in a notice with: Name of the organization or club; Time, day and week of the meeting; Place of meeting; and Telephone number of a group contact person.

**Weight**

**Chamber** - 6:30 p.m. Mondays at 475 Cavell Ave. W. recreation room in Twin Falls; 254-1232 or 256-1291.

**Chamber** - 11:30 a.m. Mondays at Our Senior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls; call 214-4071 or 236-4064.

**Chamber** - 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the Jerome Public Library; 324-7426 or 324-5722.

**Idaho** - noon Mondays, noon Friday at the Sun Club on Second Avenue; call Madam at 623-2700 or Jennifer at 726-4822.

**Twin Falls** - 10 a.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church; 736-5171, Dorothy at 543-7970 or J.C. at 732-5678.

**DivorceCare**

**Twin Falls** - 7 p.m. Mondays at Twin Falls Baptist Church, 1631 Grandview Dr. N. New participants, all denominations welcome at any session; call Vickie at 734-7731, Renee or Flo at 733-7131 or Donna at 324-0257.

**Idaho** - 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Family Resource Center, 444 E. 5th N.; call Jean at 678-2280 or 678-3660.

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**Support Groups**

**Christians** - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 9101 Golf course on part and information; call 736-6550 or e-mail at tracy@tracyandson.com.

**Idaho** - 10 a.m. Friday at Our Senior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. in Twin Falls; call Tracy at 734-1000 or Marjorie at 736-1295.

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**Academics**

**Idaho** - 7 p.m. Mondays and 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Blaine County; 315 English Ave. W.; call 334-1232.

**Idaho** - Tuesday night Proseum group, 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Idaho Valley; 125 First Ave. W.; call 334-1232.

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**Memorial Hall** - 266-2102.

**Idaho** - Post 3078, Topical Post, 8 p.m. third Thursday at Gooding War Memorial Hall; 534-3005.

**Idaho** - Post 4128, Big Wood River Post, Bellevue, 509 Fourth St., 8 p.m. third Thursday; 334-3002.

**Idaho** - Post 10129, Kinshir Post, 7:30 p.m. third Wednesday at senior citizens center; call 334-1232.

**Idaho** - Post 3678, Harlow Harmon Post, 7:30 p.m. second and third Wednesdays at Rupert Club House; 334-3005.

**Idaho** - Post 3001, Little Wood River Post, 7:30 p.m. second and third Wednesdays at the Blaine County; 315 English Ave. W.; call 334-1232.

**Idaho** - Post 2136, Henry Lytle Post, 8 p.m. second and third Wednesdays at American Legion Hall in Wendell; call quarter master at 334-1001.

**Idaho** - Post 17, 7 p.m. fourth Thursday at 1501 Oakley Ave.; call Lily Morton at 878-5347.

**Idaho** - Post 13, Elmer Miller Post, 8 p.m. first Wednesday, and third Wednesday, potluck with Auxiliary at Legion Hall; call Gene Behrman at 534-5796.

**Idaho** - Post 105, Wednesday at American Legion; 7:30 p.m. first Thursday; call Ed Hodson at 436-5126.

**Idaho** - Post 17, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday at Post Home; call Terrence at 534-8687.

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# Cold stares flash between ex-friends

Jury weighs evidence against man accused of pushing his wife, son off Wyoming cliff

By Helen O'Neill  
Associated Press writer

**GREEN RIVER, Wyo.**— The jury traveled to Lost Dog Trail on a warm windy morning last August, driving down the remote winding track to the face of the cliff. In silence they crept along the ridge, spooked by the wind and the rattlesnakes, shocked by the deadly drop to the gorge.

It seemed like an evil place, one jury member said later. That was exactly the impression prosecutor Harold Moneyhun had counted on. Moneyhun had decided to press the case only after a grand jury found enough evidence to do so, and only after insisting the jury visit the cliff. "It's not a picnic area," Moneyhun said. "It is the murder weapon."

Moneyhun repeated this story, using as his prop a 5-by-3-foot brown fiberglass model of the cliff. It dominated the courtroom, a chilling reminder of where the mother and child had died six years earlier.

State prosecutors brought six charges against Bob Duke: two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of his wife and child,



Bob Duke waits in Green River, Wyo., for the jury to decide whether he's guilty of murder. Below, Roger Brauburger would testify against his former friend.



Roger Brauburger

would be easy to prove. After all, Duke had already been convicted on similar, federal charges. The real challenge would be to prove he had killed his wife and child.

They had no eyewitnesses, no forensic evidence and a key witness who would be portrayed as a criminal and a loser by the defense.

Still, Moneyhun felt he had to try the case. "At this point, there was just this feeling that someone had to stand up for Liana and Erik," he said later.

And so, Moneyhun launched his assault with the biggest piece of evidence in his possession: the FBI tapes.

In the hushed courtroom, Duke's taped voice sounded clear and calm as he discussed, in eerie detail, how to murder his parents. "A 22 is quiet enough...No one can think it's anything more than a door slam..."

The jury listened grimly. The defendant didn't flinch.

Roger Brauburger was one of the first witnesses to testify. Nervously he slid into the witness chair and gazed around the packed courtroom, taking it all in—the bailiffs, the jury, the crowd. Finally his eyes settled on Duke, sitting a few yards in front of him. In leg shackles and a suit, Duke

looked paler than Brauburger remembered, and much older. He was nearly bald and his eyes looked cold. There was hardly a trace of the skinny, dark-haired youth who had once been his best friend.

The two men stared at each other silently. For a fleeting moment, Brauburger forgot the court, his testimony, the knot in his stomach.

For a fleeting moment, he let his mind drift back—back to the

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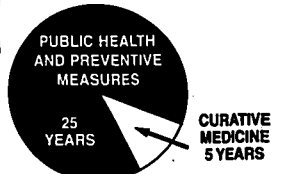
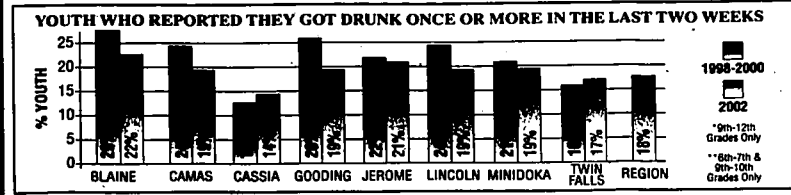
*Alcohol abuse is the third leading real cause of death and is responsible for 100,000 deaths in the U.S. each year.*

**FAST FACTS:**

- 20% of Americans drink at levels that exceed government recommendations (no more than two drinks per day for men and one drink for women).
- Alcohol abuse increases risk for high blood pressure, stroke, violence, motor vehicle crashes, injury, suicide, and certain forms of cancer.
- Alcohol abuse cost the nation \$186.6 billion in 1998.
- 40% of all U.S. traffic related deaths in 2000 involved alcohol.
- Alcohol is the drug of choice among youth, with 24% of 6th to 12th grade youth in south central Idaho reporting they used alcohol in the last 30 days.
- Young people who begin drinking at age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence.
- 44% of college students in the U.S. are binge drinkers (they consume five or more drinks at a time).

**HOW ARE WE DOING?**

- The percent of adults in south central Idaho who report binge drinking decreased slightly from 13% in 2000 to 11% in 2001. However, that same year, 48% of underage CSI students reported binge drinking. Since then, District Health staff has worked with college administrators and students to strengthen their alcohol and drug use policy, enforcement, and education.
- The recent youth asset survey revealed that binge drinking by 6th to 12th grade youth in south central Idaho had decreased since 1998 but is still at 18%.



Since 1900, life expectancy has increased by 30 years. According to the CDC, only 5 of those years can be attributed to curative medicine; the remaining 25 years are due to public health and prevention measures.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

- Consume no more than two alcoholic drinks per day if you are a man.
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Sweetwater County prosecutors, from left, Jason Patri, County Attorney Harold Moneyhun, and Tony Howard show the model in September of the cliff area where Liana and Erik Duke died.

## Deadly

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days when they were just two foolish kids, tearing across the desert in Duke's pickup truck, shooting rabbits and drinking beer, and dreaming for all the world that beyond the cliffs and the gorge and the endless dust, life held something different for them, something glorious.

How did we ever get to this point? he thought. What went wrong?

And then he remembered carrying little Erik's coffin. And Liana's battered face. I've got to do this right, he thought. So they can rest in peace.

For the next four hours Brauburger testified in a case that could put his old friend away for life. He described how Duke had first approached him to kill his wife and child, and how, years later, he had come to him for help once again. "He said, 'I've done family before and I didn't like it.' " "Would you be interested in killing my parents?"

Moneyhun was satisfied with Brauburger's performance, but he knew it wasn't enough.

He needed more — more than the parade of witnesses who testified that Duke was unhappy in his marriage, or the experts who said the cliff had not given way. He needed something more than the rescue workers who, over and over, described Duke's lack of emotion at the scene.

Even the photographs of the bodies were not enough, although they moved some jurors to tears. Others stared coldly at Duke.

He stared back without expression. Defense lawyer LaVoy Taylor countered Brauburger's testimony with a smile and a slow drawl. "It was all a huge mistake he said. A young man, who had tragically lost his family, who was already serving prison time for a stupid joke gone wrong. This case wasn't about murder, Taylor argued. It was about an overzealous prosecutor so bent on getting a conviction that he rested his whole case on a witness with no credibility and a criminal past.

Brauburger's story "sounds to me like a dreamed up, drug-mind statement," Taylor said. "And we know that Roger Brauburger was a drug peddler, a drug dealer and a drug user."

Even the so-called fall expert, Taylor pointed out, couldn't prove that a crime had been committed. There was no evidence of strangulation. There was no evidence of foul play on the cliff. If there was, it should have been investigated years ago.

The prosecution felt stumped. There seemed no doubt that the original investigation had been bungled and no clear explanation why, except that Duke was considered such an upstanding citizen that he wouldn't have been capable of such horror.

And then, in the middle of the trial, along came a witness who was so compelling that Moneyhun called her "a gift." She walked into his office one day at lunchtime and said, "I have to tell the truth."

She was pretty and poised and devastating. Moneyhun put Crystal Robinson on the stand the next day.

Robinson told the court that when Liana and Erik were still alive, she had been Duke's girlfriend. He would drive her to the cliffs at the end of Lost Dog trail.

There, among the rocks and the dust and the sunsets, they would drink beer and make out. And he would tell her, over and over, that he wanted out of his marriage.

When she asked why he didn't get a divorce, she said, Duke always gave the same answer: "He wanted to find a way out in which he would not have to pay child support."

Bob Duke took the stand in his own defense in the final days of the trial. In a strong, confident voice, he described how a family outing to the cliffs had turned tragic, how his wife had fallen when his back was turned, her scream, the sound of his child choking on his last breath.

"I was pretty freaked out. I felt real dizzy," Duke said. "I just kind of dropped down to my knees and I started hollering."

Moneyhun thought Duke seemed defiant and remorseless and arrogant.

He lashed out at Duke's behavior on the cliff. "It must have taken every ounce of strength and resolve that you have as a parent not to go down there or try to get down there and see what happened," he said sarcastically. He sneered when Duke defended the taped conversations about murder as a misunderstood joke.

"You stop me when I get to the funny part," Moneyhun said.

What actually happened, Moneyhun suggested, was that Duke showed his wife and child of the cliff and then scrambled down after them to make sure they were dead. That was how he heard his son's last gurgling breath. Only when Duke was sure they were dead, Moneyhun said, did he call 911.

Duke listened dispassionately, his blank expression infuriating Moneyhun. Few people had ever angered him as much, he said later. Few cases had felt so important.

"Maybe it was because there was a child involved," he said. "Maybe it was because the case

was so old and Duke seemed so arrogant and I just felt like he had gotten away with it for so long."

The jury deliberated for eight hours.

The verdict came suddenly, late at night, delivered so fast that Brauburger couldn't make it to court in time. As he raced up the courthouse steps, he met Ralph and Rose Davidson, Liana's parents. They were clinging to each other, smiling through tears.

"Thank you," Ralph Davidson said, grasping Brauburger's hand. "Thank you for coming forward and for doing the right thing."

Duke had been found guilty on all six counts.

Sentencing took place on a breezy day in September, in a courtroom packed with family members, witnesses, investigators and the jury.

Larry and Roberta Duke sat in front, staring straight ahead, silently holding hands. Their older son, Mike, sat beside them. They ignored the stares and the whispered questions that seemed to echo through the court: how could they continue to support their son? How could their family have come to this?

Bob Duke shuffled into court in an orange jumpsuit and handcuffs and leg shackles. Reading from a prepared statement, he spoke of his devotion to his wife and child, his devastation at their

deaths. He suggested that he was being punished — by the prosecution and the media — for not showing more emotion. "I'm sorry," he said, "if my grief did not meet the expectations of the public."

Brauburger listened, sitting in the back of the courtroom with Heather. Until the last minute, he had been unsure about whether to come. He thought he never wanted to see Duke's face again.

Heather, expecting their third child, had persuaded him. You need to be there, she told him. You need to feel proud of what you have accomplished. You need to be there so that some day, when your children are old enough, you can tell them how their father did the right thing.

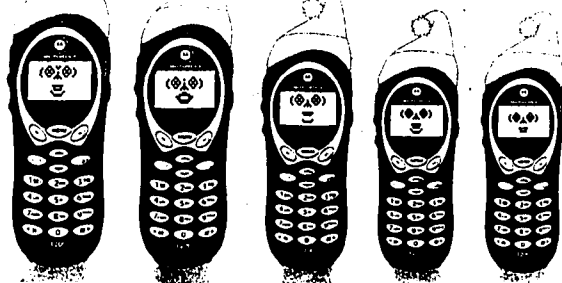
Brauburger wore his bright yellow coat so that if Duke turned around, the first thing he would see would be his old friend. "I wanted him to look in my eyes, to know that it was over, that he didn't get away with it," he said. "I wanted him to know that justice had been done."

The judge read the sentence: SIX LIFE TERMS, four of them consecutive. Duke's lawyer immediately said he would appeal the conviction.

At the back of the courtroom, Brauburger hugged Heather. Finally, they could move on with their lives.

Brauburger stared intently as his former friend was led away. Duke never turned around.

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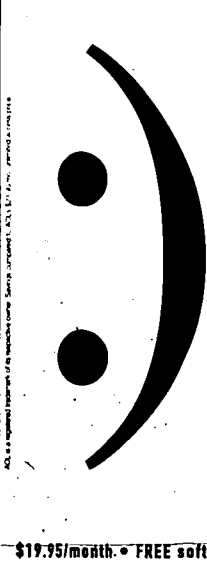
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Section E

### BRIEFLY IN MONEY

#### Bankruptcy filing error troubles T.F. business

**TWIN FALLS** - An error in a bankruptcy court filing caused problems Tuesday for a Twin Falls business that's really doing just fine.

Stephen Ray of Twin Falls petitioned for Chapter 7 bankruptcy this month, and the bankruptcy was among those reported in *The Times-News* Tuesday.

The error? The form Ray filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court's Idaho district identifies him as doing business as Wholesale Carpets.

That was a mistake, Ray said Tuesday.

"I don't know how that happened," he said.

Ray said he's an independent contractor who installs flooring for customers of Wholesale Carpets Inc., a business on Main Avenue North in Twin Falls. Ray works under his personal name.

Wholesale Carpets on Tuesday had to reassure its banker, the major builders it works with, and the installers who lay its flooring that the business is doing great and is not involved in a bankruptcy case, said Tim Gentry, co-manager.

Wholesale Carpets, a corporation led by president Steve Gentry, has seen sales in 2002 almost double the year-ago levels, driven by rapid local home building and by the refinancing boom that put home-improvement cash into homeowners' hands, Tim Gentry said.

"We had an unbelievable year," he said.

#### State leader urges Idaho to spend to spur economy

**BOISE** - Outgoing state Commerce Director Gary Mahn says Idaho needs to raise spending on economic development.

"It's a global economy," Mahn said. "To be a player, you've got to spend money."

The Idaho Department of Commerce spends \$2.7 million a year for rural development, science and technology, international trade and tourism. Mahn says that's not enough.

"If we'd just put some more resources into it, we could do so much better," he said.

Mahn says incentives than other states to attract business and needs to be more competitive, he said.

He noted Idaho lost a potato-processing plant and 500 jobs in their business last spring when J.R. Simplot Co. announced plans to move the operation to Manitoba.

Though Idaho's state constitution prohibits the use of General Fund money for direct business subsidies, other types of funding can help business.

The Boise businessman lauded the state's use of \$1.2 million in federal settlement money from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory to attract Modelo and Anheuser-Busch plants to eastern Idaho. The plants will bring \$150 million worth of construction and \$40 million a year in barley purchases.

Mahn is returning to the private sector after four years on the job. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has yet to designate a successor.

#### SkyWest Airlines adjusts to shaky airline industry

**ST. GEORGE, Utah** - Regional carrier SkyWest Airlines will cut costs as a hedge in a market made more uncertain by the bankruptcy of United Airlines.

The St. George-based company serves 20 cities in the United States and Canada, including Twin Falls, as a connector airline for United and Delta Air Lines. SkyWest officials said United Airlines' bankruptcy and industry restructuring will damage their financial performance.

SkyWest executive vice president and chief financial officer Bradford Rich said the company is considering aggressive cost reductions and passing on some of that saving to its major customers.

But Rich also said SkyWest could benefit by an industry shift to smaller aircraft serving smaller markets. SkyWest is planning to add 36 aircraft to its fleet, if financing comes through.

"Both Delta and United have stated the importance of smaller aircraft serving smaller markets into their larger networks as being very important in these challenging times," he said.

SkyWest could lose as much as \$9.4 million because of United's bankruptcy.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Kmart will be thrown off NYSE

Knights Ridder News Service

**DETROIT** - Kmart's shares will stop trading on the New York Stock Exchange before the markets open Thursday, another symbol of dimming fortunes at the company that gave Americans the Blue Light special.

While the stock exchange's announcement this week was expected, the delisting is another blow for the 103-year-old discounter in the months since Kmart filed the largest retail bankruptcy in history.

"If I were somebody reading the headlines, I would think that's terrible - here's this hun-

dred-year-old company that can't keep its stock listed on the exchange," said Mike Porter, an analyst with Morningstar Inc. in Chicago.

But Porter said Kmart held on to its listing longer than he expected after it sought Chapter 11 protection from its creditors Jan. 22. Since filing for bankruptcy, Kmart's stock has spiraled below a dollar.

Kmart spokeswoman Lori McTavish said the New York Stock Exchange's decision to delist the company's stock will have no impact on Kmart's operations. The chain includes a Twin Falls store.

"The company is very focused on taking care of customers and doing everything we can to have a successful holiday season," she said. "This delisting will not have an impact on our operations or our financial performance, and the company and the associates are very focused on taking care of customers at this busy holiday season."

Porter said companies in bankruptcy cannot meet various financial requirements of the New York Stock Exchange. One requires that stock not trade below \$1 a share on average for more than 30 consecutive business days. The exchange notified

Kmart in July that its stock could be delisted if the \$1 threshold wasn't met.

The delisting of Kmart's stock, Porter said, "has something you could see coming. It happens to every bankrupt company and shouldn't be a big surprise to anybody."

Kmart was to have announced how it fared during its third quarter on Monday, but asked the Securities and Exchange Commission for a weeklong delay.

The company cited its decision to restate earnings for the first two quarters of 2002 and three prior years in asking for a new

deadline. Kmart blamed a computer error and mistakes in the way it accounted for rent payments when it announced last week it was restating its earnings.

Since filing for Chapter 11, Kmart closed 283 unprofitable or poorly performing stores - including one in Burley - throwing 22,000 people out of work. The Kmart has 1,833 stores across the country, and in Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

## Things look down for McDonald's



The golden arches of a McDonald's drive-through sign are watched over by Cha Cha, the Rain Forest Cafe's green tree frog, at one of the fast food giant's locations Tuesday in downtown Chicago. McDonald's Corp. said it expects to report its first-ever quarterly loss in the fourth quarter as it struggles through a year of sluggish sales in the United States and abroad.

## Restaurant giant will post first quarterly loss in 47-year history

The Associated Press

**CHICAGO** - McDonald's Corp., struggling through a year of sluggish sales at home and abroad, said Tuesday it expects to report the first-ever quarterly loss in its 47-year history.

The announcement of the expected loss for the fourth quarter sent down shares in the world's largest restaurant company. The price dipped below the seven-year low of \$15.75 reached earlier this fall.

McDonald's - which franchises a handful of Magic Valley restaurants - said it expects to incur after-tax charges of at least \$390 million in the fourth quarter

pay for the restructuring moves it announced last month, including closing underperforming restaurants and pulling out of several countries. That will result in a loss of 5 cents to 6 cents per share.

Excluding the charges, the Oak Brook, Ill.-based chain expects earnings to be 25 cents to 26 cents per share - well short of the 31-cent estimate of Wall Street analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call.

The announcement comes in the wake of a CEO change at McDonald's and an apparently failed effort to jump-start sales by launching a price war with Burger King.

McDonald's said sales at U.S. restaurants open at least a year were 1.3 percent lower in the first two months of the fourth quarter than in the period a year earlier, and down 1.5 percent for the first 11 months of the year.

Sales at established McDonald's restaurants worldwide were down 1.6 percent for the quarter and down 2 percent for the first 11 months.

The company also said profit margins for the fourth quarter will be lower than a year ago. Jim Cantalupo, who had retired earlier this year as McDonald's president, was rehired Dec. 5 to take over as chairman and chief executive

from Jack Greenberg as of Dec. 31. Greenberg under fire for months as McDonald's dumped and its stock sank to seven-year lows, retired unexpectedly.

"This has been a difficult year and our financial performance has been below expectations," said Matthew Paull, McDonald's chief financial officer. "Under the leadership of Jim Cantalupo, I am confident we will improve our business."

The company did not conduct its usual conference call to discuss the fourth-quarter outlook. It said Cantalupo is "aggressively reviewing all aspects of the business" and will discuss his priorities in January.

## Show kids giving isn't limited to holidays

Katie Dougherty may be only 6 years old, but she already has a good grasp of the importance of charitable giving.

On a recent cold December evening, Katie and 10 of her first-grade classmates from Christa McAuliffe Elementary School in Lenexa, Kan., bundled up for leek soup, turned ringing bells and collected donations for the Salvation Army. The kids volunteered for 30-minute shifts outside an area Kmart, but Katie opted to stay more than an hour.

"I wanted to give more of my time to help a lot of people get food, coats and hats, and whatever they needed," Katie said.

Credit the children's teacher, Mary Garretson, for laying the groundwork for this project. Garretson, a Salvation Army bell ringer while in college, thought the experience would be an eye-opener for her students. Eleven of her 20 pupils volunteered.

In explaining the purpose of the fund drive, Garretson said some of the kids "were shocked to learn that some people don't have coats. They are not aware of how lucky they are."

"I learned the concept of giving is initiated early to your child-



KIDS AND BUSINESS  
Steve Rosen

four-hour shift, the Salvation Army kettles was full.

The holiday season is always an easier time to teach children about the value of giving. For many, the learning process starts with dropping coins in the kettle, donating to Toys for Tots, contributing canned goods to a school-sponsored food drive or hugging a senior citizen after singing holiday songs at a nursing home.

But what about the rest of the year? How can kids learn to become good charitable givers?

Giving is a learned, not a natural, response, and, as with so many life lessons, children will follow your lead. So it is important to make charitable giving an integral part of your family life, not just something to do during holidays.

"Teaching the concept of giving is initiated early to your child-

ren, there is a better chance it will become a habit, said Hilary Lewis, director of school services and curriculum for the Central Agency of Jewish Education in Kansas City.

It can be as easy as talking to your son or daughter about the importance of doing good deeds, Lewis said. Or do something more tangible, such as buying an extra jar of peanut butter at the grocery store once a week so it can be taken to a food pantry.

With little children, suggest that they put some of their weekly allowance or other money in a charity jar or envelope.

"Ten percent of a child's allowance is a reasonable amount to set aside for charity," said Letia Young, a children's money author from Coralville, Iowa.

Sometimes, however, a young child becomes overly generous, believing that the ability to give money is limitless.

"A parent must then explain the concept of balance," said Suzanne Shore, a Dallas area author and family money expert. "Each family must look for what they can give based on ability."

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## Governor appoints economic panel for southeastern Idaho

The Associated Press

**POCATELLO** - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne this week appointed a special economic advisory committee for southeastern Idaho, one of the few areas in the state where Democrats made strong gains in the most recent election.

The 20-member panel is made up of business, government and union leaders. It includes people from national companies with business ties to Idaho.

The committee, the Idaho Optimum Initiative, is aimed at creating jobs, promoting ethanol production and electrical generating plants and creating a productive future for the former FMC Corp. manufacturing plant near Pocatello.

Kempthorne started his career working for FMC's public relations department in the 1970s following his graduation from the University of Idaho.

"Ever since FMC announced the closure of their Pocatello plant, I have been working diligently to find other uses for the site," Kempthorne said.

"It's an attractive location for a

number of possible uses, and I appreciate the willingness of the volunteers on the Idaho Optimum Initiative to help design the next steps and explore development options that will keep southeastern Idaho's economy sound and healthy."

The plant shut down a year ago, leaving almost 300 employees out of work.

The company announced in October 2001 that high powered costs and use of cheaper purified phosphoric acid would force closure by year's end of the plant. FMC Corp. had operated the phosphorus for 53 years.

The plant, originally owned by Westvaco Chemical Corp., was built in 1948. FMC bought Westvaco in 1949. In April 2000, FMC Corp. and Solutia Inc. formed Astaris, a joint venture, to operate the plant.

Kempthorne selected Bannock County Economic Development chief Ray Burested to head the committee. Other committee members include representatives from FMC, Union Pacific Railroad, local unions, elected officials and others.

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U.S. files complaint over Canadian wheat

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States initiated a complaint with the World Trade Organization on Tuesday, accusing the Canadian Wheat Board of unfair and monopolistic trade practices...

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McDonald's warning spurs stock selling, upsets market

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Wife tired of husband finds what she wants in class

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Howard," and I have been married five years. I'm not sure I want to be married to him anymore. I haven't told him I feel this way, but he senses "something" is wrong. I'm afraid to bring it up because he has low self-esteem and becomes defensive. He fits the profile of a co-dependent person - and lately I feel like I'm his mother.

I love Howard dearly. He has helped me raise my son. But I can't afford to waste the rest of my life with someone who is so insecure that I can't even polish my fingernails without him saying, "Got a date?" This is no way to live, and I'm tired of it.

The twist to the story is that I attend school part time and have become friends with a man I'll call "Gary," with whom I am absolutely fascinated. Gary is attractive, smart, and knows what he wants out of life - and has a plan to get there. (I keep asking myself, where was Gary when I was single?)

I live in a small town and can't



talk to anyone about my situation. Any suggestions?

-FRUSTRATED IN WISCONSIN

DEAR FRUSTRATED: If I were you, I'd slow down and not destroy a marriage that has worked for five years. Nowhere in your letter have you indicated that Gary is interested in anything more than a casual relationship.

Your husband's self-esteem can be boosted through counseling and your emotional support. There is always going to be someone who is richer, smarter, more handsome and more aggressive. However, it doesn't guarantee the person will make you happy.

DEAR ABBY: My mother passed away three years ago. A

year or so after her death, my 67-year-old father-looked-up "Eddie," an old girlfriend he dated while he was in his early 20s. She was married, but was happy to meet with him. It didn't take long to rekindle their romance, and as soon as her divorce was final, they were married.

Dad asked her repeatedly how many times she had been married and how the marriages ended. Enid maintained that there were three marriages; one made her a widow, while the other two ended in divorce - and it was the fault of the husband both times.

One of Enid's family members has tipped me off that she wasn't honest with Dad. There were a total of five marriages and four divorces.

What should I do with this information, Abby? Should I let Dad do to his grave without ever knowing the truth, in order to spare his feelings? Should I tell him? I was raised to be honest and true. Please point me to the path I should take.

-WANTS THE BEST FOR

DAD IN CALIFORNIA DEAR WANTS-THE-BEST: Your dad should be told the truth immediately. There are legal implications when someone conceals this kind of information, and your father should discuss them with his lawyer. Enid could be ashamed of her multiple failed marriages or she could be a shady lady with plenty to hide. Either way, your dad should be given the opportunity to find out whom he's dealing with.

DEAR ABBY: My wife thinks I'm weird because I put ice cream on my shredded wheat in the mornings. I figure it's a dairy product, and besides, it tastes good! What's your opinion?

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DEAR EVERETT: If you're not concerned about saturated fat or calories, the practice is all right with me. However, an equine nut and a healthier alternative would be to sweeten your cereal with flavored nonfat yogurt. (It's delicious with oatmeal.)

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Movies vie for awards

Knight Rider News Service The movie award playoffs continue. The Julianne Moore drama 'Far From Heaven' was the big winner at the New York Film Critics Circle Awards, picking up five honors on Monday. (No other film won even two.) The Todd Haynes-helmed homage to the king of 1950s melodramas, Douglas Sirk ("Written on the Wind," "Imitation of Life"), took home awards for best film, best director, best supporting actor (Dennis Quaid), best supporting actress (Patricia Clarkson), and cinematography (Edward Lachman).

Moore, portraying a housewife who discovers that her husband (played by Quaid) is gay, left the New York critics cold. She did get the best-actress nod from the L.A. Film Critics Association over the weekend, however. Diane Lane snatched up the New York critics' best-actress honor for cheating on Richard Gere in "Unfaithful." Daniel Day-Lewis won the prize for best actor for "Gangs of New York." Meanwhile, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association will announce the nominations for the Golden Globes Thursday. Nominations for the Oscars are set to be revealed Feb. 11.

'Braveheart' shows tonight

Today "Braveheart" - A personal tragedy spans Scotland's William Wallace to rally his countrymen against the tyranny of King Edward I. (CC) THE USA NETWORK, 6 p.m. "Second String" - Bennywarms and cast-offs get a chance at Super Bowl glory after illness tackles the Buffalo Bills'

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 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Twin Falls Highway District, a political subdivision of the State of Idaho, proposes to sell to the Jerome Highway District, a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Idaho, property described more particularly as follows:  
 One (1) 1965 Idaho Notand Stripper, Model Urban A, VIN 017785  
 The Twin Falls Highway District proposes to sell and the Jerome Highway District proposes to purchase the above-described personal property for the sum of \$7,000.00, pursuant to the provisions of Idaho Code Sections 67-2322 and 67-2323. The Twin Falls Highway District proposes to ratify the proposed written agreement at its meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2003 at the hour of 6:00 PM at the office of the Jerome Highway District located at 30 N 100 W, Jerome, Idaho.  
 Interested parties may obtain copies of the proposed agreement at either the Twin Falls Highway District office or at the Jerome Highway District office during regular business hours. The property to be sold may be viewed by contacting the Jerome Highway District office at 30 N 100 W, Jerome, Idaho 83338.  
 DATED this 18th day of December, 2002.  
 Twin Falls Highway District  
 By Karen Dalton, Secretary  
 Jerome Highway District  
 By Marie Lickley, Secretary.

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 Trustee's Sale No. 02-CL-26141  
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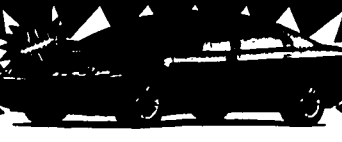
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