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# NO GUARANTEES



Barbara and LaMar Duffin walk to their car after a cancer treatment. They say LaMar's illness and treatment have changed them. 'I don't feel as fragile anymore,' Barbara says.

## Cancer teaches lessons about life

Story by Denise Turner  
Photos by Bruce Shields

SEPTEMBER 7, 2002  
There are glimmers of hope. LaMar is walking a mile a day and eating like a teen-ager, wife Barbara says. He has gained six pounds and can't get enough cheese and dried beans.

He is talking about projects around the house. Last year, he and Barbara built a cedar fence in their backyard. This year, he had planned to take the shutters down and paint the house. Maybe there is still time, before winter comes.

Knowing that caregivers need mending, too, Barbara keeps busy with projects that seem to help her heal - restoring a piano, stripping the hall floor, remodeling the upstairs bathroom.


Before long, she and LaMar might start thinking about visiting the kids - flying to California to see Doran or to Illinois to see Kirk. Maybe plan a day-trip to Utah to see Eric. The kids, too, are living with more uncertainty than before, because of the genetic connection. LaMar's sister died of

brain cancer. His father died of prostate cancer.

"LaMar was sure he would get prostate cancer someday," Barbara says. They never even thought about pancreatic cancer.

"I tell him it's interesting, and a little humorous, that he stuck with the 'p.' Son Kelly's hospital job in California keeps him well-schooled about the onset of cancer, and aware of the genetic connections.

"For me, genetics is something else we need to be aware of, but I don't characterize it as a worry," he says, noting that he and his dad share similar philosophies. "We are all dying at different rates. It's all going to happen. The focus is not on the dying. Life is on the living. Life is so you can look back and know you made a contribution to other peo-



*This Fragile Life*

**CONCLUSION: THE CAT SCAN'S VERDICT**

pancreatic cancer kills almost everyone it touches. Facing frightening odds, 66-year-old LaMar Duffin of Shoshone made the unusual decision to let a reporter and photographer chronicle his struggle against death. The resulting story is a testament to a family's courage and faith.

**The story so far**

LaMar has undergone surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. In this final installment of the story, he and his family await test results that will define his future.

ple's lives."

kind of looked better than you do."

SEPTEMBER 11, 2002  
At Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's cancer support group meetings, the Duffins hear the experiences of cancer survivors and realize they are not alone. Barbara says their stories help her complain less and count her blessings more. Sometimes, she even feels lighthearted enough to tease LaMar the way she used to.

When one support group member tells of having cancer in both her pancreas and her liver, Barbara is struck by the woman's still cheerful outlook. Later, she tells LaMar, "She

SEPTEMBER 12, 2002  
Cancer has changed LaMar. He's less naive these days, he has decided.

"I've been reminded that you can get cancer even when you are living right," he says. "We like to think we can avoid things like that, but it's not always under our control."

Daughter Raeleen thinks the cancer has also nudged her dad in the direction of doing more things he wants to do.

"When I was growing up, he was kind of a workaholic," she says. "We didn't take a lot of family vacations, but now he



Raeeleen Duffin, left, ponders what she is thankful for at Thanksgiving dinner. Even with the ordeal of the past several months and the uncertainty of the future, the Duffins are able to give thanks for many aspects of their lives.



A new Thanksgiving ritual for the Duffins requires each person to count a blessing for each kernel of corn.

## Year after shoe bomber, FBI warns similar attacks are still possible

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Though it has no evidence of a specific plot, the FBI warns that it possesses intelligence that terrorists are interested in using shoe bombs to down airliners - like the attack flogged a year ago. In its latest intelligence bulletin, the FBI urges law enforcement nationwide to stay vigilant to the possibility that terrorists might try to hide bombs in bulky winter coats, shoes or other garments. "The U.S. intelligence commu-



Richard Reid

nity continues to receive credible information that terrorist operatives remain interested in utilizing shoe bombs during the conduct of hijackings or other attacks against commercial airliners," said the bulletin sent Monday night. Although the FBI said it has "no

information indicating a specific plot," it called on law enforcement agencies to "remain alert to the possibility that explosive devices may be concealed in shoes, jackets or other article of clothing for possible use in attacks against airliners."

Officials said the bulletin was timed to coincide with the one-year anniversary of the foiled attack by Richard Reid, a British citizen and al-Qaida sympathizer. Reid was overpowered by passengers and crew aboard an American Airlines jet on Dec. 22,

2001, after he unsuccessfully sought to light the fuse of an explosive hidden in his shoes. The Paris-to-Miami flight was diverted to Boston, where Reid was taken into custody.

Reid, 29, has since pleaded guilty to trying to blow up the plane. A convert to Islam, Reid acknowledged in court that he is an al-Qaida member and pledged his support to Osama bin Laden. He faces 60 years to life in prison when sentenced Jan. 8.

Even when the FBI lacks specific information about terrorist

## Police nab suspect in crime spree

### Man tells officers names of others he says were involved

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The arrest of a Twin Falls man has apparently brought an end to the search for suspects in a string of recent robberies and burglaries in Twin Falls, a police spokesman said. But investigators are still trying to sort out who might have been involved in a gun fight with a Twin Falls police officer during one of the burglaries.

Patrick Michael Austin, 26, was arrested after telling investigators he'd been involved in a robbery last month at a Twin Falls Pizza Hut restaurant, according to an affidavit written by Twin Falls Police Sgt. Bill Hanchey and filed with court documents.

Austin was arraigned Monday on charges of robbery and criminal conspiracy, according to court records. He faces a preliminary hearing Jan. 3 and was held Tuesday in the Twin Falls County Jail in lieu of \$15,000 bond.

Austin also told police that he and Twin Falls residents Billy Clayton, 39, and David Paul Roberts, 43, were behind recent burglaries at several Twin Falls businesses - including Zurchers, Dairy Queen, Nelsons Inc. and Standard Plumbing, according to the affidavit.

On Nov. 21, Twin Falls police officer Tom Flumming was investigating an apparent burglary in progress at Standard Plumbing when he exchanged gunfire with a suspect, according to reports.

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## Area school coalition presses on

By Robert Mayor  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With a new interim director at the helm, the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition will continue to forge ahead in the face of uncertainty.

The ARTEC board voted Tuesday to keep Claire Major on as interim director of the nonprofit technical coalition of regional high schools, replacing David Saxs, who resigned last week.

The former assistant director also received a salary increase to \$47,500, up from the previous \$38,290. Saxs - ARTEC's only executive director in its four-year history - earned \$57,290 annually.

Whether Major will eventually receive the executive director title remains up in the air, said board President Eric Stuegers. A search for a new director is unlikely, however, he said.

Major takes over as the organization sits at a crossroads, with both its funding and its mis-

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Becoming mostly cloudy with a slim chance of snow developing. Highs near 32.
Tonight: Cloudy with isolated flurries possible.
Low near 20.
Tomorrow: A few scattered rain and snow showers may surface. Highs near 38.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Forecast grid for Twin Falls from Today to Sunday. Includes icons for clouds, rain, and snow. Highs and lows are provided for each day.

BURLEY/AUPERT FORECAST

Today: Increasing clouds. Afternoon snow showers may develop. Highs from the upper 20s to lower 30s.
Tonight: Cloudy with isolated snow showers possible. Low: from 15 to 25.
Tomorrow: Cloudy with a chance for rain and snow showers. Highs in the 30s.

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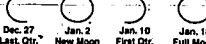
SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Scattered clouds combined with a slight chance of light snow showers developing. The chance for snow will increase tomorrow.

Map of Idaho showing forecast regions. Includes sections for Boise (Today Highs 16 to 28, Tonight's Lows 3 to 13), Northern Utah, and Southern Utah. A weather key defines symbols for sun, snow, rain, and wind.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

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Moonrise and Moonset

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Sunrise and Sunset

Table with 2 columns: Sunrise and Sunset. Rows include Today, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

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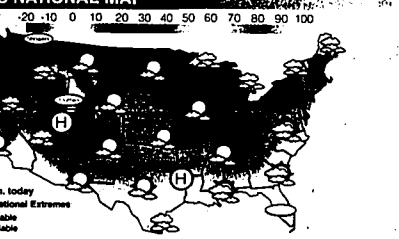
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Forecast grid for Canadian cities including Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, and Winnipeg.

WORLD FORECAST

Forecast grid for various world cities including London, Tokyo, Sydney, and Melbourne.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Homeless people give Christmas check to police officer

NEW YORK (AP) - A police officer got a Christmas bonus of \$3,000 from homeless people who wanted to thank him for standing up for them.
Officer Eduardo Delacruz was suspended for 30 days without pay last month after he refused a sergeant's order to arrest a homeless man found sleeping in a garage.

In gratitude, organizations for the homeless put together the fund for the 37-year-old officer, his wife and their five children. Homeless people also contributed change scrounged from passers-by, money earned from recycling cans and bottles, even a portion of their welfare checks.
'We just wanted to thank him by contributing however we could,' said Joe Bostic, one of 30 former and current homeless men and women who announced the gift. 'And a lot of us gave quarters, nickels and dimes.'
According to police, Delacruz told his superiors in the department's Homeless Outreach Unit that he would not arrest a homeless man on Nov. 22 because the man had nowhere else to go. The officer was suspended for refusing to comply with an order.

N. Korea vows to press ahead with nuke programs

SHANGHAI, China - As North Korea pressed forward with plans to resuscitate a nuclear reactor that the Bush administration has said could produce weapons of mass destruction, the leading military official in the isolated Communist country Tuesday threatened a 'fight to the end' against the United States.
'If they, ignorant of their rival dare provoke a nuclear war, the army and people of (North Korea) led by Kim Jong Il, the invincible commander, will rise up to mete out determined and merciless punishment to the U.S. imperialists aggressors with the might of single-hearted unity more powerful than an A-bomb,' said Defense Minister Kim Il Chol, according to the official Korean Central News Agency.

ARTEC

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sion undergoing transformation.
Much of ARTEC's ability to carry out its mission will be determined in January when the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation board meets to determine the fate of the remainder of ARTEC's grant.
ARTEC received a three-year, \$4.8 million grant in 1998. Through thrifty management, \$1.2 million remains, although \$494,000 is already encumbered. It is ARTEC members' hope that the Albertson Foundation will let them carry over the leftover money for yet a fifth year.
If the foundation says "no," ARTEC must quickly disperse the remaining \$769,000 by June 30, 2003.
Approval from Albertson would give ARTEC yet another year to spend the money, during which it plans to focus its efforts on professional development, Major said.
Regardless of the foundation's decision, sooner or later ARTEC must find other sources of funding, said board member Nick Hallett, superintendent of the Minidoka County School District.
'This very well could be a positive for us. We need to learn how

to live post-Albertson money," he said.
But more important than funding is ARTEC's mission. That is, now that its equipment-buying phase is over, just what are ARTEC's goals?
ARTEC had its heyday in its first few years. Flush with millions of dollars, the organization dished out hundreds of thousands of dollars in equipment and teacher training to the region's schools. It brought in the school improvement program "High Schools That Work." Its latest venture has it pushing distance learning and building high school "academies."
But now with considerably fewer resources, it's time to refocus and to narrow its goals.
Rick Hill, superintendent of the Buhl School District, called for a moratorium on new programs.
'Make sure we just don't adopt all these programs willy-nilly just because they sound good,' he said.
Distance learning and academies appeared to get the nod from the board as priorities. However, both have shortcomings that must be overcome.
Distance learning, while it in-

ally carried a lot of promise, has so far been a disappointment beset with difficulties.
'We've put a lot of money into teleconferencing, and we have yet to see what we need to see as benefits from that money,' Hallett said.
Academies have proven to be difficult for districts to assimilate, too.
A sort of school within a school, an academy combines a group or "cohort" of students to study a common technical subject such as information technology or agriculture. The same group of students takes most classes together - English, math and science as well as the technical training. The students also remain together as a unit for the following year.
However, it can turn out to be a scheduling nightmare for schools, particularly those with block schedules such as Buhl High School.
Regardless, members understand that strict adherence to the academy model is to be followed, with little allowance for local peculiarities.
'We were hammered to death that we had to have cohort groups,' Hill said.
For that reason Buhl decided against developing an academy, instead focusing its resources on its existing technical programs, such as the popular auto mechanics program. But rejection of the academy idea was equivalent to exile, Hill said.
That alienation increased, Hill said, when the Buhl School District rejected "High Schools That Work," instead adopting "Effective Schools," a K-12 school improvement program.
'We're very pleased with it. We're moving along,' Hill said.
Hill said he still wants to cooperate with ARTEC, believing in its goals and wanting to see the organization succeed. In addition, ARTEC contributed greatly in Buhl's auto mechanics program.
'I'm not going to walk away from them. I'm not going to desert them when the going gets tough,' Hill said.
Those problems should resolve as ARTEC's mission continues to evolve in the upcoming months, Hill said.
'It's going to take most of the spring to put it together and be truly refocused,' he said.
Meanwhile, Major said her first order of business is to go to each Magic Valley school district, ARTEC member or not, and discuss with educators their needs and how ARTEC can best fulfill those needs.
'I'm going to work together to serve the schools the best way we can,' Major said. 'I have always felt that coming together regionally was the salvation of education.'

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# Gov. Ventura wraps four wild years

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — For Jesse Ventura, public service was never enough. He craved the spotlight.

In four stormy years as Minnesota's governor, the flamboyant former pro wrestler mixed serious-minded attempts at reform with often outrageous stunts as author, sports analyst, cameo actor and talk show guest.

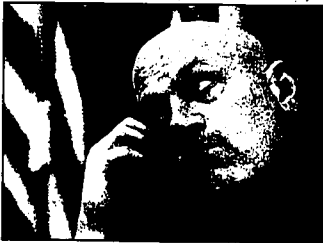
Ventura gave himself the hook in June, announcing he wouldn't seek a second term the day after news reports said his 22-year-old son had used the governor's mansion for parties. The body said his heart wasn't in the job anymore, but his approval ratings were also sinking and political opponents were looking to prove his first term was a fluke.

As the 51-year-old Ventura ponders the next phase of his life, possibly as a cable talk show host, a consensus is emerging that Ventura mostly squandered opportunities because of his combative attitude and unwillingness to negotiate.

"The best governors out there are snake charmers," said David Strom, legislative director for the conservative Minnesota Taxpayers League. "Ventura was quite the opposite. He was the bull in the china shop."

"Ventura can claim credit for property tax reform, the state's first light rail line and lower license-plate renewal fees."

But he raised dozens of other ideas — for example, putting about \$3 billion into transportation projects, extending the sales tax to services, and bringing Internet access to rural areas — and let them drop when lawmakers did



Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura listens to a question in his office in the state Capitol in St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 17.

not immediately embrace them. An independent, Ventura was alone politically for most of his term and dealt with a Democratic-controlled Senate and Republican-led House.

"It was his way-or-the-highway kind of attitude," said House Speaker Steve Stiggum.

Ventura makes no apologies for his style. "This is business," he said near the end of his term. "They say I failed because I didn't go out and create personal relationships. This has nothing to do with personal relationships. This is the business of running government."

Ventura complained loudly about public scrutiny over the years, but he also made it a part of several money-making ventures.

Just months after taking office,

Ventura released an autobiography in which he bragged about losing his virginity as part of a teenage bet and admitted using marijuana and steroids.

*"The best governors out there are snake charmers. Ventura was quite the opposite. He was the bull in the china shop."*

— David Strom, Minnesota Taxpayers League

He gave a Playboy interview in which he called organized religion a "sham and a crutch for weak-minded people." In the same interview, he suggested that lives could have been saved in the Columbine massacre if someone at the school had had a concealed gun, joked that he would like to be reincarnated as a size-38DD bra, and said some drugs should be decriminalized.

Then there was Ventura's short-lived career as a color commentator for the NFL, the now-defunct football league that hyped its scantily clad cheerleaders as much as the game. The NFL paid Ventura an

undisclosed salary plus \$320,000 in what it said were expenses during his 13 weeks as a commentator. State law does not require the governor to report outside income and he didn't. Experts say he probably earned millions in addition to his \$120,000-a-year salary as governor.

"Every public leader has a right to a private life," said Marcia Arner, director of the Minnesota Council on Nonprofits. "But some of the things he did had enough public play that they created an image of him that distracted from the role of leader."

His approval ratings remained high until late in his term, ranging from 73 percent in 1999 to 43 percent in August, when state surpluses were turning to deficits. In June, almost two-thirds of Minnesotans said his decision not to run again was a good thing.

Ventura had a softer side. He always closed his weekly radio show by reminding listeners not to drink and drive. He started a foundation in his daughter's name to help disabled children.

On his final weekly radio show in November, a woman called to say Ventura's departure would leave "a pain in my heart."

Ventura told her to be happy for him, because being the governor was like walking around with 600-pound barbells on his shoulders.

Starting Jan. 6, Minnesota's governor is Tim Pawlenty, a polished Republican lawyer and veteran legislator from the suburbs. Many of the people who worked with and around Ventura will be grateful.

"I'm tempted to quote Jerry Garcia," said Bill Blazar, senior vice president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. "What a long, strange trip it's been."

# Senate GOP leader Frist promises to heal party

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newly elected Senate GOP leader Bill Frist of Tennessee and other Republicans say Congress must quickly address terrorism, the economy and prescription drug benefits. But Frist has indicated he will also focus on repairing the damage former leader Trent Lott's racially charged remarks may have done to GOP efforts to recruit support from minority voters.

"I honestly believe this will transform what has occurred in the last few weeks, what has occurred at the moment in history, into a catalyst — a catalyst for unity and a catalyst for positive change," Frist said, elected unanimously Monday as the new GOP leader during an extraordinary telephone caucus.

The Republican Party has been distracted for the past two weeks by the uproar over Lott's remarks lauding Sen. Strom Thurmond's segregationist presidential run of 1948. Lott apologized to no avail, and the GOP felt it had to replace the Mississippi senator to get its focus back.

With Frist as the new face of the Senate Republican Caucus, GOP senators hope people will now pay attention to their legislative policies instead of Lott's two-week-old remarks.

"We are now back on track and ready to move forward in a positive vein," said Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, the Senate's No. 3 Republican.

Moments after being elected, Frist called his first GOP leadership meeting over the telephone

and began mapping out next year's issues for the Republican Senate.

During the conference call that installed him as leader, which included an apologetic Lott, Frist told his colleagues about "the importance of lifting the journal with some momentum early in January," said one participant who spoke conditionally of anonymity.

Even so, it may take time for Frist to be ready to move ahead on such measures, with January being his first month in charge of the entire Senate.

In the interim, Republicans will focus in January on extending unemployment benefits and finishing the 11 over- due spending bills for the federal budget year that began Oct. 1, Santorum said.

Frist, 50, equated his new leadership post with his original career as a heart transplant surgeon. Frist still performs volunteer operations in his country and in annual medical missions to Africa.

"A few moments ago, my colleagues gave me a responsibility equal to that, and in some ways, many would say, even a heavier responsibility," he said. "I accepted that responsibility with a profound sense of humility very similar to placing that heart into a dying woman or a child or a man."

Frist has worked closely with White House officials, including during his supervision of recent GOP campaign efforts that gave them an Election Day takeover of the Senate for next year. Bush congratulated Frist in a written statement.



Bill Frist

# Report: Dust from Sept. 11 attack was not too toxic

The Associated Press

Scientists say the thick layer of irritating dust that blanketed lower Manhattan after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks probably will not cause alarming increases in serious lung, emphysema and other serious long-term health problems.

An analysis found that most of the potentially toxic dust particles collected in the week after the attacks were too large to lodge deep in people's lungs. Only 1 percent of the dust samples was composed of finer particles, researchers said.

In addition, the chemical composition of the dust appears less toxic than originally feared.

Many lower Manhattan residents and rescue workers at ground zero have reported continuing respiratory problems. The dust from the collapsed World Trade Center towers was largely a combination of pulverized glass and concrete, among other materials, that can be extremely alkaline and irritating.

Scientists said the dust particles were large enough that people probably coughed them out of their upper airways. But the study did not directly test

whether people had deeply inhaled any of the dust.

"In terms of potential lifetime exposures, we're probably going to be very lucky in that there may not be exposures of significant health risk," said Paul Lloy, one of the authors of the report. Lloy is associate director of the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute, jointly run by Rutgers University and the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey.

Scientists examined the dust for Persistent Organic Pollutants, highly stable compounds that endure in the environment and

can be toxic to humans and wildlife.

"They said they found no evidence of high levels of two particular POPs, pesticides and polychlorinated biphenyls, which were used in hundreds of industrial and commercial applications until their production was banned in 1977."

However, the team estimated that the dust contained 100 to 1,000 tons of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, a group of compounds including some that are classified by the Environmental Protection Agency as probable human carcinogens.

# Treasury asks Congress to increase borrowing limit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Treasury Department asked key members of Congress Tuesday to increase the government's borrowing limit, warning that it may hit the current limit on the federal debt by late February.

Without an increase in its ability to borrow, the government runs the risk of defaulting on the national debt. The debt limit now stands at \$6.4 trillion.

"Due to the ongoing response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack and the economic slowdown, which began in the summer of 2000, the administration now projects that debt subject to limit may reach the statutory ceiling in the latter half of February 2003," Deputy Treasury Secretary Kenneth Dam wrote in a letter Tuesday to House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

A copy of the letter also went to incoming Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., as well as key members of House and Senate budget, tax and finance committees.

Treasury didn't say how much of an increase in the debt limit it wants from Congress.

Congress in June boosted the debt limit by \$450 billion, from \$5.95 trillion to the current \$6.4 trillion. However, at that time, Treasury had sought a larger increase and warned that Congress would need to again increase the government's borrowing authority.

Brian Roseboro, Treasury's assistant secretary of financial markets, said that June increase would have provided the government with enough money to pay its bills until December at worst or until June 2003 at best.

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# Boston airport wraps gifts free

Most travelers don't take advantage of it

BOSTON (AP) - Massachusetts officials hoped a free gift-wrapping service at Logan International Airport would help foster a holiday mood. The response from travelers: Bah humbug.

Rather than take advantage of the service, arriving passengers either stopped to ask directions or simply rushed by with their bags.

The Massachusetts Port Authority, which operates Logan, was offering the free gift-wrapping to help incoming travelers who couldn't wrap their gifts before the trip due to federal security measures.

"We're doing what we can to keep the travelers happy, doing our bit," said Phil Orlandella, an authority spokesman. "It's just a good gesture from the company."

Joe Dalton, a construction employee who volunteered Monday at a gift-wrapping booth near a baggage claim area, spent most of his time curling ribbons with a scissors edge and arranging the rolls of brightly colored wrapping paper.



Joe Dalton, a Massport employee, folds a sweater at a gift-wrapping station near the Terminal C baggage claims at Logan International Airport in Boston, Monday.

The two "customers" who did stop by were other airport workers, wanting to get away from long lines at stores. Dalton started wrapping with gusto.

"I enjoy helping people," he said, as he wrapped a pair of ankle-high slippers for Ronnie Stockton, a Hotel Reservations employee.

Stockton said his own gift-wrapping was "lousy." "Plus I figured, coming here

would be an extra touch, helping out other people," Stockton said, later slipping a few dollar bills into the donations jar. Proceeds were to go to the Boston Firemen Relief fund.

Orlandella didn't know how many travelers had used the free gift-wrapping service.

"I don't think we're measuring this by the number of people who stop by," he said, "but that we're doing it."

# Many Saudis celebrate Christmas in secret

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) - Fast the stuffed animals and congratulatory baby baskets, sprigs of plastic evergreens are tucked in among the silk flowers. The rows of ribbon include a few spoils of reds, golds and greens, and two half-empty boxes of blown-glass Christmas tree ornaments sit partially obscured on a nearby shelf.

As evinced by the atmosphere in this Riyadh gift shop, Christmas is mostly hidden in this desert kingdom, where Islam is the only accepted religion.

Expatriate workers hold discreet holiday parties within walled compounds, out of sight of the government's religious police, who guard against offenses to the faith. For many other foreigners, the anniversary of Christ's birth is a private day of reflection.

"I only pray in my room," said a

Roman Catholic laborer from Sri Lanka, noting there is little else to do to celebrate Christmas.

Some embassies, he said, organize gatherings for their citizens during the holiday season, but generally not on Christmas Day to avoid offending Saudi sensibilities.

Saudi Arabia, as the birthplace of Islam, is charged with protecting the faith's holiest shrines at Mecca and Medina, and differing beliefs, like new ideas, are carefully guarded against as threats to the culture, traditions and official religion.

Churches are not permitted - "freedom of religion does not exist," a recent State Department report said about Saudi Arabia - though some expatriates gather privately throughout the year for religious services.

It is not that way everywhere in

the Middle East. In the neighboring Persian Gulf state of Bahrain, luxury hotels are decorated with brightly lit trees and poinsettias, and signs advertise Christmas meals. At the Holiday Inn, strains of "Silver Bells" and "White Christmas" waft through the lobby.

Christmas trees are sold in the Yemeni capital of Sana'a and in expatriate neighborhoods of Cairo. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak declared last week that Jan. 7 - when the country's minority Orthodox Coptic Christians celebrate Christmas - was a holiday for all Egyptians.

In Lebanon and Syria, with substantial Christian populations, Christmas is celebrated openly in all its religious and commercial glory - and even some Muslims go Christmas shopping just to see the holiday fanfare.



First lady Laura Bush shows off the White House Christmas tree, an 18-foot Noble fir from Washington state, in the Blue Room Dec. 5, as she gives a tour of the White House Christmas decorations.

# Bush family traditions: Don't open until Christmas; hot cocoa required

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush thinks gifts should never, ever be opened before Christmas morning. A fondly recalled practice from first lady Laura Bush's childhood dictates tamales and enchiladas for the Christmas Eve menu.

Like millions of Americans, the president's family has developed its own set of traditions - comforting in their familiarity and binding in their repetition - that govern how Christmas is celebrated. But also like many other households, those cherished yuletide traditions often must make room for fresh faces and changing circumstances.

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"Yes!" she said, laughing. "We really miss the traditions because the girls are away at college. But we still drink hot chocolate and open presents as a family. Now, we just do it at Camp David."

"The presidential retreat in the Maryland mountains where the Bushes headed on Saturday happens to be a tradition of sorts for the family."

"They often spent the holiday there when the president's father was in the White House as vice president and president. The current president, his wife and two girls would arrive in Washington a day or two before Christmas, maybe attend a White House reception and then head for the hills with the rest of the large, ski-knit clan."

"Together, the Bushes' Christmas celebrations have become a blend of their families' traditions and their own accumulated history."

Included in the holiday decorations brought with them to Washington are two creches, one a Mexican nativity scene. Earlier this year, an addition was added when Jenna, mindful of her parents' fondness for manger scenes, bought one while visiting Prague with her mother. Mrs. Bush, a former librarian, also likes to display Christmas books such as the chil-

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A perennial favorite tree ornament is one made of construction paper displaying photos of the twins. The ornament, which they made as a school project when they were about 2 years old, joins some from Mrs. Bush's childhood and even from her grandmother's collection. More recent acquisitions depict their beloved Scottish terrier, Barney, and other animals.

With Bush's ascension to the nation's highest office and the construction of a new home in Crawford, Texas, new traditions are being born.

The Christmas dinner menu was still mostly undecided several days out, with Mrs. Bush leaning toward a beef tenderloin. She had considered, but then discarded, a recipe for red velvet cake she recently spied in a magazine.

The gifts that will appear Christmas morning were being kept secret by the first lady's staff. One thing is certain: Per presidential order, they will remain wrapped until the family gathers in their pajamas around the tree on Christmas morning. Stocking gifts, usually the purview of Bush, will likely be waiting outside the girls' bedroom doors.

Some traditions do change with age, however. Jenna and Barbara, now 21, probably will not try to attach the gift bows around their pets' necks as they did every year when they were younger.

And one more change. "Unlike when they were younger, they sleep later," said Mrs. Bush, who answered written questions through her spokeswoman. "They are not the ones waking us up. We make the hot chocolate and wake them up. By that time, the president and I have already eaten our cereal."

*Elma Miller*

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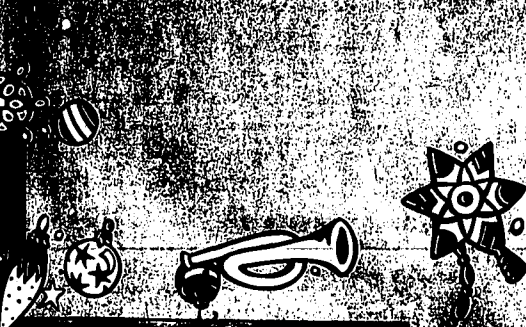
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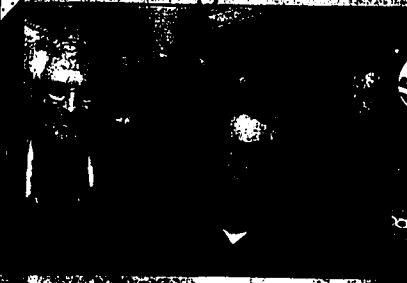
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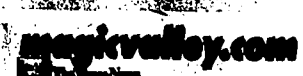
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# WORLD

## Powell works phones as N. Korea issues warning

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State Colin Powell spent a fourth day talking to North Korea's leaders Monday about a growing nuclear crisis as Pyongyang reopened another atomic facility and warned of "an uncontrollable catastrophe" if Washington maintains a hostile policy.

Powell spoke Tuesday to Japanese Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi. Since Saturday he has also spoken with the leaders of Russia, China, South Korea, Britain and France.

The United States joined South Korea in saying North Korean technicians had removed U.N. seals and cameras from a fourth nuclear facility, a plant that is meant to be a working nuclear facility that remains untouched are two unfinished reactors.

The White House sought to project an air of calm as North Korea issued its strongest statement since it began last weekend to restart a nuclear reactor, a move U.S. officials say is a step toward building new atomic weapons.

President Bush was monitoring developments on North Korea from Camp David, where he was spending a long Christmas holiday with his family, said spokesman Scott Stanzel.

The North's defense minister, Kim Il Chol, said in a separate KCNA report that "U.S. hawks" were escalating the situation to "an extremely dangerous phase."

### Israel dodged biological attack in '91, dispatch says

WASHINGTON - Saddam Hussein had a secret plan to attack Israel with a biological weapon from a low-flying plane in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, but it was thwarted when a dry run of the plot ended disastrously, according to CIA papers and a research group.

A two-page 1992 declassified CIA dispatch indicates that the secret operation planned to use a low-flying plane to deliver an undisclosed "biological agent" in the early days of the war.

The agent was to be released by a Sukhoi-22 fighter-bomber flying 165 to 330 feet above its target after a trio of MIG-21 fighters carrying conventional bombs entered Israeli air space as decoys.

But three Iraqi planes sent to test Israeli defenses in a dry run of the attack were shot down almost immediately by unidentified coalition forces over the Persian Gulf, the document claims.

"The three-MIG test mission took off from Tallil Airfield, near An Nasirah. All three aircraft were shot down early in the mission," the CIA dispatch stated. "And as a result, plans to launch the SU-22 armed with a biological agent and flying under cover of a second decoy mission were canceled."

### Chinese democracy activist leaves prison, heads for U.S.

BEIJING - A leading Chinese pro-democracy activist was released from prison Tuesday and was bound for the United States, according to his family and an American activist.

Xu Wenli, jailed since 1998 on charges of endangering state security, was granted early release from his 13-year sentence and flown out of China on Tuesday, said John Kamm, who has played a role in the release of several Chinese prisoners. Xu was traveling with his wife, He Xintong, and a U.S. diplomat, Kamm said.

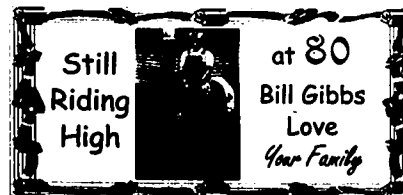
### Iraq will discuss declaration but has nothing new to add

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Iraq is prepared to talk to top U.N. inspectors about their criticism of Baghdad's 12,000-page arms declaration, but it has nothing new to add, Iraq's chief representative to the U.N. mission said Tuesday.

In an exclusive interview, Gen. Hossein Moazzam Amin said he saw nothing to justify the criticism.

## Cool it, stepmom.

A resentful stepmother needs to adjust her attitude, in Thursday's Dear Abby.



# Israel leaves Bethlehem for Christmas

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) - The Israeli army pulled troops back to the outskirts of Bethlehem on Tuesday, maintaining a low profile in the biblical city to allow pilgrims to celebrate the Christmas holiday.

But in the Gaza Strip, Israeli soldiers fired a tank shell at Palestinians between the Karni and Erez crossings with Israel, killing one young man and wounding three others, Palestinian hospital officials said. Further information was not immediately available and the army said it was checking the report.

The incident raised tensions as Christians prepared for the Christmas holiday in Israeli-occupied Bethlehem. The city known as the traditional birthplace of Jesus was cheerless and subdued - the municipality refused to put a Christmas tree in Ranger Square across from the Church of the Nativity to protest the Israeli troop presence.

There were no glittering lights, no bells, no holly - and few, if any, tourists.

There was no visible Israeli military presence either - sol-



In preparation for the Christmas celebrations, a worker cleans a chandelier inside the Church of the Nativity, traditionally believed to be the birthplace of Jesus Christ, in the West Bank town of Bethlehem, Monday.

diers manning the entrances to the town checked cars going in, but armored vehicles and uniformed soldiers stayed outside.

This year marks the first Christmas since 1994 that Bethlehem has been under Israeli occupation during the holiday, and Palestinian Christians - who make up nearly half the city's

27,000 population - said they could not recall a worse Christmas.

"The people of Bethlehem do not have the spirit of celebrating Christmas. There is no joy in people's hearts," said Raed Zarrouk, 26. "I see no decorations, no fireworks and no tourists."

Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah,

the highest-ranking Roman Catholic clergyman in the Holy Land, led a procession from Jerusalem to Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem. Sabbah was greeted by Palestinian Boy Scouts - carrying Palestinian flags and pictures of Yasser Arafat - and escorted into the church.

The Israeli army said it redeployed troops to the outskirts of the city to allow celebrations to take place without hindrance. Israeli-Arab Christians will be allowed to enter the city on public transportation, and Christian residents of the West Bank will be allowed, in with special permits.

"We will make every effort to facilitate the celebrations. There is now no curfew on Bethlehem and we hope to keep it that way. We shall facilitate efforts to allow anybody to enter who wants to worship," the army said. "Where we need not be - we will not be."

Israeli troops have raided Bethlehem repeatedly this year, and began their most recent stay on Nov. 22, after a suicide bomber from Bethlehem blew himself up on a Jerusalem bus, killing 11 Israelis.

### World in brief

expressed last week by chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix and Molohmed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Meanwhile, teams of U.N. and IAEA inspectors visited eight sites on Tuesday looking for weapons of mass destruction, according to the Iraqi Foreign Ministry. Among the sites was the Hatem Company, a complex of factories 45 miles south of Baghdad that produces artillery ammunition, among other things.

Last week, Blix and ElBaradei said the declaration that Iraq presented earlier this month was largely a rehash of old information, and that they would be seeking more data from Iraq.

### Tens of thousands march in Venezuela to support strike

CARACAS, Venezuela - Venezuelans spent hours searching for open banks and gas stations Tuesday after leaders of a nationwide strike sought to oust President Hugo Chavez rejected government appeals for a truce during Christmas.

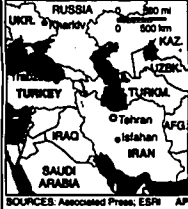
The appeal was rejected late Monday as tens of thousands of Venezuelans waved flashlights and candles outside the headquarters of the state oil monopoly. Petroleros de Venezuela SA, Monday night as protesters sang, waved flags and chanted "He's leaving!"

"Christmas was suspended by his highness Carlos Ortega," Lina Rot, a pro-Chavez street activist, told Globovision television Tuesday, referring to the head of Venezuela's largest labor confederation.

Twinkling lights surrounded the headquarters of the state oil monopoly. Patroles de Venezuela SA, Monday night as protesters sang, waved flags and chanted "He's leaving!"

### Crash kills 46

A Ukrainian plane carrying aerospace scientists crashed before reaching its destination of Isfahan, Iran on Monday.



### Iranian radio blames pilot error for plane crash

TEHRAN, Iran - Airport officials say pilot "carelessness" caused a plane carrying Ukrainian and Russian aerospace scientists to crash in central Iran, killing all 46 people on board, Iran's state radio reported Tuesday.

The Ukrainian An-140 aircraft, flew into a mountain side while preparing to land Monday at an airport near the city of Isfahan, some 250 miles south of Tehran. Many of those aboard were flying to Iran to watch the first flight of a new passenger plane developed in a joint Ukrainian-Iranian program.

The radio said 46 bodies were recovered. There were differing casualty counts, with the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry saying there were only 44 people aboard, and the Ukrainian Embassy in Tehran saying there were 45 dead. The conflicting numbers could not immediately be explained.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said victims included six Russian businessmen, engineers from the Kharikv aircraft plant that built the plane and the wife and young son of a Ukrainian aviation expert working in Iran.

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LaMar Duffin spends a brisk autumn afternoon raking leaves. He feels stronger and can tackle household chores for the first time in months.

I went through a stage of struggle with asking why but reading Scriptures always gives me peace. One night, I woke up very suddenly and the words in my head were 'Christ can heal all.' I knew the words were from my Heavenly Father."

- Barbara Duffin

From the day I was born, I knew I was going to die. If I can't do anything about it, I'm not going to worry about it. I'll go on and do something I can do something about."

- LaMar Duffin



Charyl Warren, center, sings with other members of the choir during mass at St. Monica Catholic Church in downtown Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 15. The predominantly black parish blends the traditions of two longtime parishes that merged seven years to form St. Monica.

## In uncertain times, many seek understanding

The Associated Press

The borderless war on terrorism continues without a foreseeable end. The threat of conflict with Iraq hangs over the holiday season in America. In the land sacred to Judaism, Christianity and Islam, the deadly Israeli-Palestinian conflict is now into its third year.

But even in this uncertain time, there are people of faith trying to reconcile differences and - to borrow a phrase from the biblical story of Christ's birth - foster peace on earth.

What follows are the stories of a few of those largely unheralded people.

he softened his criticism of the church. This month, he helped a group of alleged victims sue the archdiocese.

Neither man describes the other as a friend.

Still, Dolan said he respects Isely's goals, even if he disagrees with the activist's tactics. Isely believes Dolan has listened to victims' stories. "In a way that I don't think any other bishop in the United States permitted himself to."

Last month, Isely once again showed up unannounced at an archdiocese news conference on abuse. Reporters asked Isely to step up to the microphone to share his thoughts. But before he spoke this time, he walked up to Dolan and hugged him.

Peter Isely and Milwaukee Archbishop Timothy Dolan met for the first time on opposite sides of a news conference.

Dolan was releasing a report on molestation among Roman Catholic clergy in Milwaukee that September day, and Isely, a sex abuse victim, took a seat in the front row. He had not been invited.

"I was expecting some hostility," Dolan said.

But there was none. Instead, the two men started a discussion that continues today and has led Isely to resume an activity he had abandoned in disgust years ago: attending Sunday Mass.

"He's really a pastoral person," Isely said of Dolan. "He's very gregarious and he's very Irish and he's very personable."

Few people would expect to hear Isely praise a bishop.

A psychotherapist by profession, Isely has been known to Milwaukee Catholics for years as a dogged critic of the abuse policies of former Archbishop Rembert Weakland. As the molestation crisis intensified this year, Isely spoke around the country as a leader in the national victims' movement, condemning the church's treatment of victims.

In May, Weakland resigned after admitting he had his archdiocese pay a settlement of \$450,000 to a man who claimed Weakland abused him. That's when the 32-year-old Dolan took over, and Isely wanted to meet him one-on-one. A local rape crisis counselor arranged the session.

Isely complained to Dolan about the archdiocese's mishandling of abusive priests and its apparent disdain for victims. But Isely also spoke of his enduring faith.

He said he was one of eight children whose mother attended Mass daily; that he had hoped to become a priest until he was molested by one; and that, despite everything, he longed to return to church.

Isely said he kept thinking of a phrase from John 6:68, that expresses faith in Christ: "Lord, to whom shall we go?"

Dolan, a burly man who clutches his Bible like a football, leaped from his chair and grabbed his bishop's coat of arms. Dolan had inscribed the emblem with that same scriptural verse when he became bishop.

"I said, 'Peter, that's my episcopal motto,'" Dolan said.

The following Sunday, Isely went to Milwaukee's Cathedral of Saint John prepared to distribute leaflets. He wound up heading inside to worship for the first time in a decade.

"I was very moved," said Dolan, who spotted Isely in a back pew.

Isely, 42, now attends Mass each Sunday and often brings other victims along. He has not abandoned his activism, nor has

Feeling bitter and abandoned by their Roman Catholic diocese, about a third of the 600 families from St. Joseph and Risen Christ parishes looked for someplace else to worship when they were told their parishes had to merge.

They had watched as other cash-strapped, urban churches lost their pastors and then closed because of dwindling attendance.

But it hadn't prepared them for the anger they would feel when the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., said their parishes were next to be targeted. Many felt it was easier to find a new church than stay in a place that reminded them of what they had lost.

They had a bitter taste in their mouths. "I'm Livin' Broder," a former Risen Christ member who is one of the leaders of the new church.

Those who departed might not recognize the congregation now. Seven years later, the faithful from the two parishes have not only embraced each other, but also worship in a new church building and have created a new community. They've also drawn hundreds of additional members to their thriving congregation.

"There are other churches that tried this and just died," said the Rev. Philip Egan, pastor of the combined parishes, renamed St. Monica Church. "But we all had a sense that God had something bigger for us."

The two Kansas City churches are fiercely proud of their spiritual heritage. When they consolidated in 1995, they took pains to ensure that members of each parish had an equal voice in the new one. Egan held healing prayer services to try to bring the groups together.

"It took us some time to get out of what we used to do as St. Joe's and what we used to do as Risen Christ," Brooks said.

The merged parishes were meeting at first in the St. Joseph's sanctuary, and Egan said some of the Risen Christ members felt like they were in a "hand-me-down church."

So they started a fund-raising drive and sold Risen Christ church along with property so they could build a new church. A half-million-dollar donation gave them the boost they needed to start construction.

The \$2.6 million sanctuary was dedicated last year. They also have formed a new choir, whose spirit-filled performance have gained notice around the city, said Egan, a white priest who is popular with his mostly black parish.

It's been years now and still, people being human, they remember how we used to do it when," Egan said. "But we're trying to bring the best of what both parishes had to offer and blend them into something new."

## Duffin

Quoted from A1  
wants to go on road trips, and stop to see things he's never seen before."

Barbara has changed, too. "I don't feel as fragile anymore," she says.

Tomorrow, on Friday the 13th, LaMar and Barbara will visit Dr. Cambareri in Twin Falls together. LaMar will undergo another CAT scan - to learn whether his cancer is coming back.

No matter how the CAT scan comes out, they know they have already made it through a fire. They already have a lesson to share with others: If we can make it this far, you can, too.

The Duffins' story, with all of its sadness and pain, is mostly a story of happiness and hope. It's the story of a couple who found out first-hand that life can be good again. Despite cancer. Despite what tomorrow brings.



Barbara Duffin enlists grandson Landon Duffin, 1, to help prepare sweet potatoes for Thanksgiving dinner.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2002

LaMar and Barbara are waiting, one more time. It's been more than seven months since it all began. A lifetime.

The doctor has the CAT scan results.

"Looks good," he says. "Looks good." Two little words that are more than enough for now. No absolute guarantees. Life isn't like that, for anyone. You just never know.

NOVEMBER 28, 2002

Thanksgiving Day. Turkey, pumpkin pie, grandchildren around the table, laughter. Barbara places three kernels of dried corn on each dinner plate. Everyone tells three things to be thankful for. So many blessings to count.

The adults talk about one another, and Jesus, about having jobs and houses. The children express gratitude for pretty much the same things, in different words, offering up their thanks for ponies, and Grandpa, and Barbie dolls.

Joy. In the moment. Life is good.

EPilogue

LaMar's blood work looked fine at his Dec. 11 checkup. He weighed in at 186 pounds, 34 pounds less than a year ago. He needs to gain a little.

The threat of renewed malignancy will always shadow him. But he doesn't have to go back to the doctor until March.

Last month, he climbed the ladder and helped paint the house. Today, the girls are celebrating a quiet Christmas with their parents.

When Kelly brings his family on Monday, they all will go out-



side and build a snowman, like they used to - an 8-foot Zorro or a 12-foot traditional sort, with a

top hat and wool scarf. If it snows, that is. You just never know.

### Where to find help

To learn more about cancer and local support groups, contact:

- St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute/Cancer Support Group: 737-2441, 1-800-947-4852; online at [www.stlukesonline.org](http://www.stlukesonline.org).
- American Cancer Society: 1-800-4Q5-2345; online at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).
- Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Inpatient or Social Services: 737-2065.

LaMar Duffin laughs with other church members at a chili feed. The Duffins credit their faith in God and the support of their church family with helping them through their ordeal.



EDITORIAL

Good tidings of great joy to all the people

As is the editorial board's Christmas custom, we are surrendering our usual space to a guest writer, St. Luke. Merry Christmas to all.

Stephen Hartgen, Clark Walworth, David Cooper, Steve Crump, Shelley Ridenour

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taxed.

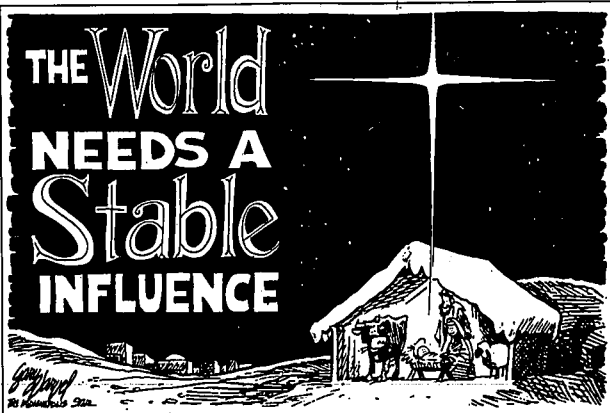
'For today in the town of David a savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord.'

of God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly. And the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord.'

And it came to pass, when the angels had departed from them to heaven, that the shepherds were saying to one another, 'Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.'

So they went with haste and they found Mary and Joseph and the baby, lying in a manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child.

And all who heard marveled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them. — Luke 2:1-20



Can faith-based charities be democratic?

ARJENE STEIN

Earlier this month, I was in a suburban shopping mall indulging in a bit of consumer therapy when I heard a song over the public address system that praised "Jesus, our Savior."

I didn't think much about it again until a few days later, when I learned that President George W. Bush is pushing through his faith-based charity program, which promises to aid religious groups — even if they discriminate in their hiring practices on religious and moral grounds.

The plan, one of the president's campaign platforms, had been stalled in Congress. Now Bush has issued an executive order designed to circumvent Congress and ensure its passage.

At least in this respect, he's the first president whose official White House Christmas card contains a Bible verse.

This year's card features Psalm 105, about the Lord's mercy and his truth enduring "to all generations." "It's difficult to stand up against creeping religiosity in the public sphere. Who in their right mind could oppose mercy, truth and goodness?"

brand you a grinch, a Christian-phobe or — heavens! — an atheist.

Personally, I'm none of those things, though like many Jews, Muslims, Hindus and even many Christians, I'd prefer to live in a multicultural society rather than a melting pot — a nation where there is no "official" religion but many coexisting faiths, including the right to have no faith at all.

And I do recognize that religious groups often do very good work. In Oregon, where I lived for many years, I was helped with churches that helped disemployed workers pay their bills and feed their families. I have little doubt that churches across the nation offer impressive resources for families in need.

Yet these very same churches often limit their assistance to regular churchgoers, or at least those who are willing to sit through a prayer service in exchange for food and clothing. My own religion doesn't officially proscribe in order to convert, but it's certainly not above preaching to "faithless" individuals who were born into Judaism.

I fear that when acts of warmth and kindness are reserved for the faithful, non-believers are excluded — along with individuals who don't attend religious services regularly, or fail to conform to traditional religious ideals, such as unrepentant gays and lesbians or single mothers.

So as the Bush administration tries to enact its vision of "compassionate conservatism" by

channeling federal funds to faith-based groups, this compassion is likely to be exercised in highly selective and potentially undemocratic ways.

Even Bush's own denomination — the United Methodist Church — opposes the faith-based plan. But these mainline Protestants don't comprise the base of the Republican Party. Conservative evangelicals do.

They're the fastest-growing religious constituency in the country, and Bush's plan is likely to channel a lot more money — and power — into their coffers.

In the end, it seems that Bush's program is a lot more about politics than compassion. It's being fueled, in part, by a desire to shrink the government and shift the burden of social services to religious organizations and families. But we can't expect these institutions to provide such basic necessities as health care, transportation and education.

Every time I visit my ailing mother, who is being well cared for by publicly subsidized home health aides, I thank my fellow taxpayers. The more money we channel into faith-based services, the less there will be for government programs.

The president is pushing for faith-based social services at a time when the nation seems to be gearing up for war. Under fire in some circles for threatening unilateral action against Iraq, Bush and his advisers are seeking the moral high ground. But will talk of religious compassion make the president appear less bellicose, or is he killing us with kindness?

Arjene Stein is a professor of sociology at Rutgers University.

U.S. needs to get ahead of the biowarfare threat

President Bush has approved a plan to inoculate 500,000 U.S. military personnel against smallpox. The president, as commander in chief, will be vaccinated along with the troops. He also plans to make the vaccine available to up to 10 million public safety workers.

The White House fears terrorists or rogue states may resort to biowarfare. Developing the polio vaccine took months of deliberation. When you consider the issues involved, you can see why.

The smallpox vaccine (like many drugs) has side effects. Historically, the current vaccine has caused about one to two deaths per million recipients. Simple math suggests that this would total between 300 and 600 deaths if the entire American population were vaccinated.

Thus ordering a mass vaccination program is not a trivial decision. But Iraq, North Korea, and several terrorist groups are known to be exploring biological weapons. The United States needs a class of people who can respond to an attack.

BRUCE BERKOWITZ

Smallpox could be an especially gruesome weapon. It is highly contagious and kills about a third of those infected. Those who survive are usually scarred, and many are crippled or blinded. Before the smallpox eradication in 1976, smallpox often killed hundreds of thousands of people each year.

The disease was considered eradicated almost a quarter century ago. Today the only specimens of smallpox are kept in labs in the United States and Russia — at least, the only known specimens.

And that's the problem. We must be prepared for the chance that somewhere in Iraq, North Korea or al-Qaeda has been able either to steal a sample of the virus or to send one specimen that managed to escape eradication.

U.S. leaders today must deal with the threat of nuclear, biological, chemical, radiological, and nuclear weapons can be developed covertly.

The smallpox decision is the kind of complex national security calculation we can expect more of. Such decisions require public education, consensus building, and innovative thinking so as to limit risks without undo costs to the economy or burdens on the public. The most important ingredient, however, is leadership.

For years officials have expected the intelligence community to provide "actionable intelligence" — data so specific and unambiguous that the U.S. response would be obvious and unarguable. With today's threats, that is hard to provide and we should not expect it.

The best we can hope for is "inferential intelligence," whereby intelligence organizations indicate where the hard evidence leads and describe the possible threats that could result. Then officials must fill in the gray areas and decide how to respond.

Sept. 11 showed what happens when you ignore an enemy abroad who threatens America. Taking action before an attack occurs may be the biggest and most important challenge of all.

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World Trade Center designs show we're back and better than ever

The hottest tickets on Broadway may be for "Hairspray" and "Movin' Out," but one of the best shows in town is playing now in the vestibule of the World Financial Center.

On display for the next six weeks are seven visions of the future of Ground Zero, as imagined by seven teams of architects and designers. The New York and New Jersey officials who are charged with replacing what Sept. 11 destroyed are expected to choose one of these plans or a combination of several. And on a recent morning, while others lounged on the benches beneath the towering palm trees in the nearby atrium, the curious poured in to see the exhibits.

SHERYL MCCARTHY. One plan used words like "legible icons," "striations of space" and "final public structure." They described a multileveled garden as "a horizontal plateau elevated above the skyline, providing a Trans-horizon for the resurrected global city." I noticed that a number of the plans call for really tall buildings, four of them taller than the tallest buildings in the world, which are in Malaysia, and most of them taller than the Twin Towers they're replacing. The designs are imaginative, rife with tree-lined promenades, sunken parks, elevated gardens, amphitheatres, numerous glass towers (including a pair of embracing glass towers), a soaring glass cone, massive ceilinged courtyards, and one

complex of buildings that resembles a huge, ugly great tick-tock board in the sky. Here's a sample of the remarks I overheard: Middle-aged man No. 1: "That's really cool. Like the use of the space." Middle-aged man No. 2: "I can go for the amphitheater too." Young woman: "It's an ugly skyline. It just takes away from all of the other buildings." Her girlfriend: "I'm not liking this one." Young man: "Great lines." His buddy: "Pretty impressive. Yeah." A lone young man: "This one's a joke!" The thing about rebuilding on Ground Zero is that New Yorkers will get to choose what image of ourselves we want to project to the rest of the world. The choice seems to be between "We're big, we're bad, and we're back," and something more thoughtful.

Peter Zaun, 56, a Verizon service technician who is being installed phone systems in and around the World Trade Center for 27 years, said he'd opt for big. "Everybody wants it to be big and beautiful," he said. "It's supposed to give the feeling of 'we came back better.' I like that feeling — I want to show them, 'Oh, yeah, we're bigger.'" But Margaret Worth, 58, an artist and designer from Australia, suggested that the new Ground Zero offer a different message. A lot of these designs are meant to be "power symbols" that send a negative message to the rest of the world, inviting the same kind of aggression that was used against the World Trade Center, she said. Worth's favorite design was by Studio Daniel Libeskind and featured a tall glass wedge of a tower that would reflect plenty of sunlight and house airborne gardens and a light-infused museum. The design exuded hope, she said.

It happened to be my favorite, too. It exuded lightness and air, modesty and elegance, the kind of style the French are famous for, but which is mostly lacking in New York. I also liked a design by Foster and Partners that featured twin glass towers that were linked at the hip, and were very elegant, and one by the Peterson/Littenber firm that featured a tree-lined promenade and a sunken garden next to a amphitheater. I don't understand the difficulties of building great glass halls or gardens in the sky, or whether they are even practical. But it looks like the kind of Ground Zero I would like: not something that says we're bigger and badder, but that says we're back and we're better. Yeah, I could live with that. Sheryl McCarthy is a Nausday columnist.

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By Gary Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore





# What kind of future do our airlines have?

What kind of future do airlines have? It's a question Americans should ask themselves this holiday season as they head for the airport. Without a doubt, the airline industry is changing radically before our eyes. The important question is whether the industry will be patched together with Band-Aids - or fixed with permanent solutions that address the broken system of airline labor negotiations.

After years of limping from crisis to crisis, airlines find themselves in their worst predicament since Kitty Hawk. Saddled with \$100 billion in debt and an estimated \$9 billion in red ink this year, airlines are slashing routes, 80,000 workers have lost their jobs, more layoffs are on the way, and two major airlines are seeking to reorganize under Chapter 11 bankruptcy. It is a crisis with ramifications that extend well beyond frequent-flyer lounges and airport terminals.

There is ample room to disagree about the origins of the crisis. Certainly it was accelerated by Sept. 11, but the causes also include bad business decisions, an economic downturn, government missteps, and a changed aviation marketplace. No matter what the origins, one lesson is certain: A fundamental cause is the antiquated government rules that dictate the way airlines and their unions negotiate contracts, which must be reformed.

The law lies with the Railway Labor Act of 1926, which regulates labor talks in the industry with the goal of preventing the interruption of commerce. It is a law written in a different era for a different industry - and it shows. Instead of preventing strikes, it sours the relationship with employees, leads to unreliable service, and often results in strikes or the threat of strikes. Its legacy is years of crippling mutual distrust and unproductive negotiations. Even in the best of times, it spawns lengthy, open-ended negotiations that lead to tremendous frustration, economic uncertainty and insecurity for airline employees and their families.

But now the law's defects are coming into clear focus. Even when aircraft are parked, airlines must continue paying for

JIM BURNLEY AND NEIL GOLDSCHMIDT

aircraft, facilities and debt service. As a result of operating with such high fixed costs, airlines are ill equipped to deal with a strike or even the shortest duration. So when long, open-ended negotiations lead to the threat of a strike - as they too often do - the result is a contract with labor costs that are too high for an airline to sustain over the long term.

This broken system is a major reason the airline industry suffers from a persistent inability to keep wages in line with productivity. Labor is every airline's biggest expense, and airline labor costs as a percentage of operating costs have always been high compared with other industries. In 1990, average compensation per employee on passenger carriers was \$47,384, amounting to 31.6 percent of total operating expenses, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. For the second quarter of this year, the compensation surpassed \$80,000 for the first time, drawing close to 40 percent of total operating expenses. This growth in compensation has outstripped the rate in other industries.

So dire is today's situation that two mechanisms - bankruptcy courts and the federal Air Transportation Stabilization Board, each a method to allow airlines to get back on their feet financially - have also become stealth devices to reduce labor costs.

A better answer, and one that is long overdue, is to fix the Railway Labor Act. Fixing the law for airlines is especially crucial because moving passengers and goods by air is an essential engine of America's economy, accounting for nearly \$1 trillion in economic activity. Without timely changes, communities will suffer the consequences, from reduced flights to more costly disruptions in service.

If labor and management stand-off threatens to cause serious economic or security consequences, Congress should allow

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An impartial panel of arbitrators to settle the differences fairly. Labor and management would submit their last, best offers to the arbitrators, who would choose one or the other. Not only would this prevent strikes but it would also put pressure on both airline management and labor to agree to more reasonable terms. And, more important, it would protect the reliable air service we all count on.

Reform also is in the best interest of airline employees, who will continue to be well compensated and reap the benefits of stability and job security.

When it comes to the costly disruptions caused by failed negotiations, neither side - labor nor management - is to blame for the current situation. But it is folly to expect a permanent solution without addressing the broken system. Without fundamental changes to the Railway Labor Act of 1926, we will only be sowing the seeds for the next airline crisis.

Jim Burnley and Neil Goldschmidt both served as U.S. secretary of transportation. They are co-chairs of Communities for Economic Strength Through Aviation (CESTA), a coalition of more than 400 groups seeking to protect communities from disruptions in air service caused by failed airline negotiations.

# Blue Ribbon Schools Award fades

The Blue Ribbon Schools Award is a big deal among many in the education establishment. Even real estate agents give it a lot of credence. After all, housing prices have been known to jump in neighborhoods where schools have won this prestigious award.

Too bad the prestige is mostly hype. Many of the more than 4,000 schools that have won the award since 1982 don't deserve the honor. Meanwhile, schools that do deserve the recognition never apply.

Consider San Ramon Valley High School in Danville, Calif. This 2001-2002 winner is wealthier than many schools. Less than 1 percent of its students qualify for the federally funded lunch program. But average reading scores for San Ramon Valley were between the 64th and 67th percentile on the Stanford 9 national exam. That's well above the median state and national scores, but hardly noteworthy considering that schools as wealthy as San Ramon Valley usually score around the 80th percentile.

Far more worthy of recognition is Kelso Elementary School in Inglewood, Calif. Kelso has the same state level ranking as San Ramon Valley, but there, nine of every 10 students qualify for the free or reduced-price lunch. Kelso scores more than twice as well as many schools with a comparable student body. Last year, average math scores were in the 80th percentile. Schools with similar populations usually score around the 28th percentile. In other words,

MEGAN FARNSWORTH

Kelso not only out-performs other low-income schools, it fares better than many schools in wealthier areas.

But don't look for Kelso to be a Blue Ribbon winner, even though the award is supposed to give top-notch schools the recognition they deserve. Kelso, and many other deserving low-income schools, simply don't apply.

Why? For starters, the application process alone is enough to discourage many school, low-income or not. Last year's application form was 25 pages long. By the time the process is finished - and all supporting documentation attached - applications can be measured in inches, not pages.

There are other problems, too. The award criteria place little emphasis on student achievement. Instead, they reward schools for Spreadsheets and Spreadsheets without weighing their effectiveness at improving student performance.

This isn't the best way to measure excellence. Some schools spend more time preparing the holiday program than teaching kids to read - and it shows. USA Today recently reviewed Blue Ribbon schools in 10 states and found that about half these states independently had classified at least an old Blue Ribbon winner as an under-performing school.

But things are changing. Under changes established by Education

Secretary Rod Paige, any future Blue Ribbon school must meet one of two criteria. Its student achievement has to rank among the top 10 percent of the state's schools, or if it's a school where at least 40 percent of students are in low-income or speak little English, it must show a significant improvement in test scores.

Paige also required that the award be given more frequently to high-performing, high-poverty schools - ones that are in the top 10 percent of all schools in the state and have a significant number of low-income students.

The application process is changing, too. Now the forms can exceed 10 criteria. Its students no longer may nominate themselves for the award. Instead, states will be required to identify their high-performing schools. With a less time-consuming more achievement-focused process, the program may give Kelso and other schools like it the national recognition they deserve.

The new approach will give all schools the opportunity to demonstrate that their students are learning and to describe how they're doing it. The Blue Ribbon Schools Award will have rigor and meaning. It will be about improving reading scores, not real estate markets. And its prestige finally will be deserved.

Megan Farnsworth, an education fellow at The Heritage Foundation ([www.heritage.org](http://www.heritage.org)), is a former curriculum specialist and bilingual teacher at high-poverty schools in Burbank, Calif.

# LETTERS

**Hunting from ATV makes a cheap harvest**

Well hooray for Don DePew of Jerome and his recent letter to the editor.

I am not a hunter, my husband was to a small extent, my father and brothers more extensively with bow and arrows. The bows were bigger than I am and require to my way of thinking, much strength and great skill to bring an animal down.

Some people that I know of in this area shoot animals with high-power rifles and scopes from four-wheel vehicles and even pickup trucks, or hang around water holes until some animal gets thirsty and comes down to have a drink of water - then gets shot in the head just because the poor thing is thirsty.

Why isn't there a law against hanging around water holes to get an animal? Now I ask, how can such people refer to themselves as hunters? They are killers and, if honest, would call themselves such.

I was recently on a hunt with a group of friends. It gave me a chance to get out in the country,

side, which I love so much. I saw some of these killers on four-wheelers and snowmachines out and about disturbing the peace and killing game. My friends returned empty handed. Aren't such four-wheelers and snowmachine killers (hunters?) supposed to be controlled by Fish and Game?

Anyway, a hunter is a hunter and to my way of thinking entitled to respect as such, but a killer is just a killer. Too bad the animal can't get a killer now and then!

ANN RIDGELY  
Twin Falls

**Consumers can choose to avoid greed**

Regarding Bill Chisholm's fundamentalism, this column,

Tuesday, Dec. 17:

Fear has many derivatives. One is greed. Greed can be good when we are awake and foresee repercussions that may follow in the wake of greed or fear (when from the viewer's perspective it exists), and we may choose not to support it. I choose organic milk (as recommended by one writer from Hagerman a few months ago here in this very column).

Two-and-a-half times the price, three times the flavor. Cheers!

Regarding Helen McCracken's Idaho's environment is at stake, this column, Tuesday, Dec. 17:

Without making any unfair generalizations, Helen, I agree - you are guilty.

RON YATES  
Twin Falls

**Don't label merchandise as 'stocking stuffers'**

One of our local vendors advertises gift certificates as being "great stocking stuffers." Perhaps someone should explain to those twits that Santa stuffs the stockings, and he doesn't shop at the local video outlet. Additionally, many 5, 6, and 7-year-olds can and do read every sign and marquee that they pass.

The innocence of our youth should be protected by the entire community, especially retail outlets who greatly depend on the Christmas season for a good portion of the year's revenues. Santa is watching -

DORNA DOTSON  
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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Deadline nears for water comments

**SHOSHONE** - The deadline for submitting public comment on expanding Water District 130 is Tuesday.

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 center. 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.

Comments may be submitted to the Idaho Department of Water Resources, 1301 N. Orchard St., Boise, 83706-2237.

### Friends establish account to help leukemia victim

**TWIN FALLS** - Friends and family of Linda Erling of Twin Falls have established an account to help the family cover expenses associated with upcoming leukemia treatments.

While insurance will cover most medical costs, money is needed for medication and care while she stays in Salt Lake City.

People may contribute in Erling's name at any D.L. Evans Bank branch. Fund-raising events also are being planned.

For more information, call 734-0936.

### New Quigley Canyon ski trails open for season

**HAILLEY** - Wood River Valley residents got an early Christmas present when the new ski trails at Quigley Canyon opened for the season on Christmas Eve.

The 8 to 10 kilometers of gentle, rolling trails are being offered on an experimental basis this year as a way to give more south valley residents an opportunity to ski.

The trails are part of the North Valley Trail system, which includes the loops around Galleria Lodge, and require a season or day pass. Day passes can be purchased at the site.

### Beatles revival group will play in Ketchum, Hailey

**KETCHUM** - The Beatlemancians are invading the Sun Valley area for five shows beginning New Year's Day.

The Canada-based band, one of the first of the Beatles revival shows, comes complete with the accents, the looks and the music to boot. They kick off their two-hour set with a black and white suit and a "I Wanna Hold Your Hand." Then they advance to the Sergeant Pepper and Abbey Road era, complete with costume and attitude changes.

Shows start at 9:30 p.m. Jan. 1 and 2 at the nextStage Theatre in Ketchum and at 9:30 p.m. Jan. 3 and 4 at the Mint in Hailey. Doors open at 8 p.m.

There also will be a matinee for the family at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door, available at 720-0100 or Larry@sunvalley.net. The matinee costs \$15 for those under 18.

Compiled from staff reports

## Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	5 year mean pack**
Upper Snake River	66%	29%
Salmon Falls	74%	34%
Blaine	69%	29%
Outback	61%	26%
Big Wood	64%	30%
Little Wood	100%	36%
Henry Fork/Teton	60%	28%
Big Lost	66%	32%
Silver Hat	69%	34%

\*\* as of Dec. 24. A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year

## WHAT TO DO WITH 'E-WASTE?'

There are ways to get rid of that old computer without junking it

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Now that Santa delivered a new computer with a Pentium 4 processor, a flat panel monitor and 1.5 gigabytes of memory, what will you do with the old one, particularly if the monitor is on the blink and the technology obsolete?

Growing piles of "E-waste" are a national problem in volume and potential hazards. And finding a recycling option for an old computer that no one else wants requires some effort and expense.

Lead is among the primary environmental concerns, said Dean Ehlers, solid waste coordinator for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality in Boise. The glass in computer monitors contains an average of 2 pounds of lead. Even more lead is found in television screens - an average of 5 to 8 pounds.

Crushed in landfills, the equipment poses the threat of lead and other heavy metals used to manufacture electronics leaching into groundwater, particularly in unlined landfills. Magic Valley's regional landfill at Milner Butte is lined.

The regional landfill takes electronic waste, said Tom Miller, environmental engineer for the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District. But the waste district hasn't noticed a substantial increase in the volume of E-waste being dumped by individuals.

It's tough for many consumers to part with still-usable pieces of equipment they bought at considerable cost. Consumers have, on average, two to three obsolete computers in their garages, closets or storage spaces, says a report by the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition, a grassroots group often relied on for information about the country's growing E-waste problem. And technology is charging forward at a pace that leaves the average life span of a personal computer at two years, spawning estimates that by 2005, there will be one obsolete computer for every new computer put on the market.

"Consumers no longer take a malfunctioning toaster, VCR or telephone to a repair shop. Replacement is often easier and cheaper than repair," the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition says. "While these ever-improving gadgets - faster, smaller, cheaper - provide many benefits, they also carry a legacy of waste."

Ryan Hardy, owner of Computer Recyclers in Twin Falls, opened his business about a year ago out of concern for the vast amounts of reusable equip-

ment being thrown out and with a market niche in mind. He harvests computer parts that can be reused and resold, sells used monitors and upgrades hard drives for resale.

"There's a lot of old stuff, and you may as well put it to use," he says.

In his opinion, the drive for faster, better personal computer technologies is fueled in large measure by video gamers looking for better graphics and speed, competition among manufacturers, and human nature to want the latest and best.

"Caught up in the 'faster, better, more' craze are average consumers who need periodic Internet access and basic word processing capabilities.

"People have the misconception that a faster machine means

faster Internet access, but that's just not the case," he said.

A fast computer won't improve Internet speed if it's still dialing up to the Internet, he said. The connection itself is a major factor in Internet navigation ease.

Often people want to drop off computer models at his store that are too outdated to be practical, and to recover some of their investment by selling it to him second hand, he said. The old equipment, even huge main frames, often isn't worth anything.

Many people, including the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition, are calling for manufacturers to take more responsibility for recycling and disposal of old electronics. Some companies offer collection services, costs

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Ryan Hardy, owner of Computer Recyclers in Twin Falls, rebuilds computer for a customer. Hardy said he tries not to throw away any computers he receives, but some systems are too old for recycling.

offer collection services for fees, which can add up, depending on the number of items to be recycled. Hewlett-Packard Co. collects computer equipment from any manufacturer. Fees range from \$13 to \$34 per item. Find more online at [www.hp.com/hpinfo/community/evnroment/recycle/hardware.htm](http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/community/evnroment/recycle/hardware.htm).

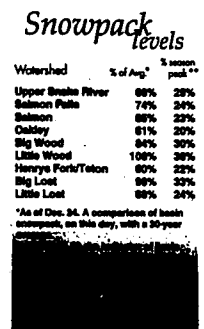
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### Computer disposal

Here are some "E-waste" information and recycling options:

- Find a report by the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition at [www.svtc.org/cleancc/pubs/p01-soapcc.htm](http://www.svtc.org/cleancc/pubs/p01-soapcc.htm).
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BECK BROWN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Christmas is tough on some inmates, but not all of them

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Inside there are no wreaths or ornaments, just white cinder block walls and simple metal furniture.

In jail every day looks the same. But the people know it's Christmas.

The detention officers at the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center catch themselves humming carols, and the inmates find their incarceration harsher than ever before.

This is the first time Tammy Hanson has spent Christmas in

jail. If she were free, she would be in New Jersey, celebrating with her mother, she said. Although the world is rather elsewhere, Hanson has it much better than the inmates with children, she said.

"I'm kind of blessed not to have children," she said.

Many of the inmates with children become sensitive as Christmas approaches. A song on the radio might bring tears to an inmate's eyes, Hanson said.

"You can see it. They are miserable. They walk around in a daze," she said.

## Santa Claus spreads joy in Burley

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - "Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas," he hollered across the room as he entered a downtown Burley office. He jingled sleigh bells in one hand and held candy canes in another to share with everyone he encountered.

Mike James has one of the most fun jobs available this time of year. He's Santa.

James takes it upon himself to bring a little Christmas spirit to everyone he passes while he's decked out in the red suit.

"When you put the suit on, you have to be Santa Claus," James said. "You're not who you are. You're Santa Claus."

The secret is eye contact, he said as he walked along Overland Avenue in Burley two days before Christmas, waving and shouting "Merry Christmas" to the passersby.

Once eye contact is made, a sparkle comes to people's eyes, and they pick up their hands to wave back, James said.

"You'll see the smile and wave. For most people, the little kid comes out," he added.

While the children are his favorite bit, James enjoys greeting the elderly, too.

"They smile, and that sparkle comes in their eyes just like the



Santa Claus, in the form of Mike James, checks his mail at Santa's house near City Hall in Burley.

little kids," James said. "The best part is the kids I love children."

For the most part, children are good, he said. While some have long and elaborate wish lists, many have just one item they each bring to Santa's attention.

Lists get longer as children get older, James said.

One small girl really touched James when she came to see

## Donations rise to meet M.V. needs, officials say

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - When the call went out for donations of gifts and food to help Magic Valley people in need during the holidays, it was more than answered.

"I've never seen a community come together like this," said Ken Robinson, executive director of South Central Community Action Agency. "People donated with a real sense of sincerity."

Employees of Horizon Organic Dairy in Paul gave their Thanksgiving bonus gift certificates to a turkey drive to others less fortunate could have turkeys, said Becky Smith of South Central Community Action Agency. The gift certificates provided 80 turkeys.

Employees of Cassia Regional Medical Center provided another 26 turkeys with their Thanksgiving gift certificates, Smith said.

The drive brought in a total of 1,600 turkeys, Robinson said.

KMVX Mix 103 Radio sponsored the turkey drive, Robinson said. He said the station's "60 Hours to Fight Hunger" program brought in more than triple the number of turkeys this year than it did in both 2001 and 2000.

South Central distributed turkeys to other organizations such as Port of Hope and the Salvation Army, which were able to use the turkeys for distribution throughout Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

In addition to giving food and gifts, people also gave of their time, Robinson said.

"It's been wonderful," he said. "People are donating their time to wrap presents."

The 12th annual Christmas in the Nighttime Sky event at Kimberly Nurseries was another large contributor of food and gift donations this year, Robinson said.

While there was a larger need this year, he had no doubts that service agencies were able to meet that need.

South Central is not able to help in cases where applicants are not income-eligible according to government requirements, but the agency refers them to other organizations that can help them, Robinson said.

"More and more are having a tougher time meeting needs," he said. "Our offices have been extremely busy."

While needs such as energy and rental assistance can't always be met by South Central because of the income eligibility

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## SERVICES

**Joel Crandall Peterson** of McCleary, Wash., and formerly of Clifton, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Webb Funeral Home, 109 E. Oneida, Preston; friends may call from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Saturday at the mortuary; burial will be at the Preston Cemetery.

**Raymah Jarvis** of Kimberly, memorial graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

**Gwen Davis Sahlberg** of Twin Falls, memorial graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

**Verla Gene Welch** of Heyburn, service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Heyburn 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church of Christ, Latter-day Saints, 530 Villa Drive, Heyburn; burial will

be in Riverside Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Russmussen Funeral

Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 1-1:45 p.m. Friday at the church.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Cloyd William 'Andy' Gardner**

**HAILEY** Cloyd William "Andy" Gardner, 53, of Halley died Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at the Blaine Manor in Halley. Arrangements will be announced by Wood River Chapel of Halley.

**Reymundo Leon**

**RUPERT** - Reymundo Leon, 61, of Rupert died Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church with Father Henry Carmona as celebrator. Services

are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

**Lucy Ella Sonner**

**TWIN FALLS** - Lucy Ella Sonner, 98, of Twin Falls died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2002, at Curry Retirement Center.

Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

**Felix Centu**

**HEYBURN** - Felix Centu, 87, of Heyburn died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2002, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

## OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0332, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is [obits@magicvalley.com](mailto:obits@magicvalley.com). Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

### TWIN FALLS



**Carol L. (Morrison) Bocanegra**

**CAROL L.** (Morrison) Bocanegra, 65, of Twin Falls, ID, passed away December 23, 2002, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Boise, ID. She was currently being treated at Sunbridge Rehabilitation & Living Center in Meridian, ID.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, December 27, 2002, at 1 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, Idaho. A visitation for family and friends will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 26th, at Sumner's Funeral Home, 1205 W. Bannock Street, Boise, Idaho.

Carol was born July 25, 1937, at the home of her parents, Ross and Faye Morrison in Jerome, ID. She graduated from Twin Falls High in 1956 and attended nursing school until she married Tom Bocanegra. They had three children, Lisa, Mona, and Carlos.

Carol loved her children and grandchildren very much. She was a avid supporter of the Special Olympics and she will be remembered for her loving kindness and her love for life.

Carol is preceded in death by her husband, her daughter, Mona, a brother, and her mother. She is survived by her dad, Ross Morrison of Boise, her only sibling, Bob (Donna) Morrison of Caldwell, ID, her daughter, Lisa, her son, Carlos, seven grandchildren, and many aunts and uncles. The family requests that instead of flowers, contributions may be made to Sunbridge Rehabilitation and Living Center, at 1111 W Pine Avenue, Meridian, Idaho 83642

and friend, NaOrna Emms, and to this union three children were born. In 1962 they moved from California to Buhi, ID, where he continued his construction work as well as farming and raising cattle (his real love). Moving to Star, ID in 1991 he worked for Wright Brothers Construction and attended Eagle Baptist Church. Upon retiring he returned to the Magic Valley Area and enjoyed being reunited with friends at the Community Bible Church of Filer.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, NaOrna, and their three children, Michael G. Grill of Filer, ID, Elizabeth Grill of Greenleaf, ID, and David (Kelly) Grill of Nampa, ID. Other survivors include seven beloved grandsons - Michael K. Joshua, T. Charly, Scot, Matthew, Cory, and one adored granddaughter, Madison One sister, Joanne (Richard) Crowston, resides in CA.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date by Farmer Funeral Chapel. A private family gathering will be held to scatter his ashes as he requested by the family. Family requests that respectful requests memorials be made in his honor to GFA Boys Athletics Department P O Box 368 Greenleaf, ID 83268.

"Thanks, Pop, for being a model of integrity and hard work. Thanks for all the great hunting and camping trips, and your unforgettable sense of humor. We miss you but we will see you again."

We love you and will miss you deeply Poppy. Be at peace now that you are finally walking with the Lord.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 2002, at the New Life Community Church in Wendon. Arrangements are under the direction of Hope-Roberison Funeral Chapel of Jerome.

### SHOSHONE

**Calvin J. Eckles**

**CALVIN J.** Eckles passed away Dec. 22, 2002, at the age of 77 at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Roddy and Cheryl Adams, where he had resided for the last 10 months.

Calvin was born May 16, 1925 in Brandon, Colorado the son of Lyman and Gladys Eckles. Most of his childhood was spent in Kreming, Colorado. He joined the Air Force at a young age and served his country he moved to Idaho where he met and married Donna Marie Lancaster. They had three children, Cheryl, James and Betsy Eckles. While the children were growing up he was very supportive of all school activities and was very active in the 4-H program with them.

Calvin helped Bill Bunn coach the Little League team in Wendell and took them to tournament sites. He really enjoyed helping kids reach their highest potential. He helped build bridges and was very active in Oregon and California. He also worked in Trinidad building a refinery. He was a member of Iron Workers Local 732 and retired out of Iron Workers Local 118 in California. Calvin had a great love for horses, ranching, fishing and hunting.

Survivors include his three children, Cheryl Eckles Adams of Shoshone, James Eckles of Olympia, Washington and Becci Eckles, wife of Robert Eckles of St. George, Utah, ten grandchildren and 77 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Donna Marie Lancaster, parents, Lyman and Gladys (3) brothers, Bud, Warren and Victor.

He will be deeply missed. Calvin's request there will be no formal service. Arrangements by Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

### TWIN FALLS

**Elizabeth (Betty) Brasier**

**ELIZABETH (BETTY)** Brasier, 73, of Twin Falls, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2002, at the home of her daughter, Lorraine Oliver in Twin Falls. She was born July 26, 1929, in Pasadena, CA, to parents Earl and Joyce Wright. They moved to Idaho in 1953. She attended high school in Minner, Burley, Twin Falls, and Murlough. She married Donald Roberts, Jr., who later passed away in a vehicle crash. She married Joe M. Brasier and he preceded her in death in 1997. Betty worked for the phone company in Murlough for a number of years. She devoted her life to being a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and sister.

She is survived by her children, Nanette Little of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Scott (Andrea) Brasier of Meridian, Lorraine (Kent) Oliver of Twin Falls, 1 sister, Eileen Roberts of Tacoma, WA, 7 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 5 brothers, both husbands and 1 grandson.

At her request there will be no services. Arrangements and cremation were under the direction of White Mortuary & Crematory, "Chapel by the Park."

# Santa's postman answers letters of hopeful youngsters

*"If it's the standard, scribbled list, I tell them I hope they're being good and that the elves are busy and the reindeer are out playing tag. I try to make every letter a little different. If they ask for something for their family, I tell them it's nice that they're thinking about others."*

- Bill Rogers, postman of Santa, Idaho

was in 1973, and I've been at it ever since."

"What he writes depends on what the children have written. 'If it's the standard, scribbled list, I tell them I hope they're being good and that the elves are busy and the reindeer are out playing tag. I try to make every letter a little different. If they ask for something for their family, I tell them it's nice that they're thinking about others.'"

Some letters are easier to answer than others. Some touch his heart. "I got one from a kid who said her mother was sick, and she wanted Santa to make her well. How do you answer that?"

"Another little kid one year wrote that he wanted things for his mom and dad and brothers and sisters but didn't think he deserved anything for himself because he hadn't been good. He said he was sorry he'd been bad, but that he was worried about his brother in Desert Storm. You don't answer a letter like that by saying 'Rudolph says hello.'"

"I told him to talk to his parents about what was bothering him and to try to be nice to people."

Some letters make his day. One year he got a letter to Santa Claus in July. It was from a girl thanking him for the pony she'd asked for in December. His standard rule: Never promise anything.

"I had that, I'd have a lot of angry letters from parents whose kids didn't get what they asked for from Santa. I just wish them a Merry Christmas, tell them I have something special for them and hope that everything works out."

Playing Santa can take a lot of time, especially when he gets packages filled with Christmas letters from schools. "There might be letters from a whole third grade of five or six classes. Of course, they read the responses in class, so every one has to be different."

"When the volume of letters is too much for a working Santa, he takes them home and works on them in the evenings. His wife, Terry, helps. "You'd be surprised at how dedicated postal employees are," she said. "He spends hours on them, and I don't mind helping. It's kind of fun being Mrs. Santa Claus."

Her husband's Christmas spirit isn't limited to children. He has an oversized postmark stamp with an outline of Santa Claus and the words "holiday greetings."

Rogers happily uses it to stamp mail in red ink - for anyone wanting the coveted Santa postmark. Coveted to the extent of 4,000 cards and letters each holiday season.

"I get people from as far away as Europe who want the postmark," he said. "Usually we don't do postmarks here. The mail goes to Spokane and is canceled there. But if I see it's a Christmas card, I'll cancel it here. If they want a special date, I'll do that, too. But they have to send a note saying what date they want or I have to cancel it as soon as I get it. The most popular date is Christmas Eve."

Some postal patrons insist on a Christmas Day postmark. For them, he'll drive to the post office - on the one day of the year when almost no one is working - and work for as long as it takes.

But the children's letters are what bring him Christmas joy.

"Sometimes it's a hassle to figure out what to write back, but I enjoy reading the kids' letters," he said.

Some letters draw pictures and write cute little things that make me chuckle. And it gives me a good feeling to answer their letters, to know that those who write letters to Santa, Idaho, will get a letter back. It does disappoint the kids at Christmas."

Santa himself couldn't have said it better.

**SANTA (AP)** - Christmas is in good hands at the Santa post office.

Virginia, there really is a Santa, Idaho. It's on Idaho 6, just up the road from the northern hamlets of Harvard and Princeton. The highway passes through forested hills and scenic valleys with cotton clouds blanketing the treetops. Postcard scenes appear at every turn.

Don't blink, or you might miss Santa. There isn't a lot to the place: scattered homes, a defunct general store, the post office and the so-called Santa Resort. The "resort" is actually a bar and not a place to go in search of Christmas spirit.

- Its walls are lined with Confederate flags and bumper stickers of the "Spy or neuter anti-hunters" variety.

"Now, we don't do much for Christmas around here," his bartender said over peals of boozey laughter from a lunchtime crowd of three. "We don't have the population. So what are you hunting for?"

What the resort crowd may lack in Christmas spirit, however, is more than made up for at the post office. Meet Bill Rogers, the postmaster of Santa - population 159. The name comes from nearby Santa Maria Creek.

Rogers is the man in charge of the town's weathered wooden post office, which is bigger than a postage stamp - but not by very much.

Built in 1904, it has an antique oak counter, frosted windows with gold-leaf letters and a front porch with posts permanently painted like candy canes. During the holidays, Christmas lights and garlands line the lobby. A Santa Claus smiles from the window.

Rogers gets 200 to 300 letters a year addressed to Santa Claus in Santa, Idaho, instead of the usual mailing address of North Pole, Alaska.

"They come from as far away as Puerto Rico and Hawaii. He answers every letter, writing up two handwritten pages in a large writing tablet to each child awaiting a response from the Santa of Santa, Idaho.

"The gal who was postmaster before me used a mimeographed form to answer the kids' letters," Rogers said. "My wife and I didn't think that was too cool, so I started doing it by hand. That

**POCATELLO (AP)** - Federal emergency unemployment benefits for 3,000 Idaho residents could end next week as Congress restores them when it convenes Jan. 7, state labor officials say.

Unemployment insurance helps support displaced workers for a given time or until they find a new job.

## Extended benefits loss would harm economy

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne granted the Idaho residents receiving those benefits a temporary reprieve Friday when he ordered the Idaho Department of Labor to continue paying them through the week of Jan. 4.

He based his decision on President Bush's appeal to Congress to reauthorize the benefit program when it reconvenes and approve the benefits retroactively.

After state benefits expire, workers are able to get the federal benefits, which last for 13 weeks at most.

If the program is not reauthorized, they will stop receiving the federal money even if they have not picked up the maximum amount allowed.

If Congress reauthorizes the program, it could mean up to \$9 million in additional benefits for up to 5,800 Idaho residents.

As of Saturday, about 16,000 Idaho residents have exhausted their regular unemployment benefits after March 17, 2001, and were still unemployed, had received \$32.4 million in the extended benefits.

In Bannock County, 10,134 weeks of extended benefits have been paid out, totaling \$24.6 million.

## Cost of light display varies in different areas

average of 14.42 cents per kilowatt hour, researchers say. The lowest rates, 6.43 per kilowatt hour, are in Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Much of that South Central region is served by the Tennessee Valley Authority, the nation's largest public power producer.

While gaudy Christmas displays throw a lot of light, they require a relatively small amount of power, said TVA spokesman Terry Johnson. Even the grandest ones barely make a dent in power demand.

"People with large displays may notice it in their electric bill, but for TVA it's not a significant change," Johnson said.

### BOISE



**Gene A. Grill**

**Gene A.** Grill passed away Dec. 19, 2002, at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise, ID.

Gene was born in Selma, CA, on Sept. 15, 1934, the only son of Alvin E. and Grace L. (Galtner) Grill. Upon graduating from Fowler High School he earned his Journeyman's degree in carpentry from Fresno City College. In 1955, he married his High School love

and she loved to share his large crops of tomatoes with family and friends. Poppy loved to take his Grandpa fishing on the beaches of California and the Lakes in Idaho.

Sam lived every minute of his life on his own terms and took instructions from no one. We loved him for his stubbornness and would never have wanted him to change. He is survived by his wife Gertrude, 3 sisters, 3 brothers, his son John (Sherry) Busman of Jerome, Ginny (John) Sudik of Idaho Falls, grandchildren, and 7 Great-Grandchildren.

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He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 sisters, and 1 brother.

### The Associated Press

If you live in Honolulu, decking the halls for Christmas can set you back \$160 - twice as much as in Knoxville, Tenn., or Seattle.

The Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee examined the cost of running a light display similar to Clark Griswold's monstrosity in the movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" and found that the expense varies sharply from region to region.

In Knoxville, for example, a display of 100 strings each with 100 miniature lights (41 watts per string), one 100-watt Santa figure and a 450-watt set of floodlights illuminating a nativity scene would generate added costs of \$63. That's assuming the lights are on seven hours a day for 30 days.

In New York, the same display would cost an extra \$136 and in Hawaii \$160. But a homeowner in Seattle would pay just \$50 and in Idaho Falls \$53.

The highest electricity rates in the nation are in Alaska and Hawaii, where residents pay an

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GOING FOR A RIDE



Brothers Dylan Carroll, 4, front, and Tyler, 8, slide down a hill at Thorpe Park in Flagstaff, Ariz., with their father, Lee, Monday morning. The family is from Phoenix.

'America's Most Wanted' will air Smart case piece

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — John Walsh, host of the high-profile anti-crime crusade "America's Most Wanted" television program, says he is helping Elizabeth Smart's family look for a man who once worked for them who they believe had something to do with Elizabeth's abduction.



Elizabeth Smart.

On CNN's "Larry King Live" show Monday night, Walsh said that a future "America's Most Wanted" will profile a roofer he said was "a young homeless guy who lived in a homeless shelter" who may have used an alias when he worked for the Smarts. Salt Lake City Police Capt. Scott Atkinson said though the suspect is someone they've been looking for, he is not near the top of their list of potential suspects. "We've known about this guy. We would like to talk to him to clear up that lead. He was only at the house one time several months before the incident happened," Atkinson said. Walsh also said Mary Katherine, Elizabeth's younger sister, says it wasn't former handyman and career criminal Richard Albert Ricci who came into the girl's bedroom in the middle of the night and took Elizabeth away at gunpoint. She remains missing. However, police spokesman Dwayne Baird said Walsh's claim is inconsistent with what the child has told them. "Ricci is our primary suspect

and remains that way," Baird said. Ricci, 48, on Aug. 27 suffered a cerebral hemorrhage in his Utah State Prison cell, where he was being held on a parole violation. His family took him off life support three days later. He had been under scrutiny for possible involvement in the 14-year-old girl's disappearance on June 5. He always maintained his innocence. Walsh made his "America's Most Wanted" plans with Elizabeth's parents, Ed and Lois Smart, in New York last week, after taping a segment for "The John Walsh Show," a daytime talk show on NBC. Ed Smart said Monday night he wasn't ready to go public with information on the roofer. "I didn't know (Walsh) was going to do that," Smart said. "I'm surprised he said what he said. We're working with the police." Smart said investigators have long known about the roofer and are looking for him but don't know where he is. And though he confirmed Walsh's claims about the upcoming episode, he was cautious about what the television host said.

Jail

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The inmates can't receive gifts, as there is too great a risk that someone would smuggle contraband into the jail, said detention officer Rich Madden. The inmates receive cards, money and pictures from their families. Sometimes the photos only make the inmates more upset, Madden said. Some inmates draw pictures for their families. "Surprisingly, there's a lot of very excellent artists in the system," Madden said. Others buy gifts from the jail commissary. The selection is limited to lock-gammon boards, checkers, socks, shirts, crucifixes and rosaries. Inmates have to make do with what they can find. A T-shirt from the jail is probably not at the top of any child's Christmas list, Hanson said, laughing. "A T-shirt is still a gift. Many inmates are desperate to do as

much as they can for their children on Christmas, especially after talking to them. Children often ask, "Are you coming home soon?" "It's heart-wrenching to see them sit there and try to explain to a child they're not going to be home for Christmas," Hanson said. On Christmas the jail is open for visitors all day, rather than only in the evening, Madden said. There are usually no more visitors on Christmas than any other holiday, Madden said to start his 10-hour shift at 6 a.m. today. He said he doesn't mind working on the holiday too much. "I'd rather not, but it goes with the job," Madden said. Madden scheduled another day to exchange gifts with family. Jail cook Karen Kuzler prepares special meals for holidays,

Boise mayor hires retired general

BOISE (AP) — Mayor Brent Coles has hired a retired general to help restore the public's trust, after a taxpayer-sponsored evening in New York City brought criticism to his office. Jim Thompson will be the interim replacement for Gary Lyman, whom Coles asked to resign amid a conflict over the spending of tax dollars by the mayor and his staff. The trouble began after Coles, Lyman and two city employees spent a night in New York, including dinner and a

Broadway play, as part of an effort to boost Coles' popularity. Coles paid back the money and apologized, but the City Council set new restrictions on his travel and spending. Thompson, a 75-year-old retired lieutenant general, was Coles' chief of staff eight years ago. Before that, he served in the same role for former mayor Dirk Kempthorne, now Idaho's governor. His appointment means Police Chief Don Pierce, who was working part-time in the mayor's

office, will return to his primary job. Thompson has "a lot of respect with council members; he has excellent credentials," Council President Mike Wettersell said. "He's been in positions that are high-profile and been a troubleshooter." Thompson's responsibilities including helping on budget-day-to-day operations and repairing relations between the mayor's office and the City Council.

He is expected to be in the job for the next three to four months. An audit has been ordered to look for fraud, and the mayor's office is under investigation by the state attorney general's criminal division. While he would not comment on Coles' practice of giving gifts instead of cash for bonuses, Thompson said bonuses are good incentives. But Thompson did say there was a "little lack of full accountability" in spending at the mayor's office.

Industry leaders lobby for lawsuit limits

BOISE (AP) — A group of Idaho businesses and lobbyists will ask Idaho lawmakers this winter to curtail large lawsuit awards. The Idaho Liability Reform Coalition is pressing for the most extensive lawsuit reform in 15 years, seeking a \$250,000 cap on punitive damages and a reduced limit on awards for non-economic damages such as pain and suffering. In 1987, the Legislature set the limit for non-economic damages at \$400,000 but allowed the Idaho Industrial Commission to calcu-

late annual increases. The commission now puts the cap at about \$680,000. Idaho has no limit on punitive damages. Coalition lobbyist Ken McClure said excessive awards increase the cost of doing business and make it difficult to reach out-of-court settlements. One side of a case thinks it can collect millions. Caldwell attorney David Kerrick, a lobbyist for the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association, said the proposals will do nothing but

deny Idahoans their rights to recover damages. "If I'm a drunk driver and I'm worth \$2 billion and I kill your kid, you could get as much as \$500,000. That's not right," Kerrick said. "If Idaho citizens are going to give up their rights, or a portion of their rights, what do they get in exchange?" McClure said the reform coalition will not touch provisions in state law that allow plaintiffs to collect unlimited damages in cases of willful or reckless misconduct.

Other coalition members include the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry and the Idaho Manufacturers Association. Republican Rep. Leon Smith, a Twin Falls attorney, was skeptical about the proposals and said the large lawsuit judgments issued in other states are not happening in Idaho. "The insurance companies had a bad year on investments and now they're going to try and reap the harvest. A lot of it is scary, but I'm open to hear about it," Smith said.

Bush administration sets up new BLM rules

DENVER (AP) — Local governments will have an easier time building roads across vast tracts of federal land in Colorado and the West under new rules the Bush administration will publish this week. Administration officials say the changes to the Bureau of Land Management regulations will help settle contentious disputes with states that claim access rights under a Civil War-era mining law. Local governments, such as the Moffat County Commission in northwest Colorado, argued that modernizing the old routes are vital to the development of their rural economies. Critics, including four Senate Democrats, say the revisions could allow rural Western officials to pave wagon trails, streambeds and cow paths that run through pristine federal lands. Environmental groups say new

roads could also facilitate oil and gas development and disqualify the land from future wilderness protection. "This is a great big Christmas present for people who want to sidestep, pave, mine and drill some of our most sensitive public lands," said Ted Zukoski, project attorney in the Denver office of Earthjustice, which specializes in environmental litigation. The rule change could affect as many as 15,000 claimed rights of way in Utah and hundreds more in Moffat, Garfield, San Juan and Fremont counties in Colorado. At issue is an 1866 mining law that grants rights of way for the construction of "highways" on public lands, such as national forests, that are not already reserved for public uses. Congress repealed the portion of the law dealing with rights of way in 1976, when the govern-

ment reserved for public uses all remaining federal land not already in forests, parks or monuments. States can still claim a right of way if they prove in court that the route existed before the land was reserved. The new rules remove the need to go to court and allow claims to be handled administratively by the Bureau of Land Management, which is responsible for managing 262 million acres. That includes 8.3 million acres in Colorado. "The savings is years and thousands of dollars for the taxpayer," said Patricia Morrison, the Interior Department's deputy assistant secretary for land and minerals. The rules were drafted after Utah officials threatened to sue the government to assert its right to 15,000 routes through federal land, including Canyonlands National Park and

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. "It's really hard to overestimate the impact of this rule," said Heidi McIntosh, conservation director of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance. In Moffat County, officials are aggressively opposing citizen efforts to designate the 90,000-acre Vermillion Basin as a wilderness area, claiming the arid landscape is crisscrossed with old routes. "The administration's intent is clear," said Zukoski. "They want to undermine 50 years of public-land protection." "Simply put, this rule puts the Bush administration on the side of any company that wants to claim that an old footpath or dirt road in a national monument, park or wilderness area should be expanded to allow mining and drilling," said Tom Wetmore, vice president of the National Environmental Trust.

Former university student pleads guilty to moon rock theft

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A former University of Utah physics student and two others pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit theft and interstate transportation of stolen property for stealing and attempting to sell moon rocks. Thad Ryan Roberts, who had ambitions of being an astronaut, was charged with conspiracy to steal moon rocks from NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. Also charged were Gordon Sean McWhorter, a Utah resident at the time; Tiffany Brooke Fowler, and Shae Lynn Saur. Roberts, Fowler and Saur, who had worked as student employees of the space center, pleaded guilty

last week, while McWhorter faces trial. The maximum penalty for conspiracy to steal government property is five years, while the interstate transportation charge carries a possible 10 years in prison, said Steve Cole, spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Colorado. An advertisement showed up on the Web site of the Mineralogy Club of Antwerp, Belgium, on May 24 announcing, "Priceless Moon Rocks Now Available!" An undercover agent posing as a potential buyer entered into an e-mail correspondence with Roberts.

Kempthorne names new director of Idaho State Police

BOISE (AP) — Idaho State Police Maj. Dan Charboneau will become the department's new director when Col. Ed Strickland retires next week. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne announced Charboneau's appointment on Tuesday. He also appointed Maj. Kevin Johnson Deputy Director of the Idaho State Police. "Dan's experienced in all aspects of law enforcement and has demonstrated a real commitment to Idaho and the State Police," Kempthorne said. "I have had the pleasure of working with Dan over the past four years, and he will be a dynamic leader for the state's premiere law enforcement agency." Charboneau has been with the state police for 30 years. He began his career as a trooper, and

has managed and directed statewide drug and criminal investigations and headed up the Bureau of Forensic Services. He is currently in charge of Public Safety and Security operations. Kempthorne lauded Charboneau's drug-fighting experience. "He shares my get-tough approach to dealing with methamphetamine producers and traffickers and will work effectively with local and federal law enforcement agencies in drug and other criminal cases," Kempthorne said. Kevin Johnson will fill the position left open when Lt. Col. Glenn Ford retired earlier this year. Johnson, a 22-year law enforcement veteran, currently oversees the Idaho State Police Patrol and Investigation operations.

Donations

Continued from B1. requirements, it never sends anyone hungry, Roberson said. "Nobody ever leaves our agency if they need food," he said. "They won't be coming to our office if they didn't need it." He agreed with Maj. Ann Patterson of the Salvation Army that last year's Sept. 11 tragedy helped to diminish local supplies and donations. At the same time, Magic Valley had a greater need than ever before for donations this year. "Some who are not normally in need are this year," Patterson said. "Need is up about 10 percent or more over last year. Dollars

just aren't stretching as far." But while need increased, so did donations. "This community is awesome," she said. "Donations have been coming in good." Most distributions had been made by Monday, but some last-minute requests came in, and the Salvation Army was preparing to make its last distributions. Last-minute distributions usually go out to about 25 to 50 families, Patterson said. "I'll honestly think we will have enough," she said. Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at 436-1351 or lcavener@cablenet.net.

Recycle

Continued from B1. that can add up for the consumer and sometimes only for customers who buy more than one. Environmental Protection Agency regulations require that electronic waste generated by businesses be handled as hazardous waste, Ehlers said. In Ada County, that means more than 100,000 pounds of electronic waste as well, he

said. The county recently banned it from the landfill, directing it to a hazardous waste facility. "Some of the states are starting to look at electronic waste," Ehlers said. "It is an emerging issue." Times-News writer Jennifer Schumann can be reached at 733-0931 or jschumann@magicvalley.com.

Santa

Continued from B1. who sees a need and takes care of it can be the jolly old elf. "Santa Claus can be anyone," he said. James cautions that he tries to incorporate Christ into Christmas too, with his message of giving. That's what the season is really about, he said. There are a few "bah-humbugs"

gers" out there, James said, and a few children who are beginning to question the existence of Santa Claus. But Santa just starts to sing "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" when they ask if he knows all the reindeer names. James loves Christmas and had played Santa on a few occasions in rented suits. Then, four years ago, "My wife bought me a suit."

This year he has done more gigs than usual, playing the downtown Burley Santa on Saturdays and visiting Mountain View Elementary School earlier this month. But any time the suit is on, Father Christmas comes out. James picked up a bundle of candy canes along with his car keys on his way out of a down-

town office. "Santa can't be out without candy canes," James said, as he headed out waving and laughing jolly. 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.

NATION

# Sailors, airmen celebrate Christmas



Shelly Seaver and Nikita Osipenko share a moment in Washington Tuesday. They are getting married soon but had to put off their wedding for a few months because Osipenko, from Russia, couldn't get his visa.

## State Department works to catch up on visa backlog

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Shelly Seaver had sent wedding invitations, reserved the church, bought her dress and found a photographer. But there was no groom.

It's not that Nikita Osipenko, from Yekaterinburg in Central Russia, didn't want to marry her. He couldn't, at least not in the United States. His visa application was caught up in a State Department backlog that officials say is now beginning to clear up.

Since summer, thousands of students, scientists and fiancés from countries unconnected to last year's terrorist attacks, particularly China and Russia, had their visa applications held up while the U.S. government expedited its security checks and fine-tuned a visa system that let in the Sept. 11 hijackers.

Osipenko's application lingered for five months, forcing his fiancée to postpone their wedding. Repeatedly told by the Moscow consulate to "call back in a week," Osipenko left his job and didn't look for a new one, convinced the approval would come through soon. It finally did right before Thanksgiving, and he was able to join the woman he met while she was a U.S. Fulbright Scholar in Yekaterinburg.

"Bureaucracy is imperial," Osipenko said from his new home in Arlington, Va., where bureaucracy thoughts were far from his mind as the couple made final preparations for a civil ceremony. They were married last Friday.

The State Department blames the delays on the additional security clearances required by law enforcement, intelligence and other federal agencies. Now, better coordination among agencies is helping clear the

logjam, it says. The department's security database of suspects and criminals has more than doubled since Sept. 11 with more names submitted by the CIA, FBI and other agencies, said consular affairs spokesman Stuart Pat.

The recent surge partially hark back to July, when the State Department had to recall some 100 visas after security agencies said further checks were needed. Before that incident, most non-immigrant visas were approved within 30 days if security or law enforcement agencies raised no objection, Pat said. To meet the greater demand for security clearances, that deadline is now gone. The delays — often four to six months — meant canceled business trips, empty desks in fall college classes, scientific research impaired and postponed weddings.

Applicants and those waiting for them in the United States were exasperated at the explanations from government officials.

"You don't get any answers at all. It's like dealing with a black hole," said Kip Thorne, a physics professor at the California Institute of Technology. His Russian colleague, Vladimir Braginsky, arrived three months late to advise on a U.S.-government funded project to detect and monitor a new kind of gravitational radiation.

"Dealing with the Russian bureaucracy during the Cold War was a lot easier than dealing with this," Thorne said.

Braginsky, 71, said about 20 scientists from Moscow State University where he teaches physics, did not receive visas in time to attend conferences or do research in the United States.

## Festivities take place a day early as work — must continue Dec. 25

ABOARD THE USS CONSTELLATION (AP) — With the threat of war Iraq looming, the 5,000 sailors and airmen aboard this aircraft carrier celebrated Christmas a day early on Tuesday after receiving orders to conduct regular operations on Dec. 25.

They ate a holiday dinner of roast turkey, baked Virginia ham and cornbread, and a dozen crew members sat in the carrier's library exchanging e-mails with family members back home.

"I'm telling my wife, Melissa, that I love her and that I fell asleep last night looking at her picture," said Christopher Pierce, 21, of Chicago.

Flight operations were supposed to be suspended for the day. Still, bombs were prepared for loading on attack jets in case a retaliatory strike was ordered after Iraq's downing of a U.S. reconnaissance drone on Monday.

The 41-year-old Constellation, the second-oldest carrier in the U.S. Navy, arrived in the Gulf this month. Its aircraft have been flying regular missions in support of the southern no-fly zone over Iraq.

Christmas Day has been planned as a normal working day with the usual number of sorties. But one surprise arrived on Christmas Eve when President Bush called Petty Officer Paul Allen, 21, of San Diego.

"The president said 'Merry Christmas to Connie and her battalion and that America is proud of us,'" Allen told reporters afterward, referring to the carrier's nickname. "That's pretty cool."



Rick Pellicciotti, Warrant Officer, 33, from Fallshee, W. Va., right, dressed as Santa Claus, waves from the flight deck of aircraft carrier USS Constellation in the Gulf region Tuesday.

Presidents traditionally call soldiers and sailors around the world to give them Christmas greetings.

Few doubt that if hostilities do break out, "Connie's" F-14B Super Tomcats and F-18C Hornets will lead the onslaught on Iraq.

The ship "will continue to operate on the cutting edge of naval aviation and sail into harm's way," Capt. John W. Miller said in a holiday message to his crew.

Iraq's navy and air force were decimated in the 1991 Gulf War and today present little threat to the Constellation, which is patrolling the Gulf several hundred miles from the Iraqi coast.

Despite the likelihood of combat, holiday spirits were high among the crew. Even the shooting down of the drone couldn't dampen their morale.

"They got a lucky shot today,

and they brought down the Predator," Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Richard Myers said in Washington, referring to the drone's military name. Iraqi media said the unmanned plane was shot down while flying over southern Iraq on a spying mission.

The carrier's doorways, offices and berthing spaces were decked with coils of red and green lights, though in the back of the mess hall.

A big Santa Claus was painted across the nose cone of a S-3B Viking anti-submarine plane as though he had collided with the jet in flight. But his real-life counterpart dismissed the incident as

he warmed the flight deck. "I'm the real thing, that was my double," said Warrant Officer Rick Pellicciotti, 33, of Fallshee, W. Va.

Cooks in the carrier's giant galleys dished up more than 4,000 Christmas dinners to the thousands of homesick sailors.

"It's a big day for us," said Leon Quarles, the ship's food service officer, addressing his 125 cooks, dishwashers, tablewipers and scrubbers.

"What's special about the menu is that these sailors can't get home to mama's pumpkin pie. So we've gotta provide mama's pie for them instead," said Quarles.

The cooks also prepared more than 800 box lunches for those on duty, such as flight deck and engineering crews, who have to spend the entire day at their stations.

## Many rich new congressmen must vote on financial issues

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Close to half the incoming members of Congress are millionaires and many will face votes that could affect their financial holdings.

For example, 11 of the 63 first-termers in the House and Senate have financial interests of at least \$15,000 in bonds or equity card companies, including bank directorships, according to an Associated Press review of financial disclosure forms filed during the campaign.

Among the issues the next Congress is expected to tackle is legislation that would make it harder for consumers to declare bankruptcy, a bill pushed by the banking industry.

Several incoming freshmen also have significant financial holdings in the pharmaceutical and oil industries, both of which could well be the subject of congressional action next year.

For example, Congress will consider legislation to help senior citizens buy prescription drugs. Democrats want to put the program under Medicare; Republicans and the pharmaceutical industry want a smaller program run by private insurers.

And the oil industry favors opening the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration, a subject of heated dispute in the past Congress.

Bush and many Republicans favor the exploration, while many Democrats and environmental interests oppose it.

Government watchdog groups often cite the economic inequality between many members of Congress and the people they represent. They say wealth makes lawmakers more apt to

think about their financial interests than what's best for their constituents.

"Only richer people tend to win office," said Gary Rosenberg, director of the Congressional Accountability Project, which is affiliated with consumer advocate Ralph Nader. "It's those very nice people who tend to hold lots of stock. They have conflicts of interest in respect to their voting when they come to office."

Rep.-elect Trent Franks, R-Ariz., owner of Liberty Petroleum Corp., said his business interests won't cloud his votes.

"There's every desire on my part to do what's best for the country and for the people I represent, regardless of any implication it has upon my business," he said.

Rep.-elect Jeb Bradley, R-N.H., who reported holdings of \$1 million to \$5 million, much of it from stocks, said the only way he would benefit is if the economy improves, which helps everyone.

"I don't believe you can, as a member of Congress, use your influence to benefit yourself," Bradley said. "What you try to do is set the stage for the economy to benefit. That's why you enter into public service, to improve, as you perceive it, the lot of your constituents."

Almost 44 percent of the incoming freshmen — 27 lawmakers — are millionaires, compared with 1 percent of the American public. Fourteen will take a pay cut to serve in Congress, where rank-and-file senators and representatives will receive \$154,700 next year.

## Eating even a little fish may reduce stroke risk, study says

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Eating fish just once a month is enough to reduce the risk of strokes in men, according to a study of more than 45,000 health professionals.

While numerous studies have touted the cardiovascular benefits of eating fish several times a week, the new research found a similar benefit from just occasional meals of seafood.

Men who ate about 3 to 5 ounces of fish one to three times a month were 43 percent less likely to have a stroke during 12 years of followup. Men who ate fish more often did not reduce their risk any further, suggesting that a small amount works just as well as a larger one, said co-author Dr. Ka He of Harvard's School of Public Health and colleagues.

Their findings appear in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

A study in JAMA last year found that women who ate about 4 ounces of fish two to four times a week cut their stroke risk by 48 percent. The study found lower risk reductions in women who ate fish once a week or less.

Whether the new results would apply to women was unknown because none were studied.

The American Heart Association's dietary recommendations include two servings of fish a week.

The researchers in the Harvard study said the reasons for their findings were unclear.

Omega-3 fatty acids, found in most fish, have been shown to lower levels of blood fats linked to cardiovascular disease and to help keep blood from clotting.

The study involved risk reductions for ischemic, or clot-related strokes, the most common kind. The researchers noted that native Alaskans eat a lot of fish and have a high incidence of hemorrhagic or bleeding strokes.

That has raised concerns that while the anti-clotting effects of fish can decrease the risk of clot-related strokes, they can have the opposite effect on bleeding strokes.

The Harvard study found no significant link between fish consumption and bleeding strokes, but only 106 of the 608 strokes that occurred were the bleeding type.

## Many still smoke despite lung trouble, doctors' warnings

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Thousands of Americans, including many with chronic lung and other ailments, continue smoking despite warnings from their doctors.

Some 38 percent of people with the chronic lung disease emphysema still smoke, as do almost 25 percent of those with asthma, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality reported Tuesday.

And they continued even though at least 60 percent of them said they had been told by a doctor to stop within the last year.

The data will allow researchers to detect trends and determine whether people with chronic illnesses continue to smoke in large numbers in coming years, said Dr. Steven B. Cook, executive director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the government's lead agency for research on health care quality, costs, outcomes and patient safety.

"We're trying to assess the individuals who are current smokers and get a sense of whether, in the past 12 months, they have been advised to quit," Cook said.

The findings didn't surprise Dr. Norman H. Edelman: "We see people like that all the time," the Long Island physician said.

"What it points out is nicotine is a true addiction, just like being

## Still smoking

A survey of more than 15,000 adults in late 2000 and early 2001 found that nearly 38 percent of adults who have emphysema continue to smoke.

Adults who smoke

38% ██████████

With health condition Emphysema

37% ██████████

Asthma

35% ██████████

Hypertension or cardiovascular problems

32% ██████████

Diabetes

25% ██████████

Level of education Less than high school

42% ██████████

More than high school

15% ██████████

SOURCE: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

added to heroin or cocaine or other narcotics. You are perfectly aware of deleterious effects but it's hard to break an addiction," said Edelman, who teaches at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

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Left, along the north edge of the Oregon Trail Botanical Mother's Garden, there were petunias, roses, nicotiana, sweet alyssum, zinnias, various marigolds, purple cosmos, chrysanthemums and feverfew blooming in August. Above, Monica's Antiques claims responsibility for this plot of statice, large yellow marigolds, gazanias, petunias and other flowers.

## Donate a rose for the new year

### Burley residents help beautify area through Oregon Trail Botanical Garden Foundation

By Corren Hart  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY** - Ken Frank insists that he's no gardener. But the former Burley mayor who's serving as president of the Oregon Trail Botanical Garden Foundation knows the value of a bright welcome at a city gate.

"I joined the botanical garden foundation because of Dale Whipple," Frank said. "He talked me into it. The garden sits along the highway as you enter Burley, near Tom's Marina. Many volunteers keep it looking nice."

The garden is visible to those leaving Heyburn to cross the Snake River. It points the way to the J.R. Simplot Airport and the Burley Municipal Golf Course, then to downtown Burley. It is part of the green-belt being developed along the river, which also includes walking paths, recreation areas and historical sites.

Frnk is currently working on some grants for more signs to join the signs already situated in oval gardens facing the road.

Whipple, a Burley businessman and longtime gardener, is one of the original foundation members. With Linda Peterson and Frnk, he has recruited volunteers to establish and maintain more than 50 flower beds, plus acres of grass, a small stream, park benches and tables, walking trails, duck ponds, sidewalks and white rail fences.

"So many business owners have pitched in to maintain a garden plot," Whipple said. "Lex Kunau has planted hundreds of oak and aspens along that row. Monica Rasmussen, of Monica's Antiques, and Krail and Marilyn Felt, of Mill End Fabrica, have the most outstanding flower beds in our garden."

Five large oval gardens punctuate the lawn, each bearing a sign advertising a local business. This oval garden project was under the direction of the Burley Area Merchants Association (BAMA), of

which Whipple is president. In late August, each oval plot held not only a bevy of blossoms, but also a banner holder, used to announce community events.

"Many people stop by to say how pleased they are at the progress we have made over the past few years," Whipple said.

There is a caboose permanently installed behind the flower beds as an historical artifact, along with a row of evergreens which serve as a backdrop for the profusion of petunias, roses, nicotiana, alyssum, zinnias, marigolds, purple cosmos, feverfew, chrysanthemums, snapdragons, striped grass and other flowers in the volunteer-maintained beds. A white archway marks the entrance. Brick walks separate groups of beds.

Dave Hanks, retired science teacher and author of "Magic Moments: Idaho's Magic Valley, the Taste of Its Wild Essence," has established a small white arbor with photos of birds common to Mini-Cassia. He has planted Virginia Creeper around its base in the hope it will one day cover the lattice and shade his photos, which are prone to fading in the bright sunlight. He was tending the site as he spoke.

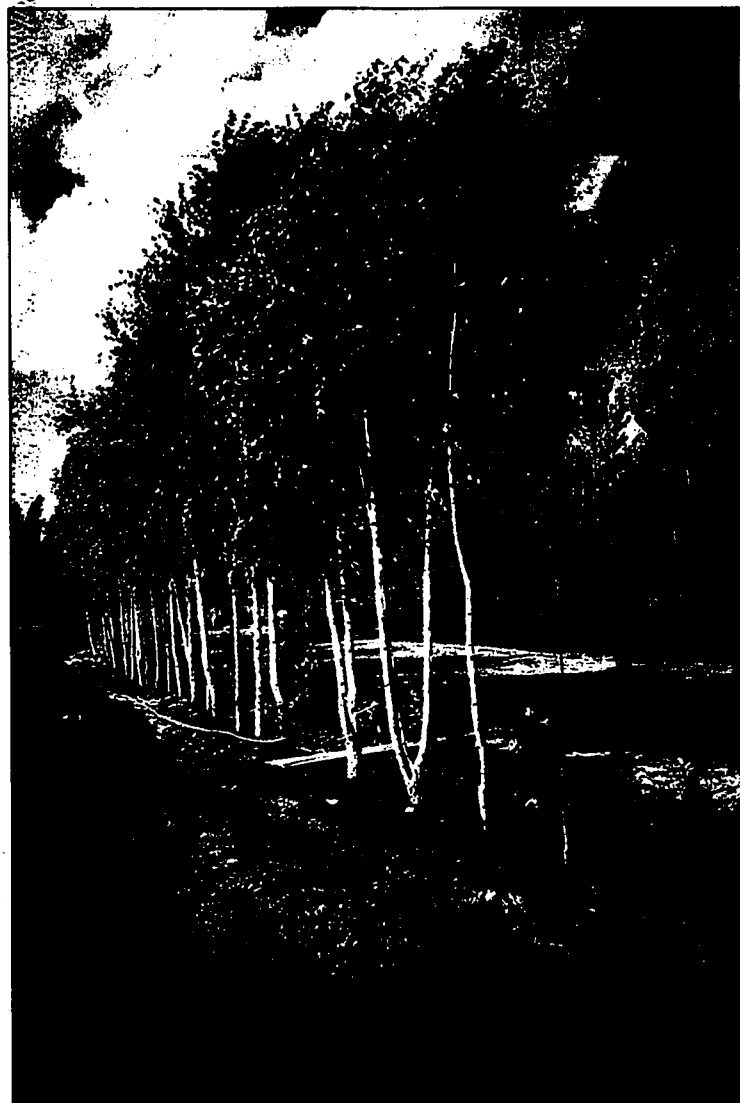
"I'm not a very skilled gardener," he said, "but I can keep this up."

Other plots have low-growing Ivory roses, unusual daylilies, blocks of marigolds and small artifacts. Jensen's Jewelers incorporated an antique wagon wheel into its design.

Other BAMA members who maintain garden areas include Plaza Asteca, Gordon Paving, Fine and Dandy Signs, Budget Auto Sales, The Golden Goose, Hemstitching, Springdale Gardens, Dr. Wayne and Norma Blauer, Pinetree Sports, Book Plaza, Body Works, Dr. Joe and Linda Peterson, Burley Electrolux, Grandpa's Artie, Dr. Gilbert and Lucy Crane and Hudson Shoes.

#### Donations

To donate a rose to the Oregon Trail Botanical Garden or to make a donation to the foundation, call Dale Whipple at 678-4661 or Ken Frnk at the 678-0431.



Below, Lex Kunau, a retired Burley businessman, planted this row of oak and aspen. Right, David Hanks, wildlife photographer, cleans up weeds and does his part for the garden.





FOOD & HOME



The recipe for Vegetable Soup is elastic. You can stretch its meaning by allowing your imagination and taste buds to dictate the ingredients you use. The basic formula knows almost no bounds.

Meatballs meet vegetables, tomatoes in sumptuous soup

By Ronnie Fein  
The Stamford Advocate

Vegetable Soup with Tomatoes and Meatballs elevates veggie soup. The meatballs, which you can prepare in advance, make this real dinner fare, hearty and filling. Serve it with a fresh, crusty bread such as ciabatta.

The recipe for vegetable soup is elastic. You can stretch its meaning by allowing your imagination and taste buds to dictate the ingredients you use. The basic formula knows almost no bounds.

Cold days bring out the wonders of vegetable soup. The dish can be served as a bulwark against the dark and cold, if you include potatoes or turnips, beans or macaroni, even meat.

We will explain how to prepare a simple, multivegetable, all-season soup, then show you how to change the blueprint.

The first matter the vegetables. Naturally, fresh, crisp produce will yield the tastiest soup. But soup is so forgiving you also can use tomatoes and beans, softened to much, leftover celery or slightly wilted carrots. Frozen peas and corn are a boon; they make soup-making easy, and add bulk and color. Same goes for canned beans and beans. And canned tomatoes are a much better choice than the pale, hard, orange-colored tomatoes you find in the market when summer is over.

Ondies usually give a boost to soup. Sauté them in a bit of fat first, you can use olive oil, butter, vegetable oil, so they caramelize slightly and you can take advantage of their mellow

Consider your ways at the end of the year

Now, at the end of the year, is a good time to reflect on what we do and how we do it. Did you work too hard in the garden this year? Let's change that while reading the Lazy Boy, watching snowflakes float outside the window.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS  
Cathy Walworth

What formulation of fertilizer did you add to the garden beds this year? There's liquid, dry (or granular) and slow release. You choose from. Give some consideration to the type you choose - it might mean a little more time in the recliner at the end of the day.

Liquid soluble fertilizer is designed to give plants the quickest possible jolt of java in the morning. While other forms have to be dissolved before plants can use it, the liquid liquid goes to work right away.

doesn't stick around much. You have to use it a lot. Which isn't so bad when you're talking about a few houseplants, but an entire rose garden can mean lots of mixing and application time.

Dry granular fertilizer is the stuff you buy in big, heavy bags. You sprinkle it on in the amounts recommended by the manufacturer; make sure it's going to last several weeks or a couple of months. It helps to scratch it into the top layer of

mulch, too. That way it's less likely to wash off the garden, more likely to get wet and do its job. Less work because you don't have to mix and apply it again next week; more because you have to monitor the watering and maybe rake it around a little.

Slow release fertilizer is the only way to go, some folks say. You sprinkle it around, maybe scratch it into the mulch some and that's it. It will dissolve just a little each time you water for the next several months.

The downside to slow release fertilizer for me, though, is that I want to know exactly how much fertilizer my plants are getting and when. I don't know when the stuff wears off, and will probably forget to reapply it on time. Yes, a person could write it on the calendar if a person were organized.

Choose your style. Maybe you like one or a combination of fertilizers. Slow release fertilizers can do the day-to-day stuff, then maybe you could add a shot of liquid soluble stuff the week before a big backyard hoe-down. Whatever you do, remember to mix up plenty of lemonade to sip while you enjoy it all from the porch rocker.

TIP OF THE WEEK: Keep the camera loaded and handy. You never know when the light will streak across the morning, catching crystals of dew. Take pictures of the yard in all seasons. You'll be surprised how the camera interprets form and design.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: cawot@pm.com.

Trying to unravel the office-burger mystery

By Charles Ferry  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - We've done it. We've broken the code. We know we're going to get mail disputing this, and chef Sang Yoon may well deny that we've divulged his secret, but we know how to make the office burger.

That would be the hamburger that has brought fame to a little Santa Monica Joint named Father's Office. It's been widely reviewed and talked about since Yoon took over the kitchen early last year. In January, Esquire's Man at His Best column awarded the office burger "three fries" - as against just 1 1/2 for the truffled, foie gras-infused, \$29 burger served at Daniel Boudou's DB Bistrot Moderne in New York.

The home of all this commotion, Father's Office, is a plain narrow room with blond-wood paneling. It may serve snacks after 5 p.m., but it's definitely not a restaurant - it's a bar doting from the '50s. A very busy, noisy place at that, even on week days. If you want anything to eat, you have to get a menu from the bartender. Then you have to communicate your choice, loudly and distantly, to someone behind the bar, pay your \$9.75 and wait. You'd better point out where you're sitting, too, because eventually somebody will bring your food there.

The menu runs to Spanish tapes, but the big draw is clearly the office burger. Sometimes Father's Office is sold out of them by 9:45 p.m.

It's a terrific burger. Its combination of fresh meat, two pungent cheeses and a sweet, smoky composite of bacon and browned onions. We had to know how to make it. So we called and asked for the recipe.

"No, no, no," Yoon replied, muttering something about a chef's secret. Yoon has never revealed the recipe - not even to Esquire magazine, he pointed out - and he won't about the burger. That was enough for us. The Los Angeles Times Test Kitchen loves a mystery. We determined to figure it out for ourselves.

What he had revealed last year that the meat was a mixture of chuck, sirloin and dry-aged New York steak trim. It turns out that a food processor grinds this combination perfectly well, and it may as well include the burger's meat grinder word. Nor were the cheeses any secret, or even particularly hard to find. They're Swiss Gruyere and Maytag Blue from Iowa; likewise, the toasted milk-butter and the arugula that plays the lettuce role in this burger.



This is the hamburger that launched dozens of attempts to duplicate it - the outrageously rich Father's Office Burger.

FATHER'S OFFICE BURGERS

- 1 1/2 pounds, strip, steak (preferably dry-aged), ground
- 1/2 pound rib-eye steak (preferably dry-aged), ground
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 ounce blue cheese
- 4 ounces Gruyere cheese
- 4 French demi-baguettes, halved and toasted
- 1 cup baby arugula

Combine the strip and rib-eye steaks and mix in the salt. Shape the meat into 4 (7-inch) oval patties, about 3/4 inch thick. Melt 1 tablespoon of butter in a large skillet, preferably cast-iron, over medium-high heat. Fry the burgers 2 1/2 minutes, for 3 minutes, then flip. Top each burger with 1/4 of the blue and Gruyere

THE RECIPE

- cheeses. Cook the burgers 3 more minutes for medium. Remove and keep warm; melt the remaining butter in the skillet and repeat with the remaining 2 patties and cheeses. To assemble, place the burgers on the baguettes and top with the onions and arugula, dividing evenly, 4 servings.
- Caramelized onions:
  - 4 slices applewood-smoked bacon
  - 2 onions, sliced (about 4 cups)
  - 1 teaspoon sugar
  - 2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
  - 1 teaspoon ketchup
  - 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
  - 2 to 3 drops liquid smoke
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 teaspoon pepper

The compote was still not quite sweet enough to balance the sharpness of the blue cheese. The onions had been sautéed golden brown, but not terribly dark, so the kitchen began to suspect that not all the sweetness came from onions. We added some sugar and let it caramelize.

But something was still missing. The compote on a sample office burger we brought to our own office was a shade redder than this compote, and it had a quality that subtly suggested a barbecue sauce.

So we added some ketchup and

Heat a skillet over medium-high heat. Fry the bacon until crisp, 5 to 6 minutes, then remove to paper towels to drain. Crumble 1 of the slices and set aside; reserve the rest of the bacon for another use. Measure 2 tablespoons of the bacon fat into a medium heavy skillet. (You'll need to cook more bacon than you actually will use to have enough drippings.) Add the onions to the skillet and sprinkle with the sugar. Cook until the onions are golden brown; about 20 minutes. Halfway through, stir in the crumbled bacon. At the end of the 20 minutes, stir in the balsamic vinegar, ketchup, Worcestershire sauce, liquid smoke, salt and pepper. Cook for 2 more minutes. Set aside.

cooked some more.

Now we only needed to make an oblong patty, fry it and melt two cheeses on it, set it on a toasted roll, spread it with the onion compote and sprinkle it with arugula. A crunch between the teeth; a hit of fresh bread flavor; an herbal whiff of arugula; meat juices spreading in the mouth; the pungent tang of blue cheese followed by a nutty Swiss flavor; and finally, the sweet, smoky, rich, tangy flavors of the compote wrestling with the meat and the sharp cheese right to the final

before serving.

PER SERVING: 275 calories, 11 g protein, 34 g carbohydrate, 9.5 g fat (6.3 g saturated fat, 2 g monounsaturated fat, 5 g polyunsaturated fat), 68 mg cholesterol, 3 g fiber, 392 mg sodium. Calories from fat: 33 percent. Weight Watchers Points - 6

Cheesecake lightens up with this New York Style recipe

By Elaine Magee  
Knight Ridder News Service

VEGETABLE SOUP WITH TOMATOES AND MEATBALLS

- 1 recipe Vegetable Soup (below)
- 1 1/2-pound, 12-ounce can Italian-style tomatoes in thick puree
- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 1/2 pound ground pork
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cup Italian-style bread crumbs
- Salt to taste
- Prepare the soup as in the master recipe, but add the tomatoes with their juices when you add the green beans, potatoes, cauliflower and broccoli. Chop the tomatoes in the pot (use a large wooden spoon). Combine the meats, egg, bread crumbs and some salt and mix the ingredients thoroughly. Make small balls about 1-inch in diameter, about 30 balls. Drop the meat balls into the pot after you cut up the tomatoes. Cover the pan partially and cook for 15 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve hot. Makes eight servings.
- Vegetable soup:
  - 3 tablespoons olive oil
  - 1 onion, chopped
  - 3 stalks celery, sliced 1-inch thick
  - 4 carrots, sliced 1-inch thick
  - 7 cups chicken, beef or vegetable soup
  - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
  - 1 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
  - 1 1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh
- oregano (1/2 teaspoon dried)
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme (1/2 teaspoon dried)
- 2 teaspoons salt or to taste
- Black pepper to taste
- 4 ounces green beans, cut into chunks (about one cup)
- 2 medium all-purpose potatoes, peeled and cut into large dice
- 1 cup cut-up cauliflower
- 1 stalk broccoli, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 15-ounce can kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup elbow macaroni or other small pasta
- 1 large zucchini, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 cup frozen peas
- Put the olive oil into a soup pot set over moderate heat. Add the onion and cook, stirring occasionally, for 2 minutes. Add the celery and carrots and cook for another 2 minutes. Add the stock, parsley, basil, oregano, thyme, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, then turn heat to low. Cover the pan and cook for 20 minutes.
- Add the green beans, potatoes, cauliflower and broccoli. Cover the pan partially and cook for 15 minutes. Add the beans, macaroni, zucchini and peas. Cover the pan partially and cook for 15 minutes. Taste for seasoning and add salt and pepper to taste. Serve hot. Makes eight servings.
- Makes 16 servings

Love lightening cheesecake recipes, because as long as you stick to a few Recipe doctor rules, it almost always works out really well.

Rule No.1 - Never go with all fat-free cream cheese. In this recipe, I used 3 packages of light or neuchatel cream cheese, 2 packages of fat-free cream cheese.

Rule No.2 - Always use at least 1 real egg in the filling (you need the emulsifier in the egg yolk to blend the ingredients well).

Rule No.3- You almost always cut way back on the butter used for the graham cracker or cookie crust of a cheesecake.

NEW YEARS NEW YORK STYLE CHEESECAKE

Serve each slice with a small spoon of raspberry sauce (available in jars at many supermarkets and specialty stores) drizzled over the top if desired.

- Cookie Crust:
  - 3 tablespoons butter, at room temperature for 30 minutes
  - 3 tablespoons fat free or light cream cheese, at room temperature for 30 minutes
  - 3/4 cup granulated sugar
  - 1 egg yolk
  - 1/2 cup flour
- Filling:
  - 3 8-ounce packages light or neuchatel (block) cream cheese
  - 2 8-ounce packages fat free (block) cream cheese
  - 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
  - 3 teaspoons lemon juice
  - 2 teaspoons finely chopped lemon zest
  - 1/3 cup fat free (or light) sour cream
  - 2 tablespoons flour
  - 2 eggs
  - 1/4 cup substitute

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 9-inch spring-form pan with canola cooking spray.

2. In electric mixer, beat the 3 tablespoons of butter, 3 tablespoons of cream cheese and 1/2 cup of sugar in small mixing

bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in an egg yolk and gradually add the 3/4 cups flour. Spread the dough into the bottom and 1 to 1.5 inches up the sides of the springform pan and bake about 7 minutes or until the edge of dough begins to turn light brown. Cool.

3. Crank up oven to 500-degrees. Combine the 3 packages of light cream cheese and the 2 packages of fat free cream cheese, 1 1/2 cups sugar, 1 tablespoon vanilla, 3 teaspoons lemon juice and lemon zest with an electric mixer in a large bowl until smooth.

4. On low, beat in the sour cream and 2 tablespoon flour. Add the eggs and egg substitute and mix on low until completely combined. Pour cream cheese filling into the pan with crust and bake at 500-degrees for 10 minutes.

Reduce heat to 350-degrees and bake for about 45 minutes more, or until the center is firm. Cover and cool in refrigerator for several hours or overnight

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# Be an angel, bake someone a cake

By Ronnie Fein  
The Stamford Advocate

When America was younger and our cuisine less sophisticated, Angel Food Cake was in fashion. Women prepared it regularly and took pride when the cake came out properly light, with a tender crumb and ethereal texture.

Like all fine recipes, Angel Food Cake remains a winner. Its simple, uncontrived taste still appeals, even to the most jaded palate. Plus, it has some extra benefits for today's health conscious: no fat, egg yolks, butter or shortening - not even in the pan in which the batter bakes.

We will explain how to make this elegant, simple cake. It's a perfect light dessert that goes so well with ice cream or berries. You can crush raspberries or strawberries, sprinkle them with sugar and give the cake a splash of Grand Marnier before serving them with the cake. Plain blueberries and blackberries also will do nicely.

If you don't beat the whites enough, there won't be enough trapped air to give the cake a good rise. Overbeaten whites cause a different problem: they can't expand any farther and the cake will be low and dry. Whip the whites until they are stiff but still look moist.

Adding some of the recipe's sugar to the egg whites will help you know when "stiffly beaten" is just right. The foam will appear glossy. Superfine sugar is preferable because it is lighter and more delicate, and it dissolves more easily.

Angel Food Cake is usually baked in a special pan that has "legs" on the top rim. The legs are used for cooling the cake. Baked Angel Food Cake must be placed upside down when it comes out of the oven or it will collapse. You can bake the cake in a regular tube or Bundt pan, cool the cake on the neck of a large, filled glass bottle. The cake won't fall out because the pan hasn't been greased.



Top, Angel Cassis Custard Cake goes a step further than plain cake, calling for a velvety Cassis-based glaze to be brushed onto slices before a custard and currants are added. Above, Angel Food Cake is an elegant, simple dessert.

## ANGEL FOOD CAKE RECIPE

Here is the classic Angel Food Cake recipe with variations.

- ANGEL FOOD CAKE**  
 1 cup cake flour  
 1 1/2 cups superfine sugar  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 1 1/2 cups egg whites, room temperature  
 1 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 1/2 teaspoon almond extract

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Sift the cake flour, half the sugar and the salt together three times. Set aside. Put egg whites in a mixing bowl and beat at medium speed until foamy. Add the cream of tartar and beat the whites until they stand in soft peaks. Gradually add the remaining sugar and beat until the whites stand in stiff peaks. Stir in vanilla and almond extracts. Fold in flour mixture in thirds, making sure each addition is thoroughly incorporated. Four batter into an ungreased Angel Food pan or 10-inch tube pan. Bake 40 minutes or until cake is puffy and golden brown and a cake tester inserted into the center comes out clean. Remove the cake from the oven and cool the cake upside down on a cake rack to cool completely. If using a tube pan, invert the cake onto a glass bottle. When cool, loosen the cake edges with the tip of a sharp knife and unmold. Invert right side up.

**Variations:** Substitute 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa for 1/4 cup of flour.

**Hazelnut:** Add 1/2 cup very finely ground hazelnut to the sifted flour mixture.

**Orange:** Add 1 teaspoon orange extract and 2 tablespoons freshly grated orange peel to the batter with vanilla and almond extracts.

remaining sugar and beat until the whites stand in stiff peaks. Stir in the vanilla extract. Fold in the flour mixture in thirds, making sure each addition is thoroughly incorporated. Fold in the applesauce.

Pour batter into an ungreased Angel Food pan or 10-inch tube pan. Bake 40 minutes or until cake is puffy and golden brown and a cake tester inserted into the center comes out clean. Remove the cake from the oven and cool the cake upside down on a cake rack to cool completely. If using a tube pan, invert the cake onto a glass bottle. When cool, loosen the cake edges with the tip of a sharp knife and unmold. Invert right side up.

## MORE ANGEL FOOD CAKE RECIPES

### ANGEL CASSIS CUSTARD CAKE

- 1 Angel Food Cake**  
**Glaze**  
 3/4 cup Cassis  
 2 1/2 cup dried currants  
 2/3 cup black currant jam or red currant jelly  
**Custard:**  
 2 1/2 cups half and half  
 5 egg yolks  
 1/8 teaspoon salt  
 1/2 cup sugar, preferably superfine  
 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
**Glaze:** Place the Cassis in a bowl and add the currants. Let them soak for 30 minutes. Drain the currants and pour the liquid into a small saucepan. Add the jam. Cook the mixture over moderate heat, stirring to blend the ingredients. Add the currants and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from the heat and let cool slightly.

Slice the cake into 12 to 18 slices and brush each slice with some of the glaze. Place the slices, slightly overlapping, in a circle on a large cake plate.

**Custard:** Place the half and half, egg yolks and salt in the top part of a double boiler set over barely simmering water. Beat until the ingredients are well blended. Add the sugar and continue to beat until the mixture is light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Cook the ingredients, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, for 12 to 15 minutes or until the mixture is thick. Remove the upper pan from the heat. Strain the sauce into a bowl. Let sauce cool slightly, then stir in vanilla extract. Keep the sauce refrigerated if not using immediately or pour custard over and around the cake.

### APPLESAUCE SPICE ANGEL FOOD CAKE

- 1 cup cake flour  
 1 1/4 cups superfine sugar  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1 teaspoon cinnamon  
 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg  
 1 1/2 cups egg whites at room temperature  
 1 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 1/2 cup applesauce

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Sift the cake flour, half the sugar, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg together three times. Set aside. In the bowl of an electric mixer (or use a hand mixer) set at medium speed, beat the egg whites until they are foamy. Add the cream of tartar and beat the whites until they stand in soft peaks. Gradually add the

# Dutch ovens can help chase off the winter chill

By Joe Stamps  
The Wichita Eagle

Winter is the time when our bodies seem to crave long-simmering stews, ragouts and braises most of all.

Think of the classic combination of beef and winter vegetables braised for hours in red wine until the meat is fork tender. Or chick-

en, alongside corn, lima beans and okra in the Brunswick Stew recipe claimed by the residents of Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia as their own. Or chile verde, in which pork shoulder is simmered with roasted peppers until it can be easily shredded with a fork as a filling for tortillas.

Yes, cooking with a Dutch oven takes time, but it's not like it's

time wasted. As with barbecuing (but using moist rather than dry heat), cooking at low temperatures for a long time transforms an inexpensive cut of meat into something wonderful. And in the meantime, just enough escapes the Dutch oven's tight-fitting lid to stimulate a houseful of appetites.

It's unknown whether Dutch ovens are really Dutch in origin. A

book called "Dutch Ovens Chronicle, Their Use in the United States" by John Ragdale postulates several theories: that the ovens were first made in England using a Dutch casting process, that Dutch traders introduced them to this country, or that settlers from the Dutch area of Pennsylvania popularized their use.

## DUTCH OVEN RECIPE

### CHILI VERDE

- 10 fresh Anaheim (also called New Mexico) chiles  
 1/4 cup olive oil  
 1 large onion, coarsely chopped  
 4 large garlic cloves, passed through a garlic press or mashed in a mortar  
 2 pounds lean boneless pork shoulder or butter, trimmed of its fat as far as possible and cut into 1-inch cubes  
 Masa harina (corn flour) for dredging  
 1 12-ounce bottle beer (lager)  
 1 teaspoon ground cumin  
 1 to 3 tablespoons chipotle paste, to your taste  
 1 bay leaf

- 1 tablespoon dried oregano  
 2 teaspoons salt  
 2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Place the chiles on a baking sheet and roast until the skins blister and turn black, watching them carefully, 25 to 30 minutes. Remove and place in a paper bag to steam for 10 minutes. Remove and, when cool enough to handle, peel, stem, seed and cut into strips. In a Dutch oven or casserole, heat 2 tablespoons of the oil over medium heat, then cook the onion and garlic until translucent, stir-

ring, about 8 minutes. Remove the onion with a slotted spoon and set aside. Add 1 tablespoon of the oil to the Dutch oven and let it heat up. Dredge the pork in the masa harina, tapping off any excess. Brown the pork on all sides over medium heat, cooking in two batches if necessary so the pieces of meat don't touch each other, turning them with tongs, about 12 minutes for each batch. Use the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil for the second batch. Set the meat aside. Deglaze the bottom of the Dutch oven by pouring in about a quarter of the beer, scraping up the browned bits on the bottom with a wooden

spoon. Once all the crust is picked up, add the remaining beer. Return the onion, garlic and pork to the Dutch oven. Add the cumin and cook for 10 minutes. Add the Anaheim chiles, chipotle chile paste, bay leaf, oregano, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, and reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook until the pork is very tender, stirring occasionally, about 45 minutes. Add the cilantro leaves and cook another 10 minutes, then turn off the heat and let sit 5 minutes. Serves 4 to 6.

—"Real Stew" by Clifford Wright

# New Years rings in well with seafood

At our house, we welcome in the new year eating seafood. I have no idea where the custom originated or why, but it's our New Year's Eve tradition - and it is supposed to bring health and good luck.

My dad always liked to eat smelt on New Year's Eve. He grew up in Kansas at the turn of the 20th century. Smelt was probably the only seafood that folks in rural Kansas could manage in his day, in mid-winter, at least.

I grew up in Idaho, mid-20th century. Seafood wasn't all that abundant for me, either. I always liked salmon when it was available.

My husband's family was from Connecticut and had more elaborate tastes. They lived in the city. Crabs, baked lobsters were readily available and abundant. When we married, we carried



VALLEY COOKING  
Dixie Thomas Reale

on the seafood tradition, even when our children were small. Basically, we buy all sorts of seafood: lobster, shrimp, oysters, clams, salmon, swordfish, whatever else sounds good. We cook it all up and pig out on nothing but fish on New Year's Eve.

I'm including some seafood recipes, in case you want to try our New Year's Eve good luck and health tradition.

Dixie Thomas Reale welcomes comments on recipes. Her address is 503 W. Eighth, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

## DIXIE'S SEAFOOD RECIPES

### LOUISIANA BOILED SHRIMP

- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
 1 clove garlic, minced  
 1/2 cup olive oil  
 1/4 cup salt  
 2 jalapeno peppers  
 5 cups crab boil  
 1/4 cup lemon juice  
 5 pounds raw or frozen shrimp

In 1939 and 1946, a small cookbook named "The Gentleman's Companion," by a chef named Baker was published. Baker advised that lobsters, crabs, shrimp or any other live shellfish should be placed in a pot of cold water. The pot should be placed on the stove and the heat turned on. Baker claimed the slowly rising heat lulls the creatures to sleep so they cook to a beautiful rosy color - and when they are done, their meat is very tender. Baker said plugging live lobsters, crabs or other sea creatures into boiling water causes them to immediately tense up, and thus causes the meat to be tough and rubbery. I've tried Baker's method. Once I did, I have never tossed another lobster into boiling water. The difference is amazing.

### LOBSTER NEWBERG

- 2 cups cooked lobster meat  
 Sauce:  
 1 pound small shrimp  
 1/4 cup butter  
 1/4 cup plain flour  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 1/4 teaspoon pepper  
 2 cups milk  
 2 egg yolks  
 2 teaspoons sherry  
 Paprika  
 Cook shrimp. Shell and devein. If large, cut into pieces. Set aside. Melt butter and blend in the flour, stirring to mix well. Add salt and pepper. Remove pan from heat and stir in milk. Cook the sauce, stirring constantly until it is thickened. Beat the egg yolks. Stir a little of the hot sauce into the eggs, then stir all of it into the sauce. Add the shrimp and lobster meat. Heat quickly, add sherry and sprinkle with paprika. Serve with rice or egg noodles.

### LOBSTER THERMADOR

- Serves 6  
 2 cups cooked lobster meat  
 3 tablespoons butter  
 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms  
 1/2 cup sherry  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 1/4 teaspoon paprika  
 2 tablespoons flour  
 2 egg yolks  
 2 cups light cream  
 1/2 cup grated cheese  
 If you have lobster shells, clean and dry them. Set aside, or use custard cups. Melt butter and

cook the mushrooms till tender. (If using canned mushrooms, drain and discard the juice.) Add lobster meat and egg shells. Add sherry, salt and paprika. Cook for 2 minutes. Sprinkle with flour, stirring thoroughly. Beat egg yolks with cream and add to the hot liquid, a little at a time. Cook until smooth and thickened. Spoon into lobster shells or custard cups. Sprinkle with grated cheddar cheese. Brown under broiler.

### BOILED CRABS WITH BUTTER AND LEMON

- 6 or 8 hard-shelled crabs  
 2 quarts water  
 2 tablespoons salt  
 1 lemon or lime  
 Put salt, pepper and a few lemon or lime slices into water. Mix it. If the crabs are alive, place in cold water mixture to cook. If

the crabs are frozen you can drop them into the boiling water mixture. Bring crabs to a boil and simmer for 15 minutes. Drain and cool at room temperature. Break off claws and crack with nutcracker. Break body apart and pick meat and eat, dipping into hot butter with lemon juice.

## DUTCH OVEN RECIPE

### BEEF STEW WITH PARSNIPS AND WINE

- 2 tablespoons olive oil  
 2 tablespoons butter  
 2 pounds boneless beef chuck, cut into 1 1/2 inch pieces of fat and cut into 4 pieces.  
 1 large onion, chopped  
 6 large garlic cloves, finely chopped  
 1 celery stalk, chopped  
 1 bouquet garni, consisting of 10 sprigs of any large parsley and sage and 1 bay leaf, tied in cheesecloth  
 1 large parsnip, peeled and cut into chunks  
 1 large, ripe tomato, peeled, seeded and chopped  
 2 cups dry red wine  
 1 cup water  
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

In a Dutch oven or casserole, heat the olive oil with the butter over medium-high heat until the butter melts and one side is brown on all sides, 6 to 7 minutes. Remove the beef and set aside. Add the onion, garlic and celery and cook, stirring, until the onion is translucent, 4 to 5 minutes. Return the meat to the Dutch oven, add the bouquet garni, parsnip, tomato, wine and water. Reduce the heat to low, cover and cook until the meat is very tender, 3 to 4 hours. Season with salt and pepper, discard the bouquet garni and serve. Serves 4.

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Gas furnace options can help cut heating bills

DEAR JIM: My budget for a new gas furnace is limited, but I have to replace my old one soon. I want to reduce my utility bills, but I don't necessarily need the most efficient model. What furnace options do I have?

-JOHN B.

DEAR JOHN: You have many new gas furnace options from which to choose. Any of the new ones you select will save a minimum of 25 percent on your heating bills and some can also cut your central air-conditioning costs.



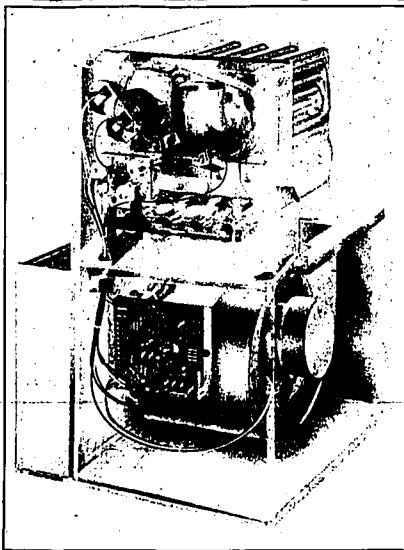
SENSIBLE HOME: James Duley

The basic choices you have are an 80-percent efficient furnace or a 90-percent efficient condensing furnace. With your limited budget, one of the 80-percent furnaces may be your best choice.

They are less complex in design than 90-percent condensing furnaces because they have only one heat exchanger.

Before you start shopping for an 80-percent model, have your chimney or furnace flue inspected. If it needs repairs, a liner (check local codes) or replacement, a 90-percent furnace may end up being less expensive after installation. These furnace vents outdoors through a plastic pipe, not through the chimney.

Assuming your chimney is okay, installing a two-stage 80-percent furnace will provide your



Gas furnaces offer savings and comfort on a tight budget.

best comfort and lowest utility bills in its efficiency range. This is an excellent choice for warm climates, too, because it allows you to install a two-stage air conditioner for the best summer

comfort. With a two-stage gas furnace, a special gas valve fires the burners at a low-heat or a high-heat level depending on the heating needs of your home. It runs on

the efficient low-heat level most of the time and automatically switches to the high-heat output level only during the coldest weather.

These use a special super-efficient blower motor that consumes 75 percent less electricity than a standard motor. These motors start slowly and quietly ramp up to full speed. During the summer, with a new thermostat, these motors can slow the air flow so the room air is better dehumidified.

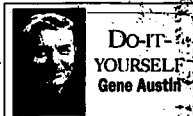
The newest 80-percent gas furnaces use hot surface (often silicon carbide) igniters so no standing pilot light is needed. This not only saves gas, but it is a very positive and safe method to ignite the gas each time.

If installing a two-stage model is still beyond your budget, install a standard 80-percent furnace. These are reasonably priced. Many of the new models are smaller than older ones, so there should not be a problem fitting it in the space. Your existing furnace thermostat can still be used with these.

You have several options for a flue liner if it is required. Flexible aluminum or stainless steel are often used. Some efficient systems pour an insulating material that hardens between the liner and the chimney walls.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 734 - buyer's guide of 80-percent gas furnace manufacturers and models listing stages, heat outputs, blower speeds, warranties, payback chart, flue liner manufacturers, and details. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE. Write to James Duley, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

Some common problems result in a colder upstairs



DO-IT-YOURSELF: Gene Austin

QUESTION: In winter, the upstairs rooms in my house are always colder than downstairs. Even if I set the thermostat up (it is downstairs), it doesn't help. What can I do to improve the comfort upstairs?

ANSWER: This is a common problem, and there can be many factors that contribute to it. One of the simplest and best things you can do is leave the doors open to the upstairs rooms you want to use. Warm air rising from the first floor will be able to penetrate to those rooms and help warm them.

Here are some things that can contribute to a cold upstairs. They can also contribute to cold rooms downstairs:

- Reduced heat delivery. In most homes, the upstairs is farther away from the heating plant. Whether your heat is carried by forced warm air or hot water, it has farther to travel to reach the outlets and can cool slightly along the way. Warm-air furnaces mix hot air with a fan that is not working properly (a loose fan belt can reduce heat delivery). An annual checkup and cleaning can help prevent these problems.

- Inadequate ceiling insulation. The upstairs ceilings in many homes, especially older ones, are often poorly insulated. Check the insulation in the attic or roof area to see if it is up to current standards. A minimum of R-30, equivalent to 10 inches of fiberglass, is recommended for most cold-climate areas.

- Drafty windows. Old, loose windows can cause significant heat loss and allow cold air to enter. Check the caulking around the outside window frames and replace if necessary. Weather stripping for windows, sold at many home centers, can also help. So can effective storm windows. In many cases, replacement windows with insulated glass are the best solution.

An obvious remedy is to use auxiliary heaters in cold rooms. Upstairs rooms are often bedrooms, so safety should be a key consideration. Among portable heaters, an electric space heater such as the widely sold DeLonghi heater would be a good choice. If you want permanent heaters, electric baseboard radiators would work well.

QUESTION: The caulking around our windows was removed when we had vinyl siding installed. This was done so the siding would fit close to the windows. Now, we seem to be getting drafts around these windows. We were told not to caulk because the siding needs to expand and contract. What can we do to stop the drafts?

ANSWER: The windows should have metal or vinyl molding, called J channels around them. The molding has a J shape, and the ends and edges of the siding fit into the open side of the J, making a neat installation and giving the siding room to expand and contract. The closed side of the J butts against the window frame, and you can caulk this joint, which should stop much of the draft. There is no need to caulk the open side of the J, where the siding fits in.

QUESTION: The cement around our house, which is only a few months old, is a dirty gray color. Our neighbor's cement is white, which we like much better. Also, there is already a crack in the cement base. Are the color and the crack normal?

ANSWER: The color of concrete (cement is only one ingredient) depends on the color of the materials used (Portland cement, sand and fine gravel). Dark concrete is not necessarily weaker than light-colored concrete, although it might not be as pleasing to your eyes. Cracks can develop in concrete slabs if there is settlement of the earth under them, or, in large concrete areas, if there are not enough expansion joints.

EASY KNEELING: Home maintenance and gardening often mean working on the knees. I have tried various types of pads to make kneeling more comfortable, but I have not seen anything that equals the comfort and convenience of QuickSeep knee pads by Craftsman (Sears; 1-800-377-7414, www.sears.com). These strap-on pads (about \$25) have interchangeable kneecaps suited to different work. If you are installing a vinyl tile floor or painting baseboard, for example, use a smooth cap that makes it easy to move along the floor. If you need more traction, such as when gardening or working on a roof, switch to a rubber pad with cleats that give a strong grip. The interchangeable pads are held in place by hook-and-loop fasteners.

Readers' questions and comments are welcome and should be sent to Gene Austin, The Philadelphia Inquirer, Box 861, Blue Bell, Pa. 19022. Send e-mail to austfx12@aol.com. Questions cannot be answered personally.

Consider these elements of elegant bedroom design

By Margi Vander Brugges and George Sneed, The Stammer Advocates

Let's consider some ideas from Fairfield County, Conn., interior designers Bruegge and Sneed, who wowed "Oprah's" audience with their room makeovers in a day.

Furniture placement in a bedroom is usually a no-brainer. The bed typically centers on the longest wall with a night stand on either side. An armchair, reading chair or television is usually situated where it easily can be viewed from either the bed, a comfortable seating area or both. A dresser and mirror might wind up on a smaller wall. Any other bedroom pieces are hung on the cake. In many of larger homes, you might find a separate sitting room off the master bedroom.

Because most furniture placement in a bedroom is obvious, why would a client ask for help? There are always the issues of fabric selection for the window treatments, bedding and upholstered furniture. The unexpected touches in a bedroom are what really make the difference between ordinary and fabulous.

The high-picked ceiling in a bedroom provides some interesting opportunities. A wallpaper border can be added at the top edge of the walls (where the walls meet the ceiling) to take the eye up and make the room look even larger. The height of the room allows accommodates a crystal chandelier for ambient lighting. Overhead lighting is usually harsh and glaring; but a chandelier on a dimmer provides a more ordinary and fabulous atmosphere in an intimate space.

Some bedrooms are so large they can accommodate two seating areas. A curved Regency-



Whether there are children in the home or not, the master bedroom should provide an oasis where you can escape from daily stress and relax.

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style settee at the foot of the bed softens the elaborate massive wooden pieces in the room and provides space for throw pillows. Decorative pillows in the bedroom allow a splash of color and always soften the room.

A pair of occasional chairs with the round pedestal table between them anchors the window treatment in the large

Palladian window. The television can be seen from the bed, the settee or the two chairs.

When you dress a bed with a coverlet or spread and add matching shams, there is very little contrast or interest in the bedroom. A very common complaint is that the bedroom is drab, with no sparkle. So make two tiers of decorative pillows at the head of the bed. A folded contrast coverlet and a large rolled pillow at the foot of the bed augment the contrast and add color to otherwise neutral bedding.

Artwork can enhance the architectural elements of the

room. Large botanical prints arched over the headboard take the eye up - emphasizing both the peaked ceiling and the headboard.

Whether there are children in the home or not, the master bedroom should provide an oasis where you can escape from stress and relax. A chaise lounge or pair of comfortable armchairs with an ottoman could be used in place of the chairs in a bedroom.

So even if your furniture is placed correctly in the bedroom, there are still ways to dress it up - lighting, seating areas, pillows and artwork.

Crab dip goes really fast

By Ellen Hawkins, The Baltimore Sun

This hot, creamy crab dip doesn't stay around long.

- HOT CRAB DIP**
- 1 1/2-ounce can crab meat, drained and flaked
  - 2 8-ounce packages cream cheese at room temperature
  - 1/2 cup mayonnaise
  - 1/4 cup sherry or white wine
  - 2 tablespoons grated onion
  - 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
  - 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
  - 4 dashes Tabasco sauce
  - 1/2 cup minced fresh parsley
  - 1/2 cup silvered almonds
  - Paprika to taste

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Assorted crackers, for serving. Combine crab, cream cheese, sour cream, mayonnaise, sherry, onion, mustard, garlic, Tabasco and parsley. Stir well, and taste for seasoning. Top with silvered almonds and a dusting of paprika.

Cover with foil and heat in 325-degree oven for 20 minutes. When it is heated through and bubbly, broil to brown almonds slightly, 2 minutes. Serve immediately with crackers. The dip serves 12 as an appetizer. It marries beautifully with rounds of warm French bread. It also works well with canned crab.

Tasty pineapple cakes offer a delectably sweet treat for your family gathering

By Linda Cicero, The Miami Herald

The first cake is a pretty basic from-scratch cake. It's very sweet, so I usually just from it with lightly sweetened whipped cream or a

- PINEAPPLE-PECAN CAKE**
- 2 cups sugar
  - 1 cup all-purpose flour
  - 2 teaspoons baking soda
  - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
  - 2 eggs, beaten
  - 1 (20-ounce) can crushed pineapple, undrained
  - 1 cup chopped pecans
  - Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In

- 1 (20-ounce) can crushed pineapple, undrained
- 1 cup sugar
  - 1/2 cup oil, from scratch or a mix, heated in 9-by-13-inch pan
  - 2 cups vanilla pudding
  - 10-ounce container frozen whipped topping, thawed
  - 1 cup chopped pecans
  - 1 cup maraschino cherries
  - 1 cup flaked coconut

**Cook's Corner**

thin cream cheese frosting. The second is a gooey concoction popular with the add-on set. This one must chill for at least 8 hours.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the sugar, flour, baking soda and cinnamon. Stir in the eggs, pineapple and pecans. Pour into greased 9-by-13-inch baking pan and bake 40 to 45 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack before frosting. Makes 20 servings.

**PINEAPPLE-PECAN CAKE II**

In a medium saucepan, mix the pineapple with the sugar and bring to a boil for 1 minute. Pour over the cake and allow to cool. Spread the vanilla pudding on top.

Stir the pecans, cherries and coconut into the whipped topping. Spread over the pudding layer. Refrigerate at least 8 hours. Makes 24 servings.

This would be great for New Year's morning, or any time the family gathers for a special breakfast. I prefer the griddle method, but baking requires less work just before serving.

- 6 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 to 1 1/2 ounces Grand Marnier or other orange flavor

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- 1/2 loaf French bread
- Butter or vegetable oil
- Confectioner's sugar
- Mix eggs, cream, orange juice, vanilla and Grand Marnier. (If you prefer not to use liqueur, substitute 1 heaping teaspoon finely grated orange rind or 1 teaspoon orange extract.) Top a 9-by-13-inch glass baking dish. Remove ends from the bread and cut loaf into 12 to 15 slices, each

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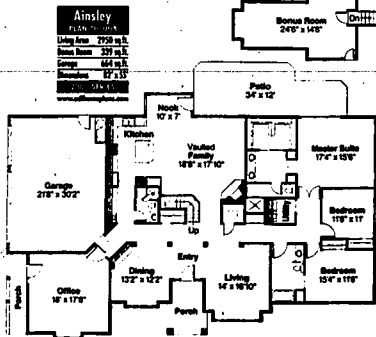
**Ainsley**  
Wheelchair accessibility and a large home office with a private entrance are two noteworthy features of the Ainsley - but you needn't be a wheelchair, or have a home business, to appreciate this plan.

Both the front entry door and side office entry are equipped with ramps. At the rear of the home, sliders in the master suite and a French door in the kitchen open onto a patio at ground level. Interior halls and doorways are designed for simple clearance. Stately columns mark the boundaries of the formal living spaces, creating an open feeling that is enhanced by 10-foot-high ceilings in the living room and entry. A high, graceful arched window brightens the office, still leaving plenty of wall space for desks, files, bookcases, or display cases.

The sunny nook expands a kitchen that comes equipped with every convenience and is open to a spacious family room with a corner fireplace. An open stairway leads to a 300-square-foot bonus room, which has a gabled dormer over the garage.

Luxury features in the master suite include a huge walk-in closet and sleek master bathroom with twin basins, twin linen cabinets and an enclosed toilet and shower.

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The bathroom shared by the secondary bedrooms is wheelchair accessible. A pocket door in the front bedroom provides direct access.

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## Appetizers can please many a party

By Susan Selasky  
Detroit Free Press

It's time to party - and nothing whets the appetite more than a batch of fab finger foods.

**More appetizer recipes - C8**  
wop guests and keep partygoers moving and mingling.

This Detroit Free Press roundup of holiday appetizers, is sure to tempt. We've made it easy by taking advantage of prepackaged foods. Our wide variety of appetizers is interesting, palate-pleasing and stylish with plenty of make-ahead options.

Whip out these snazzy morsels. Set the table. And splash a few beads of water on your face. Your guests will be convinced that you spent hours cooking and assembling when in truth you spent little time and not a whole lot of clams.

### SAUSAGE STUFFED MUSHROOMS

12 medium mushrooms (use a mix of crimini, button mushrooms)  
1/2 pound favorite sweet Italian sausage, casing removed  
1/2 teaspoon olive oil  
2 teaspoons minced garlic  
2 green onions, washed, ends removed, minced  
1 large egg white  
2 tablespoons dry bread crumbs  
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese, divided

Salt and pepper to taste  
Remove the stems from the mushrooms and finely chop the stems, reserve the caps.

Break up the sausage into a bowl. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees and lightly grease a small, shallow baking pan. In a small skillet heat the oil over moderate heat until hot, but not smoking. Add the mushroom stems, garlic and green onion, cooking until softened. Increase the heat to high and add the sausage. Sauté the

sausage, stirring to break up lumps, until the sausage is no longer pink. Remove the skillet from the heat and cool the mixture slightly. Stir in the egg white, bread crumbs, 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese, and salt and pepper to taste. Arrange the mushroom caps, cut side up, in the baking pan and fill them with the sausage mixture, mounding it. Sprinkle the stuffed mushrooms with the remaining 1 tablespoon of Parmesan cheese. Bake in the middle of the oven until the tops are golden brown, about 12 minutes. Makes 12 mushrooms.

-Adapted from "Gourmet Fresh" by the editors of Gourmet magazine

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## APPETIZER RECIPE

Don't be intimidated by the number of ingredients or instructions in this recipe. The recipe goes together quickly. The chicken can be made a day in advance.

### QUESADILLA TRIANGLES WITH SMOKY SHREDDED CHICKEN

- 1 boneless, skinless chicken breast half (about 6 ounces), washed and patted dry
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 canned chipotle chile pepper in adobo sauce, chopped
- 1/2 pound finely chopped tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon tomato puree, or use 1 teaspoon of the adobo sauce from above
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- Salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 6 flour tortillas (6 inches in diameter)
- Oil for brushing on the tortillas
- 6 tablespoons grated Gruyere cheese
- 2 green onions, washed, ends removed, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 24 cilantro leaves for garnish

Place the chicken in a pan with cold water to cover. Cover and simmer it gently over low heat, being careful not to boil, until cooked through, about 7 to 10 minutes, depending on the size and thickness. Cool it in the cooking liquid, then drain. Shred the chicken. In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the onion and saute until it is softened and slightly golden, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic, cumin, coriander, chile, tomatoes, tomato puree or adobo sauce and sugar. Cook until the mixture is thickened, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and cool; stir in the shredded chicken. Add salt and pepper to taste. Set aside. Preheat a grill pan (or regular skillet) over

medium heat. Brush one side of the tortilla with oil. Place the tortilla, oiled side down, onto the pan, pressing lightly with a spatula. Pan-grill for 1 to 2 minutes or until the tortilla softens. Repeat with remaining tortillas. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Place half of the tortillas on a baking sheet, grill marks down. In a small bowl combine the cheese and green onion. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon of the cheese-onion mixture over each tortilla.

Evenly divide the chicken mixture and place it on top of the cheese-onion mixture. Sprinkle the chicken with the remaining cheese-onion mixture. Top with the remaining tortillas, pressing down slightly. Bake until the cheese melts, about 5 minutes. Cool slightly. Cut each quesadilla into 8 wedges. Top with a dollop of sour cream and garnish with a cilantro leaf. Makes 24 wedges.

-Adapted from "Hors d'Oeuvres" by Eric Treuille and Victoria Blashford-Snell

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# Mom's recipe turns holiday leftovers into fresh feast

By Laura Rossner  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

With gatherings for families and friends comes a whole lot of cooking, and a whole lotta leftovers. Even my husband, not a big fan of leftovers, loves this. The great thing about this recipe is that it is delicious but quite forgiving.

Serves 4  
4 tablespoons butter (1 like unsalted, but it isn't crucial)  
2 to 2 1/2 cups 1 percent milk  
1 1/2 to 2 cups leftover cooked chicken, turkey or ham, cut or torn into bite-size pieces  
1/2 cup frozen peas  
1/2 cup sliced mushrooms (nice, but optional)  
2 tablespoons spicy mustard (optional, best with ham) OR 2

teaspoons curry powder (optional, best with chicken)  
1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper  
1 teaspoon kosher salt (don't use if you used salted butter)  
Rice, biscuits or puff pastry shells, for serving  
In a medium saucepan, heat the butter over medium-low heat. Add the flour, and reduce heat to low, stirring constantly (a whisk works best) until flour-butter mix-

## MOM'S FANCY LEFTOVERS

ture darkens a bit, about 3 minutes. This is a roux (pronounced "roo"), on which your sauce is going to be based. Roux preferences vary: Some people like a light roux like this; other folks, especially if they are going to make a spicy, richly flavored dish, will make a really dark roux by continuing to cook the roux after the flour has been added. Add more milk (again, a bit at a time and whisking constantly) until the mixture is a bit thinner than you

like. Then add remaining ingredients and stir. Cook, still over low heat but whisking only occasionally, until the sauce thickens to the consistency you like and the meat and peas are heated through. This could take 5 to 10 minutes. Serve over warm rice (Mom likes American basmati), buttered biscuits or, for a special treat (and my favorite), the puff pastry shells found in the frozen-foods section of the supermarket.

so, if you like, cook the roux another 5 to 6 minutes on low heat, stirring constantly to keep the flour from burning. The extra cooking time gives the flour a more complex flavor. Stir in the milk a bit at a time, still whisking. Continue until you have added almost 2 cups of the milk - the mixture will be pretty thick. Add more milk (again, a bit at a time and whisking constantly) until the sauce is a bit thinner than you

# Ricki Lake buys home from Courteney Cox, David Arquette

By Ruth Ryan  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - Talk-show host Ricki Lake and her husband, freelance illustrator Rob Sussman, have purchased the Brentwood home of actress Courteney Cox and her husband, actor David Arquette, for close to its \$6.5 million asking price.

## Hot property

Lake and Sussman will continue to be based in New York but may eventually spend more time in their California home. The five-bedroom, 5,200-square-foot house, on nearly an acre with a

Cox refurbished it after buying it for close to \$2.1 million in 1996. She and her husband, who co-stars in the recently released movie "The Grey Zone" with Harvey Keitel and Mira Sorvino, live at the beach.

Lake were married. He works as a cartoonist as well as a graphic artist.

Phil McGraw, host of the CBS talk show "Dr. Phil," and his wife, Robin, are leasing a Beverly Hills-area home for a year at \$20,000 a month. The couple, who previously lived in Texas, moved into their Westside quarters a few months ago. Described as "an elegant, gated mini-estate," the home has six bedrooms and eight bathrooms in slightly more than 7,000 square feet.

The French-style house, built in 1987, has marble, hardwood and slate floors, a library, a kitchen with granite counters, a master suite with a sitting area, a guest house, pool, spa and gardens.

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**ROASTED PEPPER, GOAT CHEESE AND MINT WRAPS**

4 flour tortillas (8 inches in diameter), or favorite lavash-style bread  
 1/2 cup creamy goat cheese  
 1/2 cup julienne of red bell pepper or roasted red bell pepper, divided  
 1/2 cup fresh chopped mint  
 Salt and pepper to taste  
 Place the tortillas on a microwave-safe plate. Cover them with plastic wrap and microwave on high for 45 to 60 seconds to soften them. Spread about 1 tablespoon of the goat cheese on the softened tortilla. Sprinkle with one-fourth of the

red pepper strips, mint and a pinch of salt and pepper. Roll up the tortilla gently but firmly, jelly-roll fashion. Wrap in plastic wrap and twist the ends to secure them. Repeat with the remaining tortillas and filling. Refrigerate the rolls for 1 hour. Trim any untidy ends with a serrated knife. Cut each tortilla wrap diagonally into 5 slices. Discard the plastic wrap after slicing. Serve chilled or at room temperature. Makes 20 appetizers.

—Adapted from "Hors d'Oeuvres" by Eric Treuille and Victoria Blashford-Snell

**CRABMEAT CUCUMBER ROUNDS**

The crab mixture can be made a day in advance. Be sure to drain the crabmeat well, so the mixture does not become soupy.  
 1 large English hothouse cucumber, washed, ends removed  
 1/2 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise  
 2 teaspoons prepared horseradish  
 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard  
 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
 1 can (6 ounces) fancy lump crabmeat, drained well and squeezed dry  
 1 can (6 ounces) fancy white crabmeat, drained well and squeezed dry  
 2 teaspoons Old Bay seasoning  
 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper, or more to taste

1/2 red bell pepper or roasted red bell pepper, finely diced  
 Slice the cucumber into thin, about 1/8-inch thick, slices. You should have at least 42. Set aside.  
 In a mixing bowl, mix together the mayonnaise, horseradish, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, well-drained crabmeat, Old Bay seasoning and cayenne pepper. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.  
 Arrange the cucumber slices in a single layer on a serving tray. Spoon about 1 tablespoon of the crabmeat mixture onto each cucumber slice. Garnish with diced red pepper. Makes about 42 appetizers.

—Adapted from "Semi-Homemade Cooking" by Sandra Lee

**FETA AND ARTICHOKE CROSTINI**

Serve this tangy mixture on crostini (little toasts).  
 24 crostini  
 1/4 cup chopped roasted red bell pepper  
 1 can (2.25 ounces) sliced black olives  
 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese  
 1 tablespoon olive oil  
 1 cup coarsely chopped artichoke hearts  
 Preheat the broiler. Line a baking sheet with foil or parchment

paper. Place the toasted crostini on a baking sheet. In a mixing bowl, combine the red bell pepper, feta cheese, olive oil and artichoke hearts. Evenly divide the mixture among the crostini. Broil about 7 minutes or until slightly golden on top. Transfer to a platter and serve hot. Makes 24 appetizers.

—Adapted from "Semi-Homemade Cooking" by Sandra Lee

**MOZZARELLA SLICES WITH CAPERS**

Serve these rich and creamy-tasting mozzarella slices with artichoke hearts, salami, olives and with croutini or crackers. Look for fresh mozzarella at stores that offer a good selection of cheese.  
 1 pound fresh water-packed mozzarella, drained, cut into 1/4-inch slices  
 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided  
 2 garlic cloves, peeled, minced or crushed  
 1/4 teaspoon dried crushed red pepper flakes, or more to taste  
 1/4 teaspoon minced fresh oregano  
 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt  
 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper  
 2 tablespoons capers, drained

well-chopped  
 Artichoke hearts, salami and olives for garnish  
 Overlay the cheese slices on a serving platter. In a small saucepan, heat 2 tablespoons of the olive oil over medium heat. Add the garlic and crushed red pepper. Stir just until the garlic begins to sizzle, about 2 minutes. Remove from the heat; stir in the oregano, salt and pepper. Cool completely. Stir in the capers and the remaining 4 tablespoons of olive oil. Drizzle the mixture over the cheese slices and garnish them with artichoke hearts, salami and olives. Makes 12 generous servings.

—Adapted from Bon Appetit magazine, January 2002 issue.

**PHYLLO TRIANGLES**

To make these ahead, freeze them before baking in a covered container for up to 2 months. Do not thaw before baking.  
 8 ounces sliced mushrooms, coarsely chopped  
 1/2 cup chopped onion  
 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry  
 2 garlic cloves, peeled, minced  
 1 teaspoon dried oregano  
 1 1/2 cups crumbled feta cheese  
 12 sheets phyllo dough (18-by-12-inch size)  
 1/4 cup melted and cooled unsalted butter, or more if needed  
 To prepare the filling: In a large nonstick skillet heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the mushrooms and saute until they release their juices, about 5 minutes. Add the onion, spinach, garlic and oregano. Continue cooking about 5-8 minutes more. Combine the spinach mixture with the feta cheese and set it

aside. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. To assemble, place one sheet of the phyllo dough on a work surface. Brush it lightly and in streaks with the melted butter. Lay another sheet on top and brush it with butter (keep the remaining phyllo covered with a damp kitchen towel). Cut the two layered phyllo sheets crosswise into 6 equal strips. Place a small mound of the filling (about 1 1/2 tablespoons) on the end of each strip. Bring a corner of the dough over the filling so the short edge lines up with the side edge. Continue folding the triangular shape along the strip until the end is reached. Repeat with the remaining phyllo dough, butter and filling. Place the triangles on a baking sheet; brush them with butter. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until the pastry is a golden brown. Remove the triangles from the oven and serve hot or at room temperature. Makes about 36 triangles.

—Adapted from "Better Homes & Garden Cookbook"

**PUFF PASTRY PROSCIUTTO STRAWS**

These are super easy crowd pleasers. The straws have a smoky, salty taste from the prosciutto and Parmesan cheese. Make and bake these straws in advance and freeze them. Reheat in a 400-degree oven.  
 1 Parchment paper or nonstick cooking spray  
 One sheet (1/2 package) puff pastry, thawed  
 1 egg white, slightly beaten, divided  
 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese, divided  
 8 to 10 slices prosciutto, trimmed of fat and sliced paper-thin  
 Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Line several baking sheets with parchment paper or wax paper with nonstick cooking spray. On a lightly floured work surface, unfold the puff pastry. Roll out the pastry to about a 10-by-15-inch rectangle. Brush the pastry from edge to edge with some of the egg white. Sprinkle

with 1 tablespoon of the Parmesan cheese. Place the prosciutto across the lower half of the pastry, overlapping the slices if needed. Fold the top portion of the pastry over the prosciutto with the ends meeting. Press the pastry down on the prosciutto. Brush the top of the pastry with the rest of the egg white and sprinkle it with the remaining 1 tablespoon of Parmesan cheese. Cut the pastry lengthwise into 1/2-wide strips. Working with one strip at a time, use both hands to twist a strip to form a spiral shape (left hand counter-clockwise, right hand clockwise). Place the strips on the prepared baking sheet about an inch apart and press the ends onto the sheets. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until the strips are puffed and golden brown. Remove them from the oven. Cool a few minutes on the baking sheet, then transfer the straws to a serving tray. Makes 30 straws.

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Christmas

season picks

The Washington Post

Christmas is reflected in many television forms, from animated tales to TV movies to classic cultural icons in the spirit of the season.

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Olympic Gold Medal ice-skating champion Sarah Hughes gets her first television special since she shocked the world last February with her victory in Salt Lake City.

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The San Francisco Opera presents Franz Lehár's tale of the many suitors seeking the hand of wealthy widow Anna Clavari in Paris of 1905.

Philo, Ozzie, Ralphie

Find the most memorable TV moments from 2002 on page C10.

Channel schedule table with columns for time slots (5a.m., 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00) and rows for various channels (KBWA, KPTV, KMYR, etc.) listing program titles and times.



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By Frazier Moore The Associated Press NEW YORK - Few things can give you a holiday lift like the sight of Britney Snow's smile. The 16-year-old star of NBC's family drama "American Dreams" refreshes that tired cliché "lights up the screen."

want to know the gory details. I got 14 stitches. I was teased about the scar, and I had an acting teacher who said I'd never work because it was too distracting.

ments for the next week. Then we would fly back up here and I had to memorize 30 to 40 pages of lines. It was totally fine. I guess I didn't know better at the time.

dance show serving the nation's kids as MTV does now. Meanwhile, beyond the studio and back in her loving but strict Irish-Catholic home, Meg confronts other forces at work: civil rights and women's movements, a war heating up, a slain president mourned, and moral codes shifting.

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Grid of TV programs with columns for time slots (11:30, 12p.m., 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30) and rows for various channels (KSAW, KMYT, KTVB, etc.).

Christmas favorites warm hearts and boost ratings

By Glenn Garvin
The Miami Herald
You don't have to be Ebenezer Scrooge to see ghosts of Christmas Past. They're right there on your television set: Charlie Brown and his scrawny tree. Angel Second Class Clarence Oddbody, forlornly searching for his wings. Wood-faced Ralphie quilling before another warning that 'you'll shoot your eye out'...

It just wouldn't be Christmas if we couldn't see Clarence saving Timmy Stewart from his own despair in "It's A Wonderful Life," or Ralphie lurching from one yuletide disaster to another in "A Christmas Story," or Wood-faced Ralphie...

Nostalgia has nothing to do with it, at least for the networks. The shows at the big money channel were ABC's 1965 "A Charlie Brown Christmas" last year, its viewing audience jumped 72 percent...

Not everything on TV connected to Christmas became classic. But the best shows became part of the holiday, a Christmas memory to be cherished and passed along to younger generations.

"People like to watch 'Miracle on 34th Street' again and again," says Billy Hall, programming chief at Fox Movie Channel, which showed the 1947 movie three times on Christmas Eve...

Many of the most popular Christmas shows were disasters - critically, financially or both - when they first appeared. When "A Christmas Story" premiered in 1983, the Washington Post raved it as "a celebration of an imbecilic American family..."

Headless Ralphie, witless Ozzie and other memorable TV moments

By Frazier Moore
The Associated Press
NEW YORK - Many of the bad things that TV gave us in 2002 had already been forgotten...

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5. Least Honored Milestone: The 75th anniversary of television, first demonstrated by engineer Philo Farnsworth on Sept. 7, 1927 - a date TV has mostly overlooked ever since.

"American Idol," whose summer run on Fox made its champ, Kelly Clarkson, an instant star - while stoking the fantasies of millions who've belted out a song in the privacy of the shower.

9. Fox News Channel's, er, Great Job: Anchor Shepard Smith inadvertently blurred out on live TV a graphic term for a physical affliction, instead of saying what he meant, "block party." But it didn't spoil the party. The ratings triumph of his sassy network left rivals CNN and MSNBC with nothing to celebrate.

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**MORNING LINE**

**SPORTSQUOTE**

“(He) is big enough to eat hay.”  
—*Kansas City Chief Coach Dick Verneil, on Leonard Davis, Arizona's 372-pound tackle*

**TRIVIA QUESTION:**

What was the original name of the National Football League?  
.....answer below

**IN BRIEF**

**Raiders' Janikowski gets probation**

OAKLAND, Calif. — Raiders kicker Sebastian Janikowski pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge of drunken driving. Janikowski will be placed on three years' probation. He also was fined \$1,292 and ordered to perform community service and enroll in a DUI school. He was not in court Monday, and lawyer Laurel Headley entered the plea. Janikowski was cited Oct. 1 by a highway patrol officer who pulled him over. His blood-alcohol level registered .20, well above the state's legal limit of .08. In 2001, Janikowski was acquitted on charges of possessing CHB, the "ice-cream" drug. In 2000, he was acquitted on a charge that he offered a Tallahassee, Fla., police officer \$300 to release his roommate after an argument with a nightclub bouncer.

**Big Ten asks Indiana to suspend Davis**

INDIANAPOLIS — The Big Ten asked Indiana to suspend basketball coach Mike Davis for his outburst at the end of last weekend's game against Kentucky. The university said it will respond to the request Friday, the deadline set by the conference. The Big Ten notified Indiana by letter Monday that it expected the school to impose sanctions. Interim athletic director Terry Clapacs said it was implied that if Indiana did not penalize Davis, the conference would. The Big Ten would not confirm the length of a possible suspension or the nature of a reprimand. Clapacs said Tuesday he has spoken with Davis and will do so again before making a decision. Indiana's next game is Saturday at Temple. During his postgame news conference, Davis was apologetic, saying his actions cost his team the game. He also apologized to his players and the fans.

**Padres reacquire Witasick for \$2.75M**

SAN DIEGO — Right-handed reliever Jay Witasick rejoined the San Diego Padres on Tuesday, agreeing to a \$2.75 million, two-year contract. Witasick was with the Padres for parts of the 2000 and 2001 seasons before he was traded to the New York Yankees for infielder D'Angelo Jimenez. Witasick was with the NL champion San Francisco Giants last year, going 1-0 with a 2.37 ERA in 44 games out of the bullpen. He'll earn \$750,000 in 2003 and \$1.75 million in 2004. The Padres hold a \$2 million option for 2005 with a \$250,000 buyout. Since 2001, when the Padres turned Witasick into a fulltime reliever, he's gone 9-2 with one save and a 2.87 ERA in 107 appearances among San Diego, New York and San Francisco.

**TRIVIA ANSWER:**

The American Professional Football Association, founded in 1920. The name changed to the NFL in 1922.

## Contreras agrees to \$32M contract



Jose Contreras

**The Associated Press**  
NEW YORK — The New York Yankees beat the Boston Red Sox in the race to sign Cuban defector Jose Contreras, reaching a preliminary agreement Tuesday with the right-hander. While terms were not announced, Contreras agreed to a deal worth \$32 million over four years, a baseball official said on the condition he not be identified.

The agreement, the largest for a Cuban defector, is subject to the Contreras passing a physical and regulatory procedures dealing with Cuban defectors and the U.S. economic boycott of the communist nation. "Jose Contreras is most certainly the premier amateur pitcher in the world and may be the best pitcher ever in amateur play," said Gordon Blakeley, the Yankees' vice president of international and professional scouting. "He has an exceptional fastball and break-

ing ball, plus a championship makeup, and we expect him to have great success at the major league level." Contreras, said to be 31, was the top pitcher on Cuba's national team until he defected in October, and beat the United States on one day's rest in the championship of the 1999 Pan American Games, striking out 13 in eight innings. He became the second major international signing for the Yankees in six days, following Japanese slugger

Hideki Matsui, who agreed to a \$21 million, three-year deal last week. After gaining residency in Nicaragua, Contreras was declared a free agent last week by the commissioner's office. Monday was the first day he could negotiate with major league teams. New York had dispatched Blakeley to Nicaragua with Carlos Kins, coordinator of Latin American scouting.

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## ALL IN THE FAMILY



This is a Feb. 1983 file photo of Bill France Sr. at the Daytona International Speedway, which he built. NASCAR is an anomaly — a major sport that is essentially ruled by one set of kinfolk. The late Bill France Sr. founded NASCAR in 1948, giving a bunch of ex-moonshine runners a place to display their driving skills. When he retired, the organization was turned over to sons Bill Jr. and Jim. The next generation, Brian France and Lesa France Kennedy, is in place.

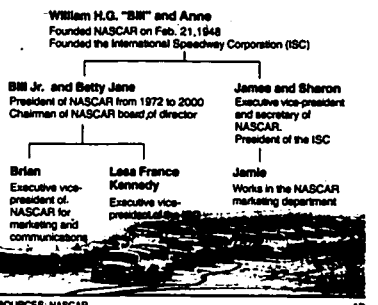
### France family calls the shots for NASCAR

**By Paul Newberry**  
*Associated Press writer*  
Stock car racing has made huge strides from its beginnings on the sands of Daytona Beach, squeezing in alongside football, baseball and basketball as one of the nation's sporting passions. Television ratings keep going up. Grandstands are packed with hundreds of thousands of die-hard fans. Still, the good ol' boys are clinging to their roots. Confederate banners flap in the infield breeze. Cutoff jeans, beer-soaked coolers and sunburns remain the symbols of a true fan. And the back stops with the France family, just as it has for more than a half-century.

### Money machines

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### All in the France family



## Hey, look! The Bulls are back

**The Associated Press**  
CHICAGO — Don't go looking for spots to hang new banners or start clearing out room in the trophy case just yet. At 10-17, the Chicago Bulls still have a long way to go before they make a championship run like Michael Jordan and his sidekicks. But with six victories in the last eight games and their first four-game home winning streak since March 1996, the Bulls are actually playing like a real NBA team again. "I am happy with the fact our team is winning games," said Jalen Rose, the catalyst for Chicago's resurgence. "Obviously 10-17 isn't a first-place record. But when I got traded here in February, the team only had 11 wins. "We're making progress, but we have a long way to go." Hey, after the horror show the last few years, Chicago will take progress.



Bulls guard Jalen Rose drives under Pacers center Brad Miller, right, as Pacers' Ron Artest looks on in the first quarter in Indianapolis, Friday. Rose, who has been a catalyst in Chicago's resurgence, was acquired from the Pacers in a trade for Miller last year and this was Rose's first game as a Bull in Indianapolis.

## Grand Valley State, Mount Union dominate AP list

**The Associated Press**  
National champions Grand Valley State and Mount Union dominated The Associated Press' Little All-America team Tuesday with a total of five players selected to the squad. Grand Valley State (14-0), the Division II national champs, led the way with three All-Americans — quarterback Curt Anes, wide receiver David Kircus and offensive tackle Dale Westrick. Mount Union (14-0), Division III champs for the third year in a row, was represented by record-setting running back Dan Pugh and cornerback Chris Kern. Led by the Grand Valley State trio, there were eight repeaters from the 2001 team. The others were linemen — Chris Booker of Delta State, J.D. Sheldon of Augustana (Ill.) and Seth Wand of Northwest Missouri State on offense, and Aaron McConnell of Pittsburg State and Steve Wilson of King's (Pa.) on defense.

**Full list — D3**  
Anes, the Harlon Hill Trophy winner as the division's top player, threw for 3,692 yards and 47 touchdowns; Kircus caught 47 passes for 1,341 yards and 35 TDs. Anes and Kircus helped the Lakers cap their perfect season with a 31-24 victory over Valdosta State in the Division II title game on Dec. 14. Last year, Anes missed the title game with a knee injury and Grand Valley State lost to North Dakota 17-14. The other running back was Ian Smart of C.W. Post, who was D-II's leading rusher with 2,023 yards. He also scored 30 touchdowns. Smart finished his career with 95 touchdowns and 570 points, both NCAA records. Pugh, the Gagliardi Trophy winner as D-III's top player, ran for 2,047 yards and 31 TDs and then capped his career with a 253-yard, four-touchdown effort

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SPORTS

Baseball strikes out in Venezuela's political crisis

By Jorge Rueda Associated Press writer

CARACAS, Venezuela - No jam-packed stadiums. No hot dogs to savor during stretch or shouts of "Play ball!" The three-week general strike against President Hugo Chavez has disrupted Venezuelans' cherished winter baseball season...

league said it could not guarantee the safety of the players and spectators. Baseball helps Venezuelans come together and temporarily ignore their often obstinate politics. But now politics have left the ballparks empty, the players and fans desolate...

San Francisco Giants in the World Series. Rodriguez's performance made him a national hero in his native Venezuela. But Venezuelans managed to see him play only four innings in two appearances before the winter season was halted...

President Fidel Castro. Chavez insists he struck Castro out. The Cuban leader called it a walk and strode to first base. Americans who play in the winter season have left the country, heeding the U.S. State Department's warning...

2002: The year of many memorable bunker shots

DOUG FERGUSON

Tiger Woods called it his best shot of the year - a 3-iron from an awkward stance in the bunker, immediately over the lip, eventually over the trees, to a flag 200 yards away from the 18th hole at Hazletine.

shot might have gone down as the greatest moment in Ryder Cup history. Alas, great shots are only memorable when accompanied by a trophy.

NASCAR

Continued from D1. France could make their decisions freely. No player unions. No hardheaded owners. It's their way or the highway.

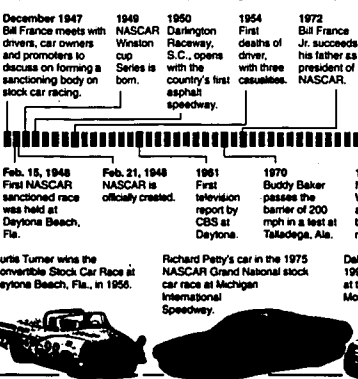
But their control also has sparked some grumbling in the garage: Is everyone getting a fair share? Drivers race for more than nine months a year and put their lives on the line every time they get behind the wheel...

But no one has claimed a greater share of the money than the France family, through a complex web of companies, subsidiaries and affiliates.

IS also runs the radio network that broadcasts races, as well as the concessions company that sells hot dogs at its tracks.

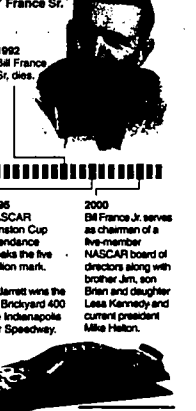
Road to success

After starting out as a small family business on the beaches of Daytona, Fla., NASCAR is suddenly a thriving \$2 billion industry.



SOURCE: NASCAR, International Motorsports Hall of Fame

William H.G. "Bill" France Sr.



AP

doesn't even include NASCAR, a private enterprise that declines to reveal its bottom line. "They basically monopolized the sport," said Hadrian Shaw, a California-based analyst who has studied the business side of NASCAR.

After their father stepped aside, they forged a hugely successful partnership: Bill Jr. runs NASCAR, younger brother Jim controls the business.

owners are allowed in, at least not officially. In NASCAR parlance, they are "independent contractors." Rick Burton, director of the University of Oregon's Warsaw Sports Marketing Center, compares the family to Pete Rozelle, who almost single-handedly transformed the NFL into its leading role.

Waltrop, now a TV analyst, estimates the top four or five drivers are taking home at least \$8 million to \$10 million annually, the rest of the upper echelon is in the \$5 million-\$6 million range, and even the back markers are making around \$3 million.

there are a few signs of disension. Longtime star Rusty Wallace contends Winston Cup drivers should get the big contracts of other sports.

A pension would have helped Bobby Allison, who won 84 races - third-most in Winston Cup history - before a wreck ended his career.

Baseball

Boston sent general manager Theo Epstein and Louie Eliaju, its director of international scouting, to Seattle and Seattle was believed to be interested in signing Contreras.

Contreras pitched for Cuba's national team for seven years, pitching in the 1999 Pan American Games, the 2000 Sydney Olympics and the 2001 World Cup.

He was freed and went to Florida, then left the United States, where he would have been subject to baseball's amateur draft.

Brian Potucek of Central Washington, joining the four offensive line repeaters was Reggie Wells of Clarion (Pa.).

He was 117-50 with a 2.82 ERA in the Cuban League, according to the Yankees.

of 24 field goals, was the kicker. Anthony Dunn of Northern Colorado and Mike Clay of Texas A&M-Kingsville were the other defensive linemen.

Mike Mussina, David Wells, Orlando Hernandez and Jeff Weaver. New York is close to re-signing Roger Clemens to a one-year deal in the \$8 million to \$10 million range, with the sides negotiating performance bonuses and structural issues.

Sean McNicholas of Edinboro was the punter. He averaged 42.2 yards on 58 punts. The team, chosen from players in Divisions II and III and the NAIA, features 21 seniors, three juniors and one sophomore (Potucek).

Then again, it was only the second round. Mention "Tiger Woods" and "great bunker shots" in the same breath and what comes to mind is the Canadian Open two years ago at Glen Abbey, when he hit that 6-iron from 118 yards out of the bunker and over the water to clinch victory.

Two bunker shots that rank higher than Els and Paul Azinger's are ones that were just as grand, under situations that packed far more pressure.

Worse yet, the ball was nestled in a furrow from where the sand had been raked, and he had to land it on a metaphorical sixpence an old British coin the size of a dime.

Bulls

Continued from D1. In 1998, the Bulls have been the NBA's worst team. They've lost at least 60 games each of the past three years. In 1999, when the lockout shortened the season to 50 games, they dropped to 22-29.

The Bulls' revival can be traced back to this time last year, when Tim Floyd resigned under pressure and was replaced by Bill Cartwright. An All-Star center who won three championships with the Bulls, Cartwright commanded respect from players.

That's exactly what Rose has been. He's led Chicago in all but seven of the first 27 games. On Saturday night, he set a United Center record by scoring 25 points in the fourth quarter to give Chicago a 110-103 victory over his old team, the Indiana Pacers.

Elis on the 18th hole at the British Open: In his first sudden-death playoff in Open history, Els pulled his 5-iron into the bunker. With his right leg extended on grass, he blasted one to 5 feet and made the par putt to win the Open.

Elis' bunker shot on the 13th hole at Muirfield in the final round of the British Open was voted "shot of the year" by the British press.

Woods on No. 2 at Doral: Woods drove into a greenside bunker on the 376-yard hole, then hit a high bunker shot that traveled 100 feet and dropped next to the hole for a tap-in birdie.

time. While the Baby Bulls aren't yet the NBA force Krause envisioned when he took them out of high school, they're slowly getting better, particularly Chandler.

They're still trying to bring those guys along," Miller said. "But you can tell they're playing a lot tougher this year."

"The other piece in the turnaround came this summer, when Marshall signed with the Bulls as a free agent. Though he doesn't get the hype some of the other Bulls do, his contributions have been huge."

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Football

-Las Vegas Bowl, UCLA vs. New Mexico, ESPN, 2:30 p.m.
-Hawaii Bowl, Tulane at Hawaii, ESPN, 6 p.m.

Area ski report

Monday - Nov 4-10 (10 days)
Average rainfall: 28.24 inches, 28.24 inches, 28.24 inches.

Table with columns for location, elevation, and other ski-related statistics.

Indians bring back pitcher from World Series team

CLEVELAND - Brian Anderson is guaranteed \$15 million under his new contract with Cleveland and can make \$1 million more in bonuses he makes at least 33 starts and pitches 210 or more innings.

offer him a contract by Friday's deadline. They didn't want to go to salary arbitration with Singleton, since he could have earned more than \$2 million.

He gets \$1.2 million next year, and the A's have a \$1.8 million option with a \$200,000 buyout.

Padres sign Bennett to a \$700K, one-year contract

SAN DIEGO - Catcher Gary Bennett, who became a free agent last weekend when Colorado failed to offer a contract, will get \$700,000 for his one-year deal with the San Diego Padres.

30-year-old pitcher has a 278 career average with 44 homers, 229 RBIs and 74 steals in four big-league seasons.

He started the season as the Rockies' No. 1 catcher and then split time with Sandy Alomar, Jr., who was acquired from the Chicago Cubs in July.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

Table showing NHL game results and statistics.

Anderson, who graduated from Geneva High School in the city's eastern suburbs and still lives in neighboring Bratenah, played two seasons for the Indians in 1996 and 1997 before being selected first by Arizona in the 1997 expansion draft.

Anderson made three relief appearances for the Indians in the 1997 World Series and pitched the last three innings of Game 4 to earn the win in Cleveland's 10-3 win over the Florida Marlins.

He also earned the win in the sixth and deciding game of the league championship series that year, pitching an inning of scoreless relief in the top of the 11th as the Indians won 1-0.

In 2001, he started Game 3 of the World Series for Arizona, but lost to the Yankees 2-1. Anderson, 30, has never won more than two games in a major league season, and went 6-11 with a 4.79 ERA for the Diamondbacks in 2002.

Anderson said he looked forward to being a leader on the staff and pitching in his hometown.

NBA's top 3-point shooter out with broken finger

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Wesley Person of the Memphis Grizzlies probably will be sidelined up to three weeks with a broken right index finger.

Person, who is shooting an NBA-best 32.3 percent from 3-point range, broke his finger in Sunday's 103-74 loss to Utah.

Athletics sign Singleton to \$1.4 million deal

OAKLAND, Calif. - Chris Singleton gives the Oakland Athletics outfield depth after agreeing to a \$1.4 million, one-year contract.

Bulger out with spinal injury, no surgery planned

ST. LOUIS - Rams quarterback Marc Bulger will miss the team's finale next Monday night because of a spinal injury that his coach says will not require surgery or harm his career.

Singleton batted .262 with nine homers and 50 RBIs last season for the Baltimore Orioles. He also had 30 doubles and 20 stolen bases.

The acquisition of Singleton allows for the move Terrence Long from center field to left field, which would improve their outfield defense.

Singleton became a free agent when the Orioles didn't offer him a contract by Friday's deadline. They didn't want to go to salary arbitration with Singleton, since he could have earned more than \$2 million.

King made his first start in nearly two seasons against the Steelers.

He completed 9 of 26 passes for 73 yards and had an interception returned for a touchdown on Tampa Bay's first possession.

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Gruden said he's not sure if Brad Johnson, who was injured against Detroit on Dec. 15, will be able to practice this week. He wouldn't say if he's leaning toward giving King or Rob Johnson the majority of the snaps in preparation for Sunday night's game against the Chicago Bears.

"We're going to be very hopeful that Brad returns. At the same time we have to be realistic and move on with our lives as if he's not going to play, and find a way to win without him," Gruden said.

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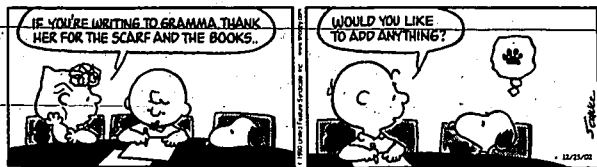
SAILING

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# COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



Garfield

By Jim Davis



W and Lolo

By Chance Browne



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Hagar the Horrible

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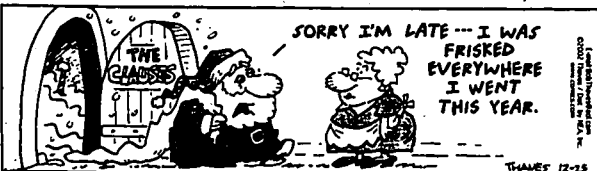
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By Mort Walker



Frank and Ernest

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The Born Loner

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For Better or For Worse

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Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Pickles

By Brian Crane



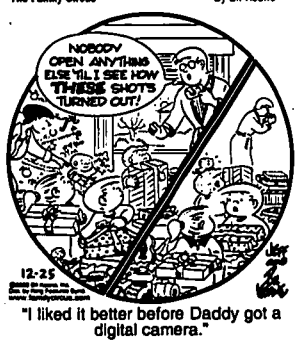
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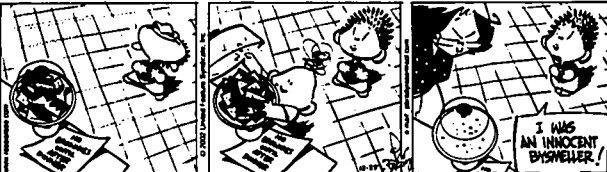
The Family Circus

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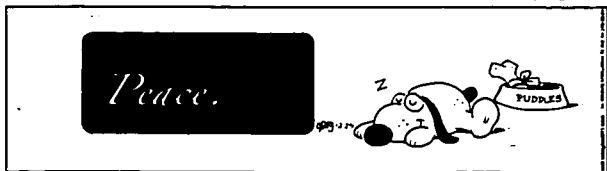
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By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Lemon

By Greg Evans



Strange Brew

By John Deering



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By Wiley



## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Pets showered with billions in presents

ORLANDO, Fla. - Gracie doesn't know it yet, but Santa Claus is something special up his sleeve for her this year. Tucked in the 4-year-old's stocking this morning will be a music CD - and an assortment of rawhide treats.

Gracie is a salt-and-pepper miniature schnauzer. "She is a member of our family," said Lynn Katz of Orlando. "She feels the excitement of Christmas just like we do."

Millions of pet owners now shower their animals with gifts, toys and treats each year, accounting for more than \$5 billion in sales during Christmas alone. The pet industry, whose sales overall have grown 76 percent since 1994, to \$30 billion a year, is doing all it can to capitalize on people's desire to include their pets in the holidays. From store Santas to paw-shaped stockings and doggie Hallmark cards, animal lovers scooped up pet-oriented Christmas items by the armful.

"More than ever, people are including their animals in the holidays," said Funda Alp, a spokeswoman with the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association. "Even though the economy has slowed down, pet spending has not. In a way, the industry has proven to be recession-proof."

According to industry estimates, the average American household will spend \$460 this year on pet products, and about 85 percent of all households will include their pets in holiday celebrations. That's big business, considering 62 percent of U.S. households own animals.

### Washington Mutual says it may gain shares, cash

SEATTLE - Washington Mutual, which has Twin Falls branches, says it may gain shares and \$85 million in cash from an escrow account set up when it bought a smaller bank six years ago.

The shares were issued as part of the Seattle bank's \$1.6 billion acquisition of American Savings Bank in 1996. The shares were to be held until the resolution of a lawsuit involving the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and investors who bought the smaller bank from the government after the savings-and-loan crisis.

The escrow account expired Friday, bank representatives said. The FDIC has asked Bank of New York, the agent for the account, for a four-year extension.

If the money is released, Washington Mutual said it would distribute it to the FDIC and the original investors, an investment fund called Keystone Holdings Partners. Dividends from the shares, totaling about \$85 million, would become part of the bank's capital reserve.

"We want to make clear that there is no immediate impact on our earnings per share," bank spokesman Alan Gulick said. "The shares, which have split twice since 1996, are worth about \$516 million, the bank said."

Washington Mutual said two directors resigned from its board because they had a financial stake in the release of the money. The directors, David Berman and J. Taylor Crandall, are affiliated with Keystone and joined Washington Mutual after the American Savings acquisition. They won't be replaced.

### Bank of America expects high loan losses

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Bank of America Corp., which has Magic Valley branches, expects provisions for loan losses and net charge-offs in the fourth quarter to be approximately \$1.2 billion, which is higher than in previous quarters.

That will be partly offset by after-tax income of \$488 million, the result of a settlement with the IRS, the bank said.

As a result, the Charlotte-based bank said, it expects earnings for the year to beat the \$5.68 expected by analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call.

It projects net income of \$9.17 billion to \$9.27 billion, or \$5.87 to \$5.92 per share.

Compiled from wire reports

## Glanbia aims for nutrition growth

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - An Irish food company with a dairy-processing subsidiary in Twin Falls is creating a new business unit to strengthen its position in the nutrition market and to squeeze more value from the ingredients it extracts from Magic Valley milk.

The new Glanbia Nutritionals Inc., based in Monroe, Wis., will integrate Kilkenny, Ireland-based Glanbia Plc's international nutritional business under one management structure, effective Jan. 1, said Jeff Williams, executive vice presi-

dent of Glanbia Foods Inc. Glanbia Nutritionals will market products that sister Glanbia Foods manufactures in Richfield and Gooding, he said. Examples are commodity items such as lactose and whey protein concentrates, and products which are value-added to a greater extent, including milk calcium, whey protein isolate and lactoferrin. Glanbia's lactoferrin - branded as Bioferin - is a bioactive milk protein high in iron, with applications in immune-enhancing products.

Glanbia caters to nutritional markets including infant, medical and sports nutrition, functional foods, and nutraceuticals

from manufacturing bases in the United States and Ireland.

The new Glanbia Nutritionals will also have the task of fashioning specialized products that customers want for particular applications - tuning commodities into costlier derivatives.

"When you do that, then you're able to charge a premium, and that's what we're trying to do," Williams said.

The new business unit will include the research and development laboratory already operating in Twin Falls. In a kitchen there, scientists will cook food with Glanbia products, trying to meet customers' requirements.

"We've pretty much been a

dairy company, but there's a lot going on in the nutritional sector of the marketplace," Williams said. "It's a huge market. You talk about weight loss, you talk about hypertension, and those are huge, huge categories. People spend a lot of money on those categories."

Though Glanbia Nutritionals will have headquarters in Monroe, roughly half of its employees are in Twin Falls, he said. On Jan. 1, the 10 Glanbia workers in research and development in Twin Falls will be considered Glanbia Nutritionals employees.

Those 10 work from a Falls  
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## SOMETHING FISHY



Workers prepare sushi rolls at Okami Inc., Dec. 4 in Sun Valley, Calif.

## Credit-card gamble turns into \$20M business

The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** - Borrowing to the limit on a credit card, Mary DeMartino and Laura Ellis turned an odd idea - mass-produced sushi - into a \$20 million-a-year business.

And that's before they cut a deal in recent weeks to supply nearly 700 7-Eleven stores with California rolls, to go with all the hot dogs and Big Gulps.

Their sushi is already familiar to many who shop at Costco and Trader Joe's stores (among many others) across the country, and the two hope to snare a larger national presence soon.

"In the beginning, no one would talk to us," Ellis said. "We were two women trying to make a very traditional food. We couldn't even speak to people at the companies to get our supplies."

After leaving the studio catering business in 1996, the partners started off making rolls by hand in a space borrowed from DeMartino's brother's bakery.

To finance the operation, they maxed out Ellis' credit cards and gambled that the investment would pay off.

Conscious of their status as women running in traditionally male circles, they dubbed the fledgling venture Okami, which

DeMartino translates from Japanese as "women in charge." In time, they learned ways to procure their supplies and found a sympathetic manufacturer willing to supply them with a production line.

Rolling along, they switched from the hand-prepared method that killed profits to a specially built conveyor belt.

To avoid production hassles and ensure longer shelf life, they opted for only fully cooked sushi. While raw sushi's freshness is measured in minutes, their variety can last up to five days.

They concede that their surimi crab-pollock cooked and shaped to resemble shellfish pates in comparison with a sushi bar's. But then they note that the \$2.99 price tag for six rolls is more than competitive.

Ellis and DeMartino found a niche market in convenience stores in Northern California that helped them win contracts with Trader Joe's and Costco, eventually landing their products in hun-

drreds of stores nationwide.

Last year, the rolls brought in \$20 million in revenue, a figure they expect to grow substantially with added distribution and more sales contracts.

The 7-Eleven deal could prove to be their biggest catch yet. This month Okami's products got a major boost as the firm began distributing daily to 692 7-Eleven stores throughout Southern California, part of the convenience-store chain's attempt to go upscale.

That's another kink in the company's strange six-year history - the king of convenience was long the haven for late-night greasers on the hunt for greasy nachos or harried workers grabbing hot dogs on the run.

DeMartino's, an avowed sushi lover, didn't think her own products would fit in.

"At first, we thought, 'Oh, my God, this will never sell in 7-Eleven,'" she said with a bemused smile. "It's 'too gourmet; it'll never work. ... But it's really taken off."

By adding products like Okami's upscale, professional clientele to complement its junk-food audience.

"Sushi has become more universal. It's spread to more demographics than you'd think. People want taste, and they want quality."

- Phil Lempert,  
food expert

The low-price point integrates well with 7-Eleven's traditional fare, as does its slim packaging.

Des Hague, the convenience chain's vice president of fresh food, agrees that a premium product like sushi doesn't jell well with the store's old image, but he thinks it will synchronize nicely with its attempts to add more produce, fresh sandwiches and baked goods.

"We want to offer something unique and different for the consumer," he said. "We don't want to be a 14-day-old sandwich and the same tired hot dogs on a grill."

While those treats have been strong sellers for most of the chain's 75-year history, food expert Phil Lempert said it needs the change.

By adding products like Okami's, he says, 7-Eleven can attract an upscale, professional clientele to complement its junk-food audience.

"Sushi has become more universal," said Lempert, editor in chief of Supermarketguru.com. "It's spread to more demographics than you'd think. People want taste, and they want quality. Since this isn't heavy, it's a good, quick pickup for someone who's working. Eating a few of those hot dogs with chili won't give you a very productive afternoon."

## Idaho guards M.V. residents' property

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - If your name is on this list, your Christmas might be a little cheerier.

The state is safeguarding unclaimed property owners' money, people or businesses whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley.

The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and hoping they'll claim the property.

It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have not been able to find the rightful owners, such as unclaimed stock dividends, worker's compensation benefits and the like.

The Times-News each week prints names of some unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in local communities. That feature typically appears on Thursdays. This time, however, it appears a day early because today's stock market closure means the newspaper won't publish a Money section Thursday.

This week the tax commission provided this list of unclaimed property owners who were omitted in previous listings for various cities:

**Boise:** [List of names and addresses]

**Coeur d'Alene:** [List of names and addresses]

**Idaho Falls:** [List of names and addresses]

**Jerome:** [List of names and addresses]

**Moe Valley:** [List of names and addresses]

**Shoshone:** [List of names and addresses]

**Twin Falls:** [List of names and addresses]

**Washington County:** [List of names and addresses]

**West Valley:** [List of names and addresses]

**Wyoming:** [List of names and addresses]

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## Kids' financial responsibility begins with help from parents

Moms and dads, step up and become Chief Financial Parents. You laugh? Hear me out.

For better or worse, your attitudes, actions and words will largely determine your child's values about money. Which is why you need to think of your household as a small consumer empire, with you as a CEO.

That's one of the messages in a new book from Jack Jonathan called "Yes, You Can! Raise Financially Aware Kids" (Stowers Innovations, \$19.95).

Jonathan is a former Hallmark Cards Inc. creative executive, and close associate of James E. Stowers, founder and chairman of the American Century Investments mutual fund company. As president of Stowers Innovations Inc., Jonathan, who is 81, runs a company that promotes Stowers' philosophies through books and other projects.

This book, released last month, is a continuation of Stowers' campaign of promoting financial education and financial independence. Ten years ago, Stowers

and Jonathan wrote the book "Yes, You Can ... Achieve Financial Independence."

The new book is aimed at parents with children ages 3 to 18 and shows how to teach kids to appreciate the value of a dollar. It covers topics such as allowances, budgeting, checking accounts, comparison-shopping, and even basic investment tips and advice on how to select the proper stock or mutual fund.

What makes "Yes, You Can!" a highly effective teaching tool are

the hands-on projects and activities for children. Each chapter includes age-appropriate projects designed to teach money management skills to those in preschool through high school.

For example, with children of almost any age, watch a television program and after the show, ask the children what they remembered about the commercials. See if marketing plays can be spotted that prompt us to buy products.

Or, to show your older children

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how much money is required to operate the household, have him or her write out the checks (you will still sign them, of course) for a monthly bill needing to be paid for a mortgage or from mortgage to car to utilities.

Among the book's other suggestions:
• If you go to the ATM before a shopping trip, let your children watch the screen as you punch in your selections. Point out that you have to have the money in the bank to cover transactions from checking and savings accounts.

• Don't use credit cards to buy things you cannot afford. Talk to your children about how credit cards borrow from your future income and the consequences of late fees and finance charges.

Glambia

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Avenue building that used to serve as offices for Universal Frozen Foods. The research and development operation moved there from Glambia's Richfield wheat plant this fall to get roomier quarters and to ease recruitment of scientists and other highly educated workers.

The move was unrelated to splitting off the nutrition company, Williams said.

A couple of additional employees are expected to join the Twin Falls scientists' ranks next year.

Glambia Inc is publicly traded on the Dublin, Ireland, and London exchanges but still majority owned by farmer members, Williams said.

Its new business unit "will seek to advance the group's position in the growing global nutritional ingredients market

Have your children clean out their closets of toys they no longer play with. Then take them with you to a charity drop-off point or put the donations in front of your house for a pickup. Remember to tell them how much the new owner of the toy will appreciate getting it and how nice it is for them to think about others.

Jonathan said most of these hands-on activities came from transitioning sessions in the past year with parents, teachers, students and others. Jonathan also credits five colleagues who collaborated with him to create the book.

One of the consistent themes in "Yes, You Can!" is the need for having discussions with your children about money. "We have overcome the hurdle of talking about sex with our children," said

Sam Goller, one of the book's collaborators. "The next hurdle is talking about money."

Jonathan said one of his biggest goals is to help parents "combat a culture that bombards children with so many wants." In today's marketing-driven world, he adds, financial literacy is paramount.

And, I might add, parents can play a big role.
• The book is available in some bookstores, and can also be ordered by calling (800) 234-3445 or go to www.stowers-innovations.com. A companion puzzle and coloring book also is free through Stowers Innovations.

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through the development of existing operations as well as through strategic alliances, joint venture agreements and, where appropriate, by acquisition," a Glambia Nutritionals statement said.

That means the new company will be looking outside itself to enhance its products — perhaps through contract manufacturers that blend in other ingredients, for instance, Williams said.

The creation of Glambia Nutritionals is a wide component of our growth strategy in the nutritional sector. It brings together under one structure the necessary innovation, sales and marketing and strategic development resources required to advance our current position in this sector," said John Moloney, group managing director for Glambia Inc.

The new business unit will have an international network of sales offices and production sites, the statement said. The business is headed by Jerry O'Dea, formerly vice president of Glambia Ingredients USA.

A newly established executive management team also comprises Andy Fleming, executive vice president, finance and strategy; Steve Singer, vice president, sales and customer service; Robert Beusner, director of business development; and Eric Bastian, director of research and development.

Bastian heads the R&D center in Twin Falls; the rest of the management team is in Wisconsin.

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Stocks fall on durable goods report

NEW YORK (AP) — A tepid durable-goods report pressured Wall Street Tuesday, sending stocks modestly lower as investors already nervous about holiday sales saw little hope of a strengthening economy anytime soon.

Volume was light the day before Christmas, when the stock market will be closed. Trading finished in a shortened session Tuesday at 1 p.m.

"The durable goods orders really took the cheer out of the holiday," said Todd Clark, head of listed equity trading at Wells Fargo Securities. "It suggests the corporate earnings that people had hoped would firm up is not."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 45.18, or 0.5 percent, to close at 8,448.11, for a two-day loss of 63 points.

The broader market also finished lower. The Nasdaq composite index dropped 9.22, or 0.7 percent, to 1,372.47. The Standard & Poor's 500 index ended 4.91, or 0.6 percent, to 832.47.

The Commerce Department

reported Tuesday that orders to U.S. factories for big ticket goods fell 1.4 percent in November, dealing a setback to the nation's manufacturers. Economists were expecting an increase of 0.8 percent.

Analysts say investors are concerned that holiday retail sales have been overly sluggish. They add that the market's traditional Santa Claus rally on optimism for the coming new year is in question because of investors' concerns about a war with Iraq and doubts about the economy.

Still, some believe 2003 offers better market prospects, particularly if a Republican-controlled Congress passes business-friendly tax cuts.

"Over the longer term for next year, we do think the economy can continue to expand," said Kevin Carr, market strategist at Ryan, Beck & Co. LLC. "And should we get a resolution in Iraq, should we get a tax package... you could have a fairly decent rally in stock prices."

Target dropped 36 cents to \$28.18 after the retailer reported that its sales fell below estimates.

Ultimate Electronics fell \$1.57 to \$9.48 after the operator of consumer electronic stores lowered its fourth-quarter outlook, citing lagging holiday sales.

Gainers included Sun Microsystems, which rose 17 cents to \$3.13 after a federal judge ordered Microsoft to distribute Sun's Java programming in Microsoft's operating system, pending the outcome of Sun's private antitrust suit. Microsoft dropped 18 cents to \$33.82.

Declining issues outnumbered advances 7 to 6 on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume came to 457.75 million shares, compared with 1.09 billion traded Monday. The Russell 2000 index, which tracks smaller company stocks, fell 1.61, or 0.4 percent, to 388.12. Overseas, Japan's Nikkei stock average rose 1.3 percent. In Europe, France's CAC-40 fell 0.2 percent and Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.1 percent.

Manufacturing orders fall 1.4 percent in November

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's manufacturers stumbled in November as orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket goods took an unexpected dip, fresh evidence that the national economy still is going through a rough patch of its own.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that orders for durables, costly manufactured products expected to last at least three years, fell 1.4 percent in November from the previous month.

The drop came after a 1.7 percent rise in orders in October and marked the weakest showing since September, when orders plunged 4.6 percent.

November's decline surprised economists, who had forecast an increase in orders of around 0.8 percent.

"Manufacturing in general is flat," said economist Clifford Waldman, a resident of Waldman Associates. "It is at the 50 year line, if you will."

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Scandals marked market's vulnerability

Slow business spending kept the economy weak

NEW YORK (AP) — Executives were led by the scandals and business leaders took the Fifth Amendment, images of a tumultuous year in which the fabric of corporate America was tearing apart...



John Rigas, founder, former chairman and CEO of cable television giant Adelphia Communications Corp., is led from New York's main post office building by U.S. postal inspector police last July on his way to federal court in Manhattan.

Four other executives to loot the company, leading prosecutors to seek the forfeiture of more than \$2.5 billion. 'Despite the lip service, executives weren't really managing their companies in the long-term interests of the shareholders,' White said.

York University's Stern School of Business, said the type of behavior exposed in 2002 only happens when there is "a breakdown of institutions." 'That was combined with accountants not doing their job, shareholders being misled by those back-to-back years of double-digit gains, figuring they didn't have to pay attention, and the analysts essentially getting co-opted by the companies they're supposed to cover'.

gymnasts, then Arthur Andersen no doubt will go down in history as their famous coach. 'At the very least, experts said, Arthur Andersen should have spotted the bookkeeping stunts. The firm said clients such as Enron and WorldCom withheld vital information, but in June it was convicted by a Texas jury of obstruction of justice for shredding Enron documents.' Andersen was reduced to a shell of its former self, and its foibles hinted at much larger problems, especially potential conflicts of interests when an auditor was also a consultant. Andersen, for example, received about \$27 million a year in consulting fees from Enron on top of a similar amount in auditing fees.



NEW YORK (AP) — Still hung over from the excesses of the 1990s, the U.S. economy is expected to turn in a lackluster performance in 2003. And that's the optimistic forecast from business economists. 'After a year in which the economy struggled for momentum, it could be thrown back into recession next year if there was a prolonged war in Iraq or another serious terrorist attack, they say.' 'We're looking at a very moderate economic recovery' from the 2001 recession, said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist for Wells Fargo & Co. 'That assumes that Iraq will not be a major problem, a fairly quick and decisive confrontation.'

and restructurings, setting the stage for some expansion in the next couple of years. 'But it won't be close to the boom we had in the 1990s, and that's why we're projecting such a slow growth recovery,' Reiser said. 'Another constraint on capital spending is that business confidence has been shattered by a series of corporate scandals and three years of punishing share price declines.' 'The millions of Americans who have lost their jobs because of corporate cutbacks don't have a lot to look forward to in 2003,' warned Richard Berner, chief U.S. economist at Morgan Stanley. 'If we get 3 percent growth, it's not enough to suggest a lower unemployment rate, though it is enough to keep it from rising appreciably further,' he said. 'The nation's jobless rate rose to 5 percent in November as companies continued reducing their work forces, according to the latest government data.' Berner also believes that the imbalance in world trade is slowing the nation's economic recovery. 'There's no engine of growth outside of the U.S.,' he said. 'Economic weakness in Europe and other regions has hampered the growth of American exports.' 'The recent depreciation of the dollar, coming on top of the stock market crash, has prompted some foreigners to pull their money out of America.'

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# Anti-war activists plan protests if U.S. attacks Iraq

## Peace movement choreographs civil disobedience

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — If a major war breaks out in Iraq, the first thing Rev. Stuart Fitch plans to do is pray, sending love to everyone from Saddam Hussein to President Bush. Then he'll call his congregation to church for a service.

And then, perhaps, the 78-year-old Episcopalian clergyman will get himself arrested.

"There will be plenty of people going to jail that day," said Fitch, who wears his stiff pastoral collar beneath a powder-blue shirt. "I'm thinking about joining them."

While the Pentagon has spent the past year training troops, building facilities and stockpiling weapons to launch a war against Iraq, the peace movement has been using the buildup time to coordinate "emergency response plans" to disrupt domestic military activity, tie up commerce and get out their anti-war message.

Rally meeting places are posted, march routes set, protest signs painted, acts of nonviolent civil disobedience choreographed.

Activists in more than a dozen cities have announced where and when to meet on the first day of war — what they call "The Day Of." In Dallas, they plan speeches at City Hall; in San Francisco, they plan to block traffic in the business district; in St. Louis they will hold a candlelight vigil downtown; in Seattle they plan to march at the federal building. In New York City, organizers hope to crowd Times Square with protesters.

Some Bush administration supporters who believe war in Iraq will probably be necessary think the demonstrations could be harmful to U.S. interests.

"They encourage the enemy," said Michael Ledeen, a foreign policy expert at Washington-based American Enterprise Institute. "The Iraqis will look at it and say, 'Ah ha! The people are not with the American government on this.'"

But Ledeen said he also wouldn't want to hamper anyone's right to free speech. "If people want to be stupid, they're entitled," he said. "They're entitled."

The key hurdle to the war "is doing wonders for organizing," according to Scott Lynch, a spokesman for Peace Action, the largest anti-war activism group in the United States, which claims 85,000 members in 100 chapters around the country.

The year-long prep time has also brought a broad array of people to the movement, Lynch said. "Our community now entails a much more moderate and wider swath of America. It's not the fringe and it's not the old lefties and it's not the kids with purple hair and nose rings," he said.

The movement — which has already brought thousands of people to the streets in recent protests — has grown broader and more sophisticated, said UC Davis American studies professor Michael Smith, who studies activism in the United States.

University students and former anti-Vietnam War activists are a large part of the movement, but an incongruous coalition of business and corporate leaders, labor unions, minority advocacy groups, religious congregations, feminist organizations, environmentalists, high school students and veterans who fought in the Persian Gulf have been showing up at rallies around the country.

Twenty-three U.S. cities have passed anti-war resolutions, and groups ranging from the National Council of Churches to chapters of the Sierra Club and the National Organization for Women have issued anti-war statements.

"There are the usual suspects but there's also a much larger variety of people we haven't seen involved before," said Jen Geiger, national program director of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in Philadelphia.

Peace organizers also said new technology — e-mail distribution lists, Internet literary Web sites, cellular telephones, pagers and other devices that help get the word out quickly — are helping their effort. There are telephone trees from Olympia, Wash., to Fayetteville, Ark., and small lists at peace and justice centers around the country with thousands of names ready to be dispatched to demonstrations.

Bob Fitch, who has worked with anti-war organizations in the United States for more than 50 years, said the peace movement has never been better organized.



Chanting "No more blood for oil," students at the University of Texas march through the Doble Center Dec. 10 in Austin, Texas. Americans in more than 100 communities took to the streets this day in mostly small, low-key events to protest a possible war on Iraq.

"I would say it might be a significant surprise to the government to see how well we are organized," said Fitch, who is not related to Stuart Fitch. Bob Fitch currently works with the Santa Cruz Resource Center for Nonviolence.

Anti-war activists such as Mike Yarow of Seattle say the long lead time has also allowed them to do some thoughtful planning.

"We're trying to be creative about civil disobedience," Yarow said. "A lot of us want to show our commitment to a peaceful world but don't want to aggravate people by making their drive home more difficult."

Plans are not limited to the United States. U.S. embassies and consulates from Oslo, Norway, to Auckland, New Zealand, have been targeted as sites for rallies and demonstrations if a major attack occurs.

"I think we will see the most significant outpouring of U.S. opposition to this government since the time of the Vietnam war," said Gordon Clark of Silver Spring, Md., a leading peace activist.

While most activists plan peaceful, mostly legal protests, some are laying plans to disrupt government operations.

More than 5,000 people have signed pledges agreeing to engage in acts of nonviolent civil disobedience at federal buildings, congressional offices and military installations, according to the Iraq Peace Pledge organizers in Nyack, N.Y. Such disruptions would likely lead to arrests.

A loosely knit group of activists called the Military Globalization Project said it is preparing a "security zone occupation" at Vandenberg Air Force Base on the California coast, the site used by the Defense Department for all West Coast missile and space launches. Their plan: Hike into the base and disrupt the global surveillance and weapons targeting systems used to guide bombers, gunships and military strike forces. The group declined to say how it would disrupt these systems.

A spokesman at Vandenberg said security officers are aware of the plans and are prepared. "Without going into specific base security measures are tailored to the current threat," said Master Sgt. Lloyd Conley.

Organizers and security experts say it is impossible to predict how many people will take to the streets.

Peace rallies around the United States and abroad on Oct. 25 drew 250,000 participants, according to law enforcement agencies. In some places such as Washington, D.C. — where police didn't dispute estimates of 100,000 marchers — officials said the crowds hadn't been that large since the Vietnam era.

On Dec. 10, another day of protest, rallies were mostly smaller but took place in more than 100 communities in the United States, according to news reports. About 140 people were arrested at various sites for disrupting the peace.

A recent CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll found that 81 percent of Americans responding believe the only way to disarm Iraq is to remove Saddam from power. A little more than half favored using U.S. ground troops to accomplish that goal. The poll of 1,009 people

had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. In Washington, where demonstrators have contingency plans in case streets near the White House are shut down, police spokesmen

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Twin Cinema 12  
 Movies to Dec 31st  
 Hot Chick (13) 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:30 - 9:45  
 Treasure Planet (PG) 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:30 - 9:45  
 Catch Me If You Can (13) 1:00 - 4:30 - 7:00 - 9:55  
 Lord of Rings: Two Towers (13) 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:30 - 9:45  
 Santa Clause 2 (G) 12:00 - 3:30 - 7:15  
 Daily Digital 12:00 - 12:00 - 3:30 - 7:15 Daily Digital 12:00 - 12:00 - 3:30 - 7:15

Odyssey 6 Theatre  
 Movies to Dec 31st  
 Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:30 - 9:45  
 Two Weeks Notice (13) 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:30 - 9:45  
 Wild Thornberry Movie (PG) 12:30 - 2:15 - 4:30 - 7:00 - 9:10  
 Maid in Manhattan (13) 12:45 - 3:00 - 5:15 - 7:40 - 9:50  
 Harry Potter 2 (PG) 12:00 - 3:30 - 7:15 - 9:10  
 Santa Clause 2 (G) 12:00 - 2:15 - 4:30 - 7:00

Odyssey 6 Theatre  
 Movies to Dec 31st  
 Analyze That (PG) 12:30 - 2:15 - 4:30 - 7:30 - 9:40  
 Pinocchio (G) 12:30 - 2:15 - 4:30 - 7:30 - 9:40  
 Star Trek Nemesis 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:30 - 9:45  
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\$188,000 - wonderful 19 family home with an excellent park-like setting. The kids will love the huge, shaded back yard with mature trees. The home has six bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Over 3200 sq. ft. of quality living space. Main floor family room with brick fireplace and a formal dining. The garage, central vacuum, central air. Close to Sawtooth Elementary School. Call Dorothy or Ken 734-0400. MLS# 103715

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\$134,900. Brand new custom home in the great NE area on private lane. This large spacious home has 1,824 sq. ft. with primary master bdrm w/unique ceramic tile in kitchen, 2 bathrooms, large walk-in pantry, exterior all stone breakfast bar and many more extras. This 4 bdrm 2 bath home has an open large lot with finished 2 car garage. Call Tracy today at 326-8808 or 734-0400. Realtor owned. MLS# 101946

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## 2003 DODGE NEON SXT

Stock #127N-026 Color: Yellow • 5-Speed • Air Conditioning • Tilt • Cruise • Power Windows & Locks • Spoiler • Sunroof • Chrome Wheels • 7 Year 70,000 Mile Power Train Warranty • 24 Hour Roadside Assistance • Dual Air Bags

WAS \$18,095  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$5,007  
NOW \$13088  
OR \$179 MO.  
72 months at 5.99% APR, OAC.



## 2003 JEEP WRANGLER 4x4

Stock #33WR-021 Color: Stone White • 5-Speed Transmission • Soft Top • 7 Year 70,000 Mile Power Train Warranty • 24 Hour Roadside Assistance • Dual Air Bags

WAS \$21,510  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$5,522  
NOW \$15988  
OR \$209 MO.  
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## 2003 DODGE CARAVAN

Stock #3TC-029 Color: White • Air Conditioning • Tilt Steering • Cruise Control • AM/FM Cassette • 7 Year 70,000 Mile Power Train Warranty • 24 Hour Roadside Assistance • Dual Air Bags

WAS \$24,790  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$6,502  
NOW \$18288  
OR \$219 MO.  
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Stock #123-018 Color: Lt. Almond • Air Conditioning • Tilt Steering • Cruise Control • Power Windows, Locks, Seats • Sunroof • AM/FM Cassette CD/2 Year 70,000 Mile Power Train Warranty • 24 Hour Roadside Assistance • Dual Air Bags

WAS \$26,285  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$4,897  
NOW \$21388  
OR \$259 MO.  
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Stock #17D-361 Color: Graphite • Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning • Tilt Steering • Cruise Control • Power Windows • Power Locks • 7 Year 70,000 Mile Power Train Warranty • 24 Hour Roadside Assistance • Dual Air Bags

WAS \$29,850  
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NOW \$21488  
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## 2003 DODGE DURANGO

Stock #120-303 Color: Thunderbolt Green • Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning • Cruise Control • Power Windows • Power Locks • 7 Year 70,000 Mile Power Train Warranty • 24 Hour Roadside Assistance • Dual Air Bags

WAS \$35,280  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$9,392  
NOW \$25888  
OR \$319 MO.  
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Stock #17-196 Color: Graphite • Air Conditioning • Cruise Control • Tilt Steering • Power Windows • Power Locks • Power Seats • Keyless Entry • Bed Package • 7 Year 70,000 Mile Power Train Warranty • 24 Hour Roadside Assistance • Dual Air Bags

WAS \$37,190  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$10,952  
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OR \$319 MO.  
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## 2003 CHRYSLER 300M

Stock #134-010 Color: Sapphire Blue • Automatic • Air • Tilt • Cruise • Power Windows • Power Locks • Sunroof • Leather • Loaded • 7 Year 70,000 Mile Power Train Warranty • 24 Hour Roadside Assistance • Dual Air Bags

WAS \$36,120  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$6,432  
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OR \$359 MO.  
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Stock #17-182 Color: Flame Red • 4-Speed • Air • Cruise • Tilt • Power Windows • Power Locks • Power Mirrors • AM/FM CD • 7 Year 70,000 Mile Power Train Warranty • 24 Hour Roadside Assistance • Dual Air Bags

WAS \$42,240  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$10,452  
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OR \$389 MO.  
84 months at 5.99% APR, OAC.



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**RUPERT Country living 5 bdrm.** 1 bath on 5 acre. 15 mi. N. of Rupert. Call 678-9180 or 431-1355

**SHOSHONE 4 miles N.** newer 3 bdrm, 2 bath, garage. 5 acres. \$720+ deposit. Call 886-9674

**TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, W/D** hook-up. \$475+dep. No pets. P&H, incl. Yard care provided. Call 733-2772

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**BURLEY 8-plex, '01 net** income \$18,888. Asking \$188,000. 3 pleasee call Kim Gooding 737-3940. Call Kim 1-800-306-4267

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BUHL Nice size 2 bdrm unit, ref, off street parking, sec. heat. \$375.

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CLOSE TO SCHOOLS 3 bdrm unit. Garage, small yard, off street parking, appls, gas heat \$975.00

CLOSE TO SCHOOLS 2 bdrm, 2 bath, W/D hook-up, stove, off street parking, sprinkler system. \$200 a month plus dep. THE MOGHT 738-0736

LDEN (2) 2 bdrms. \$300 mo. \$200 dep. No pets. You pay power, see pay the rest. Call Kathy at 625-4343"

GOODING Low Income subsidized, 1 bdrm, apt. at West Side Court. For senior &/or disabled. Clear nice neighborhood, hood, walking distance to Ridley & Kings. 3 apts. available. Call Shirley 934-496 weekdays no. fore noon. 8m. pets and smoking OK. Equal Housing Opportunity

HEYSURH Taking applications for waiting list. 1, 2 & 3 bdrm. apts. Mountain View East 878-9141"

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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm Apartments Very quiet living Appliances, AC, W/D, extra storage, balconies, carpets. No smoking/pets \$510 + No Pet 736-0473"

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TWIN FALLS Sparkling Clean \$300 8325 and up. \$200 off 1st month rent. 833 SHOSHONE N. 736-2473 734-4339

TWIN FALLS (3) bdm, 2 bath, w/garage, Updates \$700. + dep. \$740. 833 SHOSHONE N. 734-8243."

TWIN FALLS "FALLS APTS." and Present View 1,2,3 Bdrms. \$349-495 Some DW & W/D hookups. No smoking. No pets. 734-6600"

TWIN FALLS 1 bdm apt. No smoking. For details call 733-8374 after 2pm."

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TWIN FALLS 1-3 bdrm units Hallows Property Mgmt. 734-4334

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, brick duplex, W/D hookups, DW, gas heat, vaulted ceilings, no smoking/pets. \$550+dep. Call 733-9473"

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, \$475-\$375 dep. 2 Falls Property Mgmt. 412-4920-9135(even)

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm. 1 1/2 bath, w/garage, close to CSI, no smoking/pets. \$525+dep. \$1 dep 731-9214"

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm/2 bath close to CSI, all appls. No smoking or pets. \$550. Call 734-3373.

TWIN FALLS 2 bedroom 2 bath, gas heat, all appls., W/D. Call 644-9137."

TWIN FALLS 2 bedroom, 1 bath, Stove, refrig, DW & W/D. No pets. 732-0865."

TWIN FALLS 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex, garage, w/laundry, DW, W/D hookups. City utility. pd. \$575+dep. NO smoking/pets. Call CSI, 601, 601/25, 934-5771"

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