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# Odor eater gets test at dairy

## Technology could reduce odors while producing power for dairymen to sell

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Imagine dairy workers chasing after old Bossy with buckets to catch her fresh 102-degree manure, and you might not be too far from reality.

To make an anaerobic digester work, the temperature has to be between 95 degrees and 100 degrees inside the tank. That's where the manure is turned into gases and other byproducts such as composting and bedding materials. And the warmer the manure is when it's put into the digester, the less energy it will take to break it down.

That habit was discussed dur-

ing a three-hour seminar at the College of Southern Idaho on Tuesday in which students presented final projects in an agricultural class taught by Ron Sheffield, University of Idaho Waste-Management-Engineer. In addition, engineer Matt Thompson from the state Department of Agriculture displayed and explained an experimental anaerobic digester that will be operating by March.

In other parts of the country, anaerobic digesters already are serving two purposes: reducing odors and generating electricity that dairymen can sell.

A small digester, which will only break down the manure of eight

cows per day, is to be located near Filer on the Desert View Dairy, formerly known as the Dutch Touch Dairy. Jerome dairyman John Beukers is leasing the Filer dairy and agreed to let the University of Idaho place the experimental digester on his facility.

Odor mitigation along with other environmental concerns are the main reason that digesters have been constructed in other parts of the nation. But during the next 17 years, electricity costs to consumers is expected to double, making the use of digesters more attractive to dairy producers to generate electricity for sale, said Randy Alphin, of Idaho Power Co. The company gave the university

\$50,000 to conduct the study on the Beukers dairy.

"We think it is important for us to understand this technology and see if they can be used in the state of Idaho," Alphin said.

On Tuesday, Idaho Power got its first progress report on how the money is being used.

The impetus for Idaho Power to offer the grant comes from a requirement by the Public Utilities Commission. The three-member regulatory group asks Idaho Power to provide every two years an Integrated Resource Plan. The plan is to include a forecast of Idaho's energy needs over the next 15 to 20 years and to analyze Idaho's renewable resources.

Alphin noted that in the world of major electricity providers, new facilities have to be projected ahead at least 10 to 20 years. There are more and more kinds of cogenerators popping up all the time, including wind generators, small hydro-electric generators and generators of power from geothermal sources.

A dairy with 4,000 or 5,000 cows could generate about 8,000 kilowatt hours per day, he said. That's enough electricity for about 120 average homes each month. Of course, the dairy would keep some of the electricity for itself to run operations.

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## A JOYFUL SOUND



Laurie Wirtz and her son Matthew, 4, listen to third-graders at the St. Edward's Catholic School Christmas Program in Twin Falls Tuesday.

# Paramedics rack up \$300,000 in extra pay

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center says its ambulance service is more than \$500,000 in the red.

Over time, according to hospital records obtained by *The Times-News* via a public records request, accounts for a large chunk of that.

But Gilbert Schmidt, Magic Valley Regional's paramedic department manager, said those hours should come down considerably in January when Jerome County ends its contract with Magic Valley Regional to contract with St. Benedict's Family Medical Center to provide ambulance services.

A look at their pay; Hansen ponders an ambulance district — A2

# Report cites ex-U.I. chief for botched project

The Associated Press

BOISE — The dogmatic culture of the University of Idaho community coupled with the strong personalities of two former leaders created an atmosphere that led to the school's botched University Place project, an investigation concluded.

The 600-page report of Boise attorney Larry Prince, released on Tuesday, suggested that attitude placed the project ahead of propriety or compliance with the law and policy, Prince said that enabled the financial manipulations by the university and its foundation that may have violated state law and breached responsibilities to donors.

"Due to the nature and significance of our findings, we believe a complete re-engineering of the processes, policies and controls

associated with capital projects is required," the auditors hired by Prince concluded.

Prince, who took six months and has billed the school for more than \$638,000, found that while former Financial Vice President Jerry Wallace was the point man on University Place and directly involved in many of the decisions, the project was that of former President Robert Hoover.

The projection was initiated in 2001 while the economy still seemed strong. The multi-building

\$136 million University Place complex was to include the Idaho Water Center housing federal, state- and university-related activities, a health-science center for Idaho State University programs and a University of Idaho classroom building.

The Legislature approved financing the complex through bonds, but then the economy went sour, thwarting the bond repayment plan and forcing the university to abandon all but the Water Center part of the complex. Hoover and Wallace were out of jobs in the fallout, and the foundation wrote off \$15.6 million of its investment in the project as unrecoverable.

Prince found conflicts of interest among the law firms involved in University Place, possible over-

payments in some areas and an overall lack of adequate planning or management of such a complicated project.

While no instances of false statements about the project were uncovered, Prince said there were repeated instances of university officials omitting critical information or misleading state officials by failing to fully disclose pertinent material.

The state Board of Education, which was briefed secretly on the report last week, directed members Laird Stone of Twin Falls and Rod Lewis of Boise to evaluate the findings and recommend any policy or law changes they believed necessary. Board Director Gary Stivers said there is no deadline for those recommendations.

# Suicide bombers wound 61; U.S. defensive measures hold

## Troops fire on car before it gets inside base

By Bassem Mroue  
Associated Press writer

TALAFAR, Iraq — Suicide bombers, one in a car and another on foot, blew themselves up at the gates of two U.S. military bases on Tuesday, wounding 61 American soldiers but failing to inflict deadly casualties on the scale of recent attacks in Iraq.

Most of the soldiers were slightly hurt by debris and flying glass, indicating that massive defenses — sand barriers, high cement walls and numerous roadblocks leading to the entrances of bases — have paid off for American troops occupying Iraq.

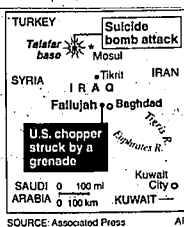
At the same time, the decision of the suicide bombers to test U.S.

## Iraq will have war-crimes court — A5

defenses reflected the tenacity of an enemy that seeks to undermine American resolve by inflicting mass casualties with a single strike.

The image of U.S. soldiers increasingly hunkered down in fortified bases could also undermine their efforts to befriend Iraqis as a U.S.-led coalition tries to rebuild Iraq and introduce democracy while fighting a persistent insurgency in some parts of the country.

On Tuesday, a U.S. Army observation helicopter took fire and



Iraqis clean up their computer shop after a suicide bomber's attack, blowing himself up Tuesday at a U.S. base in Talafar, 30 miles west of Mosul.

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Tonight: Cloudy with snow tapering to flurries...Lows in the upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy skies and seasonal temperatures. Highs in the middle 30s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 35, Low 28).

Yesterday's Weather

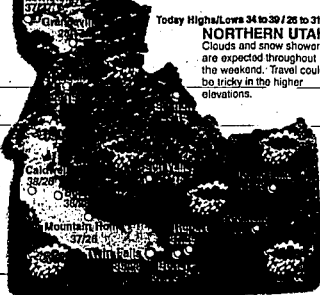
Table with 2 columns: City, Hi Lo Prep. Lists weather for various cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, etc.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy with occasional snow showers. Highs in the middle 30s.
Tonight: Cloudy and calm with flurries. Lows in the lower to middle 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy skies and seasonal temperatures. Highs approaching 40.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cloudy and unsettled weather is expected as a Pacific jet stream continues to pump moisture into the state.
Today Highs: 22 to 32. Tonight's Lows: 8 to 18.
BOISE: Cloudy skies and occasional snow showers are expected today.



Yesterday's State Extremes: High: 42 at Boise. Low: -2 at Stanley. Weather keys: sun, partly cloudy, mostly cloudy, snow, rain, thunderstorms, s.b. showers, rain, snow-snow, flurries, wind, m-missing.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes monthly and daily data.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Dec 16, Dec 23, Dec 30, Jan 7.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Twin Falls.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Table showing sunrise and sunset times for Twin Falls.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various Idaho cities.

NATIONAL FORECAST

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WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various world cities.

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CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various Canadian cities.

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Continued from A1. ...open rather than hiring people only to have to turn around and lay them off.
...It takes seven people to staff one ambulance station, Schmidt said.
...Over time is not unusual in the emergency medical services field, according to a 2003 study conducted by the Journal of Emergency Medical Services.

Digester

Continued from A1. Alphin suggested that at some point a number of dairies located close to each other could help alleviate the problem of Idaho Power having to build more transmission lines and power plants.
...Alphin said it is imperative to get anaerobic digesters going in Idaho Dairymen have been reluctant to get involved because they aren't sure how well the digesters will work or if they will pay off.

Working overtime

Table showing overtime pay for paramedics at Mag Valley Regional Medical Center. Columns include Name, Title, 2003-03 base, 2002-03 gross, Extra pay, Pct. of base.

Hansen ponders ambulance plan

By Sandy Miller, Times-News writer. HANSEN - For an injured farmer laying in his field, waiting an extra five minutes for an ambulance to arrive can seem like an eternity.
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Average pay of Mag Valley Regional's ambulance crews

Table showing average pay for ambulance crews. Columns include Job title, Starting salary, Average salary.

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Public hearings on ambulance district

County commissioners will hold public hearings tonight and tomorrow to discuss the establishment of an ambulance district. The meetings will begin at 7 p.m. at the following locations:
...Tonight: Twin Falls County Courthouse, third floor conference room, 425 Shawnee St. N., Twin Falls.
...Thursday: Buhl City Hall, 203 Broadway Ave. N., Buhl.

Woman helped with eye screenings

Tuesday's newspaper incorrectly identified a woman in a photograph of eye screenings at Memorial Elementary School in Rupert.
...Joan Falkner with the Syringa Lions helped with the eye screenings at the school.
...The Times-News regrets the error.

# Gore backing adds to Dean's momentum

Los Angeles Times

**CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa** — Enveloped by a new aura of establishment credibility, Howard Dean on Tuesday accepted the endorsement of former Vice President Al Gore, who urged rivals in the Democratic fight to shift their focus to the campaign against President Bush.



Howard Dean

Al Gore

Gore, who stunned Dean's opponents with his early endorsement, said he was swayed by the vigorous grassroots support for the former Vermont governor, as well as Dean's staunch opposition to the war in Iraq.

Gore said that among the nine Democratic contenders, Dean alone had generated "the kind of passion and enthusiasm for democracy and change and transformation of America that we need."

"We need to remake the Democratic Party; we need to

remake America; we need to take it back on behalf of the people of this country," Gore told a group of Dean supporters at a breakfast fund-raiser in the Harlem section of New York, the first of two joint appearances Tuesday.

The former vice president, who has carefully rationed his political appearances since conceding to Bush after the prolonged 2000 campaign, decided to endorse Dean last week, but the two kept it secret until word leaked Monday. While praising the Democratic

contenders as "a great field," Gore urged them to lay off each other and "keep their eyes on the prize."

He called the invasion of Iraq the worst U.S. foreign-policy blunder in more than two centuries, took a swipe at fellow Democrats who supported it and dismissed questions about Dean's electability by saying the candidate would "prove, the cynics and pessimists wrong."

"It was a mistake to get us into a quagmire over there," Gore said of Iraq. "So don't tell me that because Howard Dean was the only major candidate who was right about the war, that that somehow calls his judgment into question on foreign policy."

Denied a coveted endorsement, Dean rivals sought to downplay its significance, some even suggesting it was inconsistent with Gore's past beliefs.

Opening a debate Tuesday night in New Hampshire, the moderator, ABC's Ted Koppel, said to the candidates, "Raise your hand if you believe that Governor Dean can beat George Bush."

Only Dean raised his hand. Earlier in the day, the campaign of Sen. John F. Kerry of Massachusetts issued a long statement calling Dean and Gore an "odd couple" and asserting differences over policies, ranging from gun control to environmental protection. Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, Gore's vice-presidential running mate in the 2000 election, barely concealed his pique, describing a Tuesday morning phone call from Gore as "four to five minutes in length, and too late."

Gore's endorsement of Dean came after months of closed-door policy discussions between the two men, according to Joe Trippi, the manager of Dean's campaign.

# Sheriff: Missing student is likely dead

**GRAND-FORKS, N.D. (AP)** — Missing college student Dru Sjodin is probably dead, Grand Forks County Sheriff Dan Hill said Tuesday in confirming that preliminary DNA tests found Sjodin's blood in the car of the man suspected of kidnapping her.

"I certainly have to be discouraging to the family or anyone, but it looks to me now that it's more of a recovery mission than a rescue."

Hill also revealed searchers found a shoe belonging to the University of North Dakota student near the Red Lake River after she disappeared. Divers have searched the river thoroughly, and don't believe the body is there, he said.

Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 50, a convicted rapist, has been charged with Sjodin's kidnapping. He has said that he is innocent.

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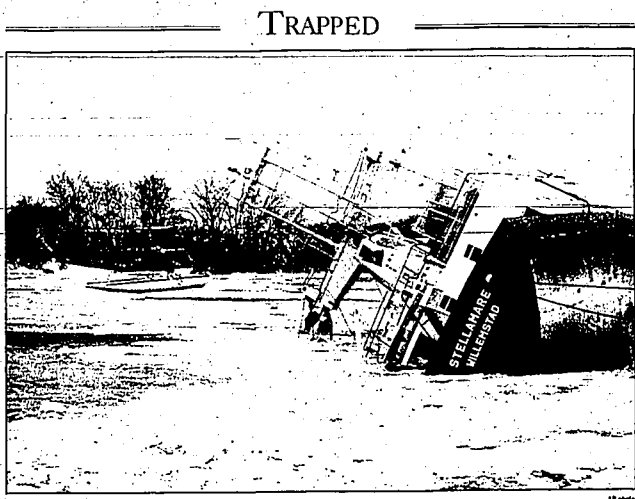
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# Boston will buy drugs from Canada

**BOSTON (AP)** — The city of Boston and the state of New Hampshire announced Tuesday they will begin buying prescription drugs from Canada, jumping to the forefront of the growing but illegal movement to take advantage of lower prices across the border.

New Hampshire would become the first state in the country to turn to Canada for drugs, and Boston would become the largest U.S. city.

Springfield, about 90 miles west of Boston, was the first U.S. city to begin importing Canadian drugs for city employees. Meanwhile, Burlington, Vt., plans to start importing prescription drugs for city employees starting March 1, Burlington Mayor Peter Clavelle said Tuesday.

"It's illegal, but it's about time we forced the issue," said Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino, a Democrat. "Why is the consumer the only one to pay full price for prescription drugs?"

The mayor said Boston will begin buying prescription drugs July 1 for about 7,000 city employees and retirees.

New Hampshire Gov. Craig Benson said the state will begin buying medicines for prison inmates and Medicaid recipients as soon as possible.

"It's time we stood up as a state and did the right thing and allowed citizens to purchase drugs from the most affordable supplier," said Benson, a Republican.

The Boston and New Hampshire plans were announced a day after President Bush signed the Medicare-prescription drug bill, which forbids reimportation of Canadian drugs unless the U.S. Health and Human Services Department certifies their safety. So far, the department has refused to do so.

# Virginia quake rattles states on East Coast

**RICHMOND, Va. (AP)** — Residents from North Carolina to Maryland were shaken Tuesday by a moderate earthquake that caused minor damage along the East Coast.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake, with a preliminary magnitude of 4.5, was centered about 28 miles west of Richmond. There were numerous reports from people who felt the quake in three states and the District of Columbia.

Virginia's Department of Emergency Management received some reports of minor damage, mainly from areas west of the epicenter, said Robert Spidlen, director of public affairs. He said the damage mostly amounted to items falling off walls.

It could take a few days before any structural damage appears, he said.

Irene Newton, who lives in Columbia, just outside Richmond, felt the quake at her home. "I was sitting at the organ playing 'Oh Holy Night' and all of a sudden I thought, 'Oh no, the furnace is blowing up.'"

# Court sentences another terror suspect from Buffalo to prison

**BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)** — One of six Yemen-American men accused of training at al-Qaida camp months before the Sept. 11 attacks was sentenced Tuesday to eight years in prison for supporting a foreign terrorist organization.

Shafiq Mosed, a 25-year-old American-born citizen, apologized to President Bush, his family and "my fellow Americans."

"I love my country," he said. "I'm very proud to be an American."

The six men from the Buffalo suburb of Lackawanna reached plea bargains this year that called for sentences between seven and

10 years.

"This is not a thought crime," U.S. District Judge William Skretny told Mosed. "If you had supported al-Qaida in your heart only, you would not be here today. You made a decision to take action."

But defense lawyer Patrick Brown maintained his client's support for the group was lukewarm at best, saying Mosed turned down a chance to meet Osama bin Laden.

"If this is a cause in which you believe and you have an opportunity to meet with the leader, why would you turn down that opportunity?" Brown asked.

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# Report: Postal rates should stay steady

WASHINGTON - The Postal Service reported a \$3.9-billion surplus for 2003 despite declining mail volume, and officials renewed their pledge to keep rates steady until 2006.

The agency had suffered losses the previous two years as mail volume dwindled in the wake of the terror attacks, the anthrax scare and the weak economy. That led to a rate increase last year to the current 37 cents for first-class mail.

The post office was \$676 million in the red last year and lost \$1.7 billion the year before.

Postal chief financial officer Richard J. Strasser said the positive 2003 results were achieved despite a decline in mail volume of 600 million pieces. Particularly troubling was a drop of 3.3 billion pieces of first-class mail, the agency's largest moneymaker.

The post office's financial plan predicts a surplus of \$2.1 billion in 2004 and to break even in 2005, depending on the performance of the economy, Strasser said. Signs of recovery have appeared in the economy, he noted, but growth in mail volume usually trails other indicators.

## HMOs will reap benefits from new Medicare law

WASHINGTON - Health maintenance organizations will start reaping the benefits of the new Medicare law with higher payments beginning in March, well before most seniors get significant help with their pharmacy bills.

The new prescription drug benefit does not begin until January 2006. Even the new physical exam for new enrollees in Medicare won't be covered until 2005.

But the HMOs in Medicare, serving 4.6 million seniors, will receive an additional \$1.3 billion in 2004 and 2005 under the law President Bush signed Monday, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

The industry's representatives said the increase is needed because the payment formula has shortchanged HMOs in past years.

Opponents of the new law said the increased payments are evidence of a "bias toward private insurers by the Bush administration." By 2006, the government will be paying HMOs 25 percent more than traditional Medicare costs for the same beneficiaries, said Robert Berenson, an expert on health care at the Urban Institute.

## Psychologist says sniper suspect has mental disorder

CHESAPEAKE, Va. - Prosecutors on Tuesday challenged a psychologist's testimony that sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo was a brainwashed puppet of mastermind John Allen Muhammad, saying the teen twice

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ran away to join Muhammad and began killing soon after.

During cross-examination Tuesday, prosecutor Robert E. Horan Jr. said Malvo committed his first killing at Muhammad's bidding just 10 weeks after he ran away from his mother. Malvo confessed to the Feb. 16, 2002, slaying of Keenya Cook in Tacoma, Wash., saying he walked up to her house and shot her in the face at point-blank range.

Psychologist Dewey Cornell said Malvo wanted to please Muhammad and that Cook's killing served as Malvo's first test that he would do Muhammad's bidding.

The series of sniper attacks that killed 10 people in the Washington, D.C., suburbs happened eight months later, in October 2002.

Also Tuesday, Cornell acknowledged that he did not mention any specific diagnosis in a mental health report to the court on Malvo.

## Club owners, tour manager face charges in deadly fire

WARWICK, R.I. - The owners of the nightclub where 100 people were killed in a fire last February were indicted on involuntary manslaughter charges Tuesday along with the tour manager for the heavy metal band whose pyrotechnics ignited the blaze.

Club owners Jeffrey and Michael Dordarian and Great White tour manager Dan Biechele were each charged with 200 counts of involuntary manslaughter - two for each death. All three men pleaded innocent during an arraignment in which bail was also set.

The indictment marks the first criminal charges to result from the Feb. 20 fire at The Station nightclub. About 200 people were injured in what was one of the deadliest nightclub fires in the nation's history.

The fire started after the pyrotechnics were shot off just seconds into Great White's first song, quickly igniting the highly flammable foam that had been placed around the stage as soundproofing.

## Prosecutors won't retry man cleared from death row

MEDLA, Pa. - Charges were dropped Tuesday against a man who spent 20 years on Pennsylvania's death row for a murder that DNA evidence says he did not commit.

The decision makes Nicholas Yarris the first Pennsylvania death row inmate cleared by DNA evidence, but the will remain jailed pending appeals on crimes he committed after escaping from sheriff's deputies 15 years ago.

Prosecutor Sheldon Kovach filed the motion Tuesday to drop the rape and murder charges in the 1981 death of a woman in the Philadelphia area.

## Former two-term Illinois senator dies at 75

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. - Paul Simon, the bow-tie-wearing missionary's son who rose from crusading newspaper owner to two-term U.S. senator and presidential aspirant, died Tuesday, a day after undergoing heart surgery. He was 75.

Simon started a public policy institute after his retirement at Southern Illinois University.

The Southern Illinois Democrat's political career began with his election to the state Legislature in 1954 and culminated with his election to the U.S. Senate in 1984. He retired from Congress in 1997.

Simon announced in 1987 that he was seeking the Democratic nomination for president the following year. He suspended his campaign in April 1988 after having won only his home state's primary. Simon was a bespectacled, slightly cumbered man with a strong reputation for honesty, a politician who began disclosing his personal finances in the 1950s. He had the sober, straight-laced bearing of a Sunday school teacher and wrote 13 books. Simon blended fiscal conservatism and social liberalism.

## Schwarzenegger disregards plan for groping probe

SACRAMENTO - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is dropping a plan to hire a private investigator to examine allegations that he groped at least 16 women over the last three decades, a spokesman said Monday.

The governor is busy with the state's budget crisis and doubts that such an inquiry would appease critics, said Rob Stutzman, communications director for Schwarzenegger. Because of that, he has decided not to look into the charges himself - as he promised to do in the final days of the recall campaign - Stutzman said.

The decision became public the same day one of the women who had accused Schwarzenegger of groping her sued him and his campaign for libel.

"We continue to believe that much of this was politically motivated," Stutzman said. "We contin-

ue to believe much of it was the product of questionable journalism. But the results of the election spoke loudly to this issue. And he's moving on in focusing on being governor."

## HUD secretary resigns; likely to seek Florida Senate seat

WASHINGTON - Mel Martinez resigned as secretary of President Bush's Department of Housing and Urban Development on Tuesday and was expected to run for a Senate seat in Florida.

Martinez, the Cuban-born former chief executive of Florida's Orange County, has been near the bottom of polls that listed him among possible Senate contenders though he had not announced he would run. The White House has urged Martinez to run for the seat being vacated by Florida Democrat Bob Graham, and Bush wished Martinez well.

It was the third departure from Bush's Cabinet. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and Christie Whitman, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, have also quit.

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Bon-Macy's	10-9	10-9	10-9	10-9	10-10	9-10	10-7
JCPenney	9-10	9-10	9-10	9-10	8-10	7-10	8-7
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# Woman blows herself up near Red Square

MOSCOW (AP) - A suicide bomber who may have intended to attack Russia's parliament blew herself up outside a nearby upscale hotel across from Red Square on Tuesday, killing five people and sparking fears of a new wave of terror attacks in the Russian capital.

The bombing, which also wounded at least 12 people, came on the heels of Sunday's nationwide elections for parliament's lower house and only days after a woman blew herself up on a train in southern Russia, killing 44 people.

Police were searching for a second woman suspected of involvement in Tuesday's attack, warning that she might also be carrying explosives. No group claimed responsibility, but past attacks - including ones carried out by female suicide bombers - have been blamed on rebels from the breakaway republic of Chechnya.

The main entrance to the National Hotel, shortly before President Vladimir Putin addressed a meeting at the Kremlin nearby, left in Moscow capital on edge. People in Russia were already jittery after a suicide attack in July and a Chechen rebel hostage-taking in Moscow theater last year. This year alone, nearly 300 people have been killed in Russia in bombings and other attacks blamed on Chechens.

Two women, possibly the suicide bomber and her accomplice, appeared lost near Red Square before the blast and asked a passerby for directions to the State Duma, said Moscow's mayor Yuri Luzhkov. The National Hotel sits on a corner diagonally across from a gate leading into Red Square and the Kremlin. The State Duma, which officials said appeared to be the intended target, is located across the street, one of the capital's most elegant shopping boulevards.

The blast shattered a Mercedes



Car bomb explodes outside National Hotel. A Mercedes-Benz sedan parked nearby and smashed out windows on the upscale hotel, leaving white curtains billowing in the wind. Bodies and body parts were strewn about, including a head and a headless female body.

"We saw the bodies lying around," said a Norwegian journalist, Amund Mjellebust, who had been "just inside" the National Hotel's doors when he heard the blast. "Everybody was shocked."

Security was immediately tightened around the State Duma. Reported attacks - including Friday's train bombing - have exposed the inability of Russian authorities to protect the public against suicide bombings, a technique that Chechen rebels have turned to in the most recent conflict over the breakaway republic but hadn't used in the past.

The blast at the hotel came after Sunday's parliament elections, which handed a major victory to Putin's allies, strengthening his grip on the country.

In the Kremlin, Putin later referred to terror threats in his address to regional leaders commemorating the 10th anniversary of the nation's constitution, which will be celebrated Friday.

# Governing council OKs special court in Iraq

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Iraq's U.S.-appointed Governing Council approved on Tuesday the creation of a special court run by Iraqis to try members of former president Saddam Hussein's government on charges of genocide and crimes against humanity.

The tribunal, scheduled to be announced today, will have broad powers of arrest and the right to prosecute everyone - from Saddam to prison hangers - accused of involvement in the mass killings, forced expulsions and widespread torture that occurred during the 35 years Saddam's Baath Party ruled the country.

Unlike the special courts established to prosecute war crimes committed in the former Yugoslavia and in Rwanda, which operate under the aegis of the United Nations and involve international jurists specializing in human-rights law, the tribunal here will be staffed with Iraqi prosecutors, judges and defense attorneys. That arrangement, although blessed by the U.S. government, has alarmed international human-rights organizations, which contend Iraq's legal system is too corrupt and inexperienced to handle complex trials.

In a last-minute concession to the rights groups, council officials said the U.S. occupation authority asked council members to include a provision giving the council the right to appoint international judges if needed. The council's legal committee agreed to the amendment shortly before the full 25-member council voted on the law, the officials said.

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The tribunal will be the first attempt to bring to justice scores of members of Saddam's government, military and intelligence services for crimes committed between July 17, 1968, when the Baath Party came to power, and May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared an end to major combat in Iraq. Council members said they will ask U.S. forces to hand over hundreds of former officials in American custody - including 38 captured senior officials from the Pentagon's list of 55 wanted Iraqis - as soon as the tribunal sets up a detention center. U.S. officials in Baghdad indicated they would do so.

Iraqi officials also said scores of former government officials who are now free could be charged. The first trials could begin by next summer, starting with the most prominent officials in custody, members said. They said they hope to try as many as 400 cases within four years.

"This is a major step towards starting the process of accountability and reconciliation in a damaged society," said Chalabi, a nephew of Iraqi political leader Ahmad Chalabi.

# U.S. bans war opponents from contract bidding

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Pentagon has formally barred companies from countries opposed to the Iraq war from bidding on \$18.6 billion worth of reconstruction contracts.

A directive from Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz limits bidders on those 26 contracts to firms from the United States, Iraq, their coalition partners and other countries which have sent troops to Iraq. The ruling bars companies from U.S. allies such as France, Germany and Canada from bidding on the contracts because their govern-

ments opposed the American-led war that ousted Saddam's regime. Wolfowitz wrote that the restrictions would encourage other countries to join the coalition in Iraq. A Pentagon spokesman, Maj. Joe Yoswa, said the order does not prohibit companies from the excluded countries from getting subcontracts in Iraq.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon's top general said Tuesday the U.S. military will not be vulnerable when four of the Army's ten divisions come home from Iraq to rest and retrain early next year.

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# North Korea announces new proposal to nuclear standoff

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - North Korea announced Tuesday it would freeze its nuclear weapons projects in return for energy aid and being removed from Washington's list of countries that sponsor terrorism. The White House reacted coolly but did not reject the offer outright.

The North's terms amounted to a response to a plan offered a day earlier by the United States, Japan and South Korea for ending the nuclear crisis. Pyongyang's counterproposal comes as the other nations race to arrange another round of six-way talks on easing tensions.

"We, along with the rest of the members of the six-party talks, are ready for a new round of talks at an early date, and without any preconditions - whatsoever," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Tuesday.

He repeated President Bush's demand for a "complete, irreversible, verifiable" halt to North Korea's nuclear program, and said Pyongyang "has yet to commit to doing what is necessary to achieving a denuclearized peninsula."

Details of the US-backed proposal are unclear, but South

Korean officials say it calls for "coordinated steps." Media reports say it seeks agreement on three principles: a peaceful solution to the nuclear crisis, a complete, verifiable and irrevocable dismantling of North Korea's nuclear program, and security assurances for North Korea.

A spokesman for North Korea's Foreign Ministry on Tuesday called the proposal "greatly disappointing," because its aim is to "completely eliminate our nuclear deterrent force by giving just a piece of paper called 'written security assurances,'" which is "no more than a commitment."

Instead, North Korea proposed freezing its nuclear activities in exchange for "measures such as the U.S. de-listing the DPRK as a terrorism sponsor," lifting of the political, economic and military sanctions and blockade, and energy aid, including the supply of heavy fuel oil and electricity by the U.S. and neighboring countries," the spokesman was quoted as saying by North Korea's official news agency, KCNA.

DPRK stand for Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, North Korea's official name.

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OPINION

# When growing productivity isn't enough

Nothing so unites a gaggle of economists as their reverence for productivity growth. Higher productivity allows us to make more, earn more and consume more; it is the stuff of which our standard of living is made.

But productivity — the ratio of what we produce to the amount of work we did to produce it — grew at such a rapid rate in the third quarter of the year that it gave some observers vertigo. If it were sustained all year, annual growth would be 9.2 percent, and if it continued at that rate in perpetuity, we could double our output — and our incomes, assuming if all go sold — every eight years or so.

To optimists, this news was the robin that heralds spring. To the pessimists, it foretold a rain of pink slips as companies eight years from now make the same stuff they always have but with a smaller labor force.

So which is it? Are we really about to produce ourselves into oblivion? No.

First, productivity is not going to grow at a steady rate of 9 percent. Productivity usually grows fastest during the opening spurts of a recovery, when companies are surprised by new orders and race to fill them with the staff and equipment on hand. Moreover, a healthy share of the new output comes from service industries that can produce more in a short time without any need to hire new workers — think of the phone system, or an empty airplane or movie theater.

Still, 9 percent productivity growth, even if only for a few months, is nothing to shake a stick at. What, then, is the problem?

The problem is that productivity growth does not automatically turn itself into economic growth. Productivity tells us our potential to grow, but not the actual result. Consider an economy spilling out 9 percent more "stuff" — haircuts, computers, insurance, fast food, all of it — every year without any need for new hires. Who will consume the fruits of this abundance? Incomes would need to rise by a like amount (or prices fall like a son of a gun) in order to snarf this stuff up.

In the world of economic theo-

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ry, that's not a problem. A more productive worker generates more profits for her company, and a more profitable company responds to this signal by making more of whatever is profitable to make. But in the real world, this process requires time and confidence, as only confidence can lead a business to believe in the permanence of the profitable opportunities it faces. This, then, is the challenge posed by productivity growth. It is great news, but it is also a formidable challenge, a bar the economy must jump. If the productivity growth rate is 9 percent — or, more realistically for the long term, probably about 3 percent — then the economy must grow by the same 3 percent that productivity does or it will lose jobs and therefore purchasing power.

The good news is that an "under-consumption crisis" is not in the works. Historically, every major economic expansion has had a "breakout" quarter such as this one. Once productivity fades from a hyper-sonic to a merely robust rate, and as demand continues to grow, the economy will move from a "recovery" to an "expansion."

But there is little prospect of coaxing it further. The traditional economic stimulants have been tried; the economy is already heavily tax-stimulated and money is already dirt-cheap. So although a ticklish period of "jobless growth" probably still awaits us, it is likely to be a short one.

Still, two issues remain. The first is: What happens next? If the economy does grow substantially in the year ahead, business demands for funds may start to compete with burgeoning federal borrowing, and the low interest rates that have helped propel the economy may start to unravel. Or the Asian lenders who are financing our deficits by soaking up Treasury bills may think twice about doing so, with the same result.

And the second issue is the

human one. If productivity is surging, then some jobs will be harder to find — read manufacturing.

We are told to think of the jobless as indolent, or unskilled in some self-fulfilling way. In fact, they are the victims of our country's economic fecundity. The story of productivity is that economic growth and change are irrevocably intertwined. We need

an economic policy that promotes adjustment in the productive industry the productive force it is supposed to be.

Everett Ehrlich, an undersecretary of Commerce in the Clinton administration, is director of research of the Committee for Economic Development, a nonpartisan economic policy think tank.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

One killed, five injured in multiple-vehicle accident

TWIN FALLS - One person was killed at the scene of a multiple-vehicle accident at 3500 E. 3900 N. around 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, a Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department spokesman confirmed late in the evening.

Five other individuals required medical attention and were transported to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, said Nancy Howell, the spokeswoman. From there, two were flown by helicopter to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Three vehicles were involved in the accident, including a Ford Taurus, a Ford Expedition and a Toyota pickup, Howell said. Four intersections in the area were closed and traffic was delayed.

The names of those injured were not immediately available Tuesday evening, nor was the identity of the person killed.

Missing boy's body might have been spotted

ROGERSON - Searchers believe they have spotted the body of 16-year-old Bradley DeCarr, who was reported missing last Wednesday at Salmon Dam in the Drexler Park. Local officials have only been doing spot checks since Friday due to rough water conditions and underwater camera equipment problems, according to a news release issued by the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

"We are relatively certain that the body of Bradley DeCarr was seen on the underwater camera last week," the release said. "However, in order to do a recovery we need to be able to have a fixed location for the divers, which has not been possible due to rough water conditions and zero visibility."

The search continued Tuesday with boats and borrowed equipment, but rough weather was hindering efforts, the release said.

Left-turn signal at Westbound I-84 closes starting Thursday

TWIN FALLS - Motorists traveling north on U.S. Highway 93 near Twin Falls must use the new free-running ramp to access Interstate 84 westbound beginning Thursday, the Idaho Transportation Department has announced.

The left-turn, signal will be removed, and a "no left turn" sign will be erected.

"Cones and barrels will remind motorists the left turns are prohibited," said Bruce Christensen, District 4 traffic engineer.

The new \$7.2 million loop ramp, which officially opened Nov. 25, will provide a safer entrance onto the interstate while allowing Highway 93 traffic to continue making its way to Shoshone, Sun Valley and northern destinations, the Transportation Department has said.

Private airstrip gets OK in rural Jerome County

JEROME - A special use permit to build a private airstrip with one hanger in an agricultural zone southwest of Jerome has been approved by the Jerome County Planning and Zoning commission.

Jerry Callen Jr. lighted airstrip at 480 S. 400 W. will be only the second private airstrip in Jerome County, said Art Brown, planning and zoning administrator. Another private airstrip is located in the vineyard area near Devil's Corral, while the county and city of Hazelton each operate public airports.

The Jerome County Airport's board of directors for the supported Callen's application for the airstrip. As a condition, Callen will be prohibited from using the airstrip in a commercial venture.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Table with 3 columns: Watershed, % of Avg, % season peak. Rows include Upper Snake Basin, Salmon Falls, Salmon, Oakley, Big Wood, Little Lost, Henrys Fork/Teton, Big Lost, Little Lost.

A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average. An indicator of basin snowpack for the winter season, which peaks in...

Eleven Idahoans die of influenza

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE - Eleven people in Idaho have died this season from influenza-related illness, but no deaths have been reported in south-central Idaho, state officials say.

However, officials caution that the danger still exists.

"It's the same strains all over," Idaho Department of Health and Welfare spokesman Tom Shanahan said. "Statewide, your chances of getting it are just as good as anywhere else."

All the deaths in this year's flu season have occurred among people 50 years of age or older, the department said Tuesday. State officials did not immediately release further details about the victims, such as whether they had pre-existing health conditions.

Shanahan said Idaho deaths have ranged from nine to 36. Influenza and pneumonia are listed in the same category on death certificates because secondary pneumonia often sets in among vulnerable people with the flu. Idaho was one of 13 states cited earlier this month by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

as having a widespread flu outbreak. Others in the West include Washington, Nevada, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico.

CDC spokesman Tom Skinner said the agency's oversight is not set up to report the current number of flu deaths in the states, although it later reviews death certificates for statistical purposes.

"Influenza is a very serious disease," he said. "It can be very frightening for people, especially when you have children dying. About 36,000 people die from it yearly and 100,000 are hospitalized."

Flu is not a disease doctors are Please see ELEVEN, Page B3



Students arrive at middle school practice in Malad, Tuesday. Having been shut down since Friday because of the flu, all the schools will reopen for classes Wednesday.

BOOT SCOOTIN'



James and Scottie Crouson dance with other members of The Boot Scootin' Dancers Club Tuesday at the Twin Falls Senior Center. The group meets on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m., and visitors are welcome.

Water pumpers face shutoff

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Absent an acceptable plan to help offset losses to canyon springs, junior groundwater users above the canyon rim likely would see some wells curtailed in 2004, the state's top water manager said Tuesday.

The room was silent, other than the scratching of pens on notepads, as Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Karl Dreher addressed about 60 water users and attorneys at the KMVT Community Room in Twin Falls. "If there is not mitigation in place, there undoubtedly will be curtailment and reductions," Dreher said.

Two organizations representing a total of nearly 500 groundwater users in areas of Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and southern Blaine counties have submitted a five-year mitigation proposal to avoid curtailment. But about 60 spring-water users objected, saying the proposal doesn't guarantee their water will be restored.

Tuesday's meeting was held to establish procedures for a pending hearing in which Dreher will decide whether to accept the mitigation plan. Groundwater users want an expedited decision to know how to plan for water use next year, but the canyon springs users want more time to flesh out the issues and prepare for a hearing.

It's important the issue be resolved soon, said farmer and state Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert. Farmers are planning their financing and crop rotations for next year.

"To allow a man to plant his crops and then shut his water off..." Stevenson said.

All that could be agreed on was that within one week each party should submit a summary of issues it believes must be resolved in the dispute. A hearing date has not been set.

Dreher outlined the potential outcomes of a hearing:

A mitigation plan in some form could be accepted, which Please see WATER, Page B3

Buhl council rejects housing

By Mary Lou Potts Times-News correspondent

BUHL - When Joe Melo bought land that used to be an 11,000-cow dairy at 4000 N. 1304 E., he had in mind a housing project that would offer homes on one acre of land with a view toward the city and a rolling hills foundation.

But the area was zoned for agriculture, so Melo sought rezoning of the area.

His request was turned down by the city Planning and Zoning Commission, and on Monday City Council members unanimously rejected the plan as well.

The plan called for 60 homes to be built on 80 acres with one-acre sites, two to three roads leading into the complex from the main roads, all utilities underground, wells and septic tanks installed

and canal water for irrigation. Melo said he had completed such a project in Washington state and wanted to build now in Idaho.

But people spoke against the proposal during a Monday public hearing that preceded the council's vote.

Eric Meyer who lives close to the site, reminded the council that there is a dairy in operation nearby and the new homeowners would have to listen to cows and milking pumps, and deal with odor.

"In fact, the area is surrounded by cattle farms," Meyer said.

Sergio Arroyo, who owns the nearby dairy, said he did not want a situation similar to that near Filer, where dairy neighbors have complained about unbearable odor.

Deane Callen, a neighbor of the Please see BUHL, Page B3



Overlooking the rolling hills site of the proposed Hillcrest Meadows housing development are, from left, Buhl City Councilman Regie Finney, developer Joe Melo, Mayor Barbara Gletzen, Councilwoman Bob VanderWater, planning and zoning clerk Tom Gannon and Councilman Jim Wilson. The site is now vacant but used to be an 11,000-cow dairy, located at 1304 E. 4000 N.

One of first people born in Magic Valley dies at 104

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

FILER - Stories, quilts and flowers filled the life of Helen Blass, a tenacious, independent Filer woman who was one of the first people born in the Magic Valley.

She died Saturday at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls at the age of 104. "She's the feistiest little lady I've ever known," said former neighbor and longtime friend Edith Barber.

Helen Blass loved to make quilt squares and care for her flower and vegetable garden. She continued both hobbies even after she lost her middle ring and pinky fingers of her right hand as a result of an accident about 30 years ago. Her nephew, Robert Blass,

remembers her sense of humor. "She could be serious and have a lot of fun," Robert Blass said.

Helen Blass lived on her own until June and had no use for nursing homes, although she finally moved to one. Helen Blass's niece, Noima Blass, said she often told her secret of longevity: "I don't smoke, I don't drink, and I'm nice to people."

Helen Blass was known for her stories about the Magic Valley when she was just a child and the life she was living being settled. She was born Aug. 9, 1899, in the Snake River Canyon near Crystal Springs Orchard to John and Alfrida Blass, the first permanent settlers of Filer. Alfrida Blass carried mail on horseback from the Abby Post Office on the Snake River to Hagerman, occasionally taking her



Helen Blass, shown here in a photo from July 1999, died Saturday at the age of 104.

daughter along Alfrida Blass also baked bread for visiting American Indians. Please see ONE, Page B3

School board delays equipment

By Sandra Wisecaver Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - School Board members have tabled a decision on a lease agreement that would provide the district free fitness equipment in exchange for data on students.

Hagerman is one of 500 schools nationwide eligible through the National School Fitness Foundation for a program that provides fitness equipment to schools. Districts must secure a loan to cover the cost of the equipment. The foundation reimburses the school on a monthly basis for the loan payments if the school provides data on students using the equipment.

The information includes students' fitness, oxygen, body fat and weight levels. Data on each

student is collected anonymously through a number, not a name.

"We need more information," Superintendent Lee Mitchell told the Hagerman School Board Monday. "We're doing further research on the ramifications of the physical fitness program, the funding and the lease agreement."

Further, Mitchell described the delay as one based on "a financial issue."

"The district has risks that we are really questioning," he added.

Mitchell is requesting an extension to the Dec. 19 deadline to complete foundation paperwork. The district has been pre-approved by Key Bank of Portland, Ore., for the loan. "We're talking about \$339,000," Please see SCHOOL, Page B3

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Mary Teresa Tverdy - Twin Falls



Mary Teresa Tverdy, 50, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, from injuries received in an automobile accident. She was born June 27, 1953, in Twin Falls, the daughter of Albert Joseph and Ann Sweeney Knefel. Mary attended Edward's Catholic School during her elementary years, and graduated from Filer High School in 1973. She married Tim Tverdy in Sept. 27, 1974, in Twin Falls, and they were later divorced. She was a dedicated employee of what is now Lamb Weston, for 32 years. She was a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church, enjoyed dancing, all family get-togethers, but her greatest joy was being around the "us kids gang" and spontaneous drives with family or friends.

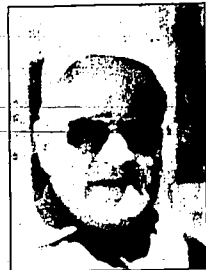
She is survived by her children, Jennifer (John) Reifern and step-

grandchildren, Ashley, Destiny, Breanna and Austin of Boise, Benjamin Tverdy of Buhl, Jason (Crystal) Tverdy of Buhl, one granddaughter, Annaliese Tverdy of Buhl, her mother, Mae Knefel of Twin Falls; four brothers, Paul (Janet)

Knefel of Meridian, Idaho, Kenneth Knefel of Filer, Idaho, Phillip Knefel of Buhl, John Knefel of Twin Falls; four sisters, Patricia Knefel of Twin Falls, Marlene Keith of Arco, Idaho, Julie (Tim) McGowan of Riggins, Idaho, Sharon Jensen of Meridian, Idaho. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Albert Knefel. A funeral mass will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, with Father Robb Keller as celebrant. A Prayer Vigil with rosary and viewing will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the church, with Deacon John McKinley reading. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Oscar Fred Millis - Elko, Nev.



Oscar Fred Millis passed away in the presence of his family on Dec. 4, 2003, in Elko, Nev., at Western Nevada Regional Hospital.

He was born Sept. 1, 1934, in Farmharville, Iowa, to Rocky and Helen (Green) Millis. He married Rosalee Ann Osbourne on June 28, 1956, in Belle Fourche, S.D. He spent his early life in South Dakota and most of the Western states. After retiring from driving truck, he spent his winters in Bouse, Ariz., with the rest of his time in Elko, Nev., and Burley, Idaho. He served in the United States Marines during the Korean War. He was a man of many trades. He worked as a rancher, welder and his most enjoyable of all, a professional truck driver. Garfield (his truck) traveled many miles with him across the country. He was a people lover and never knew a single stranger. He

could sit still for very long. Always on the go to see what else he could see or who else he could meet. Afraid he might miss out on some-

thing, wherever he went a trail of laughter and people followed. He will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

He is survived by his mother, Helen Millis of Lake City, Iowa; four sisters, Anna, Lela, Della, all of Iowa, and Doris, of Wyoming; three brothers, Jack and John of Oregon—adn Ren. of California; four children, Debbie (Ken) Drussel of Burley, Idaho, Lori (Lamar) Laws, Kenny (Sara) Millis and Barbie Smith all of Spring Creek, Nev., wife of 32 years, Rosalee Schulz; 16 grandkids; 10 great-grandkids; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Rocky Millis; brother, Bill Millis; and two great-granddaughters. The service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at Burns Funeral Home in Elko, Nev.

Belva Mae (Peterson) Traugher - Gooding



Belva Mae (Peterson) Traugher passed away Dec. 8, 2003, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise from complications of diabetes.

Belva was born May 1, 1937, in Shelley, Idaho, the daughter of Vernal and Zelpha Peterson. She married DeWayne O. Traugher on Dec. 22, 1956, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Their marriage was later solemnized on March 17, 1965, in the Idaho Falls temple.

Belva was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was active in Relief Society, Young Women's, Primary and Scouting.

She was a beautiful seamstress and loved to do crafts. She loved her family and loved spending time with them. She was a loving companion to her husband and spent many hours working by his side.

Survivors include her husband, DeWayne of Gooding; seven children, Debbie (Steve) Dayley of

Hagerman, Teresa (Gary) Miller of Gooding, Rod (Kim) Traugher of Pocatello, DeAnn (Tim) Zollinger of Gooding, John (Bonnie) Traugher of Wendell, Bonnie (Steve) Williams of Syracuse, Utah, Beverly (George) Rost of Gooding; mother, Zelpha Peterson; one sister; and two brothers all of Blackfoot; 26 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, one daughter-in-law and one grandchild.

The service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding.

Visitations will be held from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

Robert William Ratto Sr. - Hansen



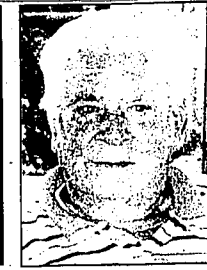
Robert William Ratto Sr. passed away at his home Dec. 7, 2003, in Hansen, Idaho.

Bob was born on March 22, 1926, at Nyack, N.Y., the son of Joseph Abraham Ratto and Nettie Mae Forsyth. At the age of two, the family moved to South Norwalk, Conn., where Bob attended school until he joined the Navy in 1944. Bob served in the Pacific Theatre, Okinawa Campaign with the US Navy from 1944-1946. He went to the University of Illinois for signal school where he graduated as petty officer third class. He went to quartermaster school in Coronado, Calif., where he taught landing craft operations for Amphibious Landing for the Navy. He spent the next year aboard the A.P.A. 220 Okinawa Attack Transport. He was signalman for ships in his command while still in the Navy he met his wife Leah Arnetta (Laird) Carlsen in Seattle, Wash., in June of 1945. They were married on Dec. 8, 1945, in Pocatello, Idaho.

Bob and Nettie moved to South Norwalk, Conn., where he was discharged from the Navy. His first daughter Leah Arnetta was born in Norwalk. The rest of the children, Phyllis Marie, Robert William Jr., Cheri Lynn, Joseph Hugh and Steven L. Lucky, were born in Pocatello, Idaho. Bob worked as a point contractor for many years in Pocatello. He also was a general contractor in the Wood River Valley for many years, building some of the major hotels. Bob and Nettie moved to Lake Elsinore, Calif., where Bob worked in the Newport Beach area for about 10 years doing remodeling and building cabinets. Bob and Nettie moved back to Idaho and built their retirement home in Hansen, Idaho, where Nettie passed away on March 9, 2001.

Bob had many hobbies; one that stands out the most is his Boy Scouts. He spent most of his adult life as a scoutmaster in Pocatello. When he took his family on summer vacation they would always end up at Tenley Scout Camp or another

scout camp. He always took his troop to scout camp every summer. He taught many Scoutmaster basic training courses at the Idaho State College. He also taught many Explorer basic training courses. He was the Commissary Officer for 40 men and 1,300 boys at the 1960 National Scout Jamboree in Colorado Springs. He earned the Scoutmaster Key, Explorer Key, and received his Woodbadge and was awarded the Silver Beaver Award. Bob helped many boys for the good in the scouting program and also his children and grandchildren have continued in scouting. Bob was a lifetime member of the American Legion, and was currently a member of Post 7 in Twin Falls. He spent 17 years as an adjunct for the Legion. The largest post was Post 291 in Newport Beach where he served as adjunct for 7 years. When he joined, the Post had 600 members and when he left to move back to Idaho, the Post had grown to 1,600 members. He held all the offices in the Post and for two years was sergeant at arms for Idaho. He was a member of the Past Commander Club (Foryn Eight), and was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was branch president of the Sun Valley branch. Not only did



he care for the members but also for the church. He and two other men (one was a hard rock miner 80 plus and one handicapped), and they did everything from cleanup to tending the coal furnace. He cooked many dinners on many occasions. He loved feeding the LDS missionaries and then sent the leftovers home with them for the next day.

He is survived by his six children, Leah Arnetta (Tom) Skinner, Phyllis Marie (Bruce) Weaver, Robert William (Norma) Ratto Jr., Cheri Lynn (Mike) Powell, Joseph Hugh (Julie) Ratto and Steven Lucky (Barbara) Ratto; 38 grandchildren; 15 step-grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; and a new one due in a week.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Arnetta; both parents; and two granddaughters; one brother and one sister.

We miss and love you dad. The service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at the Kimberly 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, with Bishop Mark Olsen conducting. Interment will follow at the Magic Valley Veterans Cemetery south of Hansen. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the White Mortuary, Kimberly Chapel. The family suggests memorials to Hospice-Visions, 308 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Robert M. Hamilton - Boise



Robert M. Hamilton, 87, of Boise, died at home Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003.

The service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6500 Overland Road, Boise with the Rev. Donald Shrum officiating. The burial will follow at Terrace Lawn Cemetery. Services are under the direction of the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel.

Robert (Bob) was born Oct. 31, 1916, in Nampa, Idaho, the seventh of eight children born to R.E. and Nellie Hamilton. He graduated from Nampa High School and attended the College of Idaho. Bob married Betty Campion, a Mercy graduate RN, on May 20, 1943. He was a flight instructor in the Army Air Force, attaining the rank of captain. Bob and Betty were stationed at various bases in Texas and Kansas. After his honorable discharge, Bob returned to the Treasure Valley to work and raise a family. He retired in 1978 from Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph, after a 35-year career.

Bob was a charter member and

avid BSU football fan who attended all home games, including their last home game this year.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister, and he follows his bride of 60 years, who died June 20 of this year.

He is survived by three sisters, Margaret Thomas, Portland, Ore.; Mary Walker, Encinitas, Calif.; Isabelle Lampe, Twin Falls, Idaho; three children, Gary (Marcia) Hamilton, Phoenix, Ariz.; Gene (Dana) Hamilton, Spokane, Wash.; and Carol (Andy) Venn, Twin Falls, Idaho; 10 grandchildren, Korney, Jesse, Emilee, Melissa, Monica, Kate, Eric, Hamah, Sadie and Cory; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His wisdom, humor, nurturing, and generosity will be missed. His strong example will be remembered. The love displayed between his wife and him will be everlasting.

Memorials are suggested to Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6500 Overland Road, Boise, ID 83709, or to a charity of your choice.

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DEATH NOTICES

**Kelsey Kaye Powlius**  
TWIN FALLS - Kelsey Kaye Powlius, 5-month-old child of Jonathan and Becky Powlius of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. The service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 824 Casswell Ave. W., Twin Falls. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition.

**Robert William 'Bob' Ratto Sr.**

HANSEN - Robert William Ratto Sr., 77, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, at his home in Hansen.

The service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at the Kimberly 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, with Bishop Mark Olsen conducting. Interment will follow in the Magic Valley Veterans Cemetery south of Hansen. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary, Kimberly Chapel.

**Reginald Elaster**

JEROME - Reginald Elaster, 49, of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

**Patricia Ann Porazyński**

BLISS - Patricia Ann Porazyński, 32, of California died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, at her mother's home in Bliss.

There will be no local services. Cremation arrangements by Demaray Funeral Chapel.

**Ruth Maxine Roan**

BOISE - Ruth Maxine Roan, 84, of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, in Yuma, Ariz.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Mary Theresa Tverdy**

TWIN FALLS - Mary Theresa Tverdy, 50, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, from injuries received in an automobile accident.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Clyde S. Harlan**

GLENN'S FERRY - Clyde S. Harlan, 76, of Glenns Ferry, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, at a Boise hospital.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at Summers Funeral Homes, McMurtry Chapel in Mountain Home. The service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Glenns Ferry. Burial will follow at Glen-Rest Cemetery.

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# Officials voice concerns about annex

By Shelley Ridenour  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — Cassia County officials are still waiting for explanations about some things they've identified as problems in the county annex.

Cassia County Administrator Kerry McMurray said the issue "of real concern to us now is the floor." Some of the tiles are loose, and there are bumps in the carpet in some spots in the building.

"These concerns have been brought to the attention of the general contractor, who has said he's trying to get the flooring installers to fix it," McMurray said. McMurray said the most recent walk-through of the building, in late November, resulted in a list of concerns from county officials.

Mike Lee of Walton Inc., the general contractor, is having

employees work "on some of the things on our list," McMurray said.

Many of the things on the list are relatively minor, he said. The list includes attaching some shelving, tightening some doors and door stops, staining some items, grouting around some conduit holes, repairing some nicks and scuffs in the painted walls and installing a back splash in a bathroom.

The meeting with Telleria to review that punch list was "productive," McMurray said.

The contract for the job called for the remodeling project to be finished Aug. 29. The completion date was later moved to Oct. 3, but the building still isn't finished.

The contract includes a clause which allows commissioners to assess the contractor penalties if the job is finished late. No penalties have been assessed, McMurray said. He expects commissioners and the general contractor to discuss penalties when the job is finished.

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# Cassia County increases civil services fee

Rose Marie Parsons  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY** — It will soon cost people more to have civil papers served by employees of the Cassia County Sheriff's Department.

County commissioners approved a new fee schedule after a public hearing Monday, at which one citizen spoke. The higher fees are needed to offset costs associated with the services, county officials said.

Cassia County Undersheriff Cary Bristol said a recent change

in state law allows counties to set their own fees to serve civil documents. Before that law was changed, the fees were dictated by the state.

The fee schedule hadn't been adjusted in the 26 years Bristol has worked for Cassia County, he told commissioners.

Even though the new fees are, on the average, 100 percent higher than old fees, Cassia's fee schedule is still relatively low compared with costs in many other Idaho counties, Bristol said.

Bristol made one correction to

the fee schedule that commissioners had in their hands. The fee for a copy and return of any writ, process or other papers will remain at \$10.

Services for which the fee has been increased from \$10 to \$20 include:

- For serving summonses and complaints.
- For serving an attachment on property or levying an execution.
- For serving notices, rules or orders.
- For drawing and executing a sheriff's deed.

the building."

"Our focus is getting things finished," McMurray said, so the assessor's office may move into the annex.

Part of the move involves coordination with officials from the Idaho Transportation Department who must send technicians to hook the county's system to the state license plate system.

Moving this month could be a problem, McMurray said, because the end of the calendar year is an especially busy time for the assessor's department. And it might be harder to coordinate with the Transportation Department because of the holidays.

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# BLM to redo environmental review of methane projects

**BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)** — The Bureau of Land Management will rewrite its environmental review of a coal-bed methane project in southeast Montana to better study potential effects on such things as air and water quality, the agency's director in Montana said Tuesday.

Mary Ott said the agency will also issue a stay to Fidelity Exploration & Production Co., which was planning to drill 85 wells

on federal leases in the area as part of a larger expansion project.

"This is a fairly significant decision for us and one we've given much thought to and I think the direction we're headed on this is the right direction," he said.

Northern Plains Resource Council sued BLM last week over the agency's approval of the plan, saying the conservation group did not have a chance to comment on it. Ott said Tuesday that the BLM

decision was not made in response to the lawsuit.

The Northern Cheyenne tribe and other groups also had asked Ott to review the project's approval.

"We take this business of water quality and quantity very seriously, and we also take seriously our responsibility to manage public lands and development," Ott said. "We don't want one activity on public lands to have a negative impact on another activity, which

may be agriculture or protection of endangered species or managing the high-quality of recreational activities."

Jack Thuloke, an attorney for Northern Plains, said he hadn't seen Ott's order, but that if BLM fully remanded the order and instructed Fidelity to cease activities related to it, he would look at dropping or dismissing the lawsuit.

"We don't want to pursue needless litigation."

# Couple settles suit against Utah hotel

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — A Washington couple have settled their federal lawsuit stemming from the discovery of a peephole in the Logan hotel.

The couple reached a confidential settlement with the Logan Crystal Inn and its operator, MacCall Management.

The pair sued in April 2002, saying a strategically placed peep-

hole allowed hotel workers to view them in a hot tub together when they stayed at the hotel two months earlier.

The suit said the couple heard noises coming from behind a mirror. They called police after hotel employees denied their request to investigate the locked janitor closet on the other side of the wall.

Officers investigated the area and confirmed that the hole did offer views of much of the room, including the Jacuzzi tub, toilet, shower and portions of the bed.

Police said they took no action because they were unable to determine whether any employees were involved.

# Eleven

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required to report to health officials in Idaho, Shanahan said.

"One problem is everything else in the world looks like flu," said Brad Huerta, Southeastern District Health Department spokesman. "It's so subjective. People go to doctors and they say they're tired. But this is the can't-get-out-of-bed tired."

This is one of the earliest onsets of the flu since the 1970s, Shanahan said, although it has not reached an epidemic level.

One of the hardest hit communities is Malad, a town of 2,000 near the Utah border where schools have been

closed since Friday.

"The schools are the center of small towns, and people just congregate around them," School Superintendent Lynn Schow said. "The problem is you have far more who are in school and sick. So, we're just passing it around. The teachers have been coming down with it and the staff. We canceled sports, a drill team show and a Christmas program."

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# Water

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would protect groundwater users from curtailment while seeking to restore water to canyon springs users.

A mitigation plan could be rejected, and in the alternative junior groundwater user could be curtailed.

Some combination of a mitigation plan with well reductions could result.

No matter the outcome, Dreher said he expects that his decision will be appealed.

If wells are curtailed, Dreher said the shut-off date likely will target wells developed during the 1960s and since. But he said the precise date has not yet been determined.

Many water users have been waiting for answers to the water dispute from the upgraded computer model. It has been designed to determine how water withdrawals from wells across the Snake River Plain affect spring volumes along the Snake River's edge. The model has been under development for two years and was scheduled for completion by the end of the month.

But Dreher said it won't be ready for immediate use and that the department will be using the older model that isn't as refined.

"Neither model is capable of detecting individual springs affected by individual wells," Dreher said. "It is not possible to determine which groundwater

rights are affecting which springs.

"The best we can do is on a reach-by-reach basis."

The Thousand Springs reach of the Snake River from Kimberly/Twin Falls to the Bliss area has been targeted in this dispute.

As the department has looked at the water shortages in the Thousand Springs reach, while there are senior irrigation rights claimed in the late 1800s and early 1900s, the predominant agriculture industry, Dreher said.

Water rights for fish producers generally were developed in the 1950s and 1960s, he said. Only about half to less than half of

1997. The district falls within the boundaries of Water District 130. Not all district members have water rights junior to all Hageman Valley water users, but some Hageman Valley rights date back to the 1800s.

**Magic Valley Ground Water District** has 178 members operating 505 wells serving domestic, stockwater, commercial, municipal and industrial users and 121,451 acres of farmland in areas of Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and southern Blaine counties. The priority dates of their water rights range from 1948 to 1994. The district falls within the boundaries of Water District 130. Not all district members have water rights junior to all Hageman Valley water users.

groundwater rights are junior in priority to the aquaculture rights, he said.

The water dispute revolves around this question: How much do wells punched into the aquifer reduce river supplies at springs below the canyon rim? Pumpwater users say they don't ground water to account for the extent of the shortages experienced below the rim. Spring users say that as long as they are short on water, anyone with a junior water right should be curtailed.

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# Buhl

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proposed development, was concerned about the many wells and septic tanks that would have to be put in the area. And neighbor

Robert Squires said that the proposed housing area would be in line for low-flying planes preparing to land.

"The traffic pattern would draw complaints even if the owners knew ahead of time of the problem," Squires said.

Council members and Mayor Barbara Gletzen visited the site earlier Monday to be familiar with the lay of the land and hear Melo's plan for the project.

Melo said he had met with Department of Environmental Quality staff members and completed all necessary paperwork that would allow him to proceed — if the council would approve a zoning change from agriculture to residential.

Melo said the nitrate level of the groundwater could equal 10 parts per million, and if the concentration exceeded that count he would alter his plans for fewer houses to fall in line with DEQ guidelines.

"The homebuyers would have to sign off on restrictions and

# Other actions

**Other business for the Buhl City Council Monday included:**

- **Development OK** — The council accepted a final plat for the Earl Gray housing development. Scott Allen of EIM Engineering, speaking for Gray, accepted the council's approval of the first phase of housing. The site is in the area of Barnes Street and Sawtooth Boulevard.
- **Housing project** — Susan Riddle, community developer, updated the council on grants for the Key Meadows housing project. A block grant of \$390,000 was secured from the Department of Commerce for the sewer replacement along Burley Avenue and Fair Street.
- **The project is behind schedule, and**

penalties are adding up," Riddle said.

The housing project will add 22 new homes in the area known to residents as the Florence Wilson parcel with Mercy Housing taking 10 of those homes for its Buhl project. The council also approved mailing addresses in the area.

• **Building sale** — Seneca Foods, which rents the front building of the plant on the cemetery road from the city, is requesting a new roof on the building. Seneca's quote price was \$5,000, and the company wishes to work-out some plan with the city to complete the project as soon as possible.

• **Council members said they will offer the building for sale to Seneca at a price to allow for a new roof.** The city's appraisal for the building came in at \$290,000 two years ago. Gletzen will contact Seneca for further discussion.

covenants knowing the area was surrounded by cattle farms and a dairy," he said, adding that there would be 80 shares of water for irrigating in a pressured system with no free-flowing water.

In addition, he said, county records show the area is not in the line of the Buhl airport protected oval, Melo said.

Council member Bob Vandewater was concerned about the nitrate level and shallow soil conditions, and Councilman Regie Finney asked about fire protection services. Council member Chuck Geska was concerned about the complaints that would arise

because of the surroundings.

Melo said he would again assure the nitrate level was in line and would talk to the city fire chief and work out a plan for fire protection.

The cattle farms surrounding the area are all pastured, there are no feedlots that produce odors, and the development would add about 120 students to the school district, Melo said.

After the vote, planning and zoning clerk Tom Cannon told Melo that he may appeal the decision and would educate Melo in proper procedures according to the law.

# School

Continued from B1  
Mitchell said. "Enthusiasm sometimes gets in the way of the logical step-by-step process. We are going to take baby steps so we don't put the school district in jeopardy."

The total value of the equipment for grades seven through 12 is about \$120,000. The elementary level equipment is valued at about \$120,000.

Mitchell said he is optimistic the foundation will approve the extension. The issue is tentatively being scheduled for the Jan. 8 school board meeting.

The fitness program is funded through donations from corporations and individuals to address the issue of child obesity. The National School Fitness Foundation has a net worth of \$38 million with a cash flow of \$18 million.

Reimbursements for loan payments are made to the district as long as the information about students' fitness progress is provided

# One

Continued from B1  
Helen Blass attended school at the first Marcus school in the Crocker home. She described life as hard work back then. Christmas was one of the few breaks when the family would have a tree and she would get a corn doll and a piece of rock candy, Norma Blass said.

Alfreda Blass worked as a midwife, and Helen Blass would occasionally substitute when her mother could not do it. They moved to Filer in about 1938. Helen Blass stayed with her parents and cared for them until they died in the 1950s.

Helen Blass, who never married, also survived breast cancer.

Friend and family described her as a pillar of the community. She was a member of the Filer Missionary Church and the Miriam Rebekah Lodge.

"Everything in Filer, she was totally a part of it," Norma Blass said. "She was just a frail, spunky lady."

# Around the valley

representatives make nominations to service academies. The service academies then select from those nominations.

To be eligible for nominations, each student submits an application and references and meets certain scholastic requirements under a deadline. A nomination does not guarantee acceptance. Those wishing to apply for future nominations should contact Cropp's state military director, Linda Norris, at 734-2515.

# City council appoints library trustee

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls City Council appointed Edit Szanto to serve as a trustee of the Twin Falls Public Library. Szanto will serve a five-year term, from January 2004 through December 2008. She replaces Debbie Park, whose service ends this month.

# Animal shelter commission to meet Thursday

**TWIN FALLS** — Volunteering opportunities, a review of the proposed budget, fund-raising and injured care are among the scheduled topics of discussion at the next Animal Shelter Advisory Commission meeting.

The group will meet from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday at 305 Third Ave. E.

The public is invited to attend.

# Magic Valley Military Support Group hosts potluck

**JEROME** — The Magic Valley Military Support Group will hold a special Christmas potluck at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome Public Library.

Beverages, plates and utensils will be provided. Bring a dish to share.

For more information, call Sharla at 536-6159 or Sharon at 536-6111.

— compiled from wire reports

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He was preceded in death by his parents; his twin brother, Ora Jones; and one sister, Mary Pendergraft.

The memorial service for Oran Jones will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," with the Rev. Ken Gould officiating.

The family suggests memorials to Salmon Tract Rural Fire Protection District, 2450 N. 2411 E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, or to Hospice Visions, 308 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Lodge, active for many years in the Hollister Lodge, a member of the Hollister/Filer No. 40 Order of the Eastern Star, the Hollister Presbyterian Church, a charter member of the Idaho Cattlemen's Association, the National Cattlemen's Association and the local Cattlemen's Association and was on the Board of ASCA Committee for over 30 years.

Man shot by police passed volunteer police test

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - The man shot to death by police after firing repeatedly at officers passed a background check to be a volunteer police officer.

Idaho Falls Police Chief J. Kent Livsey said that investigation raised no red flags on Charles Hoggboom, even though his estranged wife claimed he was having flashbacks to the Vietnam war.

"Nobody had any idea he had this capability," Livsey said. Authorities had no details of Hoggboom's military record.

But according to police, the estranged wife of the 52-year-old copy machine repairman told the police dispatch center on Sunday she was concerned about his safety because he was crying and having war flashbacks.

And just before the fatal

exchange of gunfire began, Hoggboom called the police dispatch center to declare, "We need to finish what was started in Vietnam."

When officers arrived at his second-story apartment to check on his safety, they said Hoggboom fired at them 11 times with a rifle, shotgun and pistol.

One police officer returned fire, hitting Hoggboom twice and killing him. The officer who fired the fatal shots is on administrative leave until the prosecutor and the State Police complete investigations of the incident. He has not been named.

None of the other six responding officers was injured. The other six officers also have been given time off, ranging from a day to several days.

Hoggboom's boss at IKON Office Solutions in Idaho Falls,

Allan Jannett called Hoggboom a "dependable employee over the last 10 years."

Bart Emigh, a team leader at the Veterans Center in Pocatello, said it is not uncommon for a Vietnam veteran suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder to appear completely normal to people unfamiliar with the syndrome. "Very few people understand, and a lot of people don't even believe in it," said Emigh, who counsels up to 100 veterans a week. "These guys have never felt like they've been welcomed back. There's a lot of bitterness among them."

SERVICES

Leah Knopp Serr of Paul, service at 1 p.m. today at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; burial will be at the Paul Cemetery; friends may call from 12-12:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Jillyn E. "Chickie" Muir of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at the LDS Stake Center, 667 Harrison St.; viewing from noon to 12:45 p.m. today at the church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Meidson Keith Jensen of Buhl, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Eugene M. "Gene" Zach of Castleford, service at 11 a.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel; interment will follow at West End Cemetery in Buhl.

Betty Louise Whismore Hinton of Bliss, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

Manuel Andrade of Rupert, rosary at 7 p.m. today at Saint Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 E. St., Rupert; service at 2 p.m.

Thursday at the Saint Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., Rupert; burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call from 6-7 p.m. today and from 1-1:45 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Verrel McCulloch Carney of Burley, service at 1 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call one hour before the funeral on Thursday at the funeral home.

Guess who turned 70???

Bethella "Beth" Urle from Eden, recently celebrated her 70th birthday at Johnny Carlo's Restaurant with 41 of her family & friends! Her real birthday is Sept. 17. We all Love You! Happy Birthday, Beth!

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## Happy howlidays



Colleen Nemeth feeds Lucy, right, a Tibetan terrier; Bella, a black lab and Molly, a standard poodle, a banana pecan cake at her home in Twin Falls recently. Nemeth makes healthy dog treats with human-grade ingredients that are low in fats and artificial preservatives.

### Don't forget the stocking stuffers for Fido and Ol' Shep

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Don't forget to hang a stocking for your favorite furry friend this Christmas.

Pet owner Colleen Nemeth has always tried to eat fresh food with no preservatives. One day, she decided her black lab, Bella, should eat that way, too. Nemeth and Bella have been involved with the Snake River Canine Search and Rescue for several years.

Nemeth said chemicals and preservatives often found in commercial dog foods can cause allergies, diabetes and thyroid problems in dogs. She has a friend who sells natural treats for people at the Twin Falls Farmers Market, so she thought it might be fun to concoct some healthy, natural, non-fat treats with no chemicals added for dogs, too.

Last spring, she made up a batch

of healthy dog treats - and Bella liked them.

Nemeth did research, tried a few recipes and eventually opened a part-time business called Bone Appetit.

Soon after, she went to Seattle and visited a dog bakery, where she learned about canine birthday parties with cakes decorated with cream cheese. She also discovered dog-friendly stores, where dogs are welcome to run loose. And she got the inspiration for tater treats, playing with the recipe and idea until she perfected it.

She sold the dehydrated sweet potato chews on a pony rope at the Harvest Time Festival at the College of Southern Idaho this fall, and she sold out every day.

She likes to give names to her dog treats: Bella's Bones, Barker's Dozen, Bow Wow Brownies, Snicker Poodles, Peanut Butter Poppers.

In her "day job," she teaches 3- to 5-year-olds at her preschool, Colleen's Clubhouse.

Call her at 734-9948.

#### COLLEEN'S RECIPES FOR DOGS

##### FIESTA VEGGIE BONES

- 1 3/4 cups water
- 4 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes chopped very small
- 1 tablespoon fresh-minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon cilantro
- 1 tablespoon parsley
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl, mixing well, then knead by hand to form a stiff dough. Roll out dough to 1/4-inch thick and cut out bones or other shapes with a 2 1/2-inch cutter. Place on a greased baking sheet and bake for about 30 to 35 minutes. Turn off oven and cool completely with oven door slightly open. Store in an airtight container.

##### PEANUT BUTTER PUPPERS

- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 cup natural peanut butter
- 1 cup skim milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl, combine the flour and baking powder.

In another bowl, mix the peanut butter and milk until completely blended. Add wet

mixture to dry, and mix well. On a lightly floured surface, knead the dough. Roll out to 1/4-inch thick and cut out shapes. Place on a greased baking sheet and bake for 15 to 20 minutes, depending on the size of the cookie cutter or until lightly brown. Cool on a rack and store in an airtight container.

##### ROTTWEILER KRIBBS (Jerky for pets and people)

1 pound lean beef, lamb or turkey; Remove any excess fat. Slice the meat diagonally across the grain into strips 1/8- to 1/4-inch thick. Marinate the strips for two hours in your favorite marinade. Remove meat from marinade and sprinkle lightly with salt or use a commercial jerky spice and cure mix, such as Nesco American Harvest, available locally.

Follow directions on your dehydrator as to time and tem-

perature. If you do not have a dehydrator, you can put the meat strips in the oven on a wire rack over a drip pan or hang strips over the oven rack bars with a drip pan placed below.

Heat oven to 175 degrees. Leave oven door slightly ajar and dry strips for approximately five hours or longer if necessary. Remove jerky when dry, but still slightly flexible.

Cool and store in an airtight container in a cool place.



## A small Christmas tree can stand and deliver

By Cindy Hoedel  
The Kansas City Star

Before you bag the biggest blue spruce you can get in the door, consider the advantages of a smaller holiday tree in a tabletop stand.

For one thing, the stands themselves can be attractive. Large-tree stands almost have to be ungainly, considering the weight load and quantity of water they have to bear.

But smaller tree stands don't have to hide behind a skirt. Decorative cast iron, ceramic or painted aluminum stands were made to be seen.

Antique Christmas tree stands from Germany are highly collectible, selling for well over \$100 in antique stores and on eBay. Martha Banning of Overland Park, Kan., has a rotating

German stand with an integrated music box that has been in her family for four generations.

Today, the stand is a treasured display object in Banning's home. But 30-odd years ago, she says, it held the family's live Christmas trees year after year.

Keep in mind that many antique tree stands offer no water reservoir, because people did not keep live trees up for as long as they do now.

If you like to have your tree up for two weeks or longer, you should choose either a stand with a reservoir and a live tree or go with an artificial tree.

Kathy Kelly, designer at Helix Architecture+Design, says people tend to be more selective when they put decorations on a tabletop tree.

Plus, with a raised tree, you can

see the skirt and the presents.

A smaller tree on a table opens up interesting new possibilities in terms of location. Kelly recalls being in a home in which the Christmas tree was on a table in the middle of a room, directly beneath an attractive light fixture. "That placement made it a feature of the room. From all sides, you could see through the branches, really see the ornaments. A big tree would have been inappropriate in the same spot."

Rich Hoffman, of Christopher Filley Antiques in Kansas City, offers the following guidelines:

- Use a tabletop tree to display your best ornaments. Vintage or antique ornaments get lost in big trees.
- Place a tabletop tree in a prominent spot where you will see it constantly, for example, on a

demilune table in an entranceway.

• Treat the tree as an accessory. During the 1910s and '20s, people used decorative fences around the base of Christmas trees. Inside the fence they would display celluloid animals or small toys. The fences were made of carved wood and stood 3 to 4 inches high. Most are painted green or white.

• Artificial trees are an environmentally friendly choice for small trees. Most people aren't inclined to chop a small tree down to enjoy it for just a couple of weeks.

• Some new artificial trees are so attractive they don't even need ornaments to create drama. For example, trees frosted with "ice" (a sprayed-on clear polymer that beads up), can hold their own with just a few pine cones.

## Cheap is no excuse for cheesy this season

By Alan J. Heavens  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Last Christmas, you were living in a one-bedroom apartment or with your parents. Now, you've joined the almost six million Americans who took advantage of low interest rates and bought houses of their own. Your neighbors began their Christmas decorating as soon as the last trick-or-treater trotted off, but you don't have much money left after the down payment and closing costs.

The good news is that holiday trappings don't have to be expensive. Celebrating the season doesn't require a house as bright as downtown at night or room displays as sophisticated as a department-store window.

It will take a while to assemble an heirloom-ornament collection, so start slowly, said Julie Yenichek of Lowe's home centers. "Start with a simple tree topper and ornaments to fill out the tree. Use bows and ribbon to close remaining gaps.

Home made popcorn or cranberry garland adds charm; intertwine a garland of matching ribbon to soften the look. Rather than spend a lot of money on an elaborately lit exterior wonderland, hang a tastefully decorated evergreen wreath on the front door."

Framo the doorway with two pre-lit topiaries. A long strand of pre-lit garland around the doorway completes the classic look. Shine a spotlight directly on the door to highlight the scene.

Place electric candles in each front window to extend holiday brightness inexpensively. "Don't forget to spritz up the back and side doors, as well," Yenichek said. "Simple wreaths suspended from velvet ribbon should do the trick."

Inside, "change out a framed picture above the fireplace with a pre-lit holiday wreath," she said. "Adorn the mantel with pre-lit garland and scatter colorful glass ball ornaments throughout the arrangement. Fill spaces with taper candles in hurricane vases."

String velvet ribbon through glass ornaments and hang them from the dining-room chandelier or the fixture in the foyer. Clusters of naturally beautiful amaryllis, paperwhites or poinsettias in the front hall. Continue the floral display up a staircase visible from the front door. Wind live or artificial pre-lit garland up the staircase railings and along exposed interior eaves or balustrades.

The decision to use natural greenery from a nursery or artificial greens from the discount department store depends on what you grew up with. If you go to the supermarket and buy a plain wreath for \$10, you can pick up pine cones from the yard and clip leaves and berries from the holly bush and decorate it yourself, using green florist's wire to secure them to the wreath.

Artificial trees and wreaths used to look quite fake. These days, they look more natural. There are many advantages to an artificial Christmas, said Cherie Leonard, a buyer at Sears. "You are able to set up an artificial tree earlier than a cut tree, since you have to buy a fresh tree closer to Christmas. Artificial trees also are more economical, since they'll last at least 10 years.

General Electric has a 7 1/2-foot



Photos courtesy of Coming Home with Lands End

Top, make holiday visitors feel at home with soft glowing candles and festive touches of the holiday season. Above, the entrance of the home offers everyone a first impression. A bit of greenery can do wonders.

Shenandoah pine with 650 clear lights and roughly 1,200 branch tips that costs \$149. A same-height Fraser fir with 1,500 lights is \$269. A 12-footer with 2,050 lights and 6,000 tips is about \$400.

To do your own lights, remember that some are rated for indoor use only and others are indoor/outdoor. The same goes for extension cords. Check the Underwriters Laboratories ratings on both.

Fiber-optics creatures include bears, moose, snowmen and Santa. There also are animated Santas and reindeer, animated nutcrackers, and rope-light Nativity scenes and train sets. The hottest outdoor creatures this year are inflatable (they have internal fans). They're lit from within, too.

"Inflatables add a touch of whimsy to an otherwise conservative, run-of-the-mill holiday display," Yenichek said. Prices are \$60 to \$100, depending on size and sophistication.

Inside, don't forget candles for the windows, electric or battery-operated; put plugs on timers to go on at dusk. Radio Shack even has radio-controlled battery models.

As ornaments go, Lenox, Waterford and Hummel are the high end, but a box of four glass balls costs only about \$3. Or choose ceramic, cloth and tassel, musical, or collectible (NASCAR, Disney, Coca-Cola). If you want to keep it really inexpensive, make ornaments from paper (snowflakes out of lace paper placements) or gingerbread, or dough (poke a hole in the ornament before it goes into the oven; insert a pipe cleaner for hanging after it comes out).

More prices are Christmas villages: Department 56 offers an Alpine series; an American Train line (including the White House) and a Dickens Village.

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His early years were spent at Jones Gulch below Lower Stanley. The family returned to the home ranch at Goat Springs in the summer of 1924. After the eighth grade, he went to work as a cowboy for his grandfather. In 1939, he worked for Hoops Construction Company, widening State Street in Boise.

On Dec. 4, 1941, he married Frances Carrel of Kimberly. They made their first home in Burbank, Calif., where he was employed by Lockheed Aircraft Corp. They later returned to the family ranch where he has remained. He was an early pioneer in land leveling and conservation construction. He laid pipelines and built many ponds on the rangelands of southern Idaho and northern Nevada. Ora was a lifetime member of the Masonic



Lodge, active for many years in the Hollister Lodge, a member of the Hollister/Filer No. 40 Order of the Eastern Star, the Hollister Presbyterian Church, a charter member of the Idaho Cattleman's Association, the National Cattleman's Association and the local Cattleman's Association and was on the Board of ASCA Committee for over 30 years.

Oran is survived by his wife, Frances of Hollister; four children, Iona (John) Henstock, Roger O. (Gail) Jones, Sally Jones (Jim Guerry), Loren Jones (Trudi Tedesco) all of Hollister; three grandchildren: Jan (Mike) Brown of Bellevue, Idaho, Dr. Rita-Jones (Dr. Michael Kremp) of Greeley, Colo., Jennie (Jim) Hall of Moscow, Idaho; two great-grandchildren, Nicholas Joseph Jones and Parker Brown; two sisters, Norma Earl of Twin Falls and Doris (Glendon) Berry of Blackwell, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his twin brother, Ora Jones; and one sister, Mary Pendergraft.

The memorial service for Oran Jones will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary, "Chapel" by the Park, with the Rev. Ken Gould officiating.

The family suggests memorials to Salmon Tract Rural Fire Protection District, 2450 N. 2411 E., Twin Falls, ID 83301 or to Hospice Visions; 838 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Man shot by police passed volunteer police test

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The man shot to death by police after firing repeatedly at officers passed a background check to be a volunteer police officer.

Idaho Falls Police Chief J. Kent Livsey said that investigation raised no red flags on Charles Hogboom, even though his estranged wife claimed he was having flashbacks to the Vietnam war.

"Nobody had any idea he had this capability," Livsey said.

Authorities had no details of Hogboom's military record. But according to police, the estranged wife of the 52-year-old coupe machine repairman told the police dispatch center on Sunday she was concerned about his safety because he was crying and having war flashbacks.

And just before the fatal

exchange of gunfire began, Hogboom called the police dispatch center to declare, "We need to finish what was started in Vietnam."

When officers arrived at his second-story apartment to check on his safety, they said Hogboom fired at them 11 times with a rifle, shotgun and pistol.

One police officer returned fire, hitting Hogboom twice and killing him. The officer who fired the fatal shots is on administrative leave until the prosecutor and the State Police complete investigations of the incident. He has not been named.

None of the other six responding officers was injured. The other six officers also have been given time off, ranging from a day to several days.

Hogboom's boss at IKON Office Solutions in Idaho Falls,

Allan Jemmett called Hogboom a dependable employee over the last 10 years.

Bart Emigh, a team leader at the Veterans Center in Pocatello, said it is not uncommon for a Vietnam veteran suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, to appear completely normal to people unfamiliar with the syndrome. "Very few people understand, and a lot of people don't even believe in it," said Emigh, who "counsels up to 100 veterans a week. "These guys have never felt like they've been welcomed back. There's a lot of bitterness among them."

SERVICES

Leah Knopp Serr of Paul, service at 1 p.m. today at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; burial will be at the Paul Cemetery; friends may call from 12-12:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Jlynn E. "Chickie" Muir of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at the LDS Stake Center, 667 Harrison St.; viewing from noon to 12:45 p.m. today at the church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Meldon Keith Jensen of Buhl, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Eugene M. "Gene" Zach of Castleford, service at 11 a.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel; interment will follow at West End Cemetery in Buhl.

Betty Louise Whismore Hinton of Bliss, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

Manuel Andrade of Rupert, rosary at 7 p.m. today at Saint Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., Rupert; service at 2 p.m.

Thursday at the Saint Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., Rupert; burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call from 6-7 p.m. today and from 1-1:45 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Verrel McCulloch Carney of Burley, service at 1 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St.; Burley; burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call one hour before the funeral on Thursday at the funeral home.

Guess who turned 70???



Bethella "Beth" Uffe from Eden, recently celebrated her 70th birthday at Johnny Carino's Restaurant with 41 of her family & friends! Her real birthday is Sept. 17. We all love you! Happy birthday, Beth!

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## Happy howlidays



Colleen Nemeth feeds Lucy, right, a Tibetan terrier; Bella, a black lab and Molly, a standard poodle, a banana pecan cake at her home in Twin Falls recently. Nemeth makes healthy dog treats with human-grade ingredients that are low in fats and artificial preservatives.

### Don't forget the stocking stuffers for Fido and Ol' Shep

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS**—Don't forget to hang a stocking for your favorite furry friend this Christmas. Pet owner Colleen Nemeth has always tried to eat fresh food with no preservatives. One day, she decided her black lab, Bella, should eat that way, too. Nemeth and Bella have been involved with the Snake River Canine Search and Rescue for several years.

Nemeth said chemicals and preservatives often found in commercial dog foods can cause allergies, diabetes and thyroid problems in dogs. She has a friend who sells natural treats for people at the Twin Falls Farmers Market, so she thought it might be fun to concoct some healthy, natural, non-fat treats with no chemicals added for dogs, too.

Last spring, she made up a batch

of healthy dog treats — and Bella liked them.

Nemeth did research, tried a few recipes and eventually opened a part-time business called Bone Appetit.

Soon after, she went to Seattle and visited a dog bakery, where she learned about canine birthday parties with cakes decorated with cream cheese. She also discovered dog-friendly stores, where dogs are welcome to run loose. And she got the inspiration for tater treats, playing with the recipe and idea until she perfected it.

She sold the dehydrated sweet potato chews on a jolly rope at the Harvest Time Festival at the College of Southern Idaho this fall, and she sold out every day.

She likes to give names to her dog treats: Bella's Bones, Barker's Dozen, Bow Wow Brownies, Snicker Poodles, Peanut Butter Puppies.

In her "day job," she teaches 3- to 5-year-olds at her preschool, Colleen's Chubbhouse. Call her at 734-9948.

### COLLEEN'S RECIPES FOR DOGS

#### FIESTA VEGGIE BONES

- 1 3/4 cups water
- 4 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes chopped very small
- 1 tablespoon fresh-minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon cilantro
- 1 tablespoon parsley
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl, mixing well, then knead by hand to form a stiff dough. Roll out dough to 1/4-inch thick and cut out bones or other shapes with a 2 1/2-inch cutter. Place on a greased baking sheet and bake for about 30 to 35 minutes. Turn off oven and cool completely with oven door slightly open. Store in an airtight container.

#### PEANUT BUTTER PUPPERS

- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 cup natural peanut butter
- 1 cup skim milk
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- In a bowl, combine the flour and baking powder.
- In another bowl, mix the peanut butter and milk until completely blended. Add wet

mixture to dry, and mix well. On a lightly floured surface, knead the dough. Roll out to 1/4-inch thick and cut out shapes. Place on a greased baking sheet and bake for 15 to 20 minutes, depending on the size of the cookie cutter or until lightly brown. Cool on a rack and store in an airtight container.

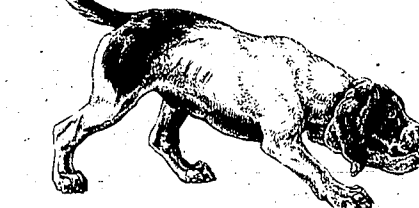
#### ROTTWEILER RIBBIS (Jerky for pets and people)

- 1 pound lean beef, lamb or turkey; Remove any excess fat. Slice the meat diagonally across the grain into strips 1/8- to 1/4-inch thick. Marinate the strips for two hours in your favorite marinade. Remove meat from marinade and sprinkle lightly with salt or use a commercial jerky spice and cure mix, such as Nesco American Harvest, available locally.
- Follow directions on your dehydrator as to time and tem-

perature. If you do not have a dehydrator, you can put the meat strips in the oven on a wire rack over a drip pan or hang strips over the oven rack bars with a drip pan placed below.

Heat oven to 175 degrees. Leave oven door slightly ajar and dry strips for approximately five hours or longer if necessary. Remove jerky when dry, but still slightly flexible.

Cool and store in an airtight container in a cool place.



### A small Christmas tree can stand and deliver

By Cindy Hoedel  
The Kansas City Star

Before you bag the biggest blue spruce you can get in the door, consider the advantages of a smaller holiday tree in a tabletop stand.

For one thing, the stands themselves can be attractive. Large-tree stands almost have to be ungainly, considering the weight load and quantity of water they have to bear.

But smaller tree stands don't have to hide behind a skirt. Decorative cast iron, ceramic or painted aluminum stands were made to be seen.

Antique Christmas tree stands from Germany are highly collectible, selling for well over \$100 in antique stores and on eBay. Martha Banning of Overland Park, Kan., has a rotating

German stand with an integrated music box that has been in her family for four generations.

Today, the stand is a treasured display object in Banning's home. But 30-odd years ago, she says, it held the family's live Christmas trees year after year.

Keep in mind that many antique tree stands offer no water reservoir, because people did not keep live trees up for as long as they do now.

If you like to have your tree up for two weeks or longer, you should choose either a stand with a reservoir and a live tree or go with an artificial tree.

Kathy Kelly, designer at Helix Architecture+Design, says people tend to be more selective when they put decorations on a tabletop tree.

Plus, with a raised tree, you can

see the skirt and the presents.

A smaller tree on a table opens up interesting new possibilities in terms of location. Kelly recalls being in a home in which the Christmas tree was on a table in the middle of a room, directly beneath an attractive light fixture. "That placement made it a feature of the room. From all sides, you could see through the branches, really see the ornaments. A big tree would have been inappropriate in the same spot."

Rich Hoffman, of Christopher Filley Artiques in Kansas City, offers the following guidelines:

- Use a tabletop tree to display your best ornaments. Vintage or antique ornaments get lost in big trees.
- Place a tabletop tree in a prominent spot where you will see it constantly, for example, on a

demilune table in an entrance-way.

• Treat the tree as an accessory. During the 1910s and '20s, people used decorative fences around the base of Christmas trees. Inside the fence they would display celluloid animals or small toys. The fences were made of carved wood and stood 3 to 4 inches high. Most are painted green or white.

• Artificial trees are an environmentally friendly choice for small trees. Most people aren't inclined to chop a small tree down to enjoy it for just a couple of weeks.

• Some new artificial trees are so attractive they don't even need ornaments to create drama. For example, trees frosted with "ice" (a sprayed-on clear polymer that beads up), can hold their own with just a few pine cones.

### Cheap is no excuse for cheesy this season

By Alan J. Heavens  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Last Christmas, you were living in a one-bedroom apartment or with your parents. Now, you've joined the almost six million Americans who look for advantage of low interest rates and bought houses of their own. Your neighbors began their Christmas decorating as soon as the last trick-or-treater trotted off, but you don't have much money left after the down payment and closing costs.

The good news is that holiday trappings don't have to be expensive. Celebrating the season doesn't require a house as bright as downtown at night or room displays as sophisticated as a department-store window.

It will take a while to assemble a heirloom—ornament collection, so start slowly, said Julie Yenichek of Lowe's home centers. "Start with a simple tree topper and ornaments to fill out the tree. Use bows and ribbon to close remaining gaps.

Home décor popcorn or cranberry garland adds charm; intertwine a garland of matching ribbon to soften the look. Rather than spend a lot of money on an elaborately lit exterior wonderland, hang a tastefully decorated evergreen wreath on the front door."

Frame the doorway with two pre-lit topiaries. A long strand of pre-lit garland around the doorway completes the classic look. Shine a spotlight directly on the door to highlight the scene.

Place electric candles in each front window to extend holiday brightness inexpensively. "Don't forget to spruce up the back and side doors, as well," Yenichek said. "Simple wreaths suspended from velvet ribbon should do the trick."

Inside, "change out a framed picture above the fireplace with a pre-lit holiday wreath," she said. "Adorn the mantel with pre-lit garland and scatter colorful glass ball ornaments throughout the arrangement. Fill spaces with taper candles in hurricane vases."

String velvet ribbon through glass ornaments and hang them from the dining-room chandelier or the fixture in the foyer. Cluster pots of naturally beautiful amaryllis, paperwhites or poinsettias in the front hall. Continue the floral display up a staircase visible from the front door. Wind live or artificial, pre-lit garland up the staircase railings and along exposed interior catwalks or balconies.

The decision to use natural greenery from a nursery or artificial greens from the discount department store depends on what you grew up with. If you go to the supermarket and buy a plain wreath for \$10, you can pick up pine cones from the yard and clip leaves and berries from the holly bush and decorate it yourself, using green florist's wire to secure them to the wreath.

Artificial trees and wreaths used to look quite fake. These days, they look more natural. There are many advantages to an artificial Christmas, said Cherie Leonard, a buyer at Sears: "You are able to set up an artificial tree earlier than a cut tree, since you have to buy a fresh tree closer to Christmas. Artificial trees also are more expensive, since they'll last at least 10 years.

General Electric has a 7 1/2-foot



Photos courtesy of Corning Home with Lenox Ltd.

Top, make holiday visitors feel at home with soft glowing candles and festive touches of the holiday season. Above, the entrance of the home offers everyone a first impression. A bit of greenery can do wonders.

Shenandoah pine with 650 clear lights and roughly 1,200 brass tips that costs \$149. A same-height Fraser fir with 1,500 lights is \$269. A 12-footer with 2,050 lights and 6,000 tips is about \$400.

To do your own lights, remember that some are rated for indoor use only and others are indoor/outdoor. The same goes for extension cords. Check the Underwriters Laboratories ratings on both.

Fiber-optic creatures include bears, moose, snowmen and Santa. There also are animated Santas and reindeer, animated nutcrackers, and top-light Nativity scenes and train sets. The hottest outdoor creatures this year are inflatable (they have internal fans). They're lit from within, too.

"Inflatables add a touch of whimsy to an otherwise conservative, run-of-the-mill holiday display," Yenichek said. Prices are \$60 to \$100, depending on size and sophistication.

Inside, don't forget candles for the windows, electric or battery-operated; put plug-ins on timers to go on at dusk. Radio Shack even has radio-controlled battery models.

As ornaments go, Lenox, Waterford and Hummel are the high end, but a box of four glass balls costs only about \$3. Or choose ceramic, cloth and tassel, mismatched, or collectible (NASCAR, Disney, Coca-Cola). If you want to keep it really inexpensive, make ornaments—from paper (snowflakes out of lace paper placemats) or gingerbread, or dough (poke a hole in the ornament before it goes into the oven; insert a pipe cleaner for hanging after it comes out).

More pricey are Christmas villages. Department 56 offers an Alpine series, an American Village (including the White House) and a Dickens Village.

FOOD & HOME

Plug into the holidays

All decked out for the holidays? The Times-News is looking for homes with great lighting displays so we can share the list with readers. Send in the address of your favorite display and a short description of the home, along with your own name

and phone number, by Dec. 15. Send to Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0548. Or e-mail to denise@magical-ley.com. Or fax to 734-5538. For more information, call 733-0931. Ext. 243.

Try cantonese shrimp and pork for supper

By Kristin Eddy  
Chicago Tribune

This is home cooking, Cantonese style. This surf-and-turf, seasoned with aromatic green onions and salty Asian black beans, is a fast but satisfying meal.

**CANTONESE SHIRIMP AND PORK**  
Yield: 4 servings  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
3/4 pound lean ground pork  
1/2 pound medium shrimp, peeled, deveined  
3 green onions, chopped  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1 piece (1-inch long) ginger root, minced  
1 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth  
1 tablespoon each: soy sauce, rice wine vinegar, sesame oil  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1 teaspoon cornstarch  
1 tablespoon water  
1 tablespoon salted Asian black

Dinner tonight

beans or 2 tablespoons oyster sauce  
2 eggs, beaten  
Salt, freshly ground pepper  
Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a skillet or wok over high heat. Add pork, stir-fry until no longer pink, about 5 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon; set aside. Add shrimp to pan; stir-fry until shrimp are pink, about 4 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon; set aside. Add remaining oil, green onions, garlic and ginger Cook 1 minute, stirring. Remove with a slotted spoon; set aside. Pour chicken broth, soy sauce, rice wine vinegar, sesame oil and sugar into skillet. Dissolve cornstarch in 1 tablespoon warm water; stir into broth mixture. Add black beans. Stir together; heat until mixture thickens, about 2 minutes. Stir in beaten eggs, pork and shrimp. Stir-fry 2 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Giving a homemade gift rewards the giver

When we make a gift, we can't help thinking about the person we're making it for. So it ends up being a gift for you — all those warm thoughts of your friend — as well as a gift for someone else. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

• If you have herbs drying everywhere, make an herbal swag that keeps bugs out of the closet. Everyone has a closet. Nobody wants bugs in it. You'll be a hero! Gather a bouquet of bug-repelling herbs, such as wormwood, yarrow, pennyroyal, tansy, lavender and sage. You want the swag to lie flat against the wall, so begin with a large, flat piece, then layer smaller pieces on top, arranging them so all the layers show. Trim all the stems evenly at the bottom and wrap a couple of rubber bands around the bottom to hold them together. Finish by winding some ribbon around the bottom to conceal the rubber bands. Add a bow, and make another one.

• An even easier gift for your favorite gardener might be an assortment of herb seeds, seed-starting potting soil and pots to match the sunniest windowsill. Most herbs will prefer to live in a hot, dry Mediterranean garden. These, however, will survive if kept in a sunny windowsill. Include packets of basil (nice for us because it tolerates dry air), thyme, sage, marjoram and dwarf lavender. Dill, savory and chives like it sunny, but prefer a cooler



GREEN THUMBPRINTS  
Cathy Walworth

room. As does rosemary — about 60 degrees or so. You might be surprised to find that your windowsills are a different temperature than the rest of the room. Setting a small thermometer on the ledge will tell you a lot. If you'd like to include seeds that will produce a tender winter salad, give salad burnet and parsley. Most lettuces will do well in a winter windowsill. That's not exactly "making a gift," but assembling the parts counts, doesn't it? Especially if you pack it all into a gorgeous basket you've lined with linen napkins.

• How about a gift of fresh air? This is a two-for-one: "How to Grow Fresh Air," by Dr. B.C. Wolverton, (Penguin, 1996, \$15.95) is a picture-packed volume that highlights the virtues of houseplants. You might remember some time ago when NASA wanted to purify the air and set out to find out how well which plants performed in that arena. Wolverton's book tells you. Get the book. It's a great reference tool for anyone who likes plants and is interested in cleaning toxins from indoor air.

Give some of the top-rated

plants. Such as a palm, or a rubber tree plant. Dracaenas are popular in office buildings because they're so hard to kill. Wolverton likes the English ivy but I hardly ever recommend it in our climate because it seems to act as a spider mite magnet. Look up the good points of poinsettia. When you present a lush, full poinsettia, be sure to mention that it will clean formaldehyde from the air (brought indoors in drapes, fab-

rics, tissues, carpets, gas stoves and grocery bags, just to name a few).

Those should get you through a good part of your holiday list. If you're out, tell Santa I'd like some of those pots and seeds, would you?

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: caw200@pmt.org

Ten tips for reducing holiday stress

Knight Ridder News Service

Cooking experts at Culinary Arts Unlimited offers tips for lowering holiday stress in your kitchen:

1. Plan holiday menus well in advance, keeping in mind that most prefer the season's traditional foods.
2. Allow time-saving short-cuts. Not everything must be made from scratch. Buy gourmet condiments, freshly baked breads, artisanal cheeses to help in your preparations.
3. Take stock of kitchen tools before the rush begins. Are your egg beaters handy? Is your food processor working correctly?
4. Accessorize your appliances. A new food processor blade or paring knife might save you time in preparation.
5. Take stock of your tableware.

Long before setting the table, review your china cabinets. Do you need additional saucers? Stemware? Can you mix and match?

6. Choose quality ingredients. Foods of the highest quality ensure the best results.
  7. Shop during off-peak hours. Be aware of times when your local groceries seem less crowded. Shop online when possible.
  8. Prepare dishes in advance. Make room in the fridge for your early preparations, too.
  9. Clean-as-you-cook—What's worse than an avalanche of dishes after prepping a favorite food? Cleaning as you go is important for food safety, too.
  10. Ask for help. Don't be a martyr. Ask friends to bring a dish. Pick up side dishes from a caterer.
- Enjoy yourself.

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Most hardwood floors have millions of tiny pores that act as insulators.

## Durability can vary greatly among hardwood floor choices

DEAR JIM: I have always like the warm feeling and beauty of hardwood floors, but I wonder if it really is an earth-friendly material. What type of hardwood is best for durability and that warm feeling?

-PATTI R.



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DEAR PATTI: I recently visited a hardwood logging team and found it to be environmentally friendly. Each mature tree was hand-picked and only a few were cut per acre. Today there are 90 percent more hardwood trees than 100 years ago. Even the logging equipment which removes trees from the forest is designed with special tires to minimize damage to plants and animals.

Hardwood flooring does produce a warm feeling unlike other flooring materials. This is due to its millions of tiny insulating pores and its appearance. Most wood used for flooring will have a similar insulation value. The natural look of real wood creates a warm, cozy ambience.

Most types of hardwood flooring perform well, but there are differences in the durability. Durability is often defined by the hardness of the wood surface and its stability. Hardness will affect how well the

hardwood flooring stands up to foot traffic and impacts (something heavy dropped). Stability refers to how the plank size and shape changes with varying room temperatures and indoor humidity levels. If you heat all winter and air-condition all summer, stability is less important. When you like to open windows whenever possible as I do, stability should be a consideration.

If you are concerned about using earth-friendly materials and are on a tight budget, consider using engineered hardwood flooring. It has a thick hardwood veneer (so it can be refinished) on top of several plies of other wood. This makes it stable and it looks identical to solid hardwood flooring.

Be cautious when selecting the specific type of wood. Just knowing it is an oak or a maple is not enough. The properties of various

species within each general type of wood can vary significantly.

Some beautiful flooring is made from pine reclaimed from beams in old Kentucky distillers. This type of pine is hard. It is cut into veneer and made into engineered flooring. If you are going to do the installation yourself, you might consider using a floating floor. This uses tongue-and-groove hardwood planks which are attached to each other, but not to the subflooring.

Also consider using hardwood planks or strips with beveled edges to hide some imperfections. Some hardwood flooring manufacturers offer beautiful ornate patterns as trim, a border or a centerpiece. Select ones that create the pattern using woods of different natural colors. If the wood is instead stained to create the colors, you may have a problem refinishing it someday.

Write for (instantly download - www.dulley.com) Update Bulletin No. 462 - buyer's guide of solid/engineered hardwood flooring manufacturers, wood types, sizes, patterns, hardness/stability/finishes selector guides, and flooring floor details. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE. Write to James Dulley, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

## This recipe hails from old New England

By Linda Cicero  
The Miami Herald

- 1 teaspoon nutmeg or cinnamon
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups milk
- 4 eggs, separated

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Core and pare the apples. Place in a buttered deep-dish casserole large enough to hold them without crowding. Mix the sugar and spice and place in the apple centers. Pour 2 cups water around the apples and bake until tender but not soft, about 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Beat the milk with the egg yolks and mix into the dry ingredients. Beat the egg whites until stiff, then fold into the batter.

When apples are done, pour the batter over top and bake about 1 hour, until top is nicely browned.

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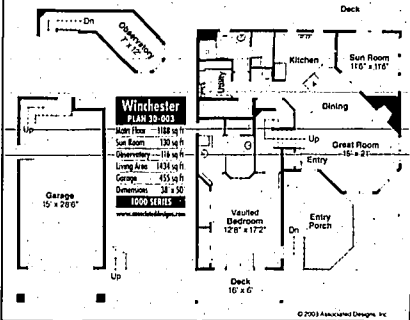
A vaulted bedroom with private bath is on the next highest level. Group living areas, including a great room, sunroom and partially covered front porch, are half a flight down - and an extra-long one-car garage is at ground level. Columns flank the garage door, adding visual interest.

Glass double doors open onto a wide deck from the bedroom, which features his and hers closets and a private bath with two vanities, oversized shower and compartmentalized toilet. Another bathroom, with an adjacent sauna and utility room, is conveniently close to the spacious great room.

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By Liz Atwood  
The Ballmore Sun Sun

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# Holidays should end on a sweet note

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made with Hershey's Sugar Free, which is sweetened with the sugar replacer lactitol. Perfect for the holiday season.

## CHOCOLATE MARBLED CHEESECAKE CRUMB CRUST (recipe follows)

3 packages (8 ounces each) Neufchatel light cream cheese, softened

3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons sucralose, granular form (sold as Splenda)

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

3 eggs

12 (3.3-ounce bag) Hershey's Sugar Free Chocolate Candies, unwrapped

1 tablespoon milk

Heat oven to 350 F. Wrap bot-

tom of 9-inch springform pan in

aluminum foil, extending foil at

least 2 inches up side of pan. Prepare

SHORTBREAD CRUMB CRUST. Beat cream cheese,

sucralose and vanilla in large

bowl until well blended. Add

eggs one at a time, heating well

after each addition. Set aside 1/2

cup batter; spread remaining bat-

ter on prepared crust. Break

chocolates in pieces; place with

milk in small microwave-safe

bowl. Microwave at HIGH (100

percent) 30 seconds; stir. If nec-

essary, microwave at HIGH 10

seconds at a time, stirring after

each heating, until chocolate is

melted and mixture is smooth

when stirred. Stir reserved batter

into chocolate mixture, blending

well. Drop chocolate mixture by

teaspoonfuls on surface of vani-

lla batter; gently swirl with knife

or metal spatula for marbled

effect. Place cheesecake pan in

shallow baking pan with 1/2-inch

sides; place in oven. Add water

to baking pan to depth of

1/2 to 3/4 inch. Bake 40 to 45 min-

utes or until center is set. Re-

move from oven to cooling

rack. Immediately loosen cake

from sides of pan. Cool to room

temperature. Cover, refrigerate

several hours or until completely

chilled, 12 servings.

**SHORTBREAD CRUMB**

**CRUST:** Heat oven to 350 F.

Combine 1 1/4 cups cookie

crumbs (made from sugar-free

shortbread cookies), 1/4 cup (1/2

stick) melted butter and 1 table-

spoon granular form sucralose in

medium bowl. Press on bottom

and 1/2-inch up side of 9-inch

springform pan. Bake 8 to 10 min-

utes.

**FUDGE BROWNIE DROPS**

12 (3.3-ounce bag) Hershey's

Sugar Free Chocolate Candies

1/2 cup (1 stick) light mar-

garine, softened

1/2-cup sucralose, granular

form (sold as Splenda)

1/4 cup granulated sugar

1 egg

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/4 cup Hershey's Dutch

Processed Cocoa

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup chopped pecans

Heat oven to 350 F. Remove

wrappers from chocolates; cut in

small pieces. Lightly grease cook-

ie sheets. Beat margarine,

sucralose, granulated sugar, egg

and vanilla in large bowl until

well blended. Stir together flour,

cocoa, baking soda and salt; grad-

ually add to margarine mixture,

beating until well blended. Stir

in chocolate pieces and nuts.

Drop by teaspoonfuls onto pre-



Left, Chocolate Marbled Cheesecake and Peanut Butter Cup Flecked Ice Cream Pie will stand out at any party.

Below, Polka Dot Shortbread Bars and Fudgey Brownie Drops are perfect holiday treats.

Photos courtesy of Hershey's Sugar Free Chocolate Candies

## PEANUT BUTTER CUP FLECKED ICE CREAM PIE

1 1/2 cups salted or unsalted

finely crushed pretzels

3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) light mar-

garine, melted

2 tablespoons sucralose, granu-

lar form (sold as Splenda)

12 (3.3-ounce bag) Hershey's

Sugar Free Peanut-Butter-Cups

Miniatures

1/2 gallon sugar-free vanilla ice

cream, softened

**PEANUT BUTTER CREAM**

**SAUCE** (recipe follows)

Peanut Butter Cups Miniatures

for garnish if desired.

Heat oven to 350 F. Combine

pretzels, margarine and sucralose

in medium bowl; press mixture on

bottom and up side of 9-inch pie

plate. Bake 30 minutes or until

firm. Cool completely on wire

rack.

Remove wrappers from peanut

butter cups; cut in small pieces.

Stir peanut butter cup pieces into

softened ice cream. Gently spread

ice cream mixture in prepared

crust. Cover; freeze 4 to 6 hours or

overnight. To serve: Allow pie to

soften slightly; cut into slices.

Drizzle each slice with about 2

teaspoons **PEANUT BUTTER**

**CREAM SAUCE**, if desired. 12

servings.

## PEANUT BUTTER CREAM SAUCE

Unwrap and chop 12

(3.3-ounce bag) Hershey's Sugar

Free Peanut-Butter-Cups

Miniatures; place in medium,

microwave-safe bowl. Stir in 1/3

cup light cream. Microwave at

HIGH (100 percent) 1 minute; stir.

If necessary, microwave an addi-

tional 15 seconds at a time, stir-

ring after each heating, until

peanut butter cups are melted

and mixture is smooth when

stirred (some peanut pieces may

remain). Stir in 1 teaspoon vanilla

extract. Cool slightly. About 2/3

cup sauce.

## 12 (3.3-ounce bag) Hershey's Sugar Free Chocolate Candies, divided

3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter, soft-

ened

7 tablespoons sucralose, granu-

lar form (sold as Splenda)

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour

Heat oven to 350 F. Grease 8- or

9-inch square baking pan. Re-

move wrappers from choco-

lates; chop 10 chocolates in 1/4-

inch pieces. Set aside. Beat but-

ter, sucralose and vanilla until well

blended. Gradually beat in flour.

(Dough will be crumbly, but

moist.) Stir in chocolate pieces.

Pat dough into prepared pan.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until

lightly browned. Remove from

oven immediately cut into bars.

Cool completely in pan on wire

rack. Remove bars from pan;

place on sheet of waxed paper.

Place remaining 2 chocolates in

small microwave-safe bowl.

Microwave at HIGH (100 percent)

30 seconds; stir. If necessary,

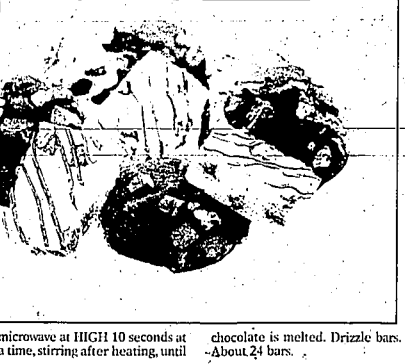
microwave at HIGH 10 seconds at

a time, stirring after heating, until

chocolate is melted. Drizzle bars.

About 24 bars.

## POLKA DOT SHORTBREAD BARS



microwave at HIGH 10 seconds at a time, stirring after heating, until chocolate is melted. Drizzle bars. About 24 bars.

# Steamed brown bread complements baked beans

By Ellen Hawke  
The Baltimore Sun

Recipe finder

This dense, rich bread is perfect when served alongside baked beans. Be sure to check the water level during the steaming process of this bread and add more (preferably boiling) water as needed. Otherwise the bread will scorch on the bottom. Test for doneness with a skewer. The middle will be moist but not sticky when done. Some people prefer to dry the steamed loaves in the oven for 15 minutes after steaming. One of the most important things to remember is to not overfill the coffee tins.

## BOSTON BROWN BREAD

1 cup yellow cornmeal

1 cup rye flour

1 cup whole-wheat flour

2 teaspoons baking soda

1 teaspoon salt

2 cups buttermilk

3/4 cup dark unsulfured molasses

1 cup black raisins, roughly

chopped

Combine dry ingredients in a

big bowl. In a separate bowl, beat

together buttermilk, molasses and

raisins. Vigorously blend the

liquid into the dry ingredients

with a wooden spoon, then pour

into 2 well-buttered 1-pound cylin-

drical coffee tins. Butter two 6-

inch squares of foil and tie them

securely around the tops of the

tins with string. Place on a rack in

a deep kettle or pot, pour into the

pot 2 inches of water (adding more later as necessary), weight the cover for a tight seal (we've used bricks) and steam for 3 hours over medium heat. Bread is done when it has risen almost to the top and the center has puffed. (If the center remains indented, steam 5 minutes or so more.) Let cool 1 hour in the can before unmolding. Serve hot, with butter or toasted. Cut like a sausage about 1/2-inch thick, using a serrated knife. Makes 2 loaves.

-Adapted from "The Joy of Cooking"

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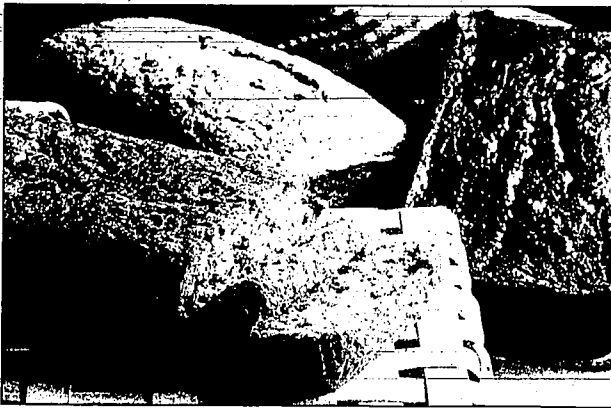
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Quick breads may be savory or sweet, flavored with fruit, liqueurs, nuts, cheeses, herbs or spices. Rarely found in patisseries, quick breads are a staple of country markets and country kitchens, and are great gifts for the holidays.

## Purely American, quick-loaves please the down-home palate

By Stephanie Shapiro  
The Baltimore Sun

When Kathy Reid awakes at 3 a.m. on "baking" days, she's inspired by seasonal riches, the weather forecast and a hankering for certain flavor fusions. Her whims find expression in the 450 to 600 loaves of quick breads she makes each week in her Orttanna, Pa., farmhouse, and sells as Kathy's Gourmet Cakes and Breads.

Rarely found in elegant "patisseries" or bakeries, quick breads are a staple of home kitchens and country markets. A quick loaf studded with dried apricots, dates or chocolate chips conjures afternoon confidences over tea and simple gifts of friendship, not artisanal brilliance.

The "modern quick loaf is a purely American product," writes Beth Hensperger in "The Best Quick Breads: 150 Recipes for Muffins, Scones, Shortcakes, Gingerbreads, Cornbreads, Coffeecakes and More." Breads may be savory or sweet, flavored with combinations of fruit,



delicacy served with tea.

Quick breads are useful presents and easy to freeze in anticipation of holiday company. Jammie Monaco, an instructor of horsemanship in Towson, Md., attributes the blue ribbon she won at the Maryland State Fair in August for her zucchini quick bread to "spontaneous" additions. Using a recipe from her mother's Oklahoma extension service cookbook as "a base," Monaco threw some shredded coconut, some raisins, plus "a little bit of this or less of that."

She says, "Quick breads are great. They're so easy. I will make myself a quick bread on Sunday night and eat it for breakfast for the whole week."

Sarah White, who lives in Arkansas, teaches an online quick-bread course. Nostalgia informs her love of quick breads. "The banana-bread recipe I use with the course is actually my great-grandmother's banana-bread recipe."

liqueurs, nuts, cheeses, herbs or spices. Toasted, quick bread makes breakfast. Sliced and spread with peanut butter or cream cheese, or filled with other typical sandwich ingredients, quick bread becomes lunch or a

### QUICK BREAD RECIPES

#### CHOCOLATE-BANANA TEA LOAVES

In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugar together, using the whisk attachment of electric mixer on high speed (or a sturdy wire whisk), until the mixture is creamy and fluffy and a light lemon-yellow in color. With the mixer on low, beat in the eggs. Add the bananas, and continue mixing at low speed until all are completely incorporated into the batter. Stir half of the sour cream into the wet ingredients with the paddle attachment of the mixer (or with a wooden spoon). Fold in half the dry ingredients. Repeat, until all the ingredients are combined and not a trace of flour remains. Use a rubber spatula to scrape the batter into the prepared loaf pans. Make

sure to divide the batter equally. Place the loaf pans side-by-side on the center rack in the oven, and bake for 70 to 75 minutes. When the loaves are ready to come out of the oven, they will have split on top and pulled away from the sides of the pans. Remove the loaves from the oven, and set them on a wire rack for a few minutes until cool enough to touch. To remove each loaf, place the rack over the top of the pan and quickly flip the pan so the loaf falls onto the rack. Allow to cool a bit before slicing. Serve warm or at room temperature. Makes two 5-inch-by-9-inch loaves.

—From "Once Upon a Tart: Soups, Salads and More"

#### CARROT-AND-TANGERINE BREAD

blended in volume. Add vanilla, tangerine juice and zest. Fold in grated carrots. Stir dry ingredients into wet until smooth and well combined. Turn batter into 2 greased 9-inch-by-5-inch loaf pans, filling no more than two-thirds full. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 50 to 60 minutes, or until a cake tester comes out clean. Let stand in pan 10 minutes before turning out onto a rack to cool completely. Wrap in plastic wrap and let stand at room temperature overnight before slicing. Makes two 9-inch-by-5-inch loaves.

—From "Bread," by Beth Hensperger

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## Walking in a winter cookieland

By Ed Murrata  
Knight Ridder News Service

### COOKIE RECIPE

To avoid holiday cookie disasters, I've prepared a cookie cheat sheet, with everything you need to know.

#### Crisp vs. soft

• **Liquid.** Crisp cookies require stiff dough. Limit the extracts and boozy additions. Want a soft cookie? Increase the liquid content.  
• **Sugar and fat.** High sugar and fat content enables you to mix a workable dough with low moisture content. This will give you crisp cookies. For soft cookies, reduce the sugar and fat, or include honey, molasses or corn syrup in your recipe.  
• **Temperature and time.** Higher heat will shock and set the dough. Longer baking-time will evaporate most of the moisture. Underbaking will result in a softer cookie.

• **Size.** Here, it matters. Small and thin cookies dry faster during baking. Larger, thicker cookies retain more moisture.

• **Storage.** To keep your cookies crisp, store them in a tightly sealed container and avoid exposure to moisture. To keep soft cookies from turning hard and stale, wrap them in plastic or keep them in an airtight container.

#### Chewy

• **High sugar and lots of liquid ensure chewiness.** Here's where that double-shot of rum comes in handy.

• **Low fat content ensures chewiness.** Listen to your doctor; hold back on the butter.

• **High egg content ensures chewiness.** An extra yolk won't hurt.

• **Flour.** Using strong flour, or activating the flour's gluten proteins makes a cookie chewier. So use all-purpose or bread flour (12 percent protein content) and don't be afraid to keep mixing after you've added the flour.

#### Cookie helper

• **Bagged cookies.** They're generally the prettiest of all. Your batter must be soft enough to pipe, but firm enough to hold its shape. Avoid large pieces of nuts or candies that can clog your pastry tip.

• **Drop cookies.** They're made from soft dough. They're ideal when you want a more rustic cookie. Drop cookies usually contain large pieces of nuts, fruit or chocolate. Stir these ingredients into the dough after other ingredients have been mixed in. The same goes with chunky dry ingredients like rolled oats or coconut. A small ice cream scoop makes an ideal dropper. Or use two spoons. Pick up dough with one spoon and use the back of another spoon to push the dough onto the baking sheet.

• **Molded/cut-out cookies.** Chilled dough is easier to work with and won't stick to the rolling surface. For faster chilling, flatten small softball-size balls of dough into disks. Roll your dough to uniform thickness. Use a fair amount of flour to keep the dough from sticking to the surface. To cut individual cookies, dip your cookie cutters in flour or cornstarch so the dough won't stick. If you're rolling scrap dough, dust your work surface with equal parts flour and powdered sugar to avoid toughening the dough. Apply colored sugar, nuts or decorative candies before baking, to ensure that they'll stick.

• **Rolled cookies.** Ropes, logs and other cookies shaped by hand need to be made from dough that's firm enough to handle without sticking to your hands. Chill your dough in small portions to help make rolling easy. To flatten a rolled ball of dough, press the

bottom of a drinking glass onto a portion of dough. Then dip the portion of the glass into a pile of sugar. Then use the glass to press the ball of dough into a flat shape. Use colored sugar or cinnamon sugar for contrasting effects.

• **Sliced cookies.** Roll the dough into a log about 2 feet long. Place the log on a sheet of parchment or wax paper. Roll one end of the paper over the log and tuck it underneath. Tighten the paper onto the log as you continue to roll. Chill—the log under the dough is firm. To slice, use a sharp knife and cut off a desired portion from the log. Place slices on a sheet and bake.

• **FOR CRUST:**  
8 tablespoons (1 stick) butter, softened  
1/4 cup confectioner's sugar  
1 teaspoon grated lemon zest  
1 cup flour  
Pinch of salt

• **FOR FILLING:**  
2 eggs  
1 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons flour  
3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice

1 teaspoon lemon zest  
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and get out an 8-inch square baking pan. Make the crust: Beat the butter and confectioner's sugar together until blended, then add the lemon zest, flour and salt, and mix thoroughly. Press the mixture evenly in the bottom of the baking pan and bake for 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool on a rack. To make the filling: Beat together the eggs, sugar, flour, lemon juice, and lemon zest until thoroughly blended. Pour over the crust and return to the oven to bake for 20-25 minutes, until the top is dry and barely browned around the edges—don't overbake; the custard filling should remain soft. Remove from the oven and cool on a rack, then cut into 2-inch squares. If you wish, top confectioner's sugar over the top before serving.

• **Bar cookies.** Deposit and spread your dough or batter evenly in the pan to ensure an attractive appearance and even baking. If your pan is too large for your recipe, your cookie bars will be thin and dry. If it's too small, your bars will be underbaked. Frost entire pan of bar cookies before slicing, so you won't have to frost each one individually.

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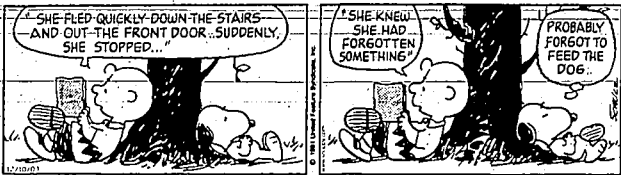
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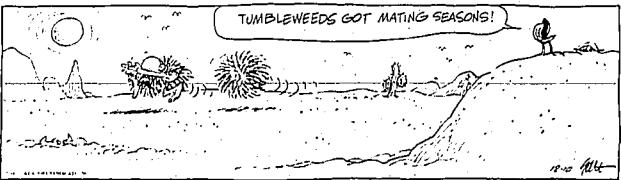
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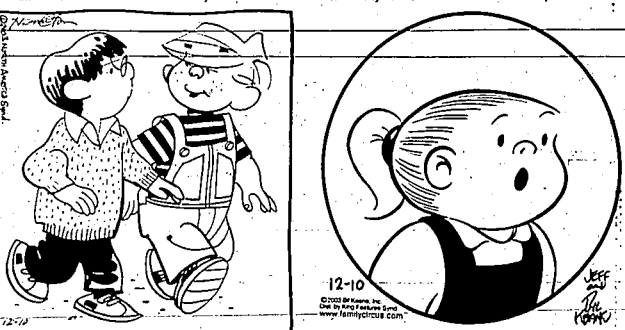


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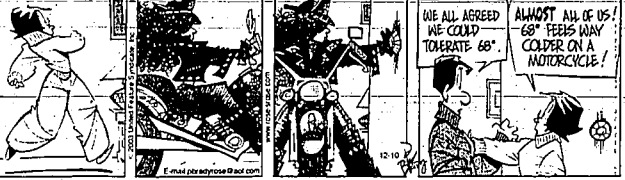
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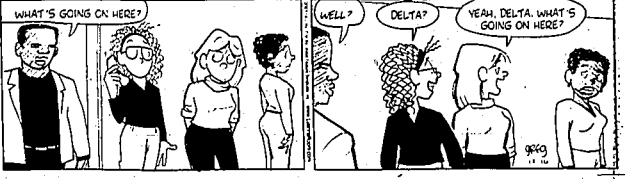
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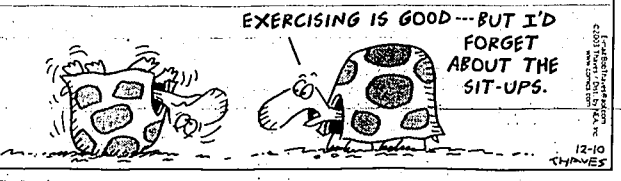
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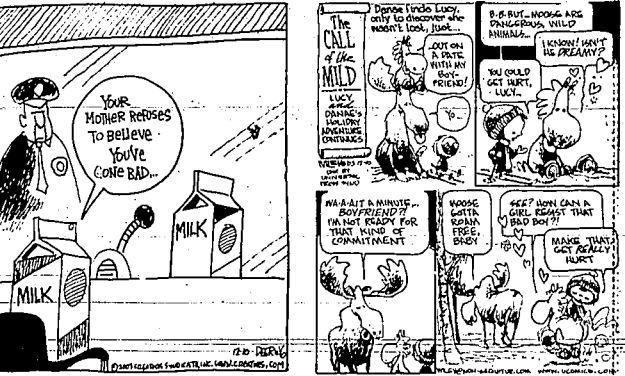


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FOOD & HOME

# Au gratin spuds taste yummy even without as much butter

By Elaine Magee  
Knight Ridder News Service

The creamy cheese sauce and the tender potatoes in this classic French dish combine to make one of America's favorite comfort foods.

We lightened this up quite a bit by using a lot less butter, switching to fat free half and half (which holds up better after being heated for an hour than lowfat milk), and reduced fat sharp cheddar.

**CREAMY AU GRATIN POTATOES**

- Makes 6 servings.
- 3 large russet potatoes, cut into 1/4-inch slices.
- 1 onion, sliced into thin rings.
- Pepper to taste (add salt to taste if desired).
- 1 1/2 tablespoons butter.
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour.
- 1/2 teaspoon salt.
- 1 1/2 cups fat free half and half (lowfat milk can be substituted).
- 1 1/2 cups shredded reduced fat sharp cheddar cheese (i.e. Kraft 2

percent sharp cheddar). Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Coat the entire inside of a quart casserole dish with canola cooking spray. Layer 1/3 of the potatoes into bottom of the prepared casserole dish. Top with half of the onion slices and add pepper to taste.

Add half of the remaining potatoes on top of the onion slices. Then add the remaining onions and add pepper to taste.

Layer the last of the potatoes on top of this.

In a medium-size saucepan, melt butter over medium heat and let the butter brown slightly; remove from the heat.

In a small bowl, whisk the flour and salt with 4 tablespoons of the fat free half-and-half. Whisk in 1/4 cup more of the half-and-half and add mixture to the butter in the saucepan.

Continue to cook the mixture over medium heat, stirring constantly with a whisk for one minute. Stir in the remaining fat

free half-and-half (1 cup). Cook until mixture reaches your desired thickness (about 3 minutes). Stir in cheese all at once, and continue stirring until melted, about 30 to 60 seconds.

Pour cheese slowly over the potatoes, and cover the dish with aluminum foil (coat the side touching the potatoes with canola cooking spray so it doesn't stick to the cheese sauce).

Bake 1 hour in the preheated oven or until potatoes are tender.

Per serving: 289 calories, 16 g protein, 39 g carbohydrate, 8 g fat (5 g saturated fat, 2.3 g monounsaturated fat, 3 g polyunsaturated fat), 25 mg cholesterol, 3 g fiber, 438 mg sodium. *Calories from fat: 25 percent. Omega-3 fatty acids: 1 g. Omega-6 fatty acids: 2 g. Weight Watchers 6 POINTS*

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By Liz Atwood  
The Baltimore Sun Sun

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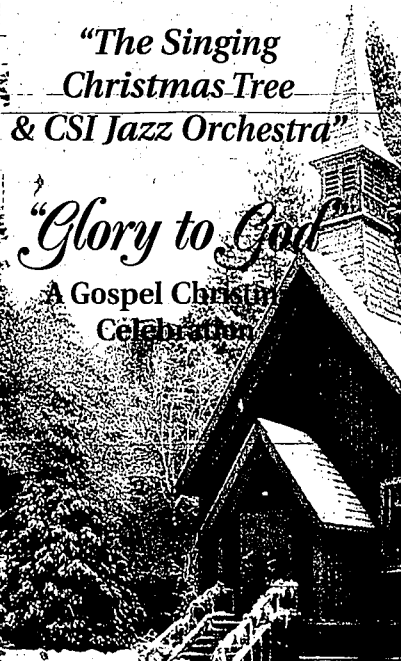
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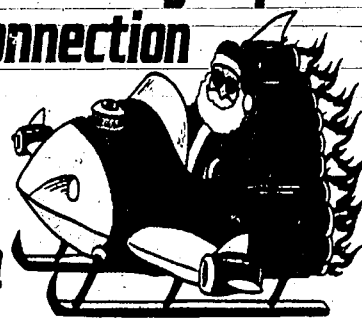
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FOOD & HOME

# Al Roker's holiday comfort food includes Caribbean cake

By Liz Atwood  
The Baltimore Sun

TV's Al Roker seems to have found a second career as a cookbook author. Last year, the NBC's "Today" show weatherman published a book on barbecue. Now he turns his attention to holiday fare with Al Roker's "Hassle Free Holiday Cookbook." Here's his Christmas cake.

- CARIBBEAN CHRISTMAS CAKE**
- 1 1/2 cups raisins
  - 1 cup currants
  - 1 cup chopped dried pineapple
  - 3/4 cup dried pitted prunes
  - 1 3/4 cups ruby port (divided)

- 6 tablespoons light rum (divided use)
  - 2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 tablespoon baking powder
  - 3/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons ground nutmeg
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
  - 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
  - 14 tablespoons (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
  - 6 tablespoons packed light-brown sugar
  - 4 large eggs
  - 2 tablespoons unsulphured molasses
  - 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
  - 1 tablespoon lime juice
- Combine the raisins, currants, pineapple and prunes in a large



Al Roker

saucenpan over medium-low heat. Stir in 1 1/2 cups of the port and 4 tablespoons of the rum. Simmer over low heat for 15 minutes. Remove from the heat and set aside to cool. If not baking the cake immediately, cover and refrigerate as long as three days. Combine the remaining 1/4 cup port and 2 tablespoons rum in a jar, cover and set aside. Position a rack in the center of the oven and preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Butter a 9-inch, preferably spring-form, tube pan. Line the bottom with a ring of parchment paper and butter the parchment. In a bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, salt, nutmeg, cinnamon and allspice.

Using an electric mixer or mixing by hand, beat together the butter, brown sugar, eggs, molasses, vanilla and lime juice. Add half the flour mixture and stir well. Add all of the soaked fruit (with any remaining liquid) and stir. Add the remaining flour mixture and stir very well until completely combined.

Spoon the batter into the pan and bake the cake for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until a knife inserted

in the center comes out clean. Remove the cake from the oven and place upright on a wire rack to cool in the pan for 15 minutes to 20 minutes. Run a knife around the sides of the pan and around the tube.

Remove cake from the pan and peel off parchment. While cake is still warm, place it on a serving plate and poke 6 or 8 holes in the top of the cake with a toothpick or a skewer. Slowly pour the remaining port-rum mixture over the top of the cake, letting it seep into the holes.

Cake can be served the day it is made, but it gets better as it sits. Store, well-wrapped, at room temperature for as long as 3 weeks.

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## MORNING LINE SPORTSQUOTE

My biggest thrill came the night Elgin Baylor and I combined for 73 points at Madison Square Garden.

Elgin had 71 of them.

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—Former NBA star Hot Rod Hundley

### TRIVIA

**QUESTION:**  
When USC finished 12-1 and shared the national championship with Alabama in 1978, that season included a 24-14 victory over the Crimson Tide. Which team beat the Trojans?

...answer below

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**High school girls basketball**  
ISDB at T.F. Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
Raft River at Valley, 6 p.m.  
Century at Jerome, 6 p.m.  
M.V. Christian at Jackpot, Nev., 6 p.m.  
Wood River at Buhl, 7:30 p.m.

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Dietrich at Rimrock, 6 p.m.  
Twin Falls JV at Castledorf, 6 p.m.

**High school wrestling**  
Burley at Raft River Jamboree, 6 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

**CSI women climb to No. 13 in latest poll**

**TWIN FALLS** — The College of Southern Idaho women moved up from No. 18 to No. 13 in the latest weekly National Junior College Athletic Association poll, announced Tuesday. No other women's team from the Scenic West Athletic Conference was ranked.

In the men's poll, Snow College of Utah is ranked at No. 18 while the CSI men earned some votes.

**Twin Falls High runners need help**

**TWIN FALLS** — Twin Falls High School senior Kody Barker and sophomore Tyler Jones both qualified recently for the Junior Olympics high school cross country meet in Albuquerque, N.M. on Dec. 13.

Kody placed third in his age division (17-18) in a time of 17:15. Tyler placed third in his age division (15-16) with a time of 18:09. They are members of Team Idaho and will compete with athletes from all over the nation. The cost will be \$500 apiece and they are asking for contributions to help them defray some of the cost. Please make your tax deductible checks payable to Boise YMCA and mail them to Curtis Kasey, O'Leary Junior High, 2350 Elizabeth Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301. A receipt will be mailed to you.

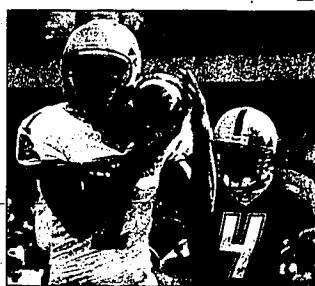
**CSI baseball camp set for late December**

**TWIN FALLS** — The 23rd annual Southern Idaho Baseball Camp will be held Dec. 27-29 at the Eldon Evans Expo Center on the College of Southern Idaho campus. Camp directors Jim and Boomer Walker lead a group of instructors including current and former professional players and coaches, including Ed Gustafson, Arizona; Jim Homer, Seattle; Nate Tebbis, Boston; Kody Kirkland, Tigers; Christian Colonel, Colorado; and the CSI coaching staff and players.  
Call 735-2834 for more information or e-mail bwalker@csi.edu to register.

Compiled from staff reports

**TRIVIA ANSWER:**  
Alabama State, 20-7.

# Heisman hopeful hopes to break precedence



Pittsburgh receiver Larry Fitzgerald hauls in a 58-yard pass during Pitt's 24-13 win over Boston College on Nov. 1.

**By Alan Robinson  
Associated Press writer**

**PITTSBURGH** — Voting for the Heisman Trophy winner sounds simple: Pick the most outstanding college football player in the country.

That just might be Pittsburgh receiver Larry Fitzgerald.

Everything else, however, seems to be against him.

He doesn't play for a No. 1 team, he's trying to become the first sophomore to win college football's top individual prize, and he's a pure wide receiver.

Not a versatile kick returner-receiver type such as past winners Tim Brown of Notre Dame and Johnny Rodgers of Nebraska.

Yet while every opposing coach, every corner back in America, every fan watching knew Pitt's only chance of competing was to get the ball to Fitzgerald, he accumulated statistics



This is the first in a week-long series on the Heisman Trophy candidates.

that may not be rivaled any time soon.

Blessed with a 39-inch vertical jump and a smoothness rarely seen below the NFL, Fitzgerald made the routine catch look remarkable and the impossible catch look simple. He made 87 catches for 1,595 yards and 22 touchdowns for a team that went 8-4.

Fitzgerald caught at least one touchdown pass in all 12 games — tying Randy Moss' single-season NCAA record — and in a record 18 consecutive games dating to last season. He set seven Big East records while leading the nation in receiving yards per game (132.9), total receiving yards, receiving touchdowns and total touchdowns.

"He virtually carried that offense single-handedly," Miami coach Larry Coker said. "He's as good as it gets."

He lacks Bob Hayes' gold-medal speed, yet the 6-foot-3, 225-pound Fitzgerald's ability to sight the ball, maneuver his body in heavy traffic and vault over defenders to make a difficult catch may be unmatched by any recent college receiver.

"Unbelievable," Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham said. "I'm watching tape and I'm saying as a coach, 'Don't you dare throw the ball! He's triple covered!' And it's like he's the only guy there because he comes away with it."

### Receiver's stats - D2

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# Spartans overpower Tigers

**By Dustin Lapray  
Times-News writer**

**JEROME** — The Minico boys basketball team went into Jerome Tuesday to steal its first win of the season 63-50.

"I hope this gives them some confidence," Minico coach Mike Graefe said. "I told them after the game 'I don't know how many games we'll win, I don't know and I don't care. I love this team. I love working with them.'"

The Tigers jumped out to an 12-1 first quarter lead, sparked by 3-pointers from Chance Craig and Conrad Lee.

But the Spartans would rally. They outscored Jerome 29-14 in the second and third quarters to take a 41-32 lead into the fourth.

Stafford Gillette led the Spartans from the point, scoring 13 points and draining three buckets from behind the arc. Travis Noble also worked the Minico point, breaking the Jerome press in the second half.

Kody Bingham worked it down low, scoring 13 points and battling with Jerome forward Jared Miller.

"I think he gives us an offensive presence," Graefe said. "You never know how you're going to shoot the ball from the perimeter. We think we have good shooters, but you can always go inside and get fouls."

Miller scored 10 of his team-high 11 points in the second half, trying to bring the Tigers back.

The Spartans held Jerome in check from the free throw line. Minico made all but one of its 14 free throws in the quarter.

Jerome (0-3) heads to Buhl Friday. Minico travels to Casper, Wyo. for a tournament. The Spartans play Rock Springs at 8:30 p.m. Thursday.



Jerome junior Jared Harrison, 23, and Minico senior Luke McCall battle for a rebound during the fourth quarter of the Spartans' 63-50 win over the Tigers Tuesday night in Jerome.

# Declo's size wears down Filer, 57-43

**By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer**

**DECLO** — For once, Goliath won. The Declo Lady Hornets took a huge size advantage into Tuesday night's conference home game against Filer's Lady Wildcats and came out with a 57-43 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference win.

Declo (4-3, 1-1 SCIC) started fast, opening on a 10-2 run before Filer coach Kim Remus — unavailable for comment after the game — took a timeout to calm her team.

Although outsize and bothered by the Lady Hornets' long reach on defense, Filer (3-5, 1-1 SCIC) gutted it out to cut the lead to 15-12 heading into the second quarter.

But that's when the game turned. All the momentum junior guard Jennica Mecham and the Wildcats had going into the quarter seemingly vanished as Declo coach Kurt Murock switched his team's defense to a 2-3 zone.

Filer was only able to hit one basket the entire second quarter when junior post Casey Scheer connected. Declo wasn't as cold from the field, dropping in 17 points on their way to a 32-14 half-time lead.

"We switched to a 2-3 zone and that slowed them down a minute," Murock said. "They regained control and started hitting in the third, but we changed our defense enough to keep them on their toes."

Mecham came out firing after half-time, hitting two three-pointers on her way to nine third-quarter points. The quick Filer defense was able to force transition turnovers, outsourcing Declo 13-6, cutting the Declo lead to 38-27 and giving the Wildcats hope for the fourth quarter. Declo's six points all came from junior guard Holly Hurst.

"We were pushing the ball up the floor to the point that we were out of control," Murock said. "We had several turnovers in transition where we didn't even get to take a shot on the possession."

But it was not to be for the Wildcats, as both teams came out with their strongest quarters of the game in the fourth. While Mecham was able to lead Filer to 15 points, the Hornets found Holly Hurst.

Mecham led Filer and all scorers with 20 points, but Declo's defense made sure that the Filer role players

"This is our national title game."

Bids — on some tickets — being hawked on the Internet were topping \$600 each. The face value is \$125.

Anthony Davis, a tailback for the Trojans when they went 2-1 against Ohio State in three consecutive appearances from 1973-75, said he's being deluged with phone calls.

Since Oklahoma and LSU are playing in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4, it will be the first time in the BCS's six-year history that the No. 1 team in the polls is left out of the BCS title game.

Davis was left fuming by the snub, saying the national champion should be decided by a play-off.

"It stinks," he said. "A computer or never tackled me."

Tom Slade, the Wolverines' quarterback in their 1972 Rose Bowl loss to Stanford, said he thought USC was standing unfairly in the BCS — standings, "but what that means is that the Rose Bowl is back to the classic it was meant to be."

Since USC's last national title, 25 years ago, was split. They finished No. 1 in the coaches' voting and second behind Alabama in the writers' poll.

After drawing the smallest Rose Bowl crowd in 89 years when "Oklahoma" beat Washington State last Jan. 1 in Pasadena, Rose Bowl officials are delighted with this year's matchup.

"It's huge. We haven't had a Big Ten-Pac10 game here the last two years, and we're glad to have our partners back in the bowl," Tournament of Roses president Mike Riffe said, referring to the conference alliance that dates back to 1947.

Although the Rose Bowl had about 10,000 empty seats last January and seemed to be losing some of its luster since joining the BCS, this year's game and its implications certainly have revived national interest.

"We can thank the BCS for bringing attention to USC from all around the country," Trojans athletic director Mike Garrett said, referring to the controversy caused by USC's being left out of the BCS title game in the Sugar Bowl.

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SPORTS

Minico beats Burley behind 11 from Ottman

BURLEY—Amanda Ottman led Minico with 11 points, as the Spartans defeated Burley 48-34 Tuesday night in Burley.

Linsey Abel led all scorers with 17 points for Burley, but was injured on the final play of the girls basketball game.

"Our free throws hurt us in the first half and we just basically got worn down in the second half. Minico played a great game and they deserved to win. They are a lot better this year," Burley coach Gordon Kerbs said.

Burley (2-5, 0-1 Great Basin) travels to Declo on Saturday.

Local sports

Oakley 55, Magic Valley Christian 23

OAKLEY — Ashley Pickett led all scorers with 13 points for Oakley as the Hornets defeated the Magic Valley Christian Conquerors 55-23 Tuesday night in Oakley.

Brooke Critchfield and Jenna Peterson both netted eight points to add to the Hornets offensive attack.

Oakley (5-2, 4-0 Magic Valley South) hosts Lighthouse Christian on Tuesday.

(1-4, 1-2 Magic Valley)

Hagerman (3-5, 3-1 Magic Valley) next plays Thursday at Wendell.

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Murtaugh 52, Lighthouse Christian 23

MURTAUGH — Drue Tolman scored 13 points and pulled down nine rebounds to lead Murtaugh past Lighthouse Christian 52-23 Tuesday night in Magic Valley Conference action.

Jenilyn Perkins added 14 points for Murtaugh (2-5, 2-3 Magic Valley) while Amber Ulrich scored 13 to lead the Lions.

Boys basketball

Buhl 61, Valley 58

BUHL — Buhl added a big second-quarter to take command and then held on against Valley for a 61-58 season-opening win in the Indians (1-0) Tuesday night.

Nick Poppewell scored 19 points, including five 3-pointers, while Perry Hamilton added 16 points and six rebounds. Michael Grant pumped in 28 points for Valley.

The Community School 71, Twin Falls Christian Academy 50

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Senior Jim Fairchild led the Cutthroats with 20 points. Jake Walker led all scorers with 21 points for the Warriors.

The Community School (3-1) travels to Shoshone on Friday. The Cutthroats junior varsity won 51-42.

Rockland 50, Richfield 47

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Glenns Ferry 59, Dietrich 54

GLENN'S FERRY — Glenns Ferry came out fast, led by Chance Titus who had 14 points on the night.

Gooding 48, Wendell 67

WENDELL — Wendell scored a big 67-48 win over Gooding Tuesday night led by senior Jysen Lancaster with 24 points on the night and Cody Howerton's nine rebounds.

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Warriors 98, T-Wolves 95

MINNEAPOLIS — Jason Richardson made a wide-open 3-pointer with two tenths of a second left, giving the Golden State Warriors a 98-95 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Tuesday night.

Richardson had 30 points, nine rebounds and five assists for Golden State (10-9), which moved above .500 this late in the season for the first time since 1993-94.

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Dwyane Wade and Brian Grant each scored 18 points as Miami snapped a three-game losing streak. Butler, who sat out the previous seven games with a quadriceps injury, scored seven points in 37 minutes.

The Suns, whose loss at Orlando on Monday night ended the Magic's 19-game losing streak, have lost three straight. Shawn Marion led Phoenix with 27 points.

Hawks 112, Nuggets 98

ATLANTA — Jacque Vaughn scored a career-high 23 points and the Atlanta Hawks took command after halftime to snap a four-game losing streak and set a season high for points.

Pronger snaps Toronto win streak in overtime

TORONTO (AP) — Chris Pronger scored 30 seconds into overtime to give the St. Louis Blues a 3-2 victory over Toronto on Tuesday night, ending the Maple Leafs' winning streak at eight games.

After Toronto's Joe Nieuwendyk tied it with a short-handed goal with 17 seconds left in regulation, Pronger scored on the power-play with a 20-foot wrist shot from in front of the net.

Mark Rycroft and Dallas Drake made second-period goals for the Blues, unbroken by their last four games.

Mats Sundin added a goal for Toronto.

with goals 2:46 apart late in the second period, and Martinnek beat Nikolai Khabibulin early in the third to give the Islanders their second straight victory.

Mark Parrish and Jason Blake also scored, and Garth Snow made 29 saves. Pavel Kubina and Ruslan Fedotenko scored for Tampa Bay.

Wild 2, Flames 1

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Manny Fernandez made 31 saves and Andrei Zyuzin had a goal and an assist for Minnesota.

Fiscal Dupuis added the fifth goal of the season for the Wild, who won for just the third time in their last 10 games and sent the Flames to their first loss in their last six. Martin Gelinas, playing his 1,000th NHL game, scored for Calgary.

Heisman

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"God blessed me with the talent to go up and get the ball," said Fitzgerald, who, as a Minnesota Vikings ball boy, grew up admiring the receiving talents of Cris Carter and Moss.

Fitzgerald made so many he can't possibly make this catch plays that Pitt couldn't fit all of them onto a DVD it made for Heisman voters.

Fitzgerald may be Pitt's best chance for a Heisman since Tony Dorsett won in 1976 — even Dan Marino didn't finish in the top three — yet the school's PR campaign was relatively modest.

"My goal coming into this season was to win the Heisman Trophy," he said. "My goal was to go undefeated and play for the national championship in the Sugar Bowl."

What Pitt doesn't know is the plays Fitzgerald makes in the Continental Tire Bowl against Virginia on Dec. 27 will be his last in college football. He may

Game-by-game table with columns for Opponent, Points, Yards, TDs, and other stats.

be eligible for the NFL draft — his original high school class graduated three years ago — and there would seem to be little reason financially or competitively for him to stay at Pitt.

Also, this has been a difficult time for Fitzgerald and his family, including father Larry, a Minneapolis sports writer and broadcaster whose wife, Carol, died of cancer earlier this year.

Even now, Larry Jr. gets teary-eyed when he calls home and hears his mother's voice on the answering machine; the family can't stand the thought of removing the message.

"I've just always tried to make her proud," her son said.

Magic losing streak is over, but will wins follow?

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Coach Johnny Davis is hopeful, despite a 2-19 record for his Orlando Magic.

"After all, he used to be the point guard on a team that started the season 2-19 but reached the playoffs.

Davis' 1984-85 Cleveland Cavaliers squad stumbled out of the gate, yet still rallied to make the postseason. Three Eastern Conference teams topped 58 wins that season but mediocrity reigned elsewhere, meaning the Cavaliers' 36-46 record was good enough.

The 2003-04 season appears to be headed toward a similar end. Three teams are playing at 55-win paces, but 35 victories may be enough to land the eighth seed.

McGrady said, "We've just got to put a couple of winning streaks together. If we can do that, we'll be right back in it."

The Magic's next three games are against teams with losing records, so they could end the streak riding a wave of four straight wins.

day winless stretch of the hapless Magic.

But key players returned from injuries and George Karl, in his first NBA coaching job, kept the team unified. The Cavaliers closed the season on a 34-27 run and made the playoffs with a two-game margin.

Francis' shot helps Rockets edge Trail Blazers, 93-91

HOUSTON (AP) — Cuttino Mobley had 24 points and Steve Rickard hit a 16-foot shot on two seconds left to lead the Houston Rockets to a 93-91 victory over Portland on Tuesday night, keeping the Trail Blazers winless in the road.

Yao Ming missed two free throws with nine seconds to play, giving the Blazers a last chance. But Damon Stoudamire missed a 3-point jumper just before the final buzzer.

Yao had 16 points and eight rebounds; Francis added 15 points. Zach Randolph had 31 points and Stoudamire led a comeback with eight of his 19 points in the fourth quarter for the Trail Blazers, who led 90-87 on the road.

After being down by 16 in the third quarter and 10 with 6:17 to play, the Trail Blazers outscored Houston 14-0 to take an 89-85 lead with three minutes to play.

The Pacers managed to tie it at 91-91 with 1:03 to go on two baskets by Yao and the Trail Blazers went cold. Rasheed Wallace missed a 14-footer with 40 seconds to play and Randolph missed a six-footer with 11 seconds left.

used a 14-2 run to pull to 87-83. That prompted Indiana coach Rick Carlisle to bring back four of his five starters and the Wizards never got any closer.

Kvame Brown led the Wizards with 17 points and seven rebounds, and Larry Hughes added 16 points and five rebounds.

Raptors 100, Cavaliers 93

CLEVELAND — Vince Carter scored 22 points, Donyell Marshall and Jalen Rose scored 20 apiece and the revamped Raptors won their fifth straight game.

Rose scored 16 points in the second half — 12 in the third quarter — as Toronto improved to 5-0 since acquiring Rose, Marshall and Lenny Baxter in a trade with Chicago for its longest streak since winning nine in a row from March 22-April 9, 2002.

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A hundred years of flying in the Magic Valley Sunday in The Times-News

Mr. Gas advertisement for the Week Football Contest, featuring a gas pump illustration and promotional text for a weekly prize drawing.

Olson's Ski & Snowboard Tuning advertisement for OPEN tuning services, including base welding, hot waxing, and tuning to mfgs specs.



# Couch steps back into Browns' future

**The Associated Press**  
CLEVELAND — Tim Couch felt just short in his bid to rally the Cleveland Browns to victory.

However, he may have started his own comeback.

Cleveland's quarterback saved the Browns from being humiliated Monday night on national TV, replacing starter Kelly Holcomb just before halftime and directing two touchdown drives in the second half.

However, Couch's heroics — he played on a sprained knee — came up short when he was sacked on fourth down with 1:51 remaining and the St. Louis Rams held on for a 26-20 win.

For Couch, though, Cleveland's sixth loss in seven games was a personal triumph.

His performance was just the latest chapter in a strange season in which the former No. 1 overall pick lost his job, got it back, lost it again, got hurt and was then asked to bail out the Browns.

Holcomb threw two interceptions in

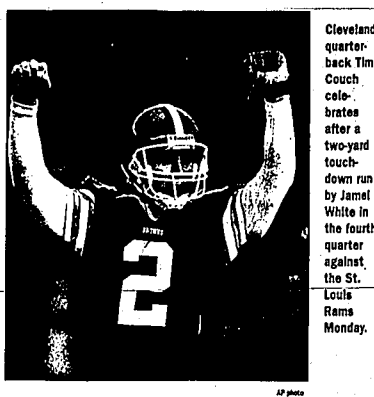
35 seconds of the second quarter, prompting Browns coach Butch Davis to bring in Couch, who responded by going 5-for-5 on his two scoring drives and throwing a 28-yard TD pass to Quincy Morgan.

"We were looking for somebody to go in and play effectively, and Tim did," said Davis, whose decision to bench Couch before the season may be the single biggest reason why the Browns are 4-9.

Following the game, Davis refused to say who his quarterback would be for Sunday's game in Denver.

It had been assumed that the five-year veteran, who is due to make \$7.6 million next season and \$8 million in 2005, would be released later this winter.

Team president Carmen Policy has said the club will not bring back both Couch and Holcomb next year. So someone has to go, and after the way Holcomb has struggled in his first crack at being a starter, Couch may get a chance to win back his starting job.



Cleveland Browns quarterback Tim Couch looks dejected after a two-yard touchdown run by Jamal White in the fourth quarter against the St. Louis Rams Monday.

# SPORTS IN BRIEF

## NASCAR champions hunt

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.**  
NASCAR is considering a radical change to its point system that would create a 10-race championship chase between the top 10 drivers in the standings.

The plan would lock in the top 10 drivers after the 26th race of the 2004 season. They would then compete over the final 10 races — with their standings possibly being reset to zero — for the Nextel Cup championship.

NASCAR hopes to make a decision concerning the points system by the middle of January, Zizzo said. The season-opening Daytona 500 is Feb. 15.

## Guardado agrees

**to contract with Mariners**  
SEATTLE — Minnesota's Eddie Guardado and the Seattle Mariners agreed Tuesday to a contract that guarantees the closer \$13 million over three years.

The sides agreed to a one-year contract that includes both player and team options for 2005 and 2006. If he earns performance bonuses included in the contract, he would make \$17 million over three seasons.

Guardado, who had 41 saves in 45 chances for Minnesota last season after getting 4th in his first year as a full-time closer in 2002, became the first player to be offered a deal among the 25 agreed arbitration Sunday by their former clubs.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Outfielder Matt Stairs agreed Tuesday to a \$1 million, one-year contract with the Kansas City Royals.

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The academy fired coach Todd Berry in October with the team 5-25 in his four seasons. John Mumford acted as interim coach, going 0-7 after replacing Berry.

Ross, who turns 67 this month, hasn't coached since 2000, when he quit the Lions after nine games. He led the San Diego Chargers to their only Super Bowl appearance in 1995, a 19-26 loss to the San Francisco 49ers. His NFL record was 77-68.

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**to throw for Anaheim**  
ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Anaheim Angels took one of the top pitchers off the free-agent market, agreeing Tuesday to a four-year contract with Barolo Colon.

Anaheim had offered a deal worth about \$48 million, four-year contract, one baseball official said. The negotiations had said Monday.

This might not be Anaheim's only blockbuster deal. If the Alex Rodriguez-Manny Ramirez deal goes through, five-time All-Star shortstop Nomar Garciaparra would be out of a job. It's believed the Red Sox may try to trade him to the Angels for a pitcher possibly Jarrod Washburn, or second baseman Adam Kennedy.

The Chicago White Sox badly wanted Colon back, with general manager Ken Williams offering a three-year contract worth a reported \$36 million — the highest ever for a White Sox pitcher. But Colon rejected the offer in October.

ERA was only 15-13 with a 3.87 ERA this year, but he's covered for his durability and consistency. He's a 20-game winner who has reached double-digit victories in six straight seasons.

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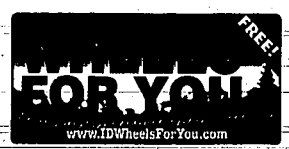
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Notes on the economy
Magic Valley report

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Last month, employers in The Times-News' classified advertising section bought 1,346 employment ads. That's 11 percent more ads than the 1,217 placed in November 2002. It also tops the 1,070 ad total of November 2001.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Gap founder will step down as chairman

SAN FRANCISCO - The founder of the Gap clothing store chain said Tuesday he is stepping down as chairman of the company he started 34 years ago as a frustrated shopper trying to find better-fitting pair of jeans.

Donald Fisher, 75, will relinquish the chairman's title to his son Robert, a former Gap executive, after the San Francisco-based company's annual meeting in May. He intends to remain on the board as chairman emeritus and continue to advise 'Gap's' chief executive, Paul Pressler, whom Fisher recruited in 2002 to lift the company out of a funk.

The shakeup has paid off so far. The company ended a 29-month sales slump shortly after Pressler's arrival and has now increased its same-store sales - a key measure of a merchant's health - for 14 consecutive months.

"I'm more confident than ever about our company's long-term prospects," Fisher said. "I believe now is an appropriate time to make this transition as chairman."

Besides the stores bearing its name, Gap also owns the Old Navy and Banana Republic chains, including an Old Navy store in Twin Falls.

Subsidy goes to SkyWest to serve Cedar City, Utah

CEDAR CITY, Utah - SkyWest has been awarded federal subsidies to provide air service to Cedar City Regional Airport.

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced it had selected the airline to provide two round trips daily - except Sundays - between Cedar City and Salt Lake City.

It will receive an annual federal subsidy of \$70,285 for two years, beginning next Jan. 1.

"This is good news," said Mayor Gerald Sherant. "These roundtrips would have been better news, but it was the right decision to stay with SkyWest."

The airline was competing with Mesa Airlines for the bid. The proposal from Mesa Airlines was about \$15,000 less, but the agency selected SkyWest, as recommended by the City Council.

The council cited the long-standing relationship with the airline, its connectivity to the Delta Airlines routes and the fact that SkyWest will offer a larger airplane, seating up to 33 passengers each trip as compared with the Mesa Airlines plane, which seats 19.

In Magic Valley, SkyWest, with flights to Salt Lake City, is the only commercial airline serving the Twin Falls airport.

Compiled from wire reports

Shareholders approve merger

Boise Cascade, OfficeMax deal is a go

The Associated Press

BOISE - OfficeMax Inc. shareholders Tuesday overwhelmingly approved the merger with Boise Cascade Corp.

More than 99 percent of the shareholders in Cleveland-based OfficeMax, the nation's third-largest office products retailer, backed the deal that will bring them a premium of nearly 70 percent on their stock from its price a year ago.

Support among stockholders in Idaho-based Boise Cascade was just under 77 percent to acquire a company that will more than double its office products distribution business.

Boise Cascade has a corrugated-container plant in Burley, and OfficeMax operates a Twin Falls store.

The takeover was finalized following the shareholder votes during special meetings in Cleveland and Boise.

OfficeMax shares on Tuesday had their last day of trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

The deal is worth about \$1.4 billion, \$250 million more than the initial estimate when the deal was announced in mid-July.

Boise Cascade Chairman George Harad has said the acquisition will create a major competitor for Staples and Office Depot, the office products industry leaders.

OfficeMax had sales of \$4.8 billion through catalog, Internet and its 1,000 stores. Boise Cascade's office products distribution segment generated \$3.5 billion in sales to augmented \$3.9 billion in revenue from its paper and buildings supply segments.

No announcement has been made yet about the impact on payroll from the merger or about the future location of the office products business, which Boise Cascade currently operates from Itasca, Ill.

Harad has also said that Boise Cascade's position as a lumber producer will be re-evaluated in

the coming year.

Analysts have said the OfficeMax deal appears to have finalized the company's shift away from wood products.

Under the takeover agreement, OfficeMax shareholders taking Boise Cascade stock as compensation will get a 0.3492 share of Boise Cascade stock for each share.

About 94 percent of shareholders opted for this arrangement, and will get 54 percent of their share value in stock and the rest in cash.

The other 6 percent of the shareholders will receive cash.

Fed keeps rates unchanged



Trader Daniel Burke at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange reacts to Tuesday's announcement that interest rates will remain at the current low levels.

Decision may help keep U.S. economy rolling

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Federal Reserve, seeking to keep the economic recovery rolling along, held a main short-term interest rate at a 4 1/2-year low Tuesday.

At their last regularly scheduled meeting of the year, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his Federal Open Market Committee colleagues - the group that sets interest rate policy in the United States - left the federal funds rate unchanged at 1 percent.

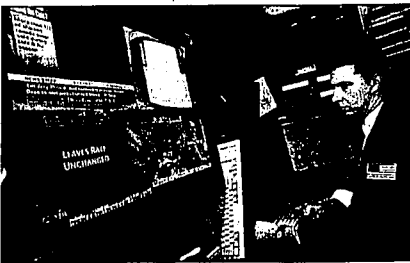
The funds rate, the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans, is the Fed's primary tool for influencing the economy.

With inflation low, the committee believes that short-term interest rates "can be maintained for a considerable period," the Fed said.

It said that since the last meeting in October, economic data "confirms that output is expanding briskly and the labor market appears to be improving modestly." The comment on the labor market was more upbeat than at the October meeting when the Fed said that the labor market was stabilizing.

The Fed's decision to leave the funds rate alone means commercial banks' prime lending rate for many short-term consumer and business loans remains at 4 percent, the lowest level since 1959.

A climate of super-low short-term borrowing costs may give



Richard Samulka, a J.P. Morgan floor clerk, watches TV screens in his booth on the New York Stock Exchange floor as the Federal Reserve's decision is announced on Tuesday.

consumers and businesses an incentive to spend and invest more and thus boost economic growth. In another change from the Fed's statement in October, policymakers expressed less concern about inflation moving lower. That had previously been identified as a big risk to the economy.

"The probability of an unwelcome fall in inflation has diminished in recent months and now appears almost equal to that of a rise in inflation," Fed policymakers said Tuesday.

After a bumpy economic jour-

ney following the 2001 recession, there have been some encouraging signs that the road is getting a bit smoother.

The economy snapped out of a funk in the spring and then rocketed at a 8.2 percent annual growth rate - the strongest performance in nearly two decades - during the summer.

Economic growth in the current October-December quarter is expected to slow but still clock in at a solid rate of about 4 percent, as some of the stimulus that helped in the third quarter -

President Bush's third round of tax cuts and a wave of mortgage refinancing - fades.

Although the job market and business investment have improved, more progress must be made for the recovery to last, economists said.

The nation's unemployment rate dropped to an eight-month low of 5.9 percent in November. But the economy's fourth month hiring spurt slowed. Payrolls grew by 57,000 last month, a figure that disappointed analysts, who were expecting jobs gains in the 150,000 range.

While the Fed's low interest rates have spurred consumer and business borrowing in this country, the low rates have put downward pressure on the value of the U.S. dollar compared with other currencies. In recent days, the dollar has fallen to record lows against the European Euro. The concern is that foreign investors will move money out of the United States in search of higher interest rate returns in other countries.

The Bush administration, meanwhile, has been pushing China to relax controls on its currency, which U.S. manufacturers contend make Chinese exports unfairly cheap on world markets.

The Fed last cut the funds rate on June 25 by one-quarter percentage point. Since then, it has opted to leave the funds rate unchanged.

Kroger reaches tentative union deal

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Kroger Co. and a grocery labor union have tentatively agreed to a contract, setting up a Thursday vote in which 3,300 workers in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky will decide whether to end a two-month strike.

The labor troubles have hurt the supermarket giant, which reported Tuesday that third quarter earnings fell 57 percent, primarily because of the strike. The company also reduced its forecast for the rest of the year.

Smith's Food & Drug Stores, a division of Kroger, operates stores in Twin Falls and Burley. Kroger's Fred Meyer division has a Twin Falls store.

In the contract debate in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky, negotiators worked out an agreement Sunday and Monday, said Jim Lowthers, president of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 409. The sides came together at a federal mediator's request.

Lowthers would not discuss details of the agreement but acknowledged that health care concerns - the primary sticking point - had been addressed.

Kroger spokesman Ardie Fralin also declined to provide contract details, but said it could take up to 10 days to reopen grocery stores if union members ratify a new contract this week. The chain has closed 44 supermarkets in the three states.

Union workers have been off-the-job since Oct. 13, when contract talks with the Cincinnati company fell apart.

For the three months ending Nov. 8, Kroger earned \$110.2 million, or 15 cents per share, with the labor disputes reducing earnings by 12 cents per share.

The figure was well below the 29 cents per share analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call had forecast. A year earlier, the company earned \$24.6 million, or 33 cents per share.

Sales for the third quarter increased 3.8 percent to \$12.1 billion, compared with \$11.7 billion in 2002.

The company also noted that full-year earnings, excluding labor disputes, would be less than \$1.45 per share. Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call had been expecting \$1.53.

Earnings for the first nine months were \$452 million, or 86 cents per share, compared with \$823.9 million, or \$1.03 per share, in 2002. Nine-month sales rose to \$40.8 billion from \$39.3 billion.

Kroger operates 2,519 supermarkets and multi-department stores in 32 states under the names Kroger, Ralphs, Fred Meyer, Food 4 Less, King Supermarkets, Smith's, Fry's and Fry's Marketplace, Dillons, QFC and City Market. The company also operated 794 convenience stores, 444 jewelry outlets, 412 supermarket fuel centers and 41 food processing plants.

Board games can teach children all the right money skills

Call me old-fashioned, but when it comes to holiday gifts for kids, it's hard to beat board games.

And since this column is all about teaching kids good money management habits, the board games at the top of my list are three old standards - Monopoly, Payday and The Game of Life.

Even in today's souped-up world of high-tech toys and gad-



ets, these three classics are great ways to teach youngsters to count,

Board game trivia - E3

make tough spending decisions and figure out how to allocate and stretch precious financial resources.

Nothing wrong with mixing in a few lessons on capitalism and entrepreneurship while rolling the dice, moving the markers,

dealing the money, cutting deals and exchanging a few chuckles with your kids. Hey, I'd come back for more of that any time.

Good new games seem to come out every year that aim to teach kids - concepts - about - money, investing, careers and the like. And many versions are available for the home computer, such as Roller-Coaster Tycoon, which lets

you build amusement parks. Still, as a board-game maniac, I prefer the ones that have been kid-tested for decades on the kitchen table and only cost a few bucks.

Monopoly, Pay and sell properties, make a fortune, lose a fortune, inherit money, pay taxes - it's a great way for children (and adults, for that matter) to learn

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MONEY

Despite deaths, company will stay in Iraq

Firm officials say they will complete contract

The Associated Press

BOISE — A federal contractor reaffirmed its commitment on Tuesday to fulfill a \$110 million contract to rebuild part of the Iraqi power system despite the deaths of two subcontracted employees 10 days ago.

Despite this tragic incident, we're ready to do our part to contribute to this reconstruction," Washington Group International spokesman Jack Herrmann said.

"We have a long history of working side by side with our troops," Herrmann said.

Herrmann said one of its management teams already scheduled to go to Iraq will also assess security measures at the Idaho-based company's projects.

"We think our security is sufficient. We just want to understand what happened there," he said.

Two employees of South Korean subcontractor Omu Electric were killed and two others injured Nov. 30 in a rebel attack along a road in northern Iraq.

None of the three dozen American employees who volunteered to work for Washington Group in Iraq this fall has asked to leave the country, he said.

Subcontractor Omu Electric said Monday that its remaining 60 workers have requested and will be allowed to leave Iraq.

Herrmann said Washington Group understands not all 60 are leaving despite what Omu said on Monday. He said about 100

other subcontracted employees, mostly Iraqis, were still working on construction of the transmission towers.

The fatal attack, Herrmann said, apparently took place on a highway as the workers were headed to the project site, but the details were something corporate managers want to discover during the upcoming trip.

"The company cannot release details of the trip, including when it will be taken. The attacks have not made other Washington Group employees shy away from volunteering for work in Iraq," Herrmann said.

He said the company will continue to file requests for assignment there.

The company has other Iraqi power transmission lines under reconstruction, is refurbishing two power plants, and is rebuilding a hospital and several administrative buildings.

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FCC OKs Bonneville purchase of 15 stations

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission has given approval for Bonneville International Corp. to acquire 15 radio stations from Simmons Media Group of Salt Lake City.

The sale, worth about \$175 million, was originally announced Nov. 7, 2002, but was delayed pending FCC approval.

Bonneville CEO Bruce T. Reese said it was finalized Friday.

Bonneville immediately gets three Salt Lake City stations (KSL, KRSP and KQMB) from Simmons, plus another four (KREC-FM, KSNM-FM, KDKU-

AM and KUNF-AM) in the St. George/Codomo area.

The deal also includes seven stations in the Blackfoot/Idaho Falls/Pocatello, Idaho, market.

However, Reese said Bonneville has not officially closed on the 15th station.

KUNF-AM, a new Salt Lake station that is not operational. However, he expected the company to close on that shortly.

Another factor also remains up in the air, the newspaper-broadcast cross-ownership rule still under review by the FCC.

What Bonneville essentially has received for the four Salt

Lake stations is a one-year waiver on the rule. If the FCC doesn't relax the regulation after the next year, then there's a chance Bonneville would be able to sell.

"It's a remote risk," Reese said.

The cross-ownership rule, designed to prevent a media monopoly in local markets, has prohibited Bonneville from owning other radio stations in the Salt Lake market in the past because it has the same parent company as the Deseret Morning News.

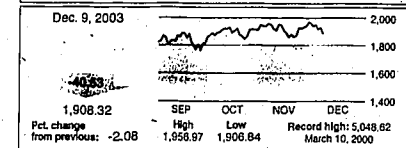
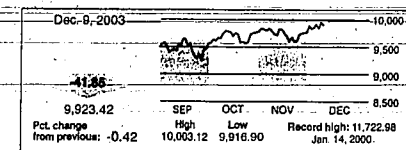
Bonneville also owns KSL-AM

and KSL-TV in the Salt Lake market.

Bonneville and the Deseret Morning News are owned by Deseret Management Corp., a holding company for businesses affiliated with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Reese said there were no formal on-air personality changes with the purchase.

The Blackfoot/Idaho Falls/Pocatello stations included in the deal are: KCVI-FM, KFTZ-FM, KLCE-FM, KPLV-FM, KZKN-AM, KZNI-AM and KDLI-AM.



Dow crosses 10,000 before retreating

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial broke through the 10,000 barrier for all of one minute Tuesday, reaching a significant milestone in Wall Street's remarkable recovery from the bear market before retreating on profit-taking.

Stocks moved higher as investors picked up shares on anticipation the Federal Reserve will keep interest rates low for some time. But by the time the Fed issued its decision in the afternoon to leave rates

low of 7.25% on Oct. 9, 2002. A cheer went up on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange to greet the Dow's achievement Tuesday, an expression of traders' relief that Wall Street has maintained its upward path.

The Dow pushed up 37.85 to hit 10,003.12 before pulling back and closing at 9,923.42, or 0.4 percent. In the previous session, the blue chip average climbed 102.59.

NYSE MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Includes sub-sections for Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diary.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table with columns: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z. Includes sub-sections for Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diary.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks with columns: Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, %Chg, YTD, High, Low, Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, %Chg, YTD, High, Low.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 100 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange.

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MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Change, and various market data for commodities like Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, etc.

WHEAT

Table with columns: High, Low, Change, and market data for various wheat contracts.

CHICAGO (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago

Table with columns: High, Low, Settle, and market data for Chicago futures.

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the New York

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THE BALTIMORE SUN

To sell a 112-foot yacht considered too costly to operate, the State of Maryland is turning to the same online auction service used by thousands of consumers...

W-112 and retrofitted for passengers in the 1970s - will be listed for sale on eBay starting Thursday.

State officials would not disclose their minimum asking price but hope to recoup at least as much as the \$295,000 to \$375,000 appraisal says the craft is worth.

BEANS

Table with columns: High, Low, Change, and market data for various bean contracts.

CHEESE

Table with columns: High, Low, Change, and market data for various cheese contracts.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table with columns: High, Low, Settle, and market data for metals and currency.

FOSSIL FUELS

Table with columns: High, Low, Settle, and market data for fossil fuels.

Rosen

Continued from E1 about financial wheeling and dealing. Of course, one drawback is that games can last for hours, or stretch over days, as is often the case in our house.

Board game trivia

In 1939, Charles Darvon created a game of fame and fortune on eBay. He produced handmade versions of the game and was highly successful. Parker Brothers learned of the success and bought the rights to the game, which was introduced in 1935 as Monopoly.

GRAINS

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POTATOES

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SUGAR

Table with columns: High, Low, Change, and market data for various sugar contracts.

LIVESTOCK

Table with columns: High, Low, Change, and market data for various livestock contracts.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table with columns: High, Low, Change, and market data for various mutual funds.

Cash Flow for Kids-Created by the author of the "Rich Dad, Poor Dad" series of books, the object of this game is to be the first player to wind up with more income than expenses.

What game you choose to play with your child, put the board out, have some fun and maybe even talk about real-life money issues. That's real learning.

PERKINS, SMART & BOYD, INC. Call Nita Barnes Clontz for appointment

Large table listing various mutual funds with columns for fund name, share price, and other details.

# COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Miranomia - 735-3288

## Ashley and siblings want good home

"Hi, my name is Ashley and I'm looking for a good home for my brother and sisters; one that is loving and goes camping at least three times a year and has lots of animals."

"I want a family that has people who are kind to each other and will reach us to be respectful and follow the rules of the home. Sometimes we fight, but we still love each other and want a good home where we can be together."

"Ashley is a shy girl on the brink of self-discovery. She needs a close relationship with parents who model commitment."

Her peers will have a great influence on how she is able to make sense of her life thus far and what she wants for her future.

That is why she needs a mom and dad who encourage wholesome activities that include her friends.

Family needs: Are you a laid-back family ready for adventure, laughter and a few arguments? If you have access to a stimulating learning environment, these four

## Wednesday's Child



Ashley Age 12

children: Ashley, Stephani, Craig and Angel, need you.

They are available for adoption through the State of Oregon. For contact information, call the Idaho CareLine, 1-800-926-2588 or 2-1-1 inside Idaho.

## Outdoor nativity will include live animals, carols and scripture

**CLOVER** - Clover Trinity Lutheran School students will share the meaning of Christmas in this year's 12th annual live outdoor nativity program.

The Christmas story will be told through Bible scripture and Christmas carols sung by the students as they share the stage with live animals in an outdoor setting.

The 30-minute program will start at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the school, 3550 North 1825 East. Go 2 miles east of Buhl on Highway 30, S and one-half miles south on 1700 East, 1 and

## one-fourth miles east on 3550 North

The student body has been split in two groups with each group performing in one production.

The public is invited to watch from their vehicles or a heated bus.

"It has become a tradition for guests to join the students around the manger scene at the end of the program to witness the greatest gift of all and sing Silent Night," school administrator Yvonne Robinson said.

Hot chocolate and cookies also will be served.

"This is an evening you will never forget," Reinke said. "We invite the community to come and bring the entire family to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas - the gift of our Savior."



Some of the cast members in the Clover Trinity Lutheran School live nativity program include, from left, Andi Vost, Morgan East, Kenny Kestle, Katie Sheiler, Jessica DeKruyf, Placida Simon, Thomas Thom, Allison Brittain and Jacob DeKruyf.

## DARS essay contest deadline nears

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution reminds students, parents and teachers that entries for the American History essay contest must be postmarked by Monday.

"This contest offers students an opportunity to practice their research skills, increase their understanding of American history and add experiences and awards to their college application. We encourage teachers to use this contest as a class assignment, but individual student entries are equally welcome," said Diane Greene, American History chairman for the Twin Falls D.A.R.

For students in grades five to eight, this year's topic is "The Louisiana Purchase. Thomas Jefferson's Presidential Legacy." Students are asked to pretend they are Jefferson writing his autobiography near the end of his life - and remembering - the Louisiana Purchase as the most significant event of his two-term presidency. The essay should focus

on the importance of the Louisiana Purchase in Jefferson's presidential career and to the country as a whole. Essays must be 300-600 words for students in grade five or 600-1000 words for students in grades six to eight.

Students in grades nine to 12 are eligible to enter the Christopher Columbus essay contest with the topic "A Day in the Life of Christopher Columbus the Explorer." Students are asked to write a diary or journal entry that Columbus might have written during one of his early expeditions, or upon landing in the New World, describing things he observed and what he hoped to accomplish. Essays should be no more than 750 words.

Complete contest rules may be obtained by calling Greene at 655-4100 or by e-mail to [greenec@northridge.net](mailto:greenec@northridge.net).

Local winners will be recognized with a certificate, medal and \$25 award - and have their essays forwarded to the Idaho State D.A.R. for consideration for state-level awards.

## EMT classes offered at CSI and high school

**TWIN FALLS** - Basic emergency medical technician classes will start during the spring semester at the College of Southern Idaho.

The classes also will start at Minico High School in Rupert following Christmas break for students who would like to get a head start.

The classes will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. in Aspen building room 195 starting Jan. 22. The classes will be telecommunicated simultaneously to CSI classrooms in Burley, Gooding and Hailey. Students can choose from Tuesday or Wednesday evening lab times at the CSI campus.

The basic EMT is a seven-credit, 120-hour course for entry-level ambulance operations. It is a prerequisite for anyone who wants to move on to higher levels of pre-hospital emergency care jobs. It teaches critical emergency response to vehicle and water accidents, heart attacks, unshielded childbirth, poisoning and gunshot wounds, as well as how to control bleeding, treat shock, administer oxygen and bandage wounds, among other skills.

Advanced EMT classes will be held only on the main campus

## from 2-4:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Labs will be held on Thursday afternoons. The advanced EMT and hazardous material awareness course also is a seven-credit class. Students will move on to intravenous and airway procedures.

For more information, call Dennis Patterson at 732-6712 or e-mail [dpatterson@csi.edu](mailto:dpatterson@csi.edu).

**Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners**

**GOODING** - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces its winners for the club championship on Dec. 5.

North/south: first, Lorna Bard and Sue Borden; second, Riley Burton and Bev Clark; and third, Bud Povey and Lisa Hylton.

East/west: first, Bill Simonsen and Sid Bokovy; second, Cecil Davidson and Pat Nelson; and third, LaVina Moore and Velda Overall.

Overall winners: first, Bill Simonsen and Sid Bokovy; second, Lorna Bard and Sue Borden; third, Riley Burton and Bev Clark; and fourth, Cecil Davidson and Pat Nelson.

The birthdays of Jack Paulsen, Mary Steele and Lucy Gustafson were celebrated.

The club meets at 1 p.m. every

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Friday at Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W.

**Buhl jazz, select choirs host community caroling**

**BUHL** - The Buhl High School jazz and select choirs will host community caroling Saturday at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth Ave.

The caroling will follow the Buhl Light Parade, which begins at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to all ages.

The Buhl Arts Council also is seeking people interested in volunteering to set up, take down and serve at these events.

For more information, call 543-2888.

### Desert Sun Dancers group hold dance

**SHOSHONE** - The Desert Sun Dancers will meet for a dance and potato bar Friday at the Masonic Hall on West B Street in Shoshone.

Roundups will begin at 7:30 p.m. with squares at 8 p.m.

The club will furnish the potato bar. Members should bring a dessert.

### Jerome Band Boosters meet second Monday

**JEROME** - The Jerome Band Boosters meet at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month in the Jerome High School band room, 104 N. Tiger Drive.

For more information, call Julie Vanden Bosch at 324-4709.

### Church offers to give parents a break

**TWIN FALLS** - First United Methodist Church is offering to parents to take a break and leave their children for free from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday at the church, 360 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Parents can drop their children off during this time. For more information, call 733-5872. Everyone is welcome.

## Civic

**Rotary Clubs**

Burley - noon Tuesdays at WestCoast in Twin Falls, call 298-4545.

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Buhl - 12:05 p.m. Thursdays at The Grandstands, 2115 p.m. Fridays at the Lincoln Inn, 9:44-5:45.

Hailey - noon Thursdays at the Senior Center of Blaine County, 7:30-8:00 p.m., 2117.

Idaho Falls - noon Tuesdays at China Village, 123 S. Adams, 327-4000 or 324-2511.

Ketchikan - noon Tuesdays at Ketchikan and Fanta Restaurant, 801 So. 2nd, 724-1100.

Rupert - noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks, 101 E. Main, 448-6141.

Shoshone - noon Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center, 806-2222 or 886-2883.

Twin Falls - noon Wednesdays at the Turf Club in Twin Falls, 730-4029 or 734-6549.

## Elks

**XI Omega Chapter** - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, Sept.-May, in Burley, 623-6294 or 438-2613.

**Chapter 10** - second, and fourth Thursdays in Jerome, call Rachel Evans at 324-2756.

**Alpha Kappa Chapter** - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, first and third Thursdays in November and December, Call Crystal at 734-7100 or Shirley at 735-0545.

**President P. Chapter** - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, September through December, 438-2613.

**Delta Epsilon** - Twin Falls - 7 p.m. third Tuesday, call Stacey at 737-0905.

## Moose

**Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge 612** - 8 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at 835 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls, call Dennis or Ron at 733-6637. Days 733-6761 (evenings).

**Lodge of the Moose** - 8 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at 835 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls.

## Other

**Snake River Elks Lodge** - 8 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at lodge at 53 Gold Ranch on Highway 93, 730-4200.

**Blue Jay Lodge** - 8 p.m. first Tuesday at Elks Lodge, 93 Gold Ranch on Highway 93, call Mary Ann at 733-2421.

## Other

**Bethel 18** - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 1519 Overland Ave. in Burley.

**Bethel 14** - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 225 First E. in Jerome.

**Bethel 43** - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

**Bethel 56** - 7 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

## Support Groups

**FOURC** - Fishermen - Riggs for Careless - Friday - first Friday at War Memorial Hall in Gooding, Call Steve at 934-9071.

**Family Connection (Support Group)** - call Tina at 734-1979.

**Gamblers** - Anonymous - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Fellowship Hall in Twin Falls, call 737-4631.

**Magaly Valley Parents of Multiples Club** (parents of twins or triplets) - first Thursday at the "Sun" Multi-Club, 7108 S. Main, 730-4000.

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**Magaly Valley Home Educators** - For information on support groups, curriculum resources, newsletter group activities, call 734-2925 or 423-4216.

## Weight

**Chapter 309** - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 475 Carwell Ave. W. recreation room in Twin Falls, call 737-4631.

**Chapter 48** - 10 a.m. Thursdays at the Jerome Public Center, 324-4729 or 324-5722.

**Chapter 10** - 8 a.m. Mondays at St. Edwards Parish Hall, 260 Seventh E. E. Call 734-6887.

**Chapter 256** - 5:15 p.m. Thursdays in the Heyburn Elementary School lunch room, 1431

## Alzheimer's support groups

**Burley** - 7:30 p.m. second Thursday at Burley Senior Center, sponsored by Ashley Manor Care Center, call Bill at 675-7675.

**Twin Falls** - 10:30 a.m. third Wednesday at Sunblossom, 1400 Filer Ave., call Steve or Dawn at 734-8875.

## National Alliance for the Mentally III

for survivors of mental illness, their families and friends.

**Hailey** - 10:30 a.m. of Idaho - 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Wood River Middle School faculty lounge, call 788-2584.

**Twin Falls** - NAMI of Magaly Valley - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at KMVT community center, call 300-5729/300-5730.

**Buhl** - 6:30 a.m. Thursdays at the Bungehul Club, 119 Broadway St. call 543-8115.

**Idaho** - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 119 Broadway St.

## Alcoholism

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## Beta Sigma Phi Sorority

Alpha Tau Chapter - 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays at 424-4783 or Judy at 234-1167.

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MORNING BREAK/COMMUNITY

Co-ed flashing game goes too far

DEAR ABBY: I am 15 and I have two questions. I was shopping with my friend "Crystal," and we saw some guys we know. They're a year or two younger, so I thought they were just being stupid kids when they not-so-subtly tried to get me to flash them.



DEAR ABBY Abigail VanBuren

I'm ashamed to say I played along and lifted my top a little and unintentionally gave them a glimpse of my bra. They kept pestering me for more. It was just annoying until one of them reached for my top and tried to pull it down twice. Then one of them said to grab my arms and hold me down, which two of them did, while another held Crystal back. They nearly succeeded in removing my top and bra, and more than one of them got a hand down my bra.

And next time, the police could be involved. DEAR ABBY: Every year we discuss practical gifts for senior citizens. When my late second cousin, "Pat," turned 94, she was having serious problems with her vision. She loved corresponding with friends, but could no longer write in a straight line, so her envelopes could not be read correctly by the post office.

I asked a friend if she would create some stationery that my cousin could use; she removed the thread—from her sewing machine, and on the back of each sheet of paper "stitched" parallel lines about 1/2 inch apart. I asked her to do the same with the envelopes, but to make only four lines where the address would go.

—HUMILIATED IN SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.

DEAR HUMILIATED: The answers to your questions are yes and no. Children who play with fire run the risk of being seriously burned. And girls who engage in sexual-teasing run a similar risk. That's the lesson you should have learned from this embarrassing and, I'm sure, frightening incident. When you lifted your top, you sent a signal to the boys that you were willing to "play"—and things got out of hand.

Cousin Pat loved her beautiful—and useful—stationery. Her friends were able to read her handwriting, and so could the U.S. Postal Service. It's easy to write in a straight line when your fingers can feel the tiny "bumps" that the needle makes.

I'm a retired former Braille teacher, and machine-knitting is one of the techniques I would use to make geometry drawings for blind students. (I wonder if banks would permit this on personal checks?)

I hope this idea will help more people with fading eyesight to keep in touch. —NORMA L. SCHECTER, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF.

However, whether or not it was intended as horseplay, the boys went too far. Because of that, you should inform your mother and/or dad so they can discuss it with the parents of the boys involved. An authority figure—preferably a parent—needs to talk to those boys about the definition of sexual assault and battery, because that's what occurred. Unless they are warned, it will happen again.

DEAR NORMA: Your idea is innovative, inexpensive and terrific. I hope that readers who use it will be sure to include stamps with the stationery.

War chariot needed three-man crew

The war chariot of ancient Rome needed a three-man crew: a rein handler, a shooter, and a straphanger behind them to keep them from bouncing out of the vehicle as it rolled over the bodies. Every true crab has a tail.



REVISITED L.M. Boyd

If you start looking around for the action when the sun goes down, you're "recreational." That word "toadstool" comes from the German—"tod" for "death" and "stool" for "food." Do you know the whereabouts of a chicken's knee? You pick up a drumstick at the heel. The knee is at the fleshy end.

A surgical incision on a fetus still in the womb heals without a scar. Rembrandt painstakingly reproduced a small skin cancer in his portrait of his mother. What it was—a basal cell carcinoma—he did not know. But it was there.

File HS announces honor roll

FILER — Filer High School announced its first quarter honor roll.

SENIORS

- Dani Theria, Ashley Sliag, Shanna Roehm, Christopher Holman, Adam Vukobrat, Lisa McLaughlin, Megan Lewis, Tyler Lausen, Mandy Knott, Whitney Huley, Meghan Elliot, Cody Fitzmaurice and Rebecca IV Anton.

JUNIORS

- Daniel Ramsey, Larry Moore, Kyle Madson, Cameron Klein, Cameron Knize, Teresa Jones, Amy Haddadston, Diana Halliger and Cole Butcher.

SOPHOMORES

- Colby Vance, Collette Rosenkrantz, Krystal Myers, Chelsea Kelly, Amanda Jensen, Nicole Haddadston, Sarah Hickey, Anthony DeLeon and Amelia Brown.

FRESHMEN

- Adelman, Alyssa Blier, Danielle Taylor, Bruce Hoyt, Sandra Sanchez, Tiffany Farnsworth, Kevin McKeon, Kristina Anderson, Jennifer Taylor.

Filer MS announces honor roll

FILER — Filer Middle School announced its first quarter high honor roll.

SIXTH GRADE

- Robert Willis, Brooke Lawler, Wyllytta Whittick, Kyston Eyster, Brooke Galton, Rose Busholtz, Haley Peterson, Bryce Baker and Kevin Moore.

SEVENTH GRADE

- Amelia Webb, Kevin Westcott, Shelby Nitting, Levi Hays, Richard Demman, Glade Hall, Jamarron Weather, Megan Green, Jadaa Perry, Rachel Evans, Orin Darnat, Tyler Shell, Tyler Deuel, Patricia Carter, Shellee Davis, Candice McHenry, Drey Williams, Kayla Horrocks, Courtney Hansen, Mark Goff and Breanna Brown.

EIGHTH GRADE

- Teresa Williams, Acaelia McKeon, Adam Russell, Tyson Johnson, Kelley Richards, CR Sladner, Haley Ramsey, Matthew Lausen, Emily Newsum, Kristina Anderson and Ashley Taylor.

NINTH GRADE

- Brittany Wintersholter, Ben Rosenkrantz, Kayla Richards, Amy Frazier, Hannah Baker, Chris Muller, David Albertson, Levi Miller, Alex Watt, Joshua Mauer, Barbara Topa, Rachael Larson, Stepan Miller, Matt Luncaster, Jordan Marick, Chase Holzer, Tyler Kirkdortter, Heidi Anderson, Tiffany Ayers, Jill Hayes, Haley Atkins, Heidi Anderson and Kelsey White.

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Sagittarius: You are excellent people person

IF DECEMBER 10 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY — you tend to think of yourself as the all-deserving kimpin. An excellent people person, you're suited to running your own show though at times you're passive. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): The moon enters your domestic domain just as colleagues encourage you to take a risk. TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You're ready for any action coming your way. A tricky situation may sway your good sense and open the door to impatience. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Insist on talking things over with partners. If an important question remains unanswered, use diplomacy. CANCER (June 21-July 22): As the moon enters your sign, it's time to focus on personal life. Being secure in a relationship means that your productive vein is allowed. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If single, meeting someone very different from yourself has you intrigued; there could become a partnership. PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): A career move or opportunity are in the cards. You should keep things secret as lack of discretion could undermine a relationship.

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contracts generates excitement. An opportunity is afoot. Speed, timing and precision are key here. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Is it karma or dharma? You're making an important connection. Asking a serious question and expecting an answer, you're presented with a mystery revealed. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Plans put to paper ready you for some action. You could be of two minds as family or close kin may not share your viewpoint. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The moon in your seventh house suggests partners or associates are about to make a proposition. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Meeting someone very different from yourself has you intrigued; there could become a partnership. PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): A career move or opportunity are in the cards. You should keep things secret as lack of discretion could undermine a relationship.

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IDAHO POWER
CORPORATION
APPLICATION FOR
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SECURITIES
CASE NO. IPO-03

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NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN THAT ON DECEMBER
10, 2003, AT 11:00 AM, SAID
COUNTY OF IDAHO POWER
CORPORATION HAS FILED
WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF
IDAHO AND SELL \$40,000,000
OF COMMON STOCK TO ITS PARANT

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PUBLIC MEETING
ON December 16, 2003,
7:00 to 8:30 pm at the
Idaho Farm Bureau Building
1222 Kimball Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. There will be an informal workshop

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On March 23, 2004, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., of said day, in the FRONT ENTRANCE OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, 260 3RD AVENUE NORTH, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a State or National Bank, or a check drawn by a State or Federal Credit Union, or a check drawn by a State or Federal Savings and Loan Association, Savings Association, or Credit Union, payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of IDAHO, and described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 1 IN BLOCK 2 OF FIRST AMENDED PLAT OF MAGIC VALLEY MOBILE HOME SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN BOOK 11 OF PLATS, PAGE 17, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.

Commonly known as 260 Villa Road, Twin Falls, Idaho.
Sale said to be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed to trust executed by JAMES E. WRAY AND MARGUERITE WRAY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to TWIN FALLS TITLE & INSURANCE COMPANY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, recorded April 26, 2001, as Instrument No. 2001-0002401. Mortgage records of TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(H)(4), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due May 1, 2003 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said deed of trust.

The estimated balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$78,021.55 including interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale, and trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY
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Date: November 12, 2003
First American Title Insurance Company
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PUBLISH: December 10, 17, 24, 31, 2003

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On the 17th day of March, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for certified funds, or the equivalent, in cash, cashier's check drawn on a State or National Bank, or a check drawn by a State or Federal Credit Union, or a check drawn by a State or Federal Savings and Loan Association, Savings Association, or Credit Union, payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1506(H) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 1 IN BLOCK 1 OF PARK MEADOWS SUBDIVISION No. 1 Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 11 of Plats, page 8.

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NORTH 872 A 953 A Q 108 9 8

WEST K 5 10 9 Q 7 10 7 6 5 3 EAST K 6 4 K 6 7 5 4 3 K J 4 2

SOUTH K 5 3 J 10 8 4 2 K 6 J A Q

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: South

The bidding: South West North East 1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Club five

BID WITH THE ACES 1230-B

South holds: K 5 3 J 10 8 4 2 K 6 J A Q

South West North East ? 1♣ 1♠

ANSWER: Bid one heart. Both overcalling and doubling have merits. The attractions of doubling are that it gets both spades and diamonds into the picture, but it may lose a 3-1 heart fit. The general rule of overcalling whenever you have a five-card major makes good sense, though. You can always double on the next round if the opponents raise clubs.

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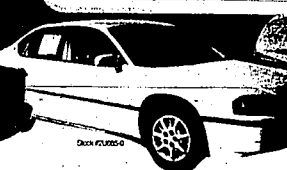
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