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Mad cow disease enters U.S.

Potential consequences concern Idaho beef, dairy officials

The Times-News and The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A single Holstein on a Washington state farm has tested positive for mad cow disease, marking the first suspected appearance of the brain-wasting disease in the United States, the Bush administration announced Tuesday as it assured Americans their food is safe.

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said the slaughtered cow was screened earlier this month and any diseased parts were removed before they could enter the food supply and infect humans. Fear of the disease has brought

“This is one of those things I hoped never would happen.”

— Clarence Sroky, Idaho state veterinarian

economic ruin on beef industries in Europe and Canada.

“We remain confident in the safety of our food supply,” Veneman told a hastily convened news conference. The farm near Yakima, Wash., where the cow originated, has been quarantined as officials trace how the animal contracted the disease and where its meat went.

“Even though the risk to human health is minimal, we will take all appropriate actions out of an abundance of caution,” she said.

In Idaho, state and industry officials expressed concern about the discovery's effect on the beef and dairy industries. “This is one of those things I hoped



Department of Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman announces the first suspected case of mad cow disease in the United States in Washington.

POWDER POWER

But low spring flows, dry soils temper water outlook

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A landscape wrapped in snow is the best Christmas present southern Idaho could receive this year to moisten dry soils and fill parched streambeds.

Clear Magic Valley skies have been offering views of snow-covered peaks to the north and powdered hills to the south, but mountain snowpacks are off to a healthy, sustained start at last.

It's good news for winter recreation enthusiasts, ski areas and the valley's water resources, but it's not a guarantee that water supplies will be whole in 2004.

While the snowpack is the driver behind Magic Valley's water supplies, it isn't the only tool used to forecast the water outlook. Signs of several years worth of lack of moisture have shown up in critical areas, including springs that feed the Snake River.

Vince Alberdi, manager of the Twin Falls Canal Co., is tracking daily streamflow measurements of an indicator spring that fills American Falls Reservoir. “It's the one we use to determine the health of the aquifer,” Alberdi said.

The company draws the bulk of its water from the American Falls, filled in large measure by springs from the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer. The springs are the reason American Falls is the only Upper Snake River storage reservoir to exhibit a substantial increase in water levels during the winter. The other storage reservoirs are filled by spring runoff.

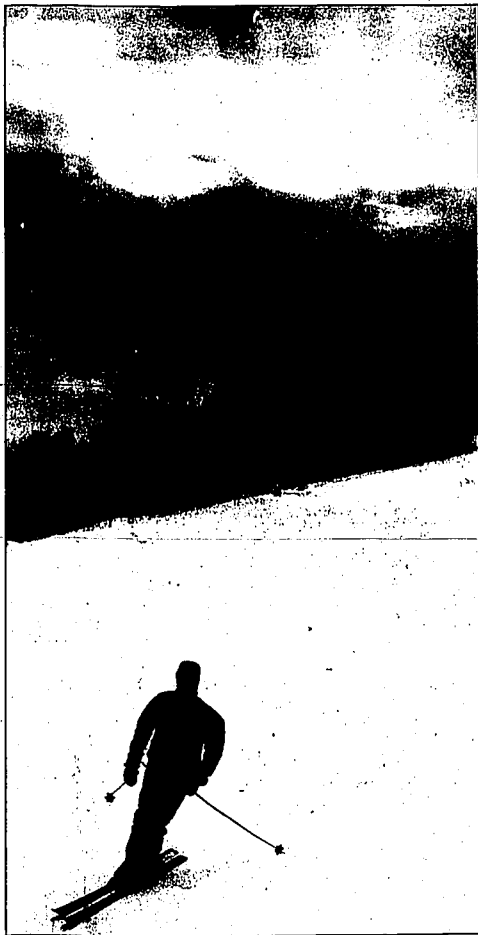
The spring's 22-year average recorded discharge is 360 cubic feet of water per second, according to U.S. Geological

Survey. See SNOW, Page A2

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season pool **
Upper Snake Basin	85%	35%
Salmon Falls	102%	34%
Salmon	93%	32%
Oakley	97%	31%
Big Wood	85%	30%
Little Wood	85%	32%
Henry's Fork/Teton	108%	32%
Big Lost	97%	33%
Little Lost	80%	29%

As of Dec. 23
*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.
**An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.



Nathan Comiles glides down the hill at Magic Mountain Ski Resort Tuesday. The snowpack levels for the Magic Valley look good for winter recreation, but it is still too early to tell how the 2004 water supply will shape up.

Reports see shift in targets

Terrorists turn focus to sites outside cities, intelligence indicates

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Intelligence gathered by the U.S. government indicates al-Qaida terrorists have a keen interest in striking targets that are far from major cities, such as power plants, dams and even oil facilities in Alaska. The Pentagon said Tuesday it is broadening air patrols throughout the country.

In addition, the military is deploying surface-to-air missile systems in the Washington area and is considering locating more anti-aircraft systems in the New York City region, a defense official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Some of the intelligence “chatter” that led President Bush to put the nation on high “orange” alert for a terrorist strike dealt with threats against remote facilities, according to law enforcement and intelligence officials speaking Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

One specific threat, they said, was against oil facilities in Valdez, Alaska, where tankers load Prudhoe Bay oil destined for the continental United States. Other threats are more general, mentioning nuclear plants in rural areas and other electric facilities, major dams, bridges or chemical plants, the officials said. One official cautioned that most of the reports were uncorroborated — some were from only a single informant or communications intercept — and may be unconnected to a larger al-Qaida plot.

But local officials boasted security at many such facilities, including the Port of Valdez where armed Coast Guard patrol boats were more visible and ship boardings were on the increase.

The invasion of Mars begins

Three spacecraft prepare to arrive at the Red Planet

By Night Adler Knight Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — As you read this, not one, not two, but an unprecedented three spacecraft are all screaming at 12,000 mph to the planet Mars.

If all goes as scientists have planned (and that is a big if) the first will drop an experimental clamlike pod onto the red planet's surface just as American kids struggle into bed on Christmas Eve.

Frankly, experts say, if the three-sized lander launched in June makes it to the planet's surface, it will be nothing short of a Christmas miracle.

The European Space Agency put together this Mars Express in two years

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Touching down on Mars

On Dec. 25, the European Space Agency's Beagle 2 lander will parachute to the surface of Mars, completing its seven month journey. Once there, it will unfold its robotic arm and solar panels and will begin its search for evidence of water and organic matter on the red planet.



Arm attachments include two spectrometers, a drill mechanism, a sample collector and two stereo cameras

Source: European Space Agency

Iraq readies for Christmas observances

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi children mobbed two American soldiers in Santa hats as they handed out stuffed animals Tuesday. Not far away an Iraqi Christian woman sat in an otherwise empty church, praying for peace.

While U.S. troops, buoyed by the capture of Saddam Hussein, gear up for big Christmas celebrations, the small community of Iraqi Christians is preparing for a low-key holiday, with many congregations postponing midnight services until daybreak because of the violence that still plagues the country.

The holiday brings mixed feelings for Iraq's 700,000 Christians.

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Specialist Chad Wilkerson of Clarksville, Tenn., distributes Christmas gifts to Iraqi children Tuesday in Baghdad.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Breezy with clouds and periods of rain or snow showers. Highs in the middle 40s.
Tonight: Cloudy and breezy with isolated snow showers. Lows in the lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and cooler with isolated snow showers. Highs in the upper 30s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

Yesterday's Weather

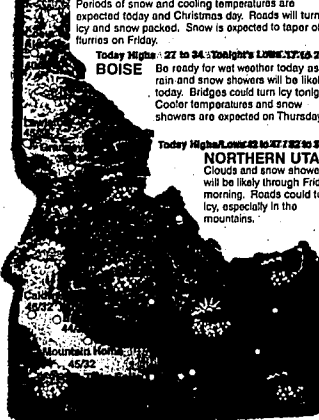
Table listing weather for various cities: Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Madras, Malma, Pocatello, Rimbud, Salmon, Shoshone, Sun Valley.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and breezy with occasional rain or snow showers. Highs in the lower to middle 40s.
Tonight: Cloudy and breezy with isolated snow showers. Lows in the upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and cooler with isolated snow showers. Highs in the middle to upper 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Periods of snow and cooling temperatures are expected today and Christmas day. Roads will turn icy and snow packed. Snow is expected to taper off to flurries on Friday.



Today High: 22 to 34. Tonight's Low: 17 to 27. BOISE Be ready for wet weather today as rain and snow showers will be likely today. Brides could turn ugly. Cooler temperatures and snow showers are expected on Thursday.

NORTHERN UTAH Cloudy and snow showers will be likely through Friday morning. Roads could turn icy, especially in the mountains.

Yesterday's State Estimate: 49 at Princeton, 76 at Stanley. Weather key: su-sunny, bc-breezy, cl-cloudy, ci-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-flurries, w-wind, m-misting.

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Barometric Pressure

Table with 2 columns: Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset. Includes daily and monthly data.

U. V. INDEX

Table with 2 columns: U. V. INDEX, Sunrise and Sunset. Includes daily and monthly data.

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Table showing moon phases for Dec 30, Jan 7, Jan 15, Jan 21.

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Table showing moonrise and moonset times for today and tomorrow.

U. V. INDEX

Table showing U. V. index levels: Low, Moderate, High.

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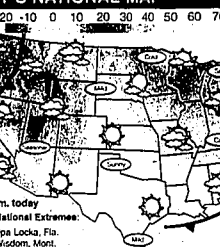
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Bush plans sweeping immigration changes

The Washington Post WASHINGTON - President Bush plans to kick off his re-election year by proposing a program that would make it easier for immigrants to work legally in the U.S., in what would constitute the most significant changes to immigration law in 18 years, Republican officials said Tuesday. Lobbyists working with the White House said Bush is developing a plan that would allow immigrants to work legally in the U.S., in what would constitute the most significant changes to immigration law in 18 years, Republican officials said Tuesday.

Mars

Continued from A1 with a \$50 million budget. The craft was first sketched on a back of a beer coaster and built of unused parts from a scuttled mission. The European Space Agency offered advertising on the craft to pay for it. "If he thing fits the surface and functions," said Matt Golombek, a leading space geologist at Pasadena's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, "I will cheer." And thelander, named Beagle 2 in honor of Charles Darwin's ship, HMS Beagle, will be making its own noise. It's supposed to land, open and, like a music box, beep out nine notes from a song by the British rock group Blur. It then will get to work, sweeping for signs of life.

Iraq

Continued from A1 There are prayers for a better future, but also some fears that if not continued, it could revive a central flight of Christians, along with other Iraqis, who left the country during the crippling economic sanctions of the 1990s. During that time, the number of Christians fell from more than a million, as many left in search of better lives in Europe, North America and elsewhere. As a light rain fell outside, Nadal Salman, 44, sat alone Tuesday in a 17th century stone church, praying for peace. Before her was a large painted icon so weathered the image of the Virgin Mary holding baby Jesus could barely be seen. The church is among those that will hold services Christmas morning instead of on Christmas Eve as customary. Worshipers have been told not to bring bags, for fear an attacker could slip past with a bomb. "The situation is not normal; it's scary," Salman said, her face framed with a gold scarf. "But God is great and the Virgin Mary is with the Iraqi people." Further dampening the holiday, she said, many families will not gather for big dinners or avoid having to return home on dangerous nighttime streets. Most Iraqi Christians belong to the Chaldean Church, an ancient eastern-rite Catholic church.

U.S.-Russian team seizes uranium

The Washington Post MOSCOW - An international team of nuclear specialists backed by armed security units swooped into a shuttered Bulgarian reactor and recovered 37 pounds of highly enriched uranium in a secretive operation intended to forestall nuclear terrorism, U.S. officials said Tuesday. It was the third time that U.S. and Russian authorities have teamed up to retrieve highly enriched uranium from Soviet-era facilities in the last year in an effort to keep such material from falling into the hands of international terrorists or rogue states. Experts worry that such caches of uranium scattered in obscure corners of the former Soviet Union and its satellite states represent one of the most vulnerable sources of fissile material for would-be bomb-makers.

Snow

Continued from A1 Survey data. That equals about 160,000 gallons of water a minute. On Tuesday the spring was producing 282 cfs, or about 125,000 gallons a minute. It is its lowest point - since record-keeping began 22 years ago - this past June when it dipped to 226 cfs, or about 100,000 gallons a minute. "We haven't been in this territory," Alberdi said. He'll prepare preliminary water supply information to provide growers at the company's annual shareholders' meeting in January. So far Twin Falls irrigators have weathered the drought, and Alberdi is thankful for the good snowpack so far this year. The basins that feed the Upper Snake River regenerate the springs, which are wrapped up in a dispute over groundwater withdrawals from the aquifer and how much groundwater pumpers are to blame for spring declines. If there is a bright spot, the beginning of the 2004 water year is the best since at least 1995. That was the last year the Upper Snake River Basin saw an above-average snowpack, said Ron Abramovich, a water supply specialist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Fall rains would have helped improve the picture this year, but they didn't come. "It could have been a better start, but we'll take what we can get," Abramovich said. Fall precipitation was needed to soak up soils, which remain dusty and dry a few inches below the surface of the ground, he said. Without that pre-snowpack moisture, more spring runoff will be absorbed before it can reach streams. As a lot of winter storms over the past 10 days has tempered progress, but chances of mountain snow are forecast for Christmas. Southern Idaho still is recovering from the winter of 2001, which supplied not much more than half of an average year's worth of snow. Then came 2002, which was better than the previous year but still below normal and unable to replenish a taxed system. Last year the Upper Snake River snowpack was respectable at 34 percent of average, but the snow was so wet it yielded streamflows just 71 percent of normal. Upper Snake River reservoirs hit record lows this fall. It will take an above-average snowpack this year to meet irrigation demands. "Let's hope for a wet winter and a wet spring," Abramovich said.

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Some see double standard in nuke policy

Los Angeles Times

VIENNA, Austria — Research on a new generation of precision atomic weapons by the Bush administration threatens to undermine international efforts to stop the spread of nuclear arms and to tarnish recent successes, according to diplomats and non-proliferation experts.

The criticism focuses on the administration's decision to lay the groundwork for developing low-yield weapons — known as mini-nukes — while pursuing President Bush's doctrine of pre-emptive strikes against rogue states.

The diplomats and independent experts said Washington's strategy weakens support for more stringent controls at a time when the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty faces serious challenges from North Korea and Iran amid widespread fears of terrorists acquiring atomic

U.S. pursues new generation of weapons, attempts to prevent others from doing so

said. The U.S. strategy, critics said, may cause other countries to pursue nuclear arms.

"The U.S. follows a double standard that allows it to develop and threaten to use nuclear weapons while denying them to smaller countries," said Hussein Haniff, Malaysia's ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. "We do not know whether the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty can survive with these U.S. policies."

Haniff heads a group of 13 countries that constitute a non-aligned bloc on the IAEA's 35-nation Board of Governors. The bloc is often at odds with the United States and last month opposed U.S. efforts to declare Iran in violation of the nonproliferation

agreement.

The Bush administration argues that mini-nukes would provide flexibility to respond to changing threats and small-scale conflicts that do not require full-size nuclear armaments. And the United States on the whole is significantly reducing its nuclear arsenal, not increasing it, officials say. Nonetheless, some U.S. allies are alarmed. A senior Western diplomat called the prospect of mini-nukes "politically stupid" and said it would complicate U.S. security by weakening support for tougher nuclear controls.

Anger over the U.S. policy has risen steadily since spring when the administration first requested funding for research on mini-nukes, in effect seeking a reversal

of a 1993 ban on research and development of low-yield atomic weapons. After much wrangling, Congress approved the bill last month, granting \$7.5 million, half of what the administration had sought.

The weapons would be designed to penetrate underground bunkers presumed to conceal weapons of mass destruction or command centers. Pentagon planners say the low yield would limit nuclear fallout, a claim some scientists dispute.

Administration officials have said the research into mini-nukes was insignificant compared with its larger arms-control effort, which would cut the U.S. nuclear stockpile by two-thirds by 2012.

The debate over the U.S. posture comes as anxiety over the spread of atomic weapons is rising after the nuclear standoff with North Korea and the disclosure of Iran uranium-enrichment program and Libya's progress.

Administration opens more of Alaska forest to logging

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reversing a Clinton-era policy, the Bush administration opened 300,000 more acres of Alaska's Tongass National Forest on Tuesday to possible logging or other development.

The decision allows 3 percent of the forest's 9.3 million acres, which were put off-limits to road-building by the Clinton administration to have roads built on them and perhaps to be opened to use by the timber industry.

"The people of Alaska benefit," said spokesman Bill Bradshaw of the U.S. Forest Service, part of the Agriculture Department.

John Passacantando, executive director of Greenpeace USA, accused the administration of "gutting the last pristine temperate rain forest" in the United States.

Agriculture Department officials, with approval from the White House Office of Management and Budget, decided

to exempt the acreage from the so-called roadless rule, an often-challenged Clinton-era policy.

Imposed during President Clinton's final days in office, the rule had sought to block development of 58.5 million acres, or nearly one-third of the national forests.

It was struck down in July by a federal district judge in Wyoming and currently is before the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Forest Service officials said their decision "maintains the balance for roadless area protection" while still "providing opportunities for sustainable economic development" in the 16.8 million-acre Tongass National Forest.

"People in 32 communities within the Tongass National Forest depend on the forest for subsistence and social and economic health," officials said in a statement. "Most communities lack road and utility connections to other communities."

Disease

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never would happen," Idaho State Veterinarian Clarence Siroky said. "But I always thought it was not a matter of if, but when."

Siroky said he wasn't sure if there was any connection between the dairy from which the sick cow came and any Idaho dairies. Once they learn the name of the dairy from federal or Washington state officials, Idaho officials plan to go through their records to see if there has been any movement of animals between the Washington dairy and Idaho dairies.

"We'll work cooperatively with them to try to determine whether or not there was any movement out of or into our state or to that herd," Siroky said. "We'll respond accordingly if we find anything."

Bob Narebout, director of the Idaho Dairymen's Association, noted the situation potentially has far-reaching consequences.

"It's going to be a huge story," Narebout said. "All you have to do is reflect on the in-cow (mad cow disease) had on the Canadian beef industry."

And lawmakers are keenly aware that a case of mad cow disease in Canada last May — which officials described as a single, isolated incident — had devastating economic consequences.

"If it's anything like what happened in Canada, it will be bad. The problem won't be that people will stop eating meat in the United States; the problem is the exports will be shut down like we did with Canada," said Rep. Collin Peterson, D-Minn.

Mad cow disease, known also as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, eats holes in the brains of cattle. It spread up Britain in 1986 and spread through countries in Europe and Asia, prompting massive destruction of herds and decimating the European beef industry.

A form of mad cow disease can be contracted by humans if they eat infected beef or nerve tissue, and possibly through blood transfusions. The human form of mad cow disease so far has killed 143 people in Britain and 10 elsewhere, none in the United States. Blood donors possibly at risk for the disease are banned from giving.

Wary of the potential economic impact on their American market, beef producers quickly sought Tuesday to reassure consumers that infected meat wouldn't reach their tables. "There is no risk to consumers based upon the product that came from this animal," said Terry Stokes, chief executive of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Veneman also assured Americans the screening system worked, and no foul play was suspected. "This incident is not terrorism-related," she said. "I cannot stress this point strongly enough."

Veneman said the Holstein, which could not move on its own, was found at a farm in Mabton, Wash., about 40 miles southeast of

WASH.
Seattle
Olympia Mabton

Suspected mad cow disease in Washington

The U.S. Agriculture Department announced Tuesday that a farm in Mabton, Wash., has been quarantined because a cow tested presumptively positive for bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or mad cow disease. Some factors on the disease:

- Disease — Bovine spongiform encephalopathy or BSE is a progressive neurological disorder in cattle.
- Related disease — Variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans can cause rapidly progressive dementia and involuntary jerking movements. It is incurable and fatal.
- Transmission — Consumption of contaminated beef products. There has never been a case of person-to-person transmission.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention AP

Yakima, and the test preliminarily positive for the brain-wasting illness on Dec. 9. Parts of the cow that would be infected — the brain, the spinal cord and the lower part of the small intestine — were removed before the animal went to a meat processing plant.

Samples from the cow have been sent to Britain for confirmation of the preliminary mad cow finding, Veneman said. The results will be known in three to five days.

She said tests are made of all "downer" cows — old cows that are not mobile — that are sent to slaughterhouses. The ability to send such cows to slaughter is important to dairies in Idaho and elsewhere.

But Rep. Gary Ackerman, D-N.Y., said such cows shouldn't be in the food supply in the first place. The Senate passed such a ban earlier this year, but it failed to make it through the House.

Siroky said he doesn't want to see shutdown of "downer" cow processing plants. That's because animals are inspected closely in those plants, and it's the best way to watch for the presence of mad cow disease.

"That is how we are able to look for the disease," he said. "When those animals are presented, we're able to take samples and send them in. How else am I going to look for the disease?"

Siroky said state and federal officials no doubt will scramble to determine the best response to the discovery, while the reaction of the American public and the rest of the world plays a key role in the fate of the domestic beef industry.

"All of us are going to sit back kind of holding our breath a bit to see exactly what happens," he said. "From a scientific point of view, this disease is not a high-risk disease, either to cattle or to

humans. But we are going to look for it, we're conscientious about looking for it, and I don't want our ability to look for it compromised."

Narebout emphasized that mad cow disease does not affect dairy products.

"With an election year approaching, the news alarmed some in Congress. Rep. Tim Holden, D-Pa., a member of the House Agriculture Committee, said he expects Congress to hold "extensive oversight" hearings when lawmakers return to Washington in late January.

Veneman said the Agriculture Department has had safeguards in place since 1990 to check for mad cow disease and 20,526 cows had been tested in 2003 in the United States.

"This is a clear indication that our surveillance and detection program is working," Veneman said.

U.S. beef remains "absolutely safe to eat," she said.

"We see no reason for people to alter their eating habits," she said. "I plan to serve beef for my Christmas dinner."



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Top general backs anthrax vaccinations

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The Pentagon's top military officer on Tuesday defended the practice of giving servicemen and women anthrax vaccinations, saying the shots were important "to protect our troops."

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told a news briefing that he disagreed with a federal judge's ruling that the Pentagon could not require military personnel to take the vaccinations unless they consent.

U.S. District Judge Emmet G.

Sullivan said he was convinced by plaintiffs in a class action suit that the vaccine is being "used for an unapproved purpose" — that is, for exposure to airborne anthrax as well as exposure through the skin.

"We're using a vaccine that has been around for 40 years," Myers told reporters. "It is not experimental. It has been approved by the FDA (Food and Drug Administration). I think it's very important that we have this capability to protect our troops."

More than 900,000 servicemen and women have received the

shots, among the millions of doses of various vaccines administered annually to protect troops against disease and bioterror threats. Hundreds of service members have been punished or discharged for refusing them, according to the Pentagon.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld was asked by reporters if the Pentagon would reconsider the punishments given those who refused the shots.

"The lawyers are examining it (the ruling), and at the appropriate time they will be making a recom-

mendation as to the way forward," Rumsfeld said. "I don't want to comment on any of the specifics."

He did, however, take issue with the judge's comment that "Absent an informed consent or presidential waiver, the United States cannot demand that members of the armed forces also serve as guinea pigs for experimental drugs."

Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., said he will ask the Defense Department to begin an immediate review of disciplinary actions taken against service members who refused the vaccines.

Jury spares youth's life in sniper case

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (AP) — The jury in the Washington sniper case Tuesday spared Lee Boyd Malvo from the fate awaiting his mentor John Allen Muhammad — the death penalty — after his lawyers portrayed him as an impressionable boy who had fallen under Muhammad's murderous spell.

Malvo, 18, will instead get life in prison without parole for his part in the three-week reign of terror that left 10 people dead in and around the nation's capital in October 2002.

Malvo, wearing a blue sweater that made him look like a schoolboy, sat expressionless, his elbows on the defense table.

The jury took 8.5 hours over two days to decide his fate.

Prosecutor Robert F. Horan Jr. said afterward that Malvo was "very lucky that he looks a lot younger than he is." And he suggested the timing of the deliberations just days before Christmas affected the jury.



Lee Boyd Malvo
Receives life in prison

"We need to have a theory when I was a very young prosecutor that whatever you do, don't try one on Christmas week," Horan said.

Defense attorney Craig Cooley said Malvo was relieved by the sentence, but "on the other hand he's 18, contemplating living the rest of his natural life in a penitentiary setting." He said the conviction will be appealed to the Virginia Supreme Court.

Last month, Muhammad, 42, was found guilty of murder, and the jury recommended the death penalty. The judge in that case could still override the jury when he formally sentences Muhammad.

Both men could still be tried in other shootings in Virginia and elsewhere around the country and could get the death penalty.

Malvo was convicted of murder last week in the shooting of FBI analyst Linda Franklin, who was cut down by a single bullet to the head outside a Home Depot.

Malvo was 17 at the time.

Cooley had argued that Malvo had been molded into a killer by the charismatic Muhammad. Cooley said Malvo came to regard the Muhammad as a father figure and was susceptible to older man's influence because of his own father's absences and because his

mother beat him and moved him constantly.

"Children are not born evil. When they commit evil acts, you can almost always trace the acts to the evil that has been performed against them," Cooley said.

Cooley held a big rock, telling the jury that in ancient times the jury itself would stone the defendant. "The stone has no compassion. Once it has been cast, it has no ability to temper its impact. The commonwealth urges you to vote to kill, to stain your stone with the blood of this child," Cooley said.

Prosecutors had argued that death was the only appropriate sentence for Malvo.

Horan said that the killings were part of a scheme to extort \$10 million from the government and that Malvo was the trigger man in most if not all of the slayings. Horan rejected the notion that Malvo was less responsible for his crimes because he had come under the influence of Muhammad.

"They were an unholly team, as vicious as brutal and as uncaring as you can be," Horan said. "You can talk about John Muhammad all you want. Maybe it was his plan. Maybe it was his idea. But the evidence stamps this defendant as the shooter..." He did it. Not John Muhammad."

SIDEWAYS SANTA



A toppled Santa is seen Tuesday along downtown Park Street in Paso Robles, Calif.

Nader toys with run in 2004

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ralph Nader, the third-party candidate viewed by many Democrats as the spoiler of the 2000 election for taking votes away from Al Gore, has decided not to run on the Green Party ticket next year, a party spokesman said Tuesday.

Nader, who garnered nearly 3 percent of the national vote in the last presidential election, has not ruled out running for president as an independent and plans to make a decision by January.

"I think we're all a little bit disappointed," said Scott McLarty, a Green Party spokesman. "I suspect Mr. Nader would have gotten the nomination."

Nader called party officials Monday to inform them of his decision, said Ben Manski, a Green Party co-chairman and spokesman. Nader's reasons were not clear, Manski said.

Nader could not be reached for comment Tuesday. Calls by The Associated Press to a Nader spokesman were not returned.

Six people have already declared their intentions to be the party's nominee, including Green Party general counsel David Cobb and Peter Camejo, the party's candidate in the California recall election. McLarty said a front-runner will likely emerge before the party's convention in Milwaukee in June.

Nader stumped for Camejo in California and has also mentioned him as a possible Green candidate.

A consumer activist who became a household name decades ago for his efforts to push the auto industry to improve safety standards, Nader appeared on many Democrats' hate list after the 2000 election. Gore lost decisive Florida by fewer than 600 votes, while Nader got nearly 100,000 there. Many Democrats are convinced enough of those voters would have swung the election to Gore if Nader had not been on the ballot.

Nader and the Green Party rebuff such criticism, blaming a biased Supreme Court decision, the Florida Republican Party and Gore himself for running a weak campaign.

Nader said running as an independent would not hurt his campaign. "As an independent, you can do more innovative things because you don't have to check with all the bases," he said.

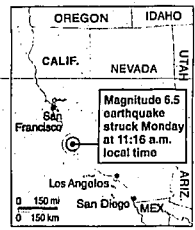
Aftershocks rattle central coast as area gets disaster declaration

PASO ROBLES, Calif. (AP) — More aftershocks rattled the area Tuesday following a magnitude-6.5 earthquake that jolted the central California coast, killing two people, injuring dozens and wrecking a landmark clock tower.

Residents from San Francisco to Los Angeles were shaken by Monday's quake, the first to cause fatalities in the state since a magnitude-6.7 temblor hit Northridge in 1994.

The bodies of two women were pulled from under the roof of Paso Robles' 1892 clock tower, which pitched into the street and crushed a row of parked cars in this San Luis Obispo County community of 25,000, some 20 miles east of the epicenter.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger toured the damaged downtown area Tuesday and declared a state of emergency for San Luis Obispo County. The declaration frees up state aid to help local recovery efforts. "At 11 a.m. yesterday this was an American main street, alive with energy... Today this is a site of devastation. But we will come



Santa Barbara counties lost power after the quake, but service had been restored to all but about 1,600 by Tuesday morning, were said Pacific Gas & Electric spokesman Bill Roake.

The main shock was centered in a sparsely populated area about 11 miles north of the coastal town of Cambria. It was followed Monday and early Tuesday by more than 80 aftershocks larger than 3.0, the biggest of which was estimated at 4.7, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The total included seven aftershocks of 4.0 to 4.6 on Tuesday morning.

The state Office of Emergency Services said there was a 90 percent or greater probability that aftershocks of 5.0 magnitude or greater would follow in the next week.

By Monday night, search and rescue crews in Paso Robles had combed all seriously damaged buildings and were confident they had found all the quake's victims, though the owner of one car crushed in the rubble had not yet been located.

together once again as Californians and as neighbors. We will rebuild this town square," Schwarzenegger said.

Mayor Frank Mecham said Tuesday that 82 downtown buildings had been identified as having at least some damage. He said that after the governor's declaration, "we'll be asking for federal assistance."

About 75,000 homes and businesses in San Luis Obispo and

New York governor pardons comic posthumously for vulgar language

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Long after four-letter words in standup comedy lost their ability to shock, Lenny Bruce, whose foul-mouthed rants started the trend, was posthumously pardoned Tuesday for his 1964 obscenity conviction.

Gov. George Pataki granted the pardon after a campaign that included Bruce's daughter and former wife, and entertainers such as Robin Williams, the Smothers Brothers, and Penn and Teller.

"Freedom of speech is one of the greatest American liberties

and I hope this pardon serves as a reminder of the precious freedoms we are fighting to preserve as we continue to wage the war on terror," Pataki said.

Bruce's supporters called Pataki's decision a victory for the First Amendment and for the lega-

cy of the pioneering comic, who helped transform his art. "He was a hero to comedians and to me also, a man who did not change his viewpoints in spite of all the odds against him and never quit fighting for what he believed," Tommy Smothers said.

Judge opens Limbaugh's records to prosecutors

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Prosecutors investigating whether Rush Limbaugh illegally went "doctor shopping" for prescription painkillers can examine his medical records, a judge ruled Tuesday.

The conservative radio commentator used prosecutors of going after him for political reasons, and his attorney promptly appealed the ruling.

Circuit Judge Jeffrey A. Winikoff said authorities have a compelling interest in determining whether Limbaugh broke the law, which trumps his right to keep his medical records private. However, the judge said prosecutors cannot make the records public.

Palm Beach County prosecutors insisted they needed to review the records to determine how much Limbaugh's doctors knew about his frequent prescriptions for OxyContin, hydrocodone and

other painkillers, and whether he was "doctor shopping."

That term refers to looking for a doctor willing to prescribe drugs illegally, or getting prescriptions for a single drug from more than one doctor at the same time.

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6. Voting unit
10. Decisive defeat
14. Snake's women
15. Dynamic leader?
19. Unlabeled
17. Director
18. Fast-food scene
20. Post-card
21. Allie entranced, sometimes
23. Eye of "Our Miss Brooks"
25. Tennis grouping
26. Walling
29. Individuals
31. Income from property
33. Gauguin AI
37. Lucy's lover
39. Tall's carter
41. Inevitable
42. Vacillated
44. Sky
45. Five-sided caution
47. Renter
48. Mormon leader
52. Hardy heroine
53. Old hand
54. But
55. Furnish
57. Plausible
61. Politician's state
65. Organic
66. Sport cheese
69. Givings off
70. Pole or Czech
72. Real estate
73. Cold-cut
74. palaces
75. "Lung" Lang
76. Tense
77. Reverse

DOWN

1. Knife in prison
2. Spy Mata
3. Cinnabar and gold
4. Five-sided figure
5. Beamish
6. Down the hatch
7. Justice Hand
8. Killer whale
9. Herbs
10. TV controller
11. Politician
12. PC operator
13. Hamilton bills
22. Issue from a source
24. Movers and shakers
25. Bakers
26. Flange
27. Boniferno
28. Site
29. Tangle
30. Slick up
32. "ER" character
33. Shade
34. Unfold
35. Facets
36. Closer
38. Chip dip
41. Palindromic sib
43. Tightly
45. Stash
46. Riding the waves
49. Unfold
51. Avaricious
52. Data display
56. Bars of silent film
57. Irish luck
58. Stash
59. Bank's offering
60. Small null
62. Cranny
63. Get out of bed
64. Latin being

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Gemini: You'll see changes

IF DECEMBER 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you have the powers of both determination and loving sensitivity. Idealistic and caring, you are also naturally attractive. Guard against being overly nitpicky with those close to you. You make a devoted parent and a natural teacher. Care-giving is satisfying to you as long as you are sufficiently appreciated.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Career flows remains, and you have the patience to dig deep and move mountains. Finding or becoming a mentor is possible. Emotions may be unbalanced - either overwhelming or freeze-dried.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Serious learning can also be fun. Expand your world - you won't regret it. Emotional communications may be misunderstood.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emotions run high and changes are contemplated. Seek a positive outlet. Learning a new creative skill is rewarding.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Reconciliation is a possibility. Don't let an obsessive with handling every detail stand in the way of helping others. Watch what you say at work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Health is an area of concern, but there's still time for romance. There may be trips out of school or while traveling. Don't overestimate yourself; things may turn out unexpectedly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Enjoy a well-earned rest if you can. Inner frustrations mount. Keep an open mind about something new.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Power struggles beckon but are fruitless. Cooking and other household tasks are a focus. Relax with some favorite music. It is time to recharge your body's batteries.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Spend some time with neighbors, perhaps even plan a block party. Travel is restricted or difficult. Mood is continuing highlight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get in touch with those things that mean the most to you now. You may find you have more than you think. Plan to keep kids busy with vigorous activities.

PISCICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Vapors is becoming increasingly clear. With so many planets in your sign, you're on top! But try to not overplay your hand. Remember that inappropriate uses of power may have negative and lasting repercussions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Communication is unclear, perhaps things are being left unsaid. If you're feeling too vulnerable, a quiet retreat will refresh. Park yourself up with something new. Buy those clothes you've been dying to have.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Communication and selling are favored. Today you can really understand someone else's experience. Define your highest aspirations.

U.S. oil companies angle to return to Libya fields

LONDON (AP) - American oil companies have chafed for more than 17 years at U.S. sanctions that forced them to abandon prolific oil fields in the Libyan desert.

Now, after Libya's surprise agreement to abort its programs for weapons of mass destruction, the Americans can foresee their return to a country of promising and barely explored petroleum wealth.

The Libyan government, desperate to boost its oil exports, is eager to have them back. Libya now produces less than half of its 1970 peak of 3.3 million barrels of oil a day, and hopes that with fresh investment, it will once again become a leading producer.

The announcement Friday of Libya's leader Moammar Gadhafi's diplomatic concession could provide the opening that both sides have been seeking. White House officials say that if Gadhafi keeps his promises on dismantling his weapons programs, the sanctions in place since 1986 could be lifted within months.

"This recent development has certainly made things more positive, and the outlook is more promising for a potential lifting of sanctions sooner rather than later," said Occidental Petroleum Corp. spokesman Larry Merice.

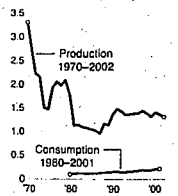
Occidental, based in Los Angeles, is one of four U.S. oil majors that withdrew from Libya in June 1986, two months after U.S. jets bombed one of Gadhafi's palaces in retaliation for the

Libya hopes to expand production

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Oil production and consumption in Libya

Millions of barrels per day



SOURCES: Department of Energy; AP Associated Press

deaths of two U.S. soldiers in a bombing in Germany.

Occidental made several large discoveries there, with reserves totaling almost 4 billion barrels, and Libya's light, low-sulfur crude commanded a premium on world markets.

"These discoveries really launched Occidental into the international arena. Before that

we were primarily a domestic oil company," Merice said.

Three of Occidental's rivals - Amerada Hess Corp. of New York and the Houston-based companies Marathon Oil Co. and Conoco Inc. - produced oil jointly as the Oasis Group, together with Libya's state-run National Oil Co. Before sanctions took effect, the partners pumped about 850,000 barrels of oil a day.

All four U.S. companies say they have abided by sanctions against the North African country but suggest they would hurry back there if given the chance.

"The events that took place Friday are very encouraging," said Marathon spokeswoman Susan Richardson. Sam Falcona of ConocoPhillips, Conoco's successor, described Libya's overture as "a positive step."

Despite Libyans' resentment at U.S. sanctions, they never seized the property and installations that the Americans oil companies left behind.

"They have always said, 'Come back. We are looking after your assets.' They did not nationalize them," said Manoucheh Takiin, an analyst at the Center for Global Energy Studies in London.

Several foreign competitors are active in Libya today, including Italy's ENI and French heavy-weight Total. Libya pumps about 1.5 million barrels of crude a day, or 2 percent of world supplies, and is the second-largest oil producer in Africa behind Nigeria.

Friend needs new lesson in proper party behavior

DEAR ABBY: I am 25 and moved back to my hometown six months ago. Since my return, I have been socializing with a high school friend I'll call Josh. We go out fairly often and have become good friends again. Neither of us has any particular romantic interest in the other.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

hear it. Besides, he owes you an apology.

After the reception, a group of us went to a mutual friend's for a hot tub party. We were all having a great time, behaving like mature adults, until Josh went into the woods to make out with "Mandy," the 19-year-old cousin of one of the guests he met in the hot tub.

While Josh and I are just friends, I expected him to treat me with respect when he escorted me to the wedding and its attendant social functions. I felt hurt and humiliated by his actions, and I ended up leaving the party.

DEAR GOLDLOCKS IN FLORIDA

DEAR GOLDLOCKS: What Josh did was rude, immature and boorish - but speak to him again. It seems he never learned that a gentleman doesn't leave the lady he's escorting for a "quickle." If he wanted to make time with Mandy, he should have taken her number and called her another time - after you were escorted safely home.

To give him the silent treatment would be letting him off easy. It's better for both of you to tell him exactly what's on your mind. If he doesn't know better, he needs to

DEAR ABBY: I am 22. I have a job and am engaged to marry a very nice man named "Jim" next year.

My parents divorced when I was 9. Mother abandoned me and I went to live with my dad, who subsequently married a lovely lady, "Diane." Diane has been like a mother to me. She and Dad have been helping Jim and me with our wedding plans.

Now that I'm older, my real mom wants to be my room again, and she's very manipulative. When we spend time together, she treats me like I'm 9 years old. Then she complains that I don't spend enough time with her. I have told her I'm busy and she can come visit me, too, but she doesn't.

Abby, I have a wedding to prepare for. I wanted both my "mothers" to be at my wedding, but now I'm beginning to feel uncomfortable. What should I do?

-BRIDE-TO-BE, CHELIEALIS, WASH.

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: Continue with your wedding plans and stop feeling the need to explain yourself to the mother who abandoned you when you were 9. Either she has convenient amnesia, or for her, time has stood still. You can be manipulated or treated like a child only if you permit it, so don't fall into that trap.

Indifference, depression strike scientists more often

Recent research suggests again scientists do not tend to be sociable souls. In the 15 top prestige occupations, they're listed as most likely to be withdrawn, indifferent, depressed. It's the company scientist you're least apt to see at the company cocktail party.



REVISTED
L.M. Boyd

Q. An Italian proverb says "a womanizing bachelor makes a jealous husband." Because he knows how he behaved so doesn't trust the men out there, right?

A. Not according to the Psych 101 theorists. They blame insecurity. That's why he chased, to prove he was adequate. That's why he's jealous, ever scared he's not adequate.

Q. Only two kinds of circus animals can be trained to stand on their heads. Name them.

A. Elephants and humans.

In a houseplant, growth hormones stay active longer on the shady side. So the cells there grow more. That forces the plant

to lean away from them. Certainly loss as though the plant is reaching for the sun, doesn't it? Not so. It's bending away from its fastest growing side.

Q. How risky is it to start up your own business? If the statistics have it right, only one new business in 10 survives long enough to celebrate its fifth anniversary. To get far better odds at the track, bet on the favorite.

A. What's an "idiopathic" disease?

A. A medical translator says that means "the doctor doesn't know what causes it." Low back pain is often so described.

Pop duo gives \$1 million to help children

NEW YORK (AP) - The recently reunited Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel announced another collaboration Tuesday: a joint \$1 million donation to the Children's Health Fund.

The singers, who launched a reunion tour earlier this year, made a two-part donation. Half the money will go to CHF's national network for poor and homeless children; the other half will go to a pediatric preparedness program run by CHF at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health.

"Paul and Artie are American icons, and their actions today show that they are committed to improving the quality of life and opportunities for all of America's children," said Dr. Irwin Redlener, president of the fund.

The Simon and Garfunkel tour this fall was their first since 1982-83. Redlener and Simon co-founded the Children's Health Fund in 1987 to provide medical help for New York's homeless children. The nonprofit organization has since expanded to cover 16 communities nationwide.

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EDITORIAL

A timeless answer to the mystery of Santa

More than a century ago, young Virginia O'Hanlon sent the editor of The New York Sun a question that still perplexes parents: "Is there

a Santa Claus?" Her letter was turned over to Francis P. Church, and his eloquent reply was published that Christmas of 1897. The Times-News is pleased to reprint its wisdom on yet another Christmas Eve.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends, say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun, it's so!' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West 95th Street

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be mens' or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect - an ant - in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry,

no romance to make tolerable the existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight.

The eternal light which childhood fills the world with are extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus; but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Gifts and presents for '03 newsmakers

Sources up north, way up north, have provided an exclusive look at what's ahead for some naughty and nice folks this Christmas.

The Kansas City Star has learned from a high-ranking intimate at the Kris Kringle compound, who requested anonymity, that the list below has been checked not once but twice. The following deliveries can be expected via reindeer-drawn sleigh this Christmas Eve.

RHONDA CHRISS LOKEMAN
To the Florida elementary school teacher who traumatized her 6-year-old pupil by telling him

there was no Santa Claus ... a lump of coal every Christmas from here to eternity until she writes "I do believe" 1,000 times on her chalkboard. In Swedish.

To **Essex Mae Washington Williams**, the retired Los Angeles teacher who at age 78 alleges she is the secret daughter of the late Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina and his black former maid ... the deed to Tara and an invitation to the next descendants of Thomas Jefferson family reunion.

To the publishing arm of the Kansas City-based Universal Press ... the rights to Washington-Williams' autobiography.

To U.S. troops overseas in Iraq ... a nation's gratitude for their sacrifices, if not a nation's full support for the reason they're there.

To U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft ... a Teflon-coated copy of the U.S. Constitution. This one won't leave footprints.

To Al Gore, who didn't first tell former Democratic running mate Joe Lieberman of his presidential endorsement of Howard Dean ... a wheel to sharpen his knives and a compass to find his way.

To Sen. Joe Lieberman ... a cardiac Band-Aid and long-distance



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calling card with free unlimited time for midnight chats with Lani Guinier.

Besides their Jewish ancestry, Lieberman and Guinier are fellow dumpies of the Clintonites. In April 1993, President Bill Clinton nominated Guinier for assistant attorney general for civil rights. When the Republican far-right attacked the law professor as a "quota queen," Clinton, a longtime personal friend of Guinier's, called a news conference, said he had reread her writings and changed his mind. He dumped her in June.

To the woman who gave birth in November to a 14-pound 3-ounce baby in Omaha, Neb. ... a lifetime supply of epidurals and time off for good behavior.

To the Democratic Party ... family counseling and this sign, "It's the economy, stupid!"

To the Republican Party ... the copyright to "Nah, nah, nah, nah, nah!" for when the rival Keystone Kops Party blows the 2004 presidential election.

To Walt Disney Co. board members who took principled stands but mistakenly believed their resignations would lead a revolt to oust CEO Michael Eisner ... a "Jerry Maguire" DVD (see the mission statement scenes) and the latest edition of the Merriam-Webster Dictionary.

To the late Gertrude Ederle of New Jersey, who in 1926 became the first woman to swim across the English Channel and who as one of the world's strongest swimmers proved that the butterfly stroke is for sissies ... celestial wings and a pair of inflatable orange floaties.

To China ... relief from the SARS epidemic.

To U.S. textile workers ... relief from China.

To Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld ... a signed, first-edition copy of Robert McNamara's book, "In Retrospect: The Tragedy and Lessons of Vietnam."

To survivors of the Sept. 11 aer-

ial attacks in New York and Washington, and to the families of people who didn't live to see another day ... as much of the federal government's time, money and commitment spent on nabbing terrorist Osama bin Laden as was used to capture Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. It took months to get Saddam. It's taking years to get bin Laden.

To juvenile Lee Malvo, who played a delinquent Robin to elder John Muhammad's wicked Batman ... a trip back in time and the name of the nearest Big Brothers Big Sisters office.

To the Supreme Court justices who upheld the McCain-Feingold campaign-finance reform law ... five golden rings.

To the dissenting justices who would have kept the flesh-pressing political machinery well-oiled ... a happy retirement.

To the rest of you ... Peace on Earth and good will to everyone.

Rhonda Chriss Lokeman is a columnist for the Kansas City Star.

If Saddam gets a fair trial, why not Padilla?

Mass-murderer-Saddam Hussein will get justice. He'll have a trial, most likely in Iraq where he committed decades of atrocities. He'll have a lawyer, perhaps a slew of them to decipher every charge against him.

At his trial, Saddam the dictator will be able to smear the United States for its complicity in propping him up during the Iraq-Iran war in the 1980s. A tyrant responsible for the deaths of 300,000 of his own people and the suffering of millions of others, Saddam nevertheless deserves a trial.

President Bush tells us: Well, yes, in a civilized society the law is the law, and even the most heinous of criminals can rebut the charges against them. The Geneva Conventions give prisoners of war, even rats like Saddam, such rights.

That is what distinguishes democratic justice from dictatorial tyranny. There's a process in the international arena. There are checks and balances.

The right to know the charges against you. The right to a lawyer. The right to a fair trial. Those are all enshrined in the U.S. Constitution, too.

So why has Bush denied those rights to Jose Padilla, the so-called dirty bomb suspect who has been confined to a military prison since the summer of 2002 after he was detained in Chicago upon his return from Pakistan?

How can the Bush administration argue that the war on terror demands locking up U.S. citizens like Padilla as "enemy combatants" when they weren't caught fighting U.S. troops

overseas?

For that matter, how can the administration hold foreigners indefinitely at the Guantanamo base in Cuba in the name of a war on terror that the president has stated has no clear ending? That's an issue the U.S. Supreme Court will decide. Already, two appellate courts have submitted conflicting rul-

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Last week, a New York appellate court put the president on notice about his unilateral tactics in the Padilla case. The Puerto Rican former gang member who converted to Islam may be a danger to us all. He may indeed have been part of a plot to spread radioactive poison to our citizens. He may be as evil as Saddam himself, but the United States can't just hold Padilla indefinitely without any charges, without access to a lawyer and without a trial. Let's try him and, if found guilty, send him to prison for a long time - for life even.

"Presidential authority," the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals ruled, "does not exist in a vacuum."

The court ordered the government to release Padilla from military custody within 30 days, but it gave the feds several options: Either bring criminal charges against Padilla in civilian court or hold him as a material witness in grand-jury proceedings. In both options, there's a process, a check-and-balance to ensure fairness and justice both to the suspect and to society at large.

The New York court's decision was very narrowly defined to focus solely on Americans accused of terrorist activity on U.S. soil.

During World War II, Congress gave the president such broad powers, but the unfair internment of innocent Japanese-Americans on U.S. soil during that war ought to have taught America a painful lesson. How quickly we want to forget. After the internment

clarifying that no U.S. citizen could be detained during wartime except with a clear mandate from Congress. It is that law, as well as constitutional protections, that the appellate court said Bush must follow.

Civil libertarians aren't the only ones decrying war-on-terror tactics. Many conservatives understand the implications of our government being able to detain U.S. citizens and lock them out of the justice system, without any ability to defend themselves from accusations that the government, in the name of national security, keeps secret.

The Pentagon recently decided in the case of Yasser Esam Hamdi, a U.S.-born Saudi captured in Afghanistan by U.S. forces, that he would get access to a lawyer. The Supreme Court hasn't decided whether to hear Hamdi's case. Why the double standard?

Padilla wasn't fighting in Afghanistan or Iraq or anywhere else. He may be scum, but he deserves the same justice that an Iraqi rat caught in a hole is about to get.

To protect America from terrorism, we have to be ever vigilant. To throw out the Constitution doesn't protect us - it destroys everything for which America stands. Freedom. Justice. Human Rights. Everything.

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LETTER

Children warrant the extra effort to get therapists

My heart goes out to the children who will no longer have the services of the outpatient pediatric therapy program at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

When I was superintendent of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, I experienced firsthand the difficulty in recruiting speech and language pathologists to work in the Magic Valley. It is extremely difficult to compete with other states in recruiting a speech and language pathologist when other states pay far more than Idaho and provide signing bonuses of \$5,000 or more.

Dr. Seikel mentioned that "growing your own" speech and language pathologist is one solution to the problem. Another solution is to recruit in Mexico

and other countries. This is what other states are doing to meet their speech and language pathologist shortage. Sadly, when I made this suggestion, I received extreme criticism for trying to recruit in Mexico because I "should be recruiting Americans."

It is ironic that our governor is applauded for actively recruiting Mexican businesses to move to Idaho while the mere mention of recruiting speech and language pathologists from Mexico is resented by some individuals. The result? Our children suffer because they can't receive the services they need.

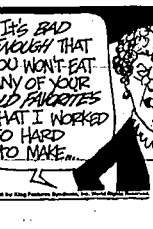
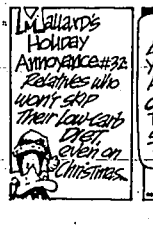
Isn't it time that we start putting the needs of our children first and take the steps that need to be taken to ensure that the needs of Idaho's children are met?

DR. ANGEL RAMOS
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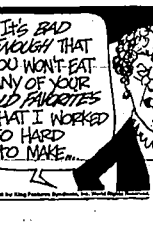
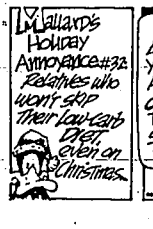
Mallard Fillmore



By Garry Trudeau



By Bruce Tinsley





Do you sing what I sing?

Dope the Halls (to "Deck the Halls")

Pop some pills like Oxycotin
Fa la la la la la la la
Thirty, forty - I'm not countin'
Fa la la la la la Limbaugh
Blame we now all acts immoral
Fa la la la la myh nyah nyah
As we pop prescriptions oral
Fa la la la la la ahhhhhh.

What Goes Up (to "The First Noel")

At first AOL
Had a certain cachet
It was hipper than Time, golden
eggs it would lay
Then it turned into a dog
Took a dive, went ker-plop
And the folks at Time-Warner its
name did drop
No AOL, No AOL, No AOL, No
AOL
Gone are the pensions of Time
personnel.

A jealous TV exec from a rival network serenades Ryan (to "We Wish You a Merry Christmas")

We wish you'd a-married Trista
We wish you'd a-married Trista
We wish you'd a-married Trista
On sweep weeks right here.

Kissmass Cheer (to "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus")

I saw Madonna kissing Briney
Spears
On the MTV Awards last night
She did it really deep
But then she kissed that creep
Christina Aguilera and we all
went back to sleep.

Cells Are Hinging (to "Go Tell It on the Mountain")

Go tell it on your cell phone
Over the glare of everyone
Go yell it on your cell phone
You're running late this morn!

Oh By Golly! (to "Have a Holly-Jolly Christmas")

Have a Halliburton Christmas
And a Halliburton year
Bomb Iraq or build it back
Hallibur will cheer
Have a Halliburton Christmas
Even though it won't come
cheap

LENORE SKENAZY

Everyday's a jolly Halli-day
When Cheney's your veep!

You Gotta Be Lieb (to "O Tannenbaum")

Oh Lieberman, Yeshiva-man
How beagle-sad your face is
I know that you would feel less
blue
If you and Dean switched places
You gave Gore all you had to
give
He treated you just like
chopped liv

Oh Lieberman, dead meat-
erman
Too bad that's what a race is.

Check In, Check Out (to "Come, All Ye Faithful")

Come, Paris Hilton
Blonde and untameable
O come ye, though dumb ye, to
stardom
Come be beholden, to the gods
of fleeting fame
O come, let us adore you
Until you're 24, nu?
And then we will ignore you
cause, jeez, we're bored.

Gravy Day (to "Over the River")

Over the ocean and through the
night
To Thanksgiving troops we go
The -Rove -knaws -the -way -to
carry the -knows
AND strike when news is press, oh
Under the radar with slow in
tow
To photo ops grand we go
We'll spread good will and
upstage Hil
Hooryay for the turkey faux!

Call Me Saddam (to "Away in a Manger")

"Aiding in danger
A hole for his bed
The scraggly dictator
Said, "Don't make me dead!"
G.I.s holding rifles
Looked down where he lay
'And saved the dicator
At least for today.

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LETTERS

Transformation of Filer Grango was evening

On Saturday evening, Dec. 20, we had the privilege of attending the opening night at The Roseland Crystal Ballroom in Filer. After being a member of Filer Grange No. 215 for many years, it was an unbelievable feeling to walk into the building, Sallee DeLange and her crew have completely changed the appearance of the grange hall and the attached Catholic Church, both inside and out. It is just before 8 o'clock, Sallee and her band began. The six men plus Sallee make music that is very easy to listen to, and no matter how old you are makes your toes tap. It is a beautiful floor and a very enjoyable place to be. She plans regular dances, as well as weddings, receptions and parties. We think anyone who tries it will like it.

Good luck, Sallee, on a great start, and may you have many pleasant years ahead. Go girl!

BOYDE AND RUTH BRUNING
Twin Falls

done to my wife just before Christmas after what she went through just before Thanksgiving.

RICHARD MORRIS
Buhl

Death of second pet adds to holiday loss

To the person who shot my wife's cat on Canyon View Lane in Buhl:
On Nov. 24, a pair of marauding pit bulls came in our yard and killed my wife's beautiful flame point Siamese cat she just got in June. She was distraught but still had her big white cat who loves her. On Dec. 20, someone shot her white cat. He barely survived but will lose a front leg, and I have a large vet bill. I hope the cruel person who did this is aware of what he has

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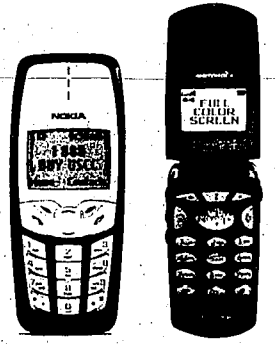
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Some businesses will be closed today

TWIN FALLS - Some offices, agencies and places of business will be closed today for Christmas Eve. Here's a list of what's closed and open:

- Most city, county, state and federal offices will be open, but some will close early. Twin Falls City Hall will be closed.
- Most banks will be open, but some will close early.
- The Twin Falls Public Library will be closed.
- The YMCA/Twin Falls Municipal Swimming Pool will be open for scheduled lap swimming and aerobics classes only; it will close at 1 p.m.
- The U.S. Post Office will be open.
- The Magic Valley Mall will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Major grocery stores, including Albertson's, Smith's, Swenmart and Swensons's, will be open.

Twin Falls residents can recycle Christmas trees

TWIN FALLS - Residents of the city of Twin Falls can participate in the ongoing waste reduction program by having their Christmas trees chipped.

The program will be conducted by the city of Twin Falls Street Department. Trees will be chipped into mulch in the interest of environmentally sound waste management. The program helps reduce waste ordinarily deposited in a landfill.

Trees need to have all ornaments, wire, lights and plastic bags removed.

The drop-off site is on Sixth Avenue West, east of the animal shelter. It will be open from Dec. 26 through Jan. 19.

For more information, call Sherry Jeff, sanitation inspector, at 735-7264.

Annual groundwater auditing begins Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - State water managers serving groundwater users in the Magic Valley will begin reading flow meters from wells used by commercial and irrigation water users next week.

Readings will begin Tuesday. They are done to secure year-end meter readings used to audit annual water use reports submitted by water users, the Idaho Department of Water Resources said.

About 300 commercial flow meters maintained by water users within Water District 130 and the West Water Measurement District will be checked.

These meters are installed primarily on dairy or other commercial in Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls and Cassia counties.

Irrigation flow meters in all three districts also will be checked as needed, officials said.

It is expected that the measurement effort for commercial wells will take about one week. Checks on irrigation wells may continue through January.

Water users with questions or who do not receive a reporting form can contact Cindy Yenter or Corbin Knowles at the Idaho Department of Water Resources office in Twin Falls at 736-3033.

K-9 search and rescue group seeks volunteers

TWIN FALLS - An all-volunteer K-9 search and rescue group is looking for volunteers, with or without dogs, to aid their efforts in the Magic Valley.

Snake River K-9 Rescue Unit needs members of the public to "hide" for mock searches during dog training. People can volunteer once or many times.

Dog-owners can get their pets involved, but owners and pets must demonstrate a commitment to learning search and rescue techniques.

Any dog breeds are welcome. Interested persons may call the Unit's cell phone at 731-0540 for more information.

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County nears deal on building

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - County commissioners could sign the final papers Monday to buy the old Anderson Lumber property at 960 Eastland Drive.

Commissioners had hoped to complete the deal Tuesday. But commission Chairman Gary Grindstaff said attorneys were still poring through all the documentation.

The 11.5-acre property, owned by Stock Building Supply - part of the North Carolina-based Carolina Holdings Inc., a subsidiary of Woldesay PLC of the

United Kingdom - has been appraised at \$5 million. Grindstaff said. The county's plan is to secure a 10-year, \$3.2 million lease-purchase agreement with an interest rate of 4.93 percent through Wells Fargo Bank. If the papers are signed, the county's payments would begin in June with the county paying \$120,000 every six months - or \$240,000 a year. The 10th and the 16th payments would be balloon payments of \$1 million each.

"That gives us time to save money or get property sold to pay those payments," Grindstaff said. Stock Building Supply has offered to donate the remaining \$1.8 million. Renovations are

expected to cost about \$700,000 and would be taken out of county reserves or financed locally, commissioners have said.

The property's annual tax bill is about \$55,000, which would come off the tax rolls when the county buys the property. The county is looking into selling eight of its remote office locations, which would bring in about \$1.5 million, money that would be used to pay down the term of the lease. The county estimates it could save 50 percent on utility costs per square foot by putting those services under one roof. Sale of the remote properties to private-sector buyers would produce about \$38,000 a year in property taxes,

almost offsetting the \$55,000 loss. Commissioners intend to keep the county's judicial, law enforcement, adult probation and public defender departments at the existing downtown property. They'll decide just who would move where after an architect studies the design of both facilities.

Commissioner Tom Mikesell said the purchase of the old Anderson Lumber property could allow some of the sheriff's department vehicle fleet to be moved there, which would provide room to expand the downtown county jail. However, he didn't say whether that is part of the county's plan.

The City Council Monday approved a plan that will enable the county to use the majority of the Anderson Lumber property for offices and storage while renting part of the back storage building to Stock Building Supply. Council members added three provisions to the agreement. The site can't be used for incarceration or detention of prisoners; the county must build a secure pesticide storage facility and would maintain small amounts of fertilizers and pesticides on the property; and the county must implement a landscaping plan with screening trees along the south side of the property within a year.

SPECIAL DELIVERY



ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Joey, left, and Josh were part of a 12-member group from the Idaho Youth Ranch who delivered 36 hams to homes in Minidoka Tuesday night. The kids brought the hams with money they saved from working over the summer for the U.S. Forest Service.

Boys spend their earnings delivering hams to Minidoka homes

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

MINIDOKA - Twelve boys got a chance to play Santa Claus Tuesday night as they hustled around the tiny city of Minidoka delivering Christmas hams to the 36 occupied houses identified by Idaho Youth Ranch leaders.

The boys - members of the Colts group - continued a tradition started three years ago at the Youth Ranch, Senior Youth Specialist Jim Conger said. And they used their own money.

Accompanied by adult supervisors, the boys passed out the hams with the help of a Spanish interpreter, because 77 percent of Minidoka's residents are

Hispanic and many don't speak English. The 2000 census report showed that 100 of the city's 129 residents were Hispanic.

"We try to give something to every family in the town," Conger said.

The first year the boys distributed hams and last year's fare was turkeys, Conger said.

"We get a pretty awesome response from the community when we deliver the food,"

“We get a pretty awesome response from the community when we deliver the food.”

— Jim Conger, Senior Youth Specialist

Conger said. "It's really cool."

Former Colts members came up with the food distribution idea three years ago, Conger said. It was their way to contribute to the community. Those boys have completed their stay at the Youth Ranch, but their tradition lingers.

The hams are purchased through the group's Christmas fund. The boys contribute half of their summer earnings into that fund, Conger said.

Each summer kids from the Youth Ranch work in the Sawtooth National Forest. This group worked in the Yankee Fork District near Stanley. Five times this past summer eight boys traveled to the forest and then worked for two days, Conger said. They were paid \$20 per work day.

They made barriers to prevent vehicles from leaving roads, conducted trail maintenance work, repaired fences, cleaned up campgrounds, dug out fire pits, chopped firewood and stacked that wood for use by campers.

All that work was accomplished in a day and a half each trip, he said. The four-day trips involve two travel days, one full

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Murder trial costs pile up

Investigation expenses could reach \$2 million

By Tim Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HADLEY - The first bills for the investigation of the Sept. 2 slayings of Alan and Diane Johnson and for the housing, prosecution and defense of their accused daughter were totaled up at \$28,252 this week by Blaine County.

And that's only so far. Blaine County Clerk Marsha Riemann has established a special ledger account to keep track of all costs of what is expected to be the most expensive criminal trial in county history.

The estimated cost most frequently mentioned is nearly \$2 million. That presumes 16-year-old Sarah M. Johnson, held in the Blaine County Jail in lieu of \$2 million bond, goes to trial rather than changes her plea of not guilty. Trial is set to begin Feb. 10, although both the prosecution and defense believe it will be postponed because of extensive evidence that must be reviewed.

The county has budgeted \$3,965,944 in 2004 for public safety and to operate its courts.

Riemann said that the costs of public defenders and their expenses for witnesses and evidence evaluation could range from \$450,000 to \$900,000.

Bills submitted through Tuesday include \$19,067 from Sheriff Walt Felling's department for salaries connected with the investigation and housing Sarah Johnson; \$7,185 for profes-

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Kids catch reindeer for charity

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - The Rev. Brian Baker donned little felt antlers and a dinged red nose in addition to his clerical collar this weekend.

Then Rudolph, also known as the pastor of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, tried to sneak onto a Bald Mountain chairlift ahead of 50 young hunters who were on the lookout for Santa's reindeer.

The fun and games were part of the first-ever Great Reindeer Hunt on Skis for Charity.

Deer, who included Idaho Sen. Clint Stegnett and Idaho Rep. Wendy Jaquet, were sent out wearing little felt antlers to identify them. And children were sent out with Christmas cards in an attempt to collect all nine of the deer's signatures to enter for prize drawings.

"You have three hours and then I need my reindeer back,"

Lookin' ahead

The Great Reindeer Hunt on Skis for Charity raised about \$500 from the kids' \$10 entry fees. And there were enough prizes that every child got to go home with one, said co-organizer Susan Springer. "I thought it went really well for a spur-of-the-moment thing," Springer said. "With a little more planning next year, it could be huge."

said Teresa Gregory, standing in for Santa.

At first some of the reindeer played hard to get, as if watching for people wearing hunter's orange in the trees lining the mountain slopes.

Indeed Mike Anderson, of Twin Falls, was fully clad in hunter's orange and camouflage as he slipped and slid with his buddies on Lower Warm Springs.

"Huh?" he said when asked if

he had Santa's reindeer in his target. "I just want to make sure I didn't become someone else's target. I'm too busy eating snow to worry about some reindeer hunt."

About an hour after the hunt began, Sun Valley's Mayor-Elect Jon Thorson slowed to a stop on Seattle Ridge.

"I thought I'd wait for the hunters to catch up with me," he said while scanning the nearly empty slopes for signs of hunters; "I've only signed 10 cards."

Just in the nick of time, as Thorson was beginning to despair of seeing any hunters, 10-year-old Anna Kranwinkle and 9-year-old Teagan Palmer caught up to him.

"This is fun," said Palmer as Thorson signed off on his card. "You can either wait for the deer at the bottom of a lift or you can ski really fast to catch them."

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Legislators discuss alcohol taxes with county leaders

By Rose Marie Parsons
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - Members of the Idaho Association of Counties see a beer and wine tax as a means to solve problems caused by alcohol consumption, says Cassia County Commissioner Paul Christensen.

The beer and wine tax was one issue Cassia and Minidoka county officials discussed during lunch with area legislators Monday.

Christensen suggested the tax be used to help counties pay indigent fees since alcohol problems often contribute to the poverty that causes people to turn to the county to pay their bills. He also thinks the tax should be used to pay for drug court and for rehabilitation.

"Alcohol is a gateway drug and the drug of choice," he said.

Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, responded that it may be necessary to base the beer-and-wine tax on price instead of volume. If a surcharge also was added,

“Alcohol is a gateway drug and the drug of choice.”

— Paul Christensen, Cassia County commissioner

Darrington said it might be possible to generate funds for drug courts, community resource agencies and mental health services.

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said the legislature will be budgeting 36 months out during the 2004 session. "Temporary" tax has become a real word, she said.

"We've got to bill the holes and put money back," Bell said.

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OBITUARIES

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Wanda Ione Haskins McKinney - Twin Falls

Wanda Ione Haskins McKinney was born Oct. 30, 1916, in an Indian reservation in Morristown, S.D., the daughter of Orville and Elsie Ferrell Haskins. She grew up in Aurora, Neb., busy in 4-H Clubs, Community Club and Sunday school. Wanda worked in various stores and a depot. She was a saxophone player as well as a pianist and organist.



Wanda met her partner in life, R.D. McKinney in 1938. They married on Sept. 23, 1939, in Twin Falls, and remained married for over 64 years. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Twin Falls, and a member of their church choir for over 50 years and kept up church attendance faithfully. Always very active in Christian Women's Fellowship, the 20th Century Club and Ladies Auxiliary of the B.P.O. Elks.

Surviving Wanda are her devoted husband of 64 years, R.D. McKinney of Twin Falls; daughters, Larayne McKinney of Show Low, Ariz., Diane (Douglas) Welch of Buhl, Idaho;

and two grandchildren, Heather Welch of Laramie, Wyo., and Matthew Welch of Buhl, Idaho. Also surviving is one sister, Lucille (Myron) Dossert of Moscow, Idaho.

Her parents, Orville and Elsie; one brother, Wedon Haskins; one sister, Maxine Rickerts; her infant daughter, Judith Rae McKinney; and two granddaughters, Katie Jo and Kristie Jean

Baker preceded her in death. The service for Wanda will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at the First Christian Church in Twin Falls, with Pastor Jim Tubbs officiating. Interment will be held following the service at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho. Visitation for Wanda will be held from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, 2003, at the Parkside Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. All services and arrangements are under the direction of the funeral home.

Lord, thank you for this wonderful woman in my life. Help me to love and know her as You do and to appreciate the many gifts You've given her. Teach me to understand these blessings of life and love that You have given us. And let me harness in some small way the strength of Your perfect love as I strive to become the man she deserves. Amen.

James Robert (Jim) Clark Sr. - Twin Falls

James Robert (Jim) Clark Sr. was born on Dec. 24, 1916, in Twin Falls, Idaho, and passed away on Dec. 21, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center of natural causes.



Jim was raised on the Clark Ranch at Three Creek, Idaho, and graduated from Filer High School. He then attended Albion State Normal, receiving a teaching certificate.

He then went to Reno, Nev., to attend the University of Nevada, and while there met his future wife.

James married Mable F. Leachard in Lovelock, Nev. on Sept. 29, 1940, and they resided in Reno for a short time. Jim began teaching in Silver City, Nev., and during summer vacations returned to the Clark Ranch to assist in the haying operation.

In 1950, Jim joined the Idaho State Police, and opened the very first Post of Entry in Idaho at Strevell. After two years service, Jim and Mable moved back to Twin Falls, where Jim held many sales positions, at Glen Jenkins Chevrolet and Sears Roebuck & Company, as well as others.

After Jim and Mable's three sons moved away from home, Jim attended Idaho State University at Pocatello to pursue his dream of teaching and graduated in 1959 with a degree in mathematics. Returning to Twin Falls and home, Jim then taught at Harrison Elementary, O'Leary Junior High and retired from Robert Stuart Junior High in 1978.

Mable retired the same year and they enjoyed being "Snowbirds" in the winter, traveling south to warmer climate. During their retirement, Jim and Mable drove the Alcan Highway to Fairbanks, Alaska, and back, visited Glacier National Park and Canada.

For several summers, they volunteered as campground hosts for the U.S. Forest Service, spending their summers camped on the Lochsa River in northern Idaho. Jim was an avid hunter and fisherman during his life, and taught his sons to love the outdoors.

In 1959, Jim and his two oldest sons, Ray and Jim, walked the 11 mile trail from Bear Valley to Dagger Falls, camped and fished for salmon for two days, and then walked the 11 miles back to

Bear Valley with their limit of salmon.

Jim was a 32nd Degree Mason, belonging to Lodge No. 45 A.F. & A.M. in Twin Falls, and Hollister Lodge as a life member. Jim also joined the Eastern Star along with Mable, and served as master of both lodges and worthy patron of the OES.

Jim is survived by his wife of 63 years; his three sons, Ray E. (Sue) of Filer, Idaho, James R. (Pamlynn) Jr., of Washougal, Wash., and Gary L. (Lynn) of Los Alamos, N.M.; two brothers, Ray A. (Maxine) of Buhl, Idaho, and George W. "Bill" (Sue) of Boise; two sisters, Shirley Clark of Jerome and Laurel (Topsy), Coates of Nikiski, Alaska; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George W. Clark Sr. and Dora O. Clark, both of Three Creek, Idaho.

Jim will be remembered by all who knew him as a loving husband, father, brother and as a friend to many others. He will be missed every day.

The service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park," with the Rev. Ken Gould officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park.

The family would like to thank the nursing staff on the second floor of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for their excellent care and a very special thank you to Dr. Dan Prueci, whose understanding and care went far beyond the limits normally expected.

Kathleen (Kathy) Ross - Twin Falls

Kathleen (Kathy) Ross passed away at home on Dec. 22, 2003, she was 65.

Kathy was born in Idaho Falls on Feb. 5, 1938, the youngest child of Edward and Blanche Janes. She married Blaine Ross on Sept. 5, 1959, in Dillon, Mont. After their four children were born, Blaine and Kathy moved the family to Bangkok, Thailand, for six years and Kinshasa, Zaire for four years.

They also lived in Saudi Arabia for two years and Columbia, South America, for two years. After Blaine retired, they settled in Twin Falls where Kathy renewed her love of bowling and participated in several leagues.

She is survived by her husband, Blaine; her four children, Mark (Ann) Ross, Debra (Kevin) Jessen, Darryl Ross and Richard Ross; four grandchildren; her sisters, Erma Ardyson (Babe) Carter, Elaine Christensen, Ruth Wilma (Bill) Rust and Anna Gail Henderson; and a brother, Edward Vern Janes.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Ellen Maurine; a brother, Paul Oswald



and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Leonard and Freda Ross.

The service for Kathy will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Idaho teen's liver saves Oregon boy

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) - An Oregon toddler's life has been saved by a liver donated by the family of a chronically ill 15-year-old Idaho girl.

One-year-old Rhyson Houser of Albany, was diagnosed with alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, a rare liver disorder, said the child's mother, Chrystee Houser, 28, said a routine checkup two months ago revealed the boy's stomach was bloated with fluids. His liver was severely scarred, the result of a gene abnormality. He would need a liver transplant to survive, Houser was told.

When Robert Houser, 32, learned that his blood type matched his son's, he volunteered, even though the ideal match would be a dying young person's liver with matching O-positive blood type. If no donor was found by Oct. 22, he would go under the knife in hopes of saving his son.

Then came the phone call on the morning of Oct. 16. They had a donor. She hasn't yet felt ready to write the family whose daughter donated her liver, but says she will soon.

"If it can give them any peace at all, even though they lost their child, it's that their child gave life to someone else," she said.

DEATH NOTICES

John William Herrmann

John William Herrmann, 79, of Eden, died Monday, Dec. 21, 2003, at his home.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at the Eden Trinity Lutheran Church. Friends may call one hour before the service at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

A full obituary will appear later.

Mildred Springman

Mildred Springman, 80, of Gooding, died Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, in Kent, Wash.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Robert H. Ransom

Robert Howard Ransom, 62, of Oakley, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Oakley Stake Center, with Bishop Randy Hardy officiating. Burial will be in the Marion Cemetery near Oakley, with military rites by the local veterans. Friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley.

Mary Frances 'Macey' Stelle

Mary Frances "Macey" Stelle of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003.

A memorial service will be included during regular worship services at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, 2003, at the Jerome Presbyterian Church. Arrangements were under the direction of the Hove Robertson Chapel in Jerome.

Anne Field Johnson

TWIN FALLS - Anne Field Johnson, 77, of Twin Falls, died Dec. 23, 2003, at the Bridgeview

Retirement Center in Twin Falls.

The memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls. A full obituary will appear at a

later date.

Donna LeAnn Tacy

BUHL - Donna LeAnn Tacy, 63, of Buhl, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Farmers Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

SERVICES

Ruth Edith Norby DeThomas of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. today at the Rupert United Methodist Church; those attending should feel free to wear bright red, blue or yellow; friends and family will gather at DeThomas' home after the

service (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Corrine M. Jaynes of Buhl, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl.

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Bobby Adams - Albion

Robert Howard (Bobby) Adams II, 48-year-old Albion resident, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, in Burley.

He was born July 21, 1955, in Burley, the son of Robert Howard I and Jeneal Quamstrom Adams. He attended Albion Elementary and Declo high schools.

He had received his GED and attended various classes at CSI. He enjoyed playing both winter and summer sports.

Bobby had been employed over the years in Idaho and, Vedic Buildings, Kodak Northwest, at A-1 Restaurant Seating and had been a self-employed building contractor.

He was a man of many talents including welding, body and fender repair, carpentry and mechanics.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and at the time of his death he was an elder. He had also served in various capacities within the church.

Bobby loved the outdoors, playing music, reading, riding his motorcycle and horses. He also loved spending time with family and friends.

Bobby was blessed with five wonderful children, Lt. Robert H. III, Jade, Sherad, Shawna Jo and Chelsea.

He is also survived by his parents, Robert and Jeneal Adams;



two brothers, Bart A. (Pauline) Adams and Bret D. (Cindy) Adams, all of Albion; five grandchildren; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Albion Ward Chapel, with Bishop Kay Powell officiating. Burial will be in the Albion LDS Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

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OBITUARY

Norman Moore Miranda - Wendell

Norman Miranda, 84, of Wendell, Idaho, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003. He was born on March 26, 1919, in Portland, Ore., the son of Eugene and Genett Miranda. Norman was raised in Bellevue, Idaho. He spent five years in the U.S. Army field artillery as a non-commissioned officer. Norman married Naomi Baker on Aug. 14, 1945. He worked as a mechanic in the Wendell area for 35 years. He was a loving son, husband, father and friend. Norman is survived by his wife, Naomi; two daughters, JoAnn and her husband, Bob Andew of Boise and Jeanne and her husband, Ed

Klein of Santa Monica, Calif.; five grandchildren, Sara and Mary Andew, and Juan Camilo, CeCe and Angie Klein; and two step-grandchildren, Linda Klein and Eric Klein. The memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at the Wendell United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Hellomon officiating. No public viewing will be held with cremation arrangements under the direction of Demary's Wendell Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Norman's name to the United Methodist Memorial Fund.

Alaska TV reporter tussles with reindeer at North Pole

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) - A reporter for the NBC television station KTUU in Anchorage, found her way into the national spotlight while taping a scene with a young reindeer named Blitzen at the Santa Claus House in North Pole. Just as the Santa hat-clad Meghan Stapleton knelt down with the reindeer's leash in hand, a spooked Blitzen leaped at the reporter, knocking her down in a manner one witness described as a "tackle." Stapleton was not injured and even managed to hold on to the leash to keep Blitzen from running away, though he did dig her a couple feet. "I thought the last thing I wanted to do was let Blitzen get away, especially two days before Christmas," Stapleton said. Paul Brown, the Claus House sales manager who was handling Blitzen before giving Stapleton the leash, said the reporter quickly regained her composure. "She had a good time with it. She ended up popping right up and laughing about it," Brown told the Fairbanks Daily News

Miner. The holiday-theme store and attraction is about 10 miles south of Fairbanks. Stapleton said she didn't immediately realize that the entire incident Monday had been caught on tape, considering the crew wasn't prepared to go live yet when she approached the reindeer. But as soon as crew members saw the footage, they used the satellite truck on scene to send the blooper around the nation. Several NBC affiliates showed the tussle on morning news shows, including Tuesday's edition of "The Today Show." Stapleton, who was part of a crew that travels to the Fairbanks and North Pole area every Christmas season to film live broadcasts around the world, said her parents in New York state learned about the incident on the news. An NBC affiliate there interviewed her parents. "What's surprising is you can do what you feel are impactful stories; but the biggest one is where a reindeer runs over you," said Stapleton.

Computer chip maker reports first profit after 11 quarters

BOISE (AP) - Micron Technology Inc. on Tuesday reported its first profit in 11 quarters, posting a \$1 million in net income for the first period of fiscal 2004. The state's largest private employer said improvements in its manufacturing efficiency and in sales for its computer chips helped put the Boise-based company in the black. "We are pleased with the improvements in gross margin accomplished over successive quarters," said company president Steve Appleton. "The first-quarter gross margin of 26 percent is, in part, a result of worldwide cost-reduction efforts, gains in manufacturing efficiencies and our leadership in process technology." Micron is the second-largest computer memory chip maker in the world, trailing Samsung and ahead of Hynix Semiconductor Inc., both South Korean producers. Micron achieved the profit on sales of \$1.1 billion for the period ended Dec. 4, compared with a net loss of \$316 million on sales of \$695 million for the first quarter of last year and a \$123 million loss on sales of \$889 million for the last quarter of 2003. The company had suffered a fiscal year that saw the loss of a record \$1.27 billion, or \$2.11 a share, on sales of nearly \$3.1 billion. That broke a record for losses of

\$907 million, or \$1.51 per share, on sales of \$2.6 billion during 2002. Company spokesman David Parker said the first-quarter sales are the best in three years. "We continue to see strength across the boards," he said. Micron said the latest per-share figure was at the break-even mark, while analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call had expected a loss of six cents a share for the period. Micron shares closed up 39 cents at \$13.16. The company noted the latest quarter included the loss of \$25 million from changes in the currency exchange rates as a result of a weaker dollar. It also enjoyed a \$21 million benefit from selling equipment in restructuring activity in the last fiscal year. Micron said its sales were up 25 percent from the last quarter because of a 15 percent increase in the megabit sold and a 7 percent hike in average megabit selling prices. By the end of the quarter, its chip inventories were at historically low levels due to the sale volume. In July, the International Trade Commission confirmed U.S. Commerce Department findings that Micron and other American computer chip makers were subjected to unfair foreign competition from their South Korean competitors.

Valdez takes terrorist threat seriously

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - Isolated and sparsely populated Alaska seemed far removed from terrorist threats until Tuesday, when U.S. officials said al-Qaida operatives could target remote sites such as oil facilities. Officials in Washington cautioned they have not corroborated a report about an al-Qaida threat against the oil terminals in Valdez. But they said they were treating the information seriously and have increased security at the Port of Valdez, where armed Coast Guard patrols were more visible. Some Valdez residents were on edge as word spread through the Prince William Sound community of almost 4,200 people. "You have this almost false sense of security because I'm in Alaska, I'm a sailor," said Stacey Nease, 39, a cashier at Cap'n Joes Tesoro gas station. "We think 'Who's going to target us? Your heart starts beating fast, you're kind of in a panic mode. It's scary."

Federal and state officials said they were not at liberty to discuss specifics. But Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, said national security officials told him that only general threats have been made. "The bulk of evidence about al-Qaida points more and more to areas that have significant infrastructure dealing with the national economy - and we have two in review: the Port of Valdez and the Anchorage area," Stevens said. "That's two among hundreds in the nation." However, remarking the possibility of a terror attack, the unsetting report prompted Valdez officials to review the town's emergency plan and Mayor Bert Cartle to prepare a late-afternoon statement for local broadcast stations, explaining the elevation in the nation's terror threat level. Cortie said an "influx of state and federal resources" would arrive in the next few days in response to the elevated security level.

Motorcycle riders give toys to kids

Around the valley

Jerome Fire Department, which will give them out to children at emergency scenes. The fee to ride is one stuffed animal or \$5 per person and includes lunch and a ride pin. For more information, call Jerry Morton at 423-5214, Art Fairbanks at 324-4695 or Bob Blair at 733-6863.

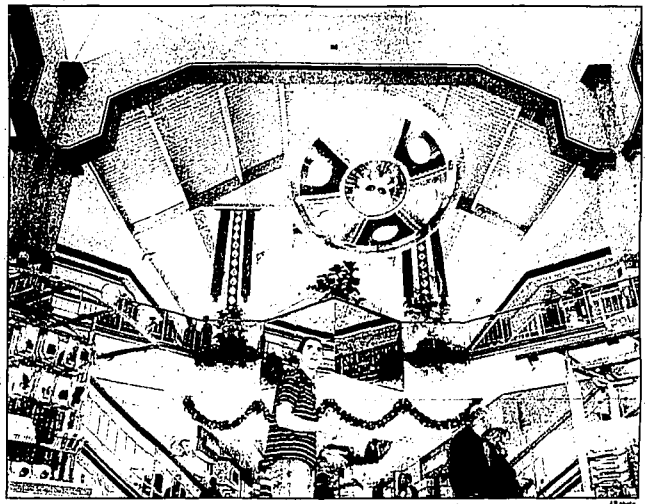
Women's services office plans to move

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Women's Health and Imaging Services is moving to the second floor of the hospital's downtown location at 660 Shoshone St. E. on Jan. 12. Women's Health and Imaging Services includes mammography and other breast care, bone density

testing, Women's Heart Advantage of Idaho, and women's health education and referral information all under one roof. "By putting these services together in a convenient location, we're able to best serve the health care needs of women in our community," said Susan Courtney, Women's Health and Imaging Services director and coordinator. To schedule appointments, call 737-2192. - Compiled from staff reports

Last minute shoppers rush to Idaho retailers

BOISE (AP) - Headed into Christmas Eve, many Idaho shoppers were chipping in their last discretionary dollars to the state's economy Tuesday. Many were like Jeff McAllister and his son, 8-year-old Dallin. The two - searching for some last-minute presents for Dallin's mom and sisters - said they would likely pick only items that had been discounted. "I don't buy anything unless it's on sale. Budget is a big concern - we have five kids, and we're probably over budget. I hate to even look at how we did until after the holidays," said Jeff McAllister, a mechanical engineering manager for Hewlett Packard. Last-minute shopper Randy Cole also was scouring the sales racks. He and his girlfriend made most of their Christmas gifts this year, including candles, framed photos of her two daughters and a dollhouse for the girls. Cole, who works at the Torch Lounge, said the homemade gifts were a way to stay on-budget while having fun doing crafts with his family. "I'm one of those shoppers who knows what I'm going to get, where I'm going to get it and what my second choice is," Cole said. "I'm starting and finishing my Christmas shopping today."



Chrys Oldenburg throws a 'Hovordslsk' Tuesday at the Little Dragon Kiosk to try and entice shoppers to purchase the spinning device in Boise. Oldenburg says that the sales of the hovordslsk have been brisk at the Boise Town Square.

got some high-end, designer lights that I normally wouldn't have, and I bought a new artificial tree that was 50 percent off," Hale said. For mall store owner Eric Etter, the holiday season has brought a boost in profits after a slow sales year. "December sales have been up

compared to last year and this year in general. We just hope this continues on," said Etter, who owns the stationery store Papyrus. Nationally, the Commerce Department reported that personal consumption spending rose by a strong 0.4 percent in November, the best showing since August, while Americans' incomes rose by 0.5 percent last month. That was the strongest gain since May. And market research firms are reporting that the nation's merchants are again relying on the final days before Christmas and post-holiday sales to offset modest buying trends during the first season.

Calendar men pose to raise money for homeless shelter

MOSCOW (AP) - Tom Trall is a 69-year-old Republican legislator, a retired teacher from the University of Washington, an active Rotary Club member and at last - a pinup calendar model. Trall and 11 other men in the community had the raw courage to expose - nearly all for a fund-raising calendar for Sojourners Alliance, the homeless shelter serving Moscow, Pullman, Wash., and the greater Palouse region. Just as Touchstone Pictures is releasing, "Calendar - Girls," a comedy about a group of women in England who pose in the buff to raise money for charity, a calendar of nude local men is in circulation in Whitman and Latah counties. "These well-exposed well-wishers are a local newspaper publisher, some business owners, a teacher and a volunteer firefighter. "Maybe it's because we're mostly women, but we thought it was a great idea," Weber said. They started last spring, brainstorming names of high-profile community members who might be willing to pose. "We told them we wanted to show all but the basics," said Weber. "It's very tasteful."

“My wife never thought I'd do it, but it's such a great cause.”
- Tom Trall, retired teacher

Only one potential model declined, Weber said. Once they had 12, they stopped asking. Trall was the first to offer himself up. He invited the photographer to his house the day after agreeing to be in the calendar. "I just wanted to go ahead and get it done," Trall said. "My wife never thought I'd do it, but it's such a great cause." Sojourners Alliance printed 1,000 calendars and about half have been sold, said Marie Vogel, president of the organization. The fund-raising target is about \$10,000, she said. A signed calendar may be purchased for \$13 at the Sojourner's Alliance, the Moscow Chamber of Commerce and a few other vendors in the Moscow-Pullman area.

Utah gets share of fraud settlement

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Utah has received more than \$147,000 in a settlement with a major pharmaceutical company that cheated the state's Medicaid program. Wade Farraway, director of the state attorney general's Medicaid fraud unit, said the award was part of an \$88 million settlement recently made final with GlaxoSmithKline, which agreed in April that it had failed to report

"best price" information on the nasal spray Flonase and the anti-depressant Paxil. Also in April, the drug company Bayer agreed to plead guilty to violating the Federal Prescription Drug Marketing Act, pay a criminal fine of \$5.6 million for alleged overcharges involving its antibiotic Cipro and its high blood pressure drug Adalat, and pay nearly \$252 million in civil penalties.

Hams

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work day and the other day is split with a work project and an educational presentation by Forest Service employees. The boys camp out while in the forest. Half of their salaries went into the Christmas fund and the boys keep the other half, Conger said. Many of the kids at the Youth Ranch, have been ordered by a judge to pay restitution for a crime they committed. The money they earn can be used to offset

that judgment. Youths who don't have to pay off restitution are given the money when they leave the Youth Ranch "to give them a start," Conger said. Colts are boys between the ages of 9 and 13. Today there are 12 Colts at the ranch, and all helped deliver the hams. Shelley Ridman is editor of The Times-News Mini-Cassia Bureau. She can be reached at 208-677-4042, Ext. 642, or by e-mail at sridman@magicvalley.com.

Kids

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Then the hunt was on for one more deer, when the kids eventually found it at the bottom of Warm Springs with 15 minutes to go until Santa's curfew. Hunt over, it was into the lodge for pizza and lemonade supplied by Sun Valley Company and a chance at a variety of door-prizes, including gift

certificates to restaurants and retail shops such as the Toy Store. The reindeer, in turn, got a breather before heading back to the Pole to get ready to pull Santa's sleigh on Christmas Eve. "I'm one tired reindeer," groaned Jaquet, who had to dash off early to sing in Handel's "Messiah."

Tax

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Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, said the extra 1 cent sales tax is scheduled to sunset in 2005. Although collections are up, there's no windfall, he said, but he also thinks the economy has bottomed out. Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center Director Dennis Dexter asked the legislators to stop pending legislation that would require trained food service personnel be on duty whenever food is served. Dexter said that would create staffing problems at small-

er-jails-like-the-one-located-in-Burley. Cassia County Administrator Kerry McMurray and Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus asked for changes to the competitive bid process that would allow counties to look at the competency of bidders. When Bedke asked if McMurray and Barrus had prepared draft language for a bill, McMurray said they will provide the language they would like to see in legislation.

Cost

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school education while awaiting trial. That will add costs of transporting her from a distant facility to Blaine County for various pre-trial hearings. In addition, presiding 5th District Judge James J. May might also import a jury impaneled in another county to hear the case rather than move the trial to another jurisdiction if a change of venue is sought by the defense. Housing a jury for the length of the trial would add significantly to costs. The Johnson couple was shot and killed in their bedroom just after 6 a.m. on Sept. 2. Two months later, their daughter, who was in the house at the time of the shootings, was arrested and charged with both killings.

Public defenders are paid \$65 per hour, which does not cover the cost of witnesses or special investigative work they order. Head prosecutors asked for the death penalty in the case, some of the costs could've been recoverable from a state criminal justice fund. However, since Thomas announced he would not seek the death penalty, full costs of the case will fall on the county budget. Pangburn has said he hopes to have Johnson housed in a facility where she can continue her high

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Workers retrieve funds from landfill

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — An eastern Idaho woman accidentally threw away an envelope with \$200 in cash in it — and actually got it back. Linda Exler called the Idaho Falls Sanitation Department to see if they could find it. The Bonneville Transfer Station processes tons of trash a day from more than 50,000 residents, but that didn't stop employee Chad

Holover from looking at just pushed stuff to one corner in between loading trucks. Got out, started kicking around some garbage bags, saw something brown in one of the clear ones, saw (a) manila envelope, tore it open and saw \$200 bucks cash," he told television station KIDK. Exler calls this her "Christmas miracle," but Holover says it was just the right thing to do.

JEROME COUNTY COURTS

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JEROME — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Larry S. Dye, 47; battery, pretrial conference Jan. 5; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Thomas L. Evans, 25; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase financial, pretrial conference Jan. 5; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Todd J. Howell, 26; battery, pretrial conference Jan. 5; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. James L. Lalman, 45; driving under the influence; pretrial conference Jan. 5; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Anita Renee Lewis, 23; resisting or obstructing officers, pretrial conference Jan. 5; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Alexis Louise Mays, 20; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, pretrial conference Jan. 5; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Amy Kay McIven, 19; reckless driving, pretrial conference Jan. 5; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Ryan Michael Schow, 20; driving a vehicle without the owner's consent, pretrial conference Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. William L. Studvyn, 19; disturbing the peace, failed to appear; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

listed, petit theft; \$100 fine, \$300 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation, 90 days in jail, 88 suspended, two days eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Guadalupe Salazar Velazquez, 43; driving under the influence; 180-day driver's license suspension; \$750 fine, \$750 suspended, credit for one day served, one day eligible for work program; 180 days in jail, 170 suspended, credit for 10 days served; failure to provide proof of insurance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Robert Villalobos, 29; driving under the influence; 180-day driver's license suspension; \$750 fine, \$550 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 170 suspended, credit for one day served, one day eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. James Lopez-Silva, 37; two counts resisting or obstructing officers; \$100 fine, \$300 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; six months unsupervised probation; 30 days in jail, 40 suspended; second count; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Shanna K. Wilkinson, 26; driving under the influence; 180-day driver's license suspension; \$750 fine, \$550 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended, two days eligible for work program; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Pended, \$78.50 court costs.

Juvenile misdemeanors sentencings

Justin E. Guzman, 16; failure to purchase financial driver's license; \$500 fine, \$81.50 suspended, \$32.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; six months unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. David C. Jacobo, 17; reckless driving amended to inattentive/lewdless driving; \$200 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$50 public defender fee; six months unsupervised probation; five days in jail, 88 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor sentencings

Leigh Donald McLean, 22; driving on a divided highway/restricted access; \$200 fine, \$100 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; six months unsupervised probation; failure to provide proof of insurance; \$75 fine, \$136.50 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Jerry Dean Gains, 46; failure to purchase financial driver's license; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. John W. Conraser, 55; driving on a divided highway/restricted access; \$150 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Parker Marrell Crumb, 28; driving under the influence; 180-day driver's license suspension; \$750 fine, \$550 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended, credit for one day served, one day eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Jason Robert Hayes, 24; driving under the influence amended to inattentive/lewdless driving; one year supervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Shannel M. Mendez, 22; driving under the influence; 180-day driver's license suspension; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Verian S. Ombay, 63; driving under the influence amended to inattentive/lewdless driving; \$300 fine, \$300 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, one year supervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Edwin Leon Culver, 32; driving under the influence amended to inattentive/lewdless driving; \$300 fine, \$150 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, one year supervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Marco Arturo Sahagan, 19; providing false information to an officer regarding offense/arrest; \$300 fine, \$350 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$50 public defender fee; six months unsupervised probation; five days in jail, 170 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Driving under the influence; 180-day driver's license suspension; \$750 fine, \$750 suspended, credit for seven days served; open container; failure to purchase financial driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Maria Cruz Perez, 36; battery; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; six months unsupervised probation; 30 days in jail, 30 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Rudy Jo Fetzer, 20; possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$50 public defender fee; one year supervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended, credit for two days served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Melinda Jean Kozit, 31; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase financial driver's license; \$500 fine, \$385 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Joshua Michael Northrup, no date of birth

juvenile misdemeanors sentencings

Steven Todd Willis, 24; inattentive/lewdless driving; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Benjamin Kinley, 16; resisting or obstructing officers; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Michael Matthew Peterson, 45; malicious injury to property; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Enka Borrera, 22; disturbing the peace; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Juvenile misdemeanor dismissals

George M. Vieira, 17; failure to purchase financial driver's license; failure to provide proof of insurance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Felony arraignments

Luis Enrique Gonzalez, 19; burglary, status hearing Jan. 5; District Judge John K. Butler.

Felony sentencings

Sheila Sue Carlson, 39; three counts burglary; first and second counts; dismissed by prosecutor; third count ordered to drug court in Twin Falls District Judge John K. Butler. Kane Daniel Hullett, 27; grand theft; 180 days retained jurisdiction; \$88.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; two years indeterminate penitentiary term; three years determinate; District Judge John K. Butler.

Child support cases

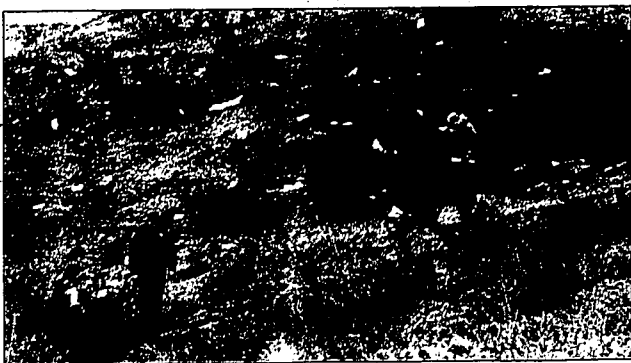
State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Jose F. Gonzalez and Margery Velazquez Seeking of Mr. Gonzalez; determination that he is the father of Jose A. Gonzalez; \$252 monthly support; 25 percent of child's medical expense; \$330 attorney fees.

Divorces

Sanya Linda Russell vs. Noel Russell Gina G. Vilhos vs. Todd L. Vilhos Melissa Pena vs. Jesse Manuel Pena Justin R. Schoenfeld vs. Jessica Schoenfeld

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Papers litter a burned area on a hilltop where a small business jet flying from California to Hailey crashed and exploded Tuesday in a Mojave Desert canyon, north of Victorville, Calif. The Lear 24B had two pilots aboard and no passengers.

Small jet crashes in California

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (AP) — A small business jet flying from California to Idaho crashed and exploded in a Mojave Desert canyon Tuesday, authorities said. The Lear 24B had two pilots aboard and no passengers, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Donn Walker. The twin-engine jet was headed to Sun Valley to pick up passengers.

The aircraft was obliterated and survivors were unlikely, said California Highway Patrol spokesman Tom Marshall. The plane was operated by Pavar of Santa Monica, Calif. It had left Chino, east of Los Angeles, and was headed to Sun Valley, Marshall said. The pilot told air traffic control he needed to return to Chino and was cleared to do so, Walker said. Sometime after that the pilot declared an emergency and then the FAA lost contact with the jet at 9:10 a.m. when it was at 24,000 feet. A CHP officer saw the jet go down west of Interstate 15, between Victorville and Barstow. Victorville is about 60 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

Disoriented in the darkened truck and gasping in the open pocket of air left, the 59-year-old Meadville came face-to-face with his own mortality. "I kept thinking, 'I've got to get out of here,' but I couldn't see anything and I had no idea where I was in the truck. You'd better be ready to meet Jesus because it can happen real fast." That is when Meadville heard a voice he thought was calling him by name. Greg Cannell and his friend Tina Taysom, both of American Falls, were traveling ahead of Meadville on Dec. 1 when they pulled over to watch deer. The mail truck passed by when Cannell drove around a turn, the mail truck was gone, but a set of skidmarks veered off the road, straight at the near-frozen river.

Hacker wreaks havoc on Idaho student's account

MOSCOW (AP) — Wes Andrews was inundated by dozens of e-mails from bargain hunters in Bulgaria wanting to buy his computer. "I had Hottmail e-mails from 75 people saying 'I want to buy that laptop,'" he said. The 18-year-old University of Idaho sophomore. But he wasn't offering anything for sale.

Hotmail twice to find the new passwords the hacker used to take over that account. The hacker also accessed Andrews' account on eBay, the internet auction site. The hacker promised — in awkward English — to send him a \$2,700 laptop computer for a fraction of the cost.

By the time Andrews regained control of both his hacked e-mail and Hotmail accounts, some of the e-mail messages had turned ugly. He found missives from eBay buyers around the globe demanding to know where the computer he had promised to send was. Others simply wondered if he had received the \$1,000 sent to pay for laptop.

Andrews eventually persuaded authorities he had no part of the scheme and was able to regain control of his accounts. The problem with Andrews' computer was a lack of security, said Mike Hall with First Step Internet in Moscow. "They'll lock their doors. They'll chain their bikes. But, they haven't taken appropriate measures to protect their computers," Hall said.

He all started in November when he found he could not access his Hotmail account. He had to ask about and, in rare cases, chronic flu-like symptoms in humans. Nebraska instituted restrictions Friday, said Lara Azar, press secretary for Gov. Dave Prosser.

Nebraska restricts Wyoming cattle

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Nebraska has become the third state to impose restrictions on Wyoming cattle since a herd was found with brucellosis earlier this month, officials announced Tuesday. Colorado and California had earlier implemented restrictions after a herd in western Wyoming's Sublette County tested positive for the disease, which causes cattle to

Nebraska instituted restrictions Friday, said Lara Azar, press secretary for Gov. Dave Prosser. The restrictions include the need for a pre-entry permit, individual identification and official calfhood vaccine for sexually intact female cattle from Sublette County not going immediately to slaughter.

Suspect OKs deal

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — An Idaho Falls teenager who faced a first-degree murder trial this month has reached a plea agreement with the prosecutor's office and now faces 30 years in prison. Tyson Buss, 18, pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter for the May 24 slaying of Dwight Thompson. Prosecutors had intended to argue that Thompson hot Buss in a failed drug deal.

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Man wonders at events that led to rescue

NORTH FORK (AP) — Ron Meadville was trapped inside his overturned truck in the freezing waters of the Salmon River when he thought he heard someone calling his name. It was a rescuer who spied the rural-mail carrier's tire tracks, which veered off the road into the turbulent river. Both men now wonder at the little decisions which led to the lifesaving rescue by Greg Cannell, who couldn't call Meadville's name because the two had never met.

Meadville of North Fork was on his 110-mile route on Dec. 1 when he skidded on the ice into 33-degree water. Disoriented in the darkened truck and gasping in the open pocket of air left, the 59-year-old Meadville came face-to-face with his own mortality. "I kept thinking, 'I've got to get out of here,' but I couldn't see anything and I had no idea where I was in the truck. You'd better be ready to meet Jesus because it can happen real fast."

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Former Army chef finds home in M.V.

While in the service,
Wayne Ellis won
many cooking awards

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Wayne Ellis was the undefeated military food champion for seven years running.

He began his culinary career at age 15 in his best friend's grandmother's Mexican restaurant in Auburn, Wash. After a couple of years, he switched to a steak house called D. John's in Buckley.

He joined the Army at 18 and started out as a combat engineer. But fate had other plans for him. The Army was looking for experienced cooks and his commanding officer told him, "You are it."

His second Military Occupational Skill (MOS) became his primary MOS.

In Army cooking school, Ellis studied culinary techniques, as well as dining room management to complete his food service management degree. He was soon winning awards in military cooking competitions.

He won the Top Cook of the Year in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg in 1982 and 1983. He was then transferred to Korea and stationed at the Demilitarized Zone, where he won Top Cook in the 2nd Infantry Division, as well as the Top Cook in the 8th Army. Later, he won cooking contests in the European division.

After a tour of duty in Germany, he was transferred back to Washington and discharged in 1992, as a staff sergeant. He was soon working as a caterer for weddings.

Now, he is head chef at Senor Caesars in Twin Falls, where he cooks Mexican, Italian and American cuisine six nights a week.



Twin Falls cook Wayne Ellis prepares Portabella mushrooms by sauteing them in butter, white wine, garlic, olive oil, salt and ground pepper.

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WAYNE'S HOLIDAY RECIPES

HOLIDAY MEATBALLS

1 (32 ounce) jar grape jelly
1 (32 ounce) can chili sauce
1 cup lemon juice
2 pounds meatballs (prepared)
Combine the grape jelly, chili sauce and lemon juice in saucepan and heat. Heat the meatballs according to package directions; then add to the sweet and sour sauce. Combine and serve.

HOLIDAY CINNAMON APPLES

6 large Fuji apples (pare tops and bottoms, then core, being careful not to puncture bottoms)
1 1/2 cups Red Hot cinnamon candies
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup sugar
1 1/2 cups heavy cream

Place apples in baking dish. Fill bottom third of apples with brown sugar. Fill the rest with cinnamon candies.
Sprinkle with sugar and top with water.
Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/4 hours or until tender. Baste several times while baking so color and flavors are absorbed. Serve hot in a bowl with heavy cream.

WINTER ZABAGLIONE WITH FRESH BERRIES

4 large egg yolks
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup dry marsala wine
3 cups berries
Combine the egg yolks and sugar in the top of a double boiler and whisk until thick and pale yellow.
Slowly add the marsala wine, whisking

constantly.
Scrape with rubber spatula and continue to whisk until the Zabaglione reaches a temperature of 150 degrees.
Wash and dry berries. Place in warm wine glass half way up, and scoop warm Zabaglione on top to cover berries.
Serve immediately.



Above, Golden Parmesan Chicken and Rice are flavor favorites. Right, Tangy Citrus Chicken With Chicken and Herb Rice is a family treat.

'Tis the season ... for flavor

Family Features

It's that time of year again! The

holidays, clear through New Year's are a mad rush, with little or no time to prepare a healthy, satisfy-

ing and tasty meal for your family. Here are some quick and easy recipes.

GOLDEN PARMESAN CHICKEN AND RICE

4 servings
1 package dry cheese and garlic salad dressing mix
3/4 cup vegetable or olive oil plus 1 tablespoon, divided
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
1 package Uncle Ben's Flavorful Brand Parmesan and Butter Rice
1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
Combine salad dressing mix, 3/4 cup oil and vinegar in plastic zipper-lock bag for marinade. Pierce chicken breast with fork several times and place in bag to marinate. Place in refrigerator 30 minutes or overnight. Prepare rice according to package directions. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in saute pan over medium high heat and cook chicken on each side 4 minutes. Place shredded Parmesan cheese on each chicken breast and serve with rice.

ZESTY CHICKEN WITH GARLIC AND BUTTER RICE

4 servings
1 package dry onion soup mix
3/4 cup vegetable or olive oil plus 1 tablespoon, divided
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
1 package Uncle Ben's Flavorful Brand Garlic and Butter Rice
4 slices Swiss cheese
Combine soup mix, 3/4 cup oil and vinegar in plastic zipper-lock bag for marinade. Pierce chicken breast with fork several times and place in bag to marinate. Place in refrigerator 30 minutes or overnight. Prepare rice according to package directions. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in saute pan over medium high heat and cook chicken on each side 4 minutes. Place slice of cheese on each chicken breast and serve with rice.

TANGY CITRUS CHICKEN WITH CHICKEN AND HERB RICE

4 servings
1/2 cup orange juice
1/4 cup lime juice
1/4 cup vegetable oil plus 1 tablespoon, divided
1 teaspoon cracked pepper
1/2 teaspoon hot sauce
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
1 package Uncle Ben's Flavorful Brand Chicken and Herb Rice
1/2 cup crumbled Feta cheese (optional)
Green and red pepper slices (optional)
Combine orange and lime juice,

1/4 cup oil, pepper and hot sauce in plastic zipper-lock bag for marinade.
Pierce chicken breast with fork several times and place in bag to marinate.
Place in refrigerator 30 minutes or overnight.
Prepare rice according to package directions.
Heat 1 tablespoon oil in saute pan over medium high heat and cook chicken on each side 4 minutes.
Place crumbled Feta cheese or pepper slices on each chicken breast and serve with rice.



FOOD & HOME

CRUNCH TIME

Toffee comes in many forms, but the holidays just aren't the same without it

By Kristin Eddy
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — A lot of people who love toffee might find they have a hard time describing it. This could be because their brains are stuck together from eating the sugary, buttery candy.

In any sweets-eating season, toffee is worth arguing about. Some fans insist that their favorite treat be composed of a nutty, hand-crack bar, enrobed in a coating of thick milk chocolate. The classic nuts for toffee are almonds, but pistachios, hazelnuts and macadamias also can add nubbles to the confection. Plenty of people like the chocolate coating, but also insist on a flourish of crushed nuts sprinkled all

over it.
Robin Halpert of Buffalo Grove, Ill., got into the game quite by accident, when a toffee she was making for a party failed miserably. She saved the confection by tossing crushed Orons and ribbons of white chocolate over the whole thing. Her creation was such a success that she started a business, Toffee Break Gourmet Desserts (www.toffeebreakdesserts.com).
Toffee has the perception of being tricky to fashion. "If you are a few degrees off in temperature, you have brittle" instead of toffee, Kimmeler said. "If it is a couple of degrees too low, you have a soft lump." But with a little attention and a candy thermometer, toffee making is not difficult.

TOFFEE RECIPES

New York pastry master Francois Payard writes in his cookbook, "Simply Sensational Desserts," that he is "wild about caramel." The simple confection is served without a chocolate topping. You may substitute any nut as desired.

MACADAMIA NUT TOFFEE
Yield: 60 pieces
1 2/3 cups sugar
1 1/4 cups whipping cream
2 tablespoons light corn syrup
2 3/4 cups finely chopped macadamias or other nuts
Combine sugar, cream and corn syrup in a heavy saucepan. Heat to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Insert a candy thermometer into the syrup; boil without stirring until mixture reaches 284 degrees, about 20 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in nuts. Spread toffee onto buttered baking sheet with sides, working quickly. Let cool in the pan on a rack for 30 minutes. Break into irregular pieces. Store in an airtight container in a cool, dry place for up to 2 weeks.

Here's a classic toffee-but-with-a-citrus kick from the addition of coffee and chocolate.

COFFEE TOFFEE
Yield: 60 pieces
2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter
3/4 cup each: granulated sugar, light brown sugar

1/2 cup brewed coffee
1 tablespoon light corn syrup
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup sliced almonds, roughly chopped

8 ounces good-quality dark chocolate

1/4 cup finely chopped almonds or walnuts, optional
Combine butter, sugars, coffee, corn syrup and salt in a medium saucepan. Heat to a boil over medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Insert a candy thermometer into the syrup; boil without stirring until mixture turns a caramel color and reaches 280 degrees, about 30 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in sliced almonds. Spread mixture onto buttered cookie sheet with sides, working quickly; allow to cool, about 30 minutes. Melt chocolate in a saucepan. Pour melted chocolate over cooled toffee; spread evenly. Sprinkle with nuts; cool completely. Break into pieces. Store in airtight container in a cool, dry place for up to 2 weeks.

This recipe was a Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest winner in 1964, courtesy of Marion L. Maire of Avon Lake, Ohio.

TOFFEE DREAM PIE

32 large marshmallows, about 8 ounces
1/3 cup milk
3 toffee candy bars (1.4 ounces each), finely chopped
1 cup whipping cream
1 baked 9-inch pie crust, cooled

2 tablespoons chopped toasted almonds, optional
Combine marshmallows and milk in a heavy saucepan; cook, stirring constantly, over low heat until marshmallows are melted, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Add chopped toffee bars; stir until partially melted. Refrigerate until mixture is thickened but not set, about 20 minutes. Beat whipping cream to soft peaks in a mixing bowl. Fold whipped cream into marshmallow mixture. Spoon into pie crust. Refrigerate until firm about 3 hours. Garnish with almonds.

NOTE: To toast—chopped almonds, place on a baking sheet. Bake in a 350-degree oven until

light brown, about 4-6 minutes.

In her cookbook, "In The Sweet Kitchen," author Regan Daley writes, "This simple coffee cake exceeds all expectations." Use your favorite commercial toffee or homemade toffee.

PECAN TOFFEE COFFEECAKE
Yield: 20 servings

Filling:
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
1 teaspoon instant espresso powder
1/2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder, sifted

2/3 cup each: toffee pieces, chopped toasted pecans

Cake:
3 cups flour
2 teaspoons each: baking powder, ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon each: freshly grated nutmeg, baking soda

3/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 sticks (3/4 cup) unsalted butter, room temperature

1 1/4 cups firmly packed brown sugar

1/2 cup granulated sugar
3 eggs, room temperature

2 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 3/4 cups sour cream

3/4 cup toffee pieces
3 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

Heat oven to 350 degrees. For filling, combine brown sugar,

sour cream and vanilla in a food processor; pulse to grind. Place in a mixing bowl with cocoa; mix until well blended. Stir in toffee and pecans; set aside. For cake, sift flour, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg,

baking soda and salt into a mixing bowl; set aside. Combine butter and sugars in the bowl of an electric mixer; beat on medium speed until mixture is light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Mix in flour mixture in three additions just to blend, alternating with sour cream in two additional additions, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Fold in toffee pieces. Spoon one-third of the batter into a greased and floured 9-inch round pan. Spread batter evenly over bottom with a teaspoon; make a small well all the way around the center to cradle the filling. Spoon half of the filling into the well; do not let it touch sides or center of pan. Add another third of the batter. Repeat process with filling. Top with remaining batter. Rap the pan on the counter once or twice to remove trapped air bubbles. Bake until cake is golden brown and center springs back lightly when touched, about 1 hour. Cool in pan on a rack 5-7 minutes. Invert onto another rack; let cool completely, about 1 hour. Sift confectioners' sugar over top to decorate. Cake may be stored, well wrapped, 2 or 3 days.

NOTE: To toast pecans, place on a baking sheet. Bake in a 350-degree oven until light brown, about 4-6 minutes.

Gift plants need proper care to survive



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

'Tis the time for visiting friends and relatives, and Mama said we must never go empty-handed. So over the asphalt and across the street we go, often with a gift plant in hand.

You probably received as many as you gave to everyone else this holiday season, and that's nice. Unless you have no idea what to do with your gift now. Here's a quick rundown on some of the plants we give as holiday gifts.

Mums. Usually florist mums, these chrysanthemums are more tender than the beauties you plant outdoors. Originally intended as a "throw-away plant" by the grower industry, these pretty flowering plants can often be coaxed into growing, and even reflowering.

When the blooms begin to fade, prune them back to a leaf axil. As you prune, you'll probably find that the plant is way too thick to be healthy — you might even see

some powdery mildew trying to get started. That's because the growers probably crowded five or six plants into one pot so it would look full and lush.

Separate all those plants and report them into 4-inch pots. Water them with a water-soluble fertilizer and set them in a sunny window sill.

Christmas cactus. Mother Nature grows these pretty plants on trees, like orchids. When we bring them indoors, they thrive in a rich, porous soil. Give them water-soluble fertilizer every seven to 10 days when they're

growing and blooming. Don't count on them to bloom reliably at this time of year, or even ever — unless you treat them like poinsettias. That means about Oct. 1 they need long, cool, completely dark nights to set bloom.

Poinsettia. Given good light and drainage, your poinsettia should stay bright till at least Valentine's Day, maybe longer. After her brightly colored bracts (the big red leaves) wither, prune her back to 6-8 inches or so. Continue to feed her diluted, water-soluble fertilizer and give her bright light. She would enjoy a trip to the back deck once temperatures are reliably above 55 degrees. She will bloom again next year if you give her enough heavy sleep: 14-hour nights with no lights to interrupt, beginning Oct. 1.

Kalanchoe. Their thick, fleshy leaves and pretty blossoms held

high like little umbrellas, these houseplants are abundantly available in most supermarkets. Once home, they want their decorative foil ripped off so they can enjoy good drainage and a little air to their roots. Kalanchoes are easy to care for — just water when the top of the soil is dry and give them plenty of light. They, too, enjoy a tour of the outdoor garden once temperatures warm up. Since they originated in the tropics — like most of our houseplants — they prefer temperatures of at least 55 degrees.

Enjoy all your new green friends. Next week we'll talk about which plants you'll want to add to your home to ensure cleaner, healthier indoor air.

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

Fall in love with an award-winning Lemon cake

Taste of Home

The recipe won second place in Taste of Home magazine's national recipe contest, and comes from Anne Wickman in Endicott, N.Y. "I fell in love with the tart lemon filling and coconut topping when I first tried this recipe for my son's birthday," Wickman said.

LEMON CURD COFFEE CAKE

1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/3 cup sugar
3 tablespoons cold butter
1/2 cup flaked coconut

BATTER:

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda

3/4 cup cold butter
2/3 cup vanilla yogurt
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
1 egg

1 egg yolk
1/2 cup lemon curd

GLAZE:

1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
1 teaspoon water
1 teaspoon lemon juice

In a bowl, combine flour and sugar. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in coconut; set aside. For batter, combine the flour, salt, baking powder and baking soda in a bowl. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Combine the yogurt, lemon juice,

peel, egg and yolk; stir into crumb mixture just until moistened (batter will be stiff). Spread cups batter in a greased 8-inch springform pan; sprinkle with 3/4 cup of coconut mixture. Drop 1/2 tea-



For brunch or an afternoon get-together, Lemon Curd Coffee Cake will be a hit.

spoonfuls of lemon curd over the top to within 1/2 inch of edge. Carefully spoon remaining batter over lemon curd; sprinkle with

remaining coconut mixture. Place pan on a baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 55-60 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Cool for 10 minutes; remove sides of pan. Combine the glaze ingredients; drizzle over warm cake. Yield: 10-12 servings.

Put guests to work chopping veggies for Christmas platter

By Liz Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

Tidbits for cooks

PUT GUESTS TO WORK: According to a survey conducted by CUTO Cutlery Corp., cooks said 85 percent of their guests pop into the kitchen offering to lend a hand with food preparation. The most common task guests are assigned is helping to serve beverages, with 37 percent of the respondents saying they delegate duties of uncorking the wine, filling the ice bucket, slicing lemons and limes and pouring sodas. Nearly a third of those who answered the survey asked guests

to help set the table. And 18 percent look for help slicing and chopping. Here's one way to put your guests to work: Get them to chop broccoli and cauliflower for a vegetable platter shaped like a Christmas tree. Cherry tomatoes and carrots serve as ornaments and a slice of star fruit on top completes the decoration.

WATCH THAT WEIGHT: Few of us come out of the holiday season as thin as we went in. Here are some suggestions from Weight

Watchers to keep the pounds under control.

• If you're on a marathon shopping trip at the mall, be careful around the food court. Opt for a salad or put a cooler of nutritious snacks and bottled water in your car.

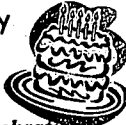
• Drink at least six glasses of water daily to keep hydrated.

• When approaching a holiday

spread, try ranking the dishes on the table from one to 10 with one being the most healthful, then choose the foods accordingly.

• Although office and family parties present many temptations, the biggest mistake is not to go. Fill up on healthful snacks before the party and keep high-calorie beverages, including alcohol and soda, to a minimum.

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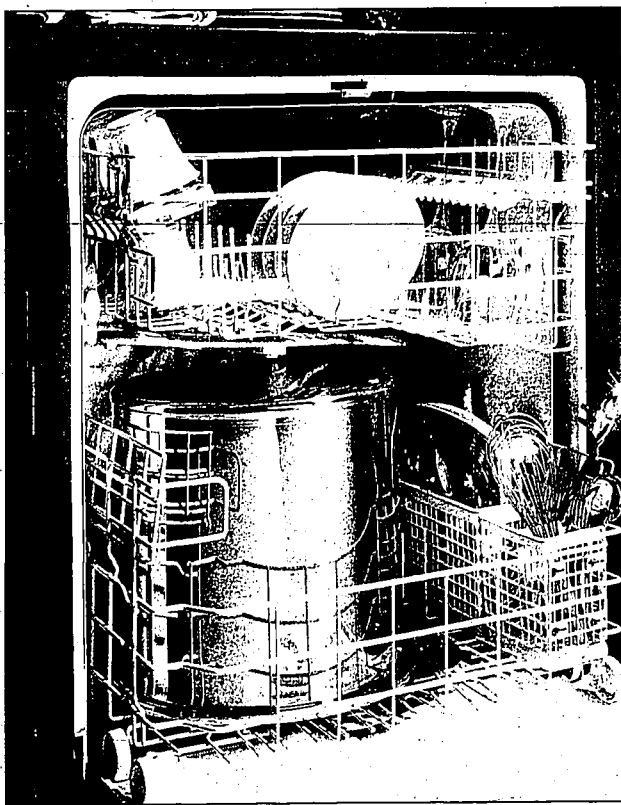


Photo courtesy of JAMES DULLEY

Now dishwashers are quieter, more efficient, stronger and smarter than previous models.

Woman wonders whether she should replace her 10-year-old dishwasher

DEAR JIM: Our dishwasher is about 10 years old and seems to get louder each year. I also have to pre-rinse the dishes first or they don't get clean. Are the new "intelligent" dishwashers quieter and more efficient?



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

—PAULA N.

DEAR PAULA: Many new dishwashers are not only intelligent, but they are much quieter. Some major appliance manufacturers told me their best models are more than 55 percent quieter than their best ones made 10 years ago. Some even need a status light so you can tell the dishwasher is running.

The cleaning process is also improved with some models having five spraying levels to reach every dish. A cleaning standard many new dishwashers are tested to requires 10 place settings covered with egg yolk, oatmeal, tomato sauce, etc. which is dried on for two hours to be cleaned without pre-rinsing.

"Intelligent" dishwashers are ones which sense how dirty the dishes are and automatically run the proper number of cycles at the proper temperature to clean them. The controls on intelligent dishwashers also allow you to override the automatic setting

and select any cycle you wish.

These dishwashers sense the turbidity (cloudiness) of the wash water to determine when the dishes are clean and no more cycles are needed. Some designs shine a beam of light through the water. A photo sensor determines when the water is clear enough indicating no more food is coming from dirty dishes.

Another method uses a very sensitive pressure switch in the circulation system. When the water is still dirty, tiny food particles build up on the filter screen which increase the pump pressure. An electronic brain starts a brief flush cycle and then cleans more until the pressure indicates no more particles.

The energy efficiency of dishwashers is primarily a function of the hot water usage and how long they run. The level of sound insulation, which will also keep the water warmer, will benefit the overall efficiency. Letting the

dishwasher automatically select the wash cycle is usually best.

The most energy efficient models use a two-pump design. This uses separate smaller wash and drain pumps which require a smaller water reservoir. One-pump designs reverse the pump rotation to switch from wash to drain. These are less expensive to make, but the larger pump requires a larger reservoir.

Another efficient option for small families are mini dishwashers (called dishwasher) that mount one above another in any cabinet under the countertop. Use just one for small loads or both together for medium loads.

Delay-start is a convenient feature to run the dishwasher while you sleep. A built-in hard food grinder improves cleaning. Antibacterial cycles are good for families with children.

Write for (instantly download - www.dulley.com) Update Bulletin No. 578 - buyer's guide of the 16 most efficient, quiet dishwasher manufacturers listing water usage, number of pumps, wash cycles, convenient features, prices, and efficiency tips. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE. Write to James Dulley, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

Procrastinators still have time to wrap challenging gifts and add decorations

By Lori Sears
The Baltimore Sun

LAST-MINUTE DECORATIONS

The guests haven't arrived yet. So how about a few last-minute decorating tips? "Ruby & Begonia's Christmas Style," by Sara Toliver and Jo Packham and available at Amazon.com, offers an array of suggestions:

- Make decorative Christmas

domes by placing beads, small photographs, flowers or ornaments under a bottle-green glass dome.

- For unique place cards, point those big, individual Christmas lights, then with a small brush, print the guest's name in white letters.

• In addition to holiday garland, hang other decorations from your chandelier, including cranberry garland, ornaments and candy canes.

HARD TO WRAP

Stumped by how to wrap that grill for your husband? Or those perishable homemade goodies for your neighbor? Well, this year there's the Scotch Brand Gift Wrapping Tips Hotline. Gift-wrapping experts will answer calls, offering tips on wrapping odd-shaped presents. The hotline is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. EDT Tuesday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Christmas Eve. Call (866) HOW-2-WRAP.

Glenhurst houses large or growing families

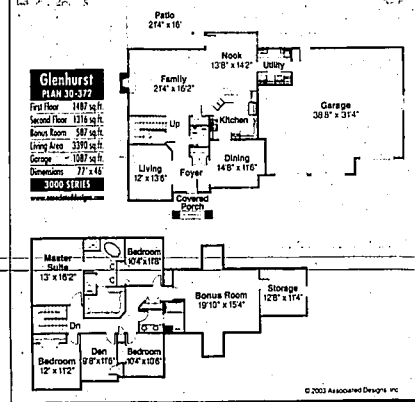
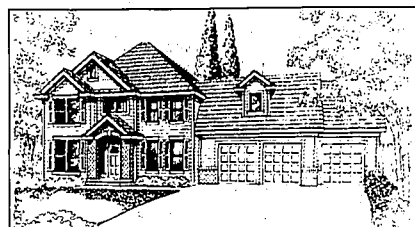
The Glenhurst is an excellent choice for a large or growing family. Four spacious gathering spaces fill the lower level, and all five upper rooms could be used as bedrooms. Not to mention the deep bonus room and storage space that extends over the three-car garage.

Shuttered windows and a key-stone arch give the home an open, welcoming look. Entering, you find yourself in a naturally bright foyer. Muted light washes, in through sidelights and a wide transom. An opening on the left leads into the living room. On the right, another accesses the dining room, which links with the kitchen.

A roomy, window-bright family room and nook serves as a magnet for everyday activities. Windows flank the gas fireplace, fill most of the family room's rear wall and wrap around two sides of the nook's rectangular bay. Only a raised eating bar separates this large gathering space from the kitchen. Standing at the sink, you've got a panoramic view. And the kitchen is rich in counter and cupboard space. Laundry appliances are conveniently close, in a pass-through utility room that connects with the garage.

Upstairs, the master suite boasts a luxurious soaking tub, dual vanity, shower, walk-in closet and private toilet. Three other bedrooms share a two-section bathroom, and a nearby laundry chute provides soiled items with quick transport to the utility room. Families that don't need a fifth bedroom could use the den as a study, homework room, library or exercise space and still have the bonus room to play with. Its side gables create cozy nooks for reading or sewing.

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New cookbook shares recipes and lessons learned in the family kitchen

By Cassandra Sprattling
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT - Patty Pinner remembers often being called into the kitchen where her mother, Ruth Pinner, would share cooking tips and recipes as if revealing cherished secrets. Ruth Pinner and her three sisters learned their lessons from their mother, Marie (My Mom) Thompson, while growing up in the 1930s. The result: "Sweets: A Collection of Soul Food Desserts and Memories," by Patty Pinner (Ten Speed Press).

Pinner dates the family's cooking affection to a Mississippi ancestor, a slave, whose skills were so famous that people traveled from afar to buy her cooking. "Sweets" was mentioned in the October issue of O: The Oprah Magazine, and featured in the New York Times' roundup of best books of the year.

It's not just the appealing photos and mouth-watering recipes that make this book a winner. The family photos and stories infuse the book with love and warmth: "My Mom made her Sunday-dinner sweets on Saturday night. First,

she would make what she called samples. If the samples were for her liking she would proceed with her baking. If the sample indicated that the pie or cake needed more sugar or spice she would start all over again. Either way, we kids got to eat the samples."

- PINNER'S RECIPE**
APPLESAUCE SHEET CAKE
Cake:
• 1 1/2 cups applesauce
• 2 cups sugar
• 1 cup vegetable oil
• 4 eggs
• 2 cups all-purpose flour
• 2 teaspoons baking soda
• 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
• 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
• 1/2 teaspoon salt
Frosting:
• 5 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
• 3 ounces cream cheese, softened
• 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
• 1 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar, sifted
• 3 teaspoons milk
• 1 cup walnuts, finely chopped
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 10-by-

15-inch baking pan; set aside. In a large mixing bowl, combine the applesauce, sugar and vegetable oil. Blend well. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.

In another large bowl, combine the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves and salt. Mix well. Gradually add the flour mixture to the applesauce mixture, mixing well.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in the middle of the cake comes out clean.

Let the cake cool 15 minutes or longer before frosting. To make the frosting, cream together the butter, cream cheese and vanilla extract in a large mixing bowl until smooth.

Gradually add the confectioners' sugar. Mix well. Stir in the milk gradually until the frosting reaches the desired spreading consistency. Frost the cake, then sprinkle with the chopped nuts.

Allow the frosted cake to cool completely before cutting into squares.

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Cheese and wine parties impress friends with little work

By Laura Werlin and Annie Rush
Knight Ridder News Service

Why not let a simple cheese party come to the rescue during this hectic season? All you really have to do is go to the store, which you're probably doing 50 times a week at this time of year anyway—invite a few friends, and maybe do a little dusting before they come. Following are a few ideas for throwing a "simple" cheese and wine party for eight.

ORIGINAL BLUE SPREAD

• Cheese: 1 pound Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Company "Original Blue" Cheese (\$15.99/pound)
• Wine: 2 bottles Chateau Ste. Michelle Johannisberg Riesling or Fetzer Riesling (\$7.99 each). These rieslings are dry yet fruity wines, which acts as a nice contrast to the salty blue cheese. If you can't find riesling, or choose not to look for a fruity white wine, including a dessert wine, such as Robert Mondavi's Moscato D'oro.
• Easy Nibbles: 8 ounces dried dates, pitted; 1 loaf walnut bread, cut into small easy-to-eat slices.
• Try this recipe. The goat cheese can be whipped in advance and refrigerated for up to

two days. Be sure to bring it to room temperature and give it a good stir before using it.

APRICOT COINS

4 ounces fresh goat cheese
2 teaspoons milk, more if needed
40 dried apricots, (about 6 ounces) preferably Turkish
2 teaspoons honey
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh thyme leaves (or 1.5 teaspoon dried thyme)
40 candied walnut halves (recipe follows)
In the bowl of a stand mixer, place the cheese and milk. (Or, use a medium-size bowl and a wooden spoon.) Using the paddle attachment, whip the cheese (or stir vigorously) for at least 5 minutes, or until it is very smooth and creamy. If the cheese is still crumbly, add more milk, 1/2 teaspoon at a time. To assemble, spread about 1/2 teaspoon of cheese on each apricot. (If using California apricots, put the goat cheese on the shiny side.) Drizzle a little honey over the cheese and top with a light sprinkling of thyme. Place a walnut half on top, arrange the apricots on a platter, and serve. Makes 40.

Candied Walnuts:
1/4 cup powdered sugar

1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/8 teaspoon salt
4 ounces walnut halves (about 1 heaping cup, don't use pieces)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a medium-size bowl, mix together the sugar, cayenne and salt. Bring a small saucepan of water to a boil. Add the walnuts and blanch them for 3 minutes. Drain well and immediately roll the walnuts in the sugar mixture until walnuts are thoroughly coated. The sugar will melt slightly. Transfer walnuts to a baking sheet or pan and bake, stirring occasionally, until they are a deep golden brown, about 12-15 minutes. Watch carefully because the sugar can burn easily. Let cool completely before serving. These versatile nuts go beautifully with fresh or aged goat cheese, blue cheese or Gruyere. If making them for the Apricot Coins, double the walnut recipe so you can offer them by the dozen.

VELLA JACK SPREAD

• Cheese: 1 pound Vella Dry Jack cheese (\$11.99/pound)
• Wine: 2 bottles Lambert Bridge Merlot (approximately \$19.99 per bottle). Or buy a Markham or Cuvaison merlot, or any merlot that is rich and full-

bodied.
• Easy Nibbles: 1/2 pound assorted olives; 1/2 pound toasted almonds; 1/2 pounds marinated roasted red peppers; 1 baguette, sliced and toasted with a little olive oil.

• "Exotic" and "spicy" best characterize this unusual pizza. I first had a version of this pizza at a lively restaurant in Oakland, Calif., called A Cote. Be sure to buy Spanish - not Mexican - chorizo. If you cannot find it, then substitute linguica or andouille.

SPICY SPANISH PIZZA

For the sauce:
2 tablespoons whole almonds, toasted
1 tablespoon coarsely chopped roasted red pepper (homemade or purchased)
2 small cloves garlic
1 medium Roma tomato (fresh or a good canned Roma, such as San Marzano), quartered
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
Freshly ground pepper
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
3 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
Cormical
Purchased pizza dough for one 14-inch pizza
2 ounces finely grated parme-

san cheese (or use extra-aged asiago or provolone)
1/4 pound Spanish chorizo sausage, sliced 1/8-inch thick

Preheat the oven to 500 degrees. In a bowl of a food processor, combine the almonds, red pepper, garlic, tomato, salt, cayenne and a dash of black pepper. Process until mixture is smooth. Add the vinegar and 2 teaspoons of the olive oil and process until well incorporated. Add more salt, if necessary. Set aside. You should have about 3/4 cup. (This mixture can be made up to two days in advance and refrigerated. Bring to room temperature and stir well before using.) To prepare the dough: Take the dough out of the refrigerator and let it rest at room temperature for 10 minutes. On a lightly floured board, roll out dough to about 14 inches in diameter. Place on pizza pan, peel, or baking sheet. Brush the edge of the dough with the remaining teaspoon of olive oil. Slather on the romesco to within 1 inch of the edge. Distribute the cheese, then the chorizo on top. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, or until the crust is a rich golden-brown with a few dark spots and the cheese is bubbly. Serve immediately. The pizza will

cook more quickly with a pizza stone. Allow an extra five minutes baking time if you're not using a stone. Serves 8 as an appetizer.

SERRA ESTRELA SPREAD

• Cheese: 1 wheel Serra da Estrela (\$27.99; available at upscale grocers) or 2 pounds of the castoreo find Garrotxa (\$16.99/pound), a Spanish goat cheese.
• Wine: 2 bottles 1998 Antoniolio Gattinara (\$24.99). Or any favorite full-bodied, earthy, spicy, Old-World wine will do.
• Easy Nibbles: 1 loaf walnut bread, sliced and toasted.
• FRUIT COMPOTE
1/2 cup bite-size prunes
1/2 cup dried apricots
1/2 cup dried cherries
1/2 cup dried apples
4 cups water
1/2 cup honey
1 lemon, thinly sliced
1 orange, thinly sliced
Preheat oven to 275 degrees. Combine dried fruits and water in a shallow baking dish and bake for 90 minutes, until most of the water is evaporated. Remove from the oven. Stir in honey, lemon and orange slices. Bake for an additional 30 minutes. Serve warm or cold. Makes about a quart.

Slow cookers make great pork and beans

Recipe can be used for a dip or for tacos

"I first tasted this dish at an office potluck, and now I serve it often when company comes," says Darlene Markel of Salem, Ore. "I set out an array of toppings and let everyone fix their own taco or taco salad."

PORK AND PINTO BEANS

1 pound dried pinto beans
1 boneless pork loin roast (3 to 4 pounds), halved
Canned (14 1/2 ounces) stewed tomatoes
5 medium carrots, chopped
4 celery ribs, chopped
1 1/2 cups water
2 cans (4 ounces each) chopped green chilies
2 tablespoons chili powder
4 garlic cloves, minced
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 teaspoon dried oregano
Dash pepper
2 packages (10 1/2 ounces each) corn tortilla chips or 30 flour tortillas (9 inches)
Chopped green onions, sliced ripe olives, chopped tomatoes, shredded cheddar cheese, sour cream and/or shredded lettuce

Place beans in a saucepan; add water to cover by 2 inches. Bring to a boil; boil for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat; cover and let stand for 1 hour.
Drain and rinse beans; discard liquid. Place roast in a 5-quart slow cooker. In a bowl, combine the beans, tomatoes, carrots, celery, water, chilies, chili powder, garlic, cumin, oregano and pepper.
Pour over roast.
Cover and cook on high for 3 hours.
Reduce heat to low; cook 5 hours longer or until beans are tender.
Remove meat; shred with two forks and return to slow cooker. With a slotted spoon, serve meat mixture over corn chips or in tortillas; serve with toppings of your choice.
Yield: 10 servings.



Plug in your slow cooker to prepare Pork and Pinto Beans, which makes a great filling for tacos.

Holidays require quick dinner ideas

By Linda Gassenheller
Knight Ridder News Service

The berry sauce is simple, tangy and perfect for dressing up pork medallions for this holiday period.

PORK MEDALLIONS WITH RED BERRY SAUCE

3/4 pound pork tenderloin
1 teaspoon olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
1/2 cup cranberry juice
1 tablespoon honey
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1/2 cup fresh cranberries
Remove fat from pork. Cut pork into 1-inch slices to form round medallions. Heat oil in nonstick skillet until smoking.

Brown pork medallions for 1 minute. Turn and brown second sides for 1 minute. Sprinkle salt and pepper on cooked sides. Remove from pan. Lower heat and add vinegar. Let simmer about 30 seconds, scraping up all of the brown bits in the pan while the liquid reduces. Add cranberry juice, honey and mustard. Thoroughly combine. Add cranberries and return pork to pan. Gently simmer for 2 minutes. Turn pork and simmer another 2 minutes. Remove pork to individual plates. Pour sauce into a blender or food processor and blend until smooth. This takes a few seconds. Spoon some of the sauce over the pork and serve the rest on the side. Serve with Mixed Herb Angel Hair Pasta. Makes 2 servings.

Mixed Herb Angel Hair Pasta:
6 ounces fresh angel hair pasta
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
4 teaspoons Dijon mustard
4 tablespoons fat-free, low-salt chicken broth
2 teaspoons olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 cup chopped fresh basil or parsley
1/2 cup snipped fresh chives
Fill a large pasta pot with water and bring water to a boil. Add pasta and stir. Boil 1 minute. (If using dried angel hair pasta, boil 2 minutes.) Drain. Whisk vinegar and mustard together. Whisk in chicken broth and oil. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add basil and chives and mix well. Add drained pasta and stir. Makes 2 servings.

Peel hot chestnuts quickly so the inner skins won't stick

By Jane Snow
Akron Beacon Journal

QUESTION: What's the best way to peel chestnuts? I must be doing something wrong, because I can never remove the inner skins.

ANSWER: I've tried all kinds of methods and discovered that cooking the nuts too long or peeling them after they've cooled will cause the inner skin to stick. So for a large quantity of nuts (more than three or four eaten out of

hand), the best method is to cook the nuts briefly and peel them quickly. With a serrated knife (the saw blade of a Swiss Army knife works great), saw a ring around the chestnut shell. Or just cut a slit in the flat side of the shell with the tip of a sharp knife. Roast on a cookie sheet at 375 degrees for six to eight minutes. Peel while hot, using oven mitts or a towel to protect your hands. Finish cooking the nuts by boiling them in water for about 45 minutes, until fork-tender.

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Marvelous morsels ring in the New Year

By Sue Selasky
Detroit Free Press

If you're the intended host or hostess this New Year's, the pressing question is, "What should I serve?" If you're on the invited list, you're wondering, "What should I bring?" These recipes mix the practical with the pretty.

This is a super easy appetizer that's a real crowd pleaser.

CREAM CHEESE WITH HOT PEPPER JELLY

Serves: 16
8 ounces cream cheese, slightly softened
3/4 cup hot pepper jelly (available at specialty stores and in the gourmet section of some groceries)
Cilantro sprigs for garnish
Assorted crackers, pita chips, crostini (toasted bread rounds) or mini toasts
Place the cream cheese on a round serving plate; spread it out slightly so that it is in a layer about 1/2-inch thick. Spread the hot pepper jelly over the top of the cream cheese. Garnish with cilantro sprigs. Or, whip softened cream cheese in a mixing bowl to make it spreadable or softened enough to pipe through a pastry bag. Decoratively pipe the cream cheese onto crackers, little toasts, etc. Top with about 1/4 teaspoon of the jelly and garnish with

cilantro.
- From the Detroit Free Press Test-Kitchen.

Roll-ups are easy and usually quick to make.

VEGETABLE ROLL-UPS

Makes: 24
4 ounces one-third less fat cream cheese
1/3 cup reduced-fat or regular sour cream
2 to 3 tablespoons favorite taco sauce such as Ortega's Smokey Jalapeno Ketchup
1/2 cup canned black beans, drained and rinsed
1/4 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro
1/4 cup chopped tomato
3 (8- to 10-inch) spinach, tomato or plain flour tortillas
In a small bowl, combine the cream cheese, sour cream and taco sauce. Beat until smooth. Stir in the beans, cilantro and tomato. Spread the cream cheese over each tortilla to within 1/2-inch of the edges. Roll up tightly and cut off the tapered ends. Wrap each tortilla roll in plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 1 hour and up to 8 hours before serving. To serve, cut each roll on a slight angle into 1-inch slices.

- Adapted from Pillsbury's Holiday Appetizers & Desserts, December 2003 issue

Little bites improve parties

By Jane Snow
Akron Beacon Journal

Here's the scary news: Caterers figure on about five hours d'oeuvres per person per hour for evening cocktail parties. Even if it's just 20 people for two hours, that's 200 pieces of food. But you can throw a great party with just a couple of show-stopping party bites. To celebrate the fifth anniversary of its popular "Beginnings" of the Junior League of Akron invited area cooks to share favorite appetizer recipes.

FETA CHEESE DIP

2 cups crumbled feta cheese
1/4 cup olive oil
1 teaspoon cumin
1 tablespoon Tabasco sauce
2 tablespoon minced fresh mint
Salt, pepper
1 cup chopped tomatoes
1/4 cup green olives
1 teaspoon garlic powder
Stir oil into cheese in a bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients. Cover and refrigerate. Just before serving, add more oil if necessary to produce a moist spread. Serve with toasted pita triangles. Makes about 4 cups.

WARM DOUBLE BEEF SPREAD

1 jar (2 1/2 ounces) dried beef, snipped into slivers
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
1 cup sour cream
1 can corned beef, crumbled
1/4 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 teaspoon onion salt
1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/4 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
Combine all ingredients except nuts, stirring well. Turn into a 3-cup baking dish; top with nuts. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes, until hot and bubbly. Serve warm with crackers.

COONDOG'S PINEAPPLE WINGS

2 1/2 to 3 pounds chicken wings
1/2 cup Frank's Hot Sauce
1/3 cup melted butter
1 teaspoon vinegar
Pinch of cayenne pepper
1 can (20 ounces) crushed pineapple, drained
1/2 cup browned butter
1/2 cup miniature marshmallows
Spread wings at 425 degrees for 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Or deep-fry at 400 degrees for 12 minutes. In a large saucepan, combine hot sauce, butter, vinegar, garlic and crushed pineapple and cayenne-scotch topping. Stir over medium-high heat until mixture bubbles. Add marshmallows; stir until melted. Cook several minutes until thick; then pour over wings in large bowl. Stir well. Serves 6 to 8.

MARINATED STUFFED OLIVES AND PEPPERS

1 1/2 cans (6 ounces each) jumbo black pitted olives
2 jars (about 16 ounces each) whole, small pickled peppers (cherry, small hot chili, sweet banana or pepperoncini)
1/3 pound asiago or fontinella cheese, cut into small cubes
1/3 pound salami, sliced very thin
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
Drain olives and peppers. Cut tops off peppers; remove seeds. Drain in a colander. Cut cheese into cubes small enough to fit into peppers and olives. Cut salami slices into pieces just large enough to wrap around the cubes of cheese. Stuff a salami-wrapped cheese cube into each olive and pepper. Place in a serving bowl. In another bowl, combine oil, vinegar and garlic. Pour over olives and peppers. Cover and refrigerate two to four days. Drain and serve at room temperature. Makes 15 to 20 servings.

Rice salad makes a perfect side dish

Taste of Home

"I like this chilled rice side dish, a specialty of my mom's, because it is out of the ordinary," says Mared Metzgar Beling of Eagle River, Alaska. The recipe appeared in Taste of Home magazine.

WILD RICE BARLEY SALAD

1 package (6 ounces) long grain and wild rice mix
1 cup cooked barley
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 cup sliced ripe olives
1/4 cup dried cranberries
DRESSING:
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar or red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons minced fresh basil
1 tablespoon chopped green onion
2 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/3 cup olive or vegetable oil
Cook rice according to package directions. In a large serving bowl, combine the rice, barley, green pepper, olives and cranberries. In a blender, combine the vinegar, basil, green onion, garlic and pepper. While processing, gradually add oil in a steady stream. Drizzle over salad and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate until chilled. Yield: 4-6 servings.



A vinaigrette accents the pleasant flavors in deliciously different Wild Rice Barley Salad.

Stop and enjoy a meal in the middle

By Arthur Hirsch
The Baltimore Sun

Careful. Diane Kochilas' cookbook, "Meze: Small Plates to Savor and Share From the Mediterranean Table" could be the most subversive stuff published since student radical Abbie Hoffman's "Steal This Book."

The Greek "meze" or the plural, "mezes," springs from the words "mezo," "meza," "meza," meaning middle - as in middle-of-the-day (the time-between-lunch-and-dinner) - and that can only spell trouble. Imagine stopping in the middle of the day to do nothing. Nothing, that is, but having a glass of wine or ouzo and conversing. Conversing, that is, with a person who is physically present, not at the other end of a cell phone who might also be on hold with two other people and conducting a "simultaneous" conference call with investors in Singapore. Think sitting in the utter absence of a hand-held electronic schedule organizer sipping, chatting and nibbling from a succession of little plates: Smoked Trout Whipped With Potatoes and Olive Oil, or Batter-Fried Zucchini

Flowers Stuffed With Cheese. Maybe some Beef Braised With Onions, Honey and Bay Leaf or Pan-Fried Wrinkled Black Olives With Onion, Oregano and Garlic. "Think tapas" because meze is not a "liger" - meze, not an appetizer, hors d'oeuvre or antipasto. Right in the middle of the day. When there's work to do. When the gross domestic product needs minding. When American productivity hangs in the balance. This is just asking for trouble.

ROASTED EGGPLANT DIP WITH WALNUTS, SCALLIONS SEEDS AND CORIANDERS

1 pound eggplant
2 1/2 cup shelled walnuts
2 teaspoons coriander seeds
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
3 scallions, roots and tough upper greens removed, sliced into thin rings
2 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil, preferably Greek
Salt to taste
1/2 to 1 teaspoon sugar, to taste (optional)
Roast the eggplant over a low flame on top of the stove or under a broiler, about 6 inches from the heat source. Turn to roast on all sides. The eggplant is done when

the skin is charred all around and the eggplant is tender to the touch. Remove to a cutting board. While the eggplant is roasting, pulverize the walnuts and coriander seeds together in a food processor to a coarse, mealy consistency. Remove the eggplant skin with a sharp paring knife, scraping the inside of the skin to get as much pulp as possible. Remove as much of the seeds mass as possible. Place in the bowl of the food processor and pour the lemon juice over it. Consider the option of saving the scallions in a little olive oil first for a milder flavor. Reserve 2 tablespoons of the scallions for garnish and add the rest to the food processor bowl. Pulse on and off once or twice to combine. Add the oil in 1/3-cup increments, and pulse to combine well. Taste the eggplant, as you go. Season with salt. If the eggplant is bitter, add a little sugar. Remove to a serving dish. Garnish with the remaining scallions and serve, preferably with pita bread. Makes 6 servings.
NOTE: The dip may be made several hours ahead and kept covered in the refrigerator. Garnish just before serving.

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By Liz Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

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COMMUNITY

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HELPING HANDS



Photo courtesy of Jerome School District

Eighteen members of the Key Club at Jerome High School volunteered their time on Thanksgiving morning to help the Jerome Kiwanis Club package and distribute meals to shut-ins around the Jerome area. St. Paul's Lutheran Church allowed the club members to use its facilities.

Craig is a creative, outspoken child who is described as full of life. He may compete with his siblings for attention, but he is able to entertain himself, especially outdoors. With a little attention to safety rules, Craig is able to enjoy greater independence and responsibility.

Surrounded by girls, Craig would thrive with a little male attention. He especially responds to those who appreciate his sense of humor and who make him laugh. He is a sweet boy with a ready smile for folks who appreciate his best efforts. Compliment him on his manners and he will open every door for you.

Craig needs extra attention with learning his alphabet and printing. Creative parents will make reading and writing fun through use of computers, games, colorful books and short-term rewards. Craig is eager to please. That is the strength that will carry him through present learning difficulties.

Family needs: Craig and his sisters, Ashley, Stephani and Angel, would like to have some form of contact with four other siblings. Please ask about legal risk, adoption subsidy and purchase of services.

Wednesday's Child



Craig Age 7

Ashley, Stephani, Craig and Angel are available for adoption through the State of Oregon. For contact information, call the Idaho Care Line, 1-800-926-2588 or 2-1-1 inside Idaho.

Service News

Bloss returns from deployment on cruiser
Navy Seaman Jacob L. Bloss, son of Pam L. and Kip L. Bloss of Bloss, has returned from an eight-month deployment while assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Princeton, homeported in San Diego, Calif.

Bloss' ship escorted the USS Nimitz while performing duties as Arabian Gulf Air Defense Commander and Tactical Data Coordinator. The Princeton also spent several weeks at the Northern Arabian Gulf Maritime Intercept Commander, directing a coalition of naval forces providing security throughout Iraqi territorial waters.

Bloss is a 1998 graduate of Buhl High School of Buhl and joined the Navy in August 2001.

Conner completes Naval basic training in Illinois
Navy Seaman Recruit Jeremy Conner, son of Joann Conner of Filer, and Jeffrey R. Conner of Hollister, has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Conner completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis also was placed on physical fitness.

Conner is the grandson of Ann Kunkel, also of Hollister. He is a 2001 graduate of Filer High School.

Students receive degrees from BSU's T-F program

TWIN FALLS - Eleven students will earn their bachelor degrees this weekend from Boise State University's Twin Falls program. Students in the Twin Falls area can earn bachelor's degrees in general business management, accounting and criminal justice administration. The courses are offered in the evenings at the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Students earning a bachelor's of science in criminal justice administration are Tara Backlund, Travis Klundt, LeRoy Ramos, Jose Orozco, Bob Cothran and Dale Kunkel. Students earning a bachelor's of business administration in general business management are Denise Mueller, Kim Depew, Sheila Grimes, Matthew Niw and Dustin Johnson.

For more information on the degree programs, call Shari Stroud at 732-6284 or sstroud@csi.edu.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Dec. 19 were: first, Carol Bennett and Susan Faulkner; second, Jodi Faulkner and Louise Smith; third, Carol France and Mary Steele; fourth, Cecil and Carma Davidson; fifth, Stan Samutney and Wally Hobbs.

The director received two dozen roses from the members.

The club will not meet again until Jan. 8.

For more information or a partner, call 934-8371.

Flying association celebrates 100 years of flight

GOODING - The Gooding Airport Flyers Association met Dec. 17 at the Gooding Airport for a potluck to celebrate 100 years of powered flight.

Turkey and beef were served, and 62 members were present. A movie about the Wright brothers also was shown.

The family fun day awards were presented to: first, Craig Swenson; second, Allen Hansten; and third, Ric Breshers.

Best aim in "four" bomb: first, Gene Egeler; second, Ric Breshers; and third, Rod Thomas.

Power off landing: first, Allen Hansten; second, Kit John. Regular spot landing: first, Bill Palacio; second, Craig Swenson; and third, Rod Thomas.

Overall points winners: first, Allen Hansten; second, Bill Palacio; and third, Craig Swenson. For more information, call Lois at 934-4730.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wood River Bridge announce winners
HAILEY - The recent Wood River Bridge winners were announced.

The Christmas party was held Monday with 95 people attending. The club champions are Marilyn Walker and John Chapman. The champions for flight C were Claire and Lynn Bailey; tied for second in flight A, Larry Kelcey and Beverly McLean with Phil Fast and Sam Smutney; third in flight A and B, Anne and Fred McLean; fourth in flight C, Bunce Jeffrey and Louise Noyes; fourth, Sandra Flattery and Barbara Corwin; sixth, Ed and Shirley Usenik; and tied for fifth in flight B, Bill Cassell and David Meyers with Sue Binz and Gayle Medley.

Winners for Wednesday for north/south were: first, Dee Swartz and Ken Anderson; second, Kristen Lamplin and Anne Zaryer; and third, Sandra Flattery and James Siegel; second in flight C, Linda Edwards and Barbara Corwin; and third in flight C, Jerry Inskip and Bill Carson. Winners for east/west were: first, Holly Lawson and Gillian Mursell; second, Deanne and Jerry Drake; and third, Sue Binz and Gayle Medley.

Calvary Episcopal Church offers Christmas services
JEROME - The Calvary Episcopal Church, 201 S. Adams St., Jerome, will present a live nativity scene at 4 p.m. today.

Hansel's "Messiah" will be presented by Kathi Lott and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 5 p.m. today.

The Christmas Eve Eucharist will follow at 5:30 p.m. with the Rev. Thomas Kennedy.

Marine Corps League - 7:30 p.m. Monday at Twin Falls DVA Hall, 459 Shoop Ave., call Skip Howard, adjutant, at 734-8299.

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 125 E. Main St. in Burley.

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.

Masonic activities
Star of the North 15th Order of Eastern Star - 8 p.m. first Thursday in Wendell Masonic Temple, 225 E. Main St.

Gooding Eastern Star Lodge - 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Masonic Temple, Sixth Avenue and Callifornia Street.

Jerome Chapter 54 Order of the Eastern Star - 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday at Jerome Masonic Temple, 225 First Ave. East, call 324-4528.

Edaboh chapter 77 Order of the Eastern Star - first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, 434-4738.

Rupert 39 Order of the Eastern Star - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at the Masonic Temple, 434-4738.

Twin Falls Chapter 29 Order of the Eastern Star - meets the second and fourth Wednesdays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., 434-6226.

Twin Falls Lodge 45 - 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday, at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., 434-6937.

Rupert Lodge 55 - 8 p.m. first Wednesday at Rupert Masonic Temple, 434-4738.

Rupert-Rupert Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. dinner fourth Wednesday at Rupert Elks, call Alan Grandell, 677-2215.

Royal Arch Masons 22 - 8 p.m. second Tuesday, Rupert Masonic Temple, call Alan Grandell, 677-2215.

Paul Lodge 77 - 8 p.m. first Thursday across from Post Office, 438-5150.

Edaboh Chapter Order of DeMolay 7 - p.m. first and third Thursdays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. DeMolay Swarthens, parents, Mimi and Steve Swarthens, call 434-6226.

Twin Falls Shrine Club - 6:30 p.m. second Monday at Curly Cafe, 2131 S. Highway 30, Filer. Call Bob at 734-8335. All Shrines 450 their Ladies are welcome.

Rebekah Lodges
Idaho Rebekah Lodge 96 - 8 p.m. first and third Mondays at 120 W. Ave. in Wendell.

Ruth Rebekah Lodge 107 - meets the second and fourth Thursdays at the corner of 14th Street and Oakley Avenue in Burley, second and fourth Thursdays, 235 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Other organizations
Odd Fellows - 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Odd Fellows Hall, 13th and Oakley; Burley: 678-1431.

Burley Drive - meets first and third Mondays at Burley Elks Lodge, call Virginia at 678-9057.

Community: Tell us about it!

If it's news to you, we want to know! Please send your news and photos to: Pat Marcantonio, Room 274A, 734-8233. Email: patm@twinfalls.com

CLUB CALENDAR

To retain or add a listing for your club or organization, please send in a notice with: Name of the organization or club; Time, city and week (s) of the meeting; Place of meeting; and Contact person; Telephone number of a group contact person.

Jerome Public Library 324-7202 or 324-5722. Chapter 19 D - 7:30 Mondays at St. Bernard's Parish Hall, 260 Seventh Ave. E., call 734-6487.

Other
Chapter 236 - 2:15 p.m. Thursdays in the Heyburn Elementary School lunch room, 1431 17th St., call 678-2622 or 436-3018.

Overeaters Anonymous
Gooding - 7 p.m. Monday, Walker Center, 1120 Montana.

Ketchum - non-Monday, Monday at the Sun Club on Nevada Avenue, call Melissa at 622-3784 or Jennifer at 726-4823.

Twin Falls - 1 p.m. Monday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 8 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church, 410 Shoshone St. E., call Dorothy at 543-5790 or J.C. at 734-0767.

Southern Idaho Weight Loss Support Group - 7:30 p.m. Mondays in the Sun Club on Nevada Avenue, call Melissa at 622-3784 or Jennifer at 726-4823.

Al-Anon/Alateen family groups To help and understand friends of alcoholics. For help and information, call 1-866-252-3158.

Debtors Anonymous
Call 732-0767.

Narcotics Anonymous
For information, call 1-866-738-6224 toll free.

American Legion
Burley - Post 17 - 7 p.m. fourth Tuesday at 1500 Oakley Ave., call Life Monitor at 678-3447.

Gooding - Tuesday night Fellowship group, 8 p.m. Mondays; Gooding Elks, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, 571 E. 2nd St.

Kimberly - 7 p.m. Thursdays at 310 Main St. Post 11 - 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays; 6 p.m. Mondays; 8 p.m. Tuesdays; 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 6:30 p.m. Thursdays; 6:30 p.m. Fridays; 6:30 p.m. Saturdays; 6:30 p.m. Sundays.

Idaho Elks - 10 a.m. second Thursday in KNVTV Community Center, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., call Renner at 734-1211.

Civic

Rotary Clubs

Blue Lakes - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at WestCoast in Burley, call 736-8770.

Burley - non Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center, call Donohue at 678-7823.

Buhl - 12:15 p.m. Thursdays at the Grandstand, 714-6225.

Gooding - 12:15 p.m. Fridays at the Lincoln Lodge, 434-2421.

Hailey - non Thursdays at the Senior Center of Blaine County, 786-6097 or 788-2124.

Jerome - non Tuesdays at China Village, 123 N. Main, 324-7900 or 324-5111.

Northwest Valley - non on Tuesdays at Boco's Pizzeria and Pasta Restaurant, Blvd Stone at 726-1901.

Rupert - non Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge, Call Jack Bell at 436-5611.

Shoshone - non Wednesdays at the Senior Center Center, 886-2221 or 886-2883.

Twin Falls - non Wednesdays at the Turf Club on Main, 734-0291 or 734-6549.

Lions Clubs
Burley - non Fridays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave., call 878-7235.

Burley - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at arm Bureau conference room, 444 E. 5th N. Alvaro Road, Jean Ellenberger, 678-0903.

Gooding - 9 a.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the Lincoln Inn, 934-4141.

Hailey - non first and third Mondays at Welch Elks Lodge.

Other

Alpha Kappa Chapter

7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, first and third Thursdays in Jerome. Call Rachel Evans at 324-3756.

Xi Omega Chapter - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, Sept. 8, in Burley, 673-6294 or 436-6113.

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Support Groups

Moms In Trouble International - Christian moms meet weekly to pray for children and their schools. To join or start group, call 423-4428.

EMERGENCY - Parents on Rights for Custody Evaluations - first Friday at War Memorial Hall in Gooding. Call Steve at 934-9071.

Magic Valley Down Syndrome Family Connection support groups - call Tina at 734-1979.

Gambler's Anonymous - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Fellowship Hall in Twin Falls, call 732-8110.

Magic Valley Parents of Multiples Club (parents of twins or triplets) - first Thursday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. in Burley, call Judith at 280-2517.

Call Sheryllyn at 212-8454 or 734-7339 for location.

YMCA Club of Magic Valley - 10 a.m. first Friday at First Presbyterian Church, 202 E. 5th N. in Twin Falls, call Krista Collins at 733-4318.

Hazen Valley Center support - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at New Beginnings Church, 202 E. 5th N., Filer.

Phlebotomy or chronic pain - 7 p.m. first Tuesday in Fireplace Room at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Hagerman, call Shirley Keaus at 438-2199 or Mary Peterson at 436-6180.

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Twin Falls - non Wednesdays at the Turf Club on Main, 734-0291 or 734-6549.

Lions Clubs

Burley - non Fridays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave., call 878-7235.

Burley - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at arm Bureau conference room, 444 E. 5th N. Alvaro Road, Jean Ellenberger, 678-0903.

Gooding - 9 a.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the Lincoln Inn, 934-4141.

Hailey - non first and third Mondays at Welch Elks Lodge.

Club Calendar

To retain or add a listing for your club or organization, please send in a notice with: Name of the organization or club; Time, city and week (s) of the meeting; Place of meeting; and Contact person; Telephone number of a group contact person.

Make smaller meals for just one or two people

Family Features

Nearly 60 percent of America's households today consist of just one or two people. Some of the nation's top culinary experts have written cookbooks filled with delicious recipes serving one or two.

From Bruce Weinstein and Mark Scarbrough authors of "Cooking for Two," the classic flavors of quiche Lorraine are captured in a favorite comfort food.

STUFFED BAKED POTATOES LORRAINE

- 2 medium Russet potatoes (about 1/2 pound each)
- 3 slices thick-cut bacon, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 small leek, white part only, rinsed and thinly sliced (about 1/3 cup)
- 1 large egg yolk, room temperature
- 1/3 cup milk
- 6 tablespoons shredded Gruyere or Swiss cheese, divided (about 1 1/2 ounces)
- Pinch nutmeg
- Salt and pepper
- 2 pinches paprika

Position rack to center of oven; preheat to 400 F. Place potatoes directly on oven rack and bake until skins are crunchy, and insides are soft when gently squeezed, about 50 minutes. Remove from oven and cool about 30 minutes. Lower oven temperature to 300 F. Saute bacon over medium heat until browned and crisp, about 4 minutes. Use slotted spoon to transfer bacon to small bowl. Discard all but 1 tablespoon fat in skillet. Add leeks and reduce heat to low. Sauté, stirring often, until soft and golden, about 5 minutes. Transfer contents of skillet to bowl with bacon. Cut the top third off each potato and scoop out insides, leaving 1/4-inch shell all around to keep skin from collapsing when restuffed. Scrape potato flesh from inside tops as well. Press flesh through potato ricer into large bowl, or mash with hand masher in large bowl until smooth. Mix bacon-and-leek mixture with egg yolk, milk, 4 tablespoons cheese, and nutmeg. Season with salt and pepper and add mixture to potatoes. Mix well. Divide mixture between the empty potato shells and place in small shallow baking dish. Top each with 1 tablespoon remaining cheese and sprinkle each with pinch of paprika. Bake 20 minutes or until cheese melts and turns golden. Let stand 5 minutes at room temperature before serving. Serves two.



Top: Stuffed Baked Potatoes and Lorraine are a meal in themselves.

Above: Shirimp, Potato and Green Bean Salad With Pesto Vinaigrette is a bit different, and very tasty.

Joyce Goldstein, author of "Solo Suppers," says, when cooking potatoes for this salad, toss in a few extra to use for another dinner later in the week. This recipe can easily be doubled to serve two.

SHRIMP, POTATO AND GREEN BEAN SALAD WITH PESTO VINAIGRETTE
 4 small red potatoes
 Salt
 2 ounces green beans, trimmed and cut in 2-inch lengths

6 large shrimp (or 8 medium), shelled and deveined
 3 tablespoons basil pesto
 2 teaspoons red wine vinegar
 Freshly ground black pepper
 In sautepan, cover potatoes with cold water. Bring to boil,

reduce heat, add salt, and simmer until cooked through but firm. Drain and cool to room temperature. Bring small pot of salted water to boil. Drop in green beans and cook 2 to 4 minutes or until tender-crisp. Remove with slotted spoon and refresh in ice water. Drain again and pat dry. Keep water at boil and drop in shrimp. Cook 3 minutes or until shrimp turn pink. Drain and refrigerate. For dressing, thin pesto with vinegar. Season with salt and pepper. To serve, cut potatoes into 1/4-inch slices and toss with green beans and most of the dressing. Place on salad plate. Top with shrimp and drizzle with additional dressing, if desired. Serves one.

Chinese stir-fried dishes can be labor intensive, but pre-shredded, packaged potatoes will save the day. Look for the plain, unseasoned variety in your grocer's refrigerated section.

POTATO PORK STIR-FRY
 1 1/2 tablespoons peanut oil
 2 medium scallions, sliced
 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh ginger, peeled and chopped
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes or to taste
 1/4 pound ground pork
 1 small red bell pepper (about 5 ounces), cored, seeded and diced
 1 1/2 cups broccoli florets (about 3 ounces)
 2 cups packaged refrigerated or frozen and thawed shredded potatoes (about 3/4 pound)
 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
 2 tablespoons soy sauce
 Heat wok or large skillet over high heat. Swirl in oil; add scallions, ginger, garlic, and crushed red pepper flakes, then stir fry 15 seconds. Add pork and cook, tossing and stirring, until cooked through and lightly browned, about 2 minutes.

Toss in bell pepper and broccoli; stir 2 minutes. Sprinkle potatoes over vegetables and pork; cook without stirring 30 seconds. Gently but thoroughly toss, then continue cooking 1 to 2 minutes, stirring constantly.
 Four in rice vinegar and soy sauce, cook, stirring, for 20 seconds, until sauce bubbles. Serve immediately. Serves two.

—From "Cooking for Two," by Bruce Weinstein and Mark Scarbrough

Low-carb diets make deviled eggs trendy

By Amy Culbertson
 Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FOR WORTH, TEXAS — A deviled egg is a home in itself. Place a platter of homemade deviled eggs on the table at a party and watch them disappear. With retro-50s cocktail parties and canapes the hottest thing in trendy entertaining and the low-carb Atkins and South Beach diets wiping out eggs' nutritional stigma among dieters, deviled eggs' time has come.

CLASSIC DEVILED EGGS
 Yields 12 halves
 6 eggs, hard-cooked, yolks removed and mashed
 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
 2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard
 1/2 teaspoon mild vinegar
 2 tablespoons sweet-pickle relish
 Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste.

Combine yolks with other ingredients and fill whites. Garnish with a sprinkling of paprika or a dab of relish.

SMOKED SALMON DEVILED EGGS
 Yields 12 halves
 6 eggs, hard-cooked, yolks removed and mashed
 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
 2 tablespoons sour cream
 2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard
 1 teaspoon lemon zest
 1 teaspoon lemon juice
 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh dill
 3 tablespoons finely minced smoked salmon, packed

Combine yolks with other ingredients and fill whites. Garnish with a sliver of smoked salmon and a tiny sprig of dill.

HERBED DEVILED EGGS
 Yields 12 halves
 6 eggs, hard-cooked, yolks removed and mashed
 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
 1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
 1 teaspoon lemon juice
 3 tablespoons, finely chopped fresh herbs

Combine yolks with other ingredients and fill whites. Garnish with a leaf of one of the herbs.
NOTE: Tarragon, chives and parsley are the herbs of choice here; a combination of the three works well, but you may use just one or two if you prefer.

DEVILED EGGS WITH SHRIMP
 Yields 12 halves
 6 eggs, hard-cooked, yolks removed and mashed
 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
 1 tablespoon sour cream
 2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard
 2 teaspoons lemon juice
 1 teaspoon lemon zest
 2 teaspoons capers, finely chopped
 2 teaspoons fresh dill
 6 medium cooked, shelled, deveined shrimp, chopped fine

Combine yolks with other ingredients and fill whites. Garnish with a sprig of dill and/or the tails from the shrimp.

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'50s-style appetizers morph into truly gourmet bites

By Lauren Chaplin
 Kansas City Star

And you thought canapes went the way of embroidered aprons and pearls. We're here to say canapes are cool.

Canapes are defined as pieces of fried French bread slathered with a rich pate. As early as October 1938, hostesses were encouraged to serve their canapes in new dust pans or in galvanized iron chicken feeders, each little feeding hole plugged by an olive or speared with celery sticks, according to Sylvia Lovegren's "Fashionable Food."

The 1940s cocktail craze was still going strong and ambitious hostesses threw cocktail parties replete with all manner of nibbles: crackers covered with toppings, stuffed mushrooms, Swedish meatballs and clam dip. By the '50s, women were no longer housewives but homemakers intent on creating domestic bliss in their all-electric kitchens, with shiny appliances like electric skillets, toasters, in-house grills and dishwashers.

The code word was "gourmet," by way of canned goods, potted meats and Velveta. Kebabs could be made with Spam, and

cream of chicken soup could fill in for bechamel sauce.

This time around, the key is great ingredients, like good rice and real butter — not that new-fangled margarine of the '50s.

Yesterday's televisions and high-fidelity record players have given way to big-screen plasma TVs and CD players with remote controls. And, mostly, the cigarettes and ashtrays stay out-of-doors. But if your name is June and your son's name is Beaver, by all means dig out those pearls.

CANAPE RECIPES
CRAB CAKES
 Makes 18 crab cakes
 3/4 cup mayonnaise (we recommend Hellmann's)
 1/4 cup real sour cream
 2 tablespoons whole-grain mustard
 1 egg
 2 pounds lump crabmeat
 Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly oil a baking sheet.
 Whisk mayonnaise, sour cream, mustard and egg until well-combined. Gently fold in crabmeat.
 Form small cakes about 1-inch thick and a half-dollar in diameter.
 Bake 15 minutes, then place

under broiler 2 to 3 minutes, or until lightly browned on top.
 Let cool 5 to 10 minutes.

GOURMET PARTY MIX
 Makes 8-12 cups
 1/2 cup unspiced popcorn
 2 tablespoons peanut oil
 2 tablespoons truffle oil, available at gourmet stores
 1/2 cup skinned hazelnuts, lightly toasted
 1/2 cup dried cherries
 1 cup small pretzels, any shape you like
 Salt and pepper to taste
 1/2 cup grated truffle cheese, available at Better Cheddar or Dean & DeLuca
 Pop popcorn in the peanut oil. Halfway through the popping, drizzle on the truffle oil. Toss popcorn and remaining ingredients, except truffle cheese, together in a large bowl.
 Season to taste with salt and pepper. When popcorn is cool, toss with the grated truffle cheese and serve.

CELERY STICKS WITH WHIPPED BUTTER
 Makes 16-20 sticks
 4 to 6 ounces brick, at room temperature
 2 ounces unsalted butter, softened at room temperature
 16 to 20 celery sticks, taken from heart of bunch of celery, cut into 4- to 6-inch lengths (see note)

2 to 3 tablespoons finely chopped Italian parsley
 Remove rind from cheese and whip with the butter in a medium-size bowl until light and creamy.
 Spoon mixture into a zipper-top bag with a hole cut in the tip; pipe cheese mixture into celery sticks.
 Dip one end into chopped parsley. Serve.

NOTE: To prevent sticks from wiggling while piping cheese mixture into them, you can shave a flat surface on underside with paring knife

'Yes!'
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Delightful for a brunch, Creamed Chicken in Patty Shells is both attractive and tasty.

Creamed chicken helps celebrate special occasions

Taste of Home

Mered Metzgar Beling, from Eagle River, Alaska, shared this recipe in *Taste of Home* magazine. She remembers, "When Mom would ask what I wanted for my birthday dinner, I'd choose this wonderful main dish."

- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup small fresh broccoli florets
- 5 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1 jar (2 ounces) diced pimientos, drained
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- In a large kettle, bring the chicken, water, 1 teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon pepper to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 1 1/2 to 2 hours or until chicken is tender. Remove chicken from broth; cool. Remove meat from bones; cut into

cubes and set aside. Discard skin and bones. Strain broth and skim fat; set aside 1 cup broth (refrigerate remaining broth for another use). Bake pastry shells according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, saute the mushrooms, green pepper and broccoli in butter until tender; sprinkle with flour. Gradually stir in milk and reserved broth until blended. Bring to a boil and cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Add the pimientos, paprika, reserved chicken and remaining salt and pepper. Cook and stir until heated through. Spoon into pastry shells. Yield: 6 servings.

- CREAMED CHICKEN IN PATTY SHELLS**
- 1 broiler/fryer chicken (3 to 4 pounds), cut up
 - 2 quarts water
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, divided
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons pepper, divided
 - 2 packages (10 ounces each) frozen puff pastry shells

Yucca stew encourages healthy eating

By Steve Patusevsky
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

For my Yucca Stew With Black Beans, Cilantro and Lime, you can use dried beans that you cook and fresh yucca that you pare. But, short on time, I prefer frozen yucca chunks and canned black beans. If you want to reheat this stew the next day, you may need to add another cup or so of water or vegetable broth to thin it. I make this dish thick like a stew. If you want a thinner consistency, just add more liquid. If you're not a chill fan, leave out the jalapeno.

YUCCA STEW WITH BLACK BEANS, CILANTRO AND LIME
1 (12-ounce) package frozen

- yucca
- Salt, to taste
 - Water
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1 small red onion, chopped
 - 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
 - 1 large tomato, chopped
 - 1 cup tomato juice
 - 1 (15-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
 - 2 tablespoons lime juice
 - 1/4 cup minced cilantro
 - 1/4 cup shelled pumpkin seeds
 - 1 small avocado, peeled, pitted and diced
 - Place yucca in a 2-quart saucepan with salted water to cover. Bring to a boil, reduce heat

and simmer 12 to 15 minutes until tender. Drain and let cool. Cut into bite-sized pieces and set aside. Heat oil in a large nonreactive skillet or saute pan over medium heat. Add garlic, onions, jalapenos and saute 5 minutes until tender. Add tomatoes, tomato juice, beans and yucca. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. Add lime juice, cilantro and salt. Serve in large bowls garnished with pumpkin seeds and diced avocado. Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 448 calories, 41 percent calories from fat, 20 grams total fat, no cholesterol, 3 grams saturated fat, 13 grams protein, 56 grams carbohydrates, 10 grams total fiber, 239 milligrams sodium

Recipe finder locates blender recipe for jellyrolls

By Ellen Hawks
The Baltimore Sun

Carolyn C. Hawke of Farmville, N.C., requested a recipe for a jellyroll that she once made for her six children: "It was in the '60s, and I found the recipe in a small booklet which came with my blender." Neil Blumenthal of Pennington, N.J., responded: "I have a 45-year-old Waring blender cookbook left to me from my parents... the recipe is enclosed."

and confectioners' sugar, in a blender. Cover and blend until smooth, about 10 seconds, stopping to stir down from the sides with a spatula if necessary. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake 10 to 12 minutes until lightly browned and set in the middle. Immediately turn cake out onto a dish towel generously sprinkled with confectioners' sugar. Remove waxed paper. Roll in towel. Cool. Unroll cake, spread one side with jelly and roll back up.

Sprinkle confectioners' sugar over the top of the light, festive cake. Then cut into slices on a diagonal. Serve with whipped cream and berries on the side, if desired. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

NOTE: Rolling and unrolling the dish towel is a delicate procedure, as the cake could tear along the edges if it's overcooked at all. Also, peel back the waxed paper very carefully to avoid tears. You can fill the airy spongecake with chocolate whipped cream or even softened ice cream instead of jelly.

- JELLYROLL IN A BLENDER**
- 4 eggs
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 3 tablespoons oil
 - 1 cup pancake mix
 - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 - 1 cup jelly (raspberry or other flavor, to taste), at room temperature
 - Confectioners' sugar
 - First, line a 15-inch-by-11-inch jellyroll pan with waxed paper and sprinkle with flour and set aside.
 - Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place all ingredients, except jelly

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Plan an intimate 'good luck' dinner party for New Year's Eve

By William Rice
Chicago Tribune

For some years now, my wife and I have avoided the hurly-burly of public celebrations on New Year's Eve. Instead, we dress up and - in the company of one to three other couples - cook and eat our way to and through the magic timeline into the future.

Our guests insist on participating and a game plan has evolved that involved everyone. I call it "good luck" instead of "potluck" and recommend it to people who enjoy making food and wine the centerpiece of a celebration.

Here's how it works: This is a celebration, so extend the menu to four courses or more. Keeping the guests' talents and interests in mind, negotiate a sequence of dishes.

Begin with appetizers, purchased or prepared by a guest and served at room temperature. (A refinement on the plan allows for the possibility of having appe-

ters at one couple's home and moving elsewhere for the remainder of the meal.) Three is a good number. Preparations utilizing cold poached mussels, vegetable spreads and cured ham are appropriate. But with a full-scale meal ahead, avoid rich cheese or pastry items as well as any nibbles that require last-minute cooking. Champagne or another sparkling wine will provide a bubbly beginning.

Once seated, serve soup or pasta that has been prepared or finished by one person while the others talk and sip in the kitchen or elsewhere. The standard 3/4 liter wine bottle yields six pours of approximately four ounces. If multiple courses are planned for eight guests, reduce the pour to three ounces. Allow three ounces, or even two, for sweet wines to be served with appetizers or desserts. Serving water as well as wine (in separate glasses) is appropriate.

Allow for a break in eating while someone (the same or

another cook, such as the host, hostess or a guest) finishes the main course. When - we served duck, we served a California merlot or an Australian shiraz.

After another break, present a cheese course. Serve only one or two. This raises the possibility of pouring a showcase wine and of slowing things down if the meal has gone too fast.

If you are uncertain about what cheeses to choose, consult with a salesperson. Many wine shops have developed first-rate cheese selections and deli counters that offer bites, smoked fish and other "gourmet" appetizers.

Dessert can be served before or after the New Year's moment. Offer a demi-sue (slightly sweet) sparkler and be sure glasses are topped off for the toast to welcome the New Year. Hot coffee should be near at hand.

Non-cooks can participate by providing flowers and table decorations. Hiring help is desirable when the party includes more than four persons.

Use Krispy Kreme doughnuts to make pudding

By Allison Askins
Knight Ridder News Service

Breakfast can be a treasured time to visit during the holiday season. Many bread recipes do not require the rising and kneading process, such as this sweet blend of milk, nutmeg and those delectable doughnuts. Brad Legrone first heard of the pudding after reading about a restaurant that served it: "On a drive home from Asheville, I became obsessed with thoughts of making this dessert. So, as soon as I got home, I found all the bread pudding recipes that I could get my hands on, and adapted them for doughnuts."

- 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 3 cups whole milk
- Butter a 2-quart baking dish and set aside. Cut doughnuts into 1/2-inch cubes and spread evenly in baking dish.
- In a bowl, whisk together remaining ingredients and pour

over doughnuts. Let rest 1 hour. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Make a water bath for the pudding by placing the baking dish in a shallow, ovenproof pan.

Fill pan with warm water. Place in oven and bake for 70 to 75 minutes; center should be firm. Serve warm or cold.

-From "Hungry for Home: Stories of Food From Across the Carolinas" by Amy Rogers.

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I mean, there is such tremendous parity in the NFL that you have to believe, eventually it has to make a stop here. But it never does. Parity skips over Arizona every year.

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Arizona Republic columnist John Gambadoro on the sorry state of the Arizona Cardinals

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
On Saturday, UCLA renamed its basketball court in honor of former Coach John Wooden and his late wife, Nell. How many losing seasons did Wooden have at UCLA?

.....answer below

IN BRIEF

Rocky Mountain camp will be in Jan.

LOGAN, Utah - The Rocky Mountain School of Baseball will hold its 11th annual Winter Ball Camp in Mesquite, Nev. on Jan. 17-19. The camp will be conducted for ages eight through 18. The staff will consist of college coaches, professional players and pros.

Jerome Rec will hike youth sports fees

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District plans to increase youth sports fees beginning with the 2003-04 basketball season. The increase is intended to help defray operating costs and will pay for coach training, certification and background checks. The new fee does not include a team shirt. A reversible jersey will be available for \$5 and can be used for all youth sports during the year, with the exception of Babe Ruth baseball. The new fees are as follows: Welding, \$35; Babe Ruth baseball, \$30; dog obedience and yoga, \$29; Little League baseball, \$25; pitching machine baseball, \$23; soccer, football, basketball, volleyball, fencing*, e-ball/coach pitch and adult open gym*, \$20; gymnastics and jujitsu*, \$18; and adult open gym, \$15. *Out of district fees

Magic Mountain offers cross country lessons

HANSEN - From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, the Magic Mountain Ski Resort will sponsor free rentals and lessons for beginning cross country skiers. For more information, call Jack at 837-4505.

Holiday gym times announced for T.F.

TWIN FALLS - The City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department and the Twin Falls School District are sponsoring a free open gym during the holiday break at Robert Stuart Junior High. The gym opens this Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. and then from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 28-29. The gym closes for the New Year's holiday and reopens Jan. 3 from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call 736-2265.

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TRIVIA ANSWER:

None. The closest Bruins came to a "down" season under Wooden in 27 years was 14-12 in 1959-60.

Burley's Jessica Byington shoots over Century's Clelli Jorganson (left) and Corinne Fowler Tuesday night in Burley. The Bobcats lost 53-43 in their Great Basin Conference home game.



ERIC LARSON/The Times-News

Lady Bobcats fall to Century

Ailing Burley team loses 53-43

By Eric Larson Times-News writer

BURLEY - These girls need a break. Still without starting point guard Linsey Abo, the Burley Lady Bobcats dropped a Great Basin Conference girls basketball home game to the Century Lady Diamondbacks of Focacello, 53-43. While the Bobcats began to show signs that they have learned to play without Abo, the effort wasn't enough to hang with Century for four quarters. After a solid first quarter that ended in an 8-all tie, the Diamondbacks were able to take advantage of Bobcat mistakes and

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- Gordon Kerbs, Burley coach

gain an advantage in the second quarter led by eight points from junior post Britany Tremayne; the Diamondbacks took a 27-17 advantage into the break. Century coach Courtney Smith was pleased with the way her team came in and focused despite the dis-

tractions of the Christmas break. “Playing over the break is hard, especially coming into Burley’s gym,” Smith said. “We had our spurs where we played really well, though. We didn’t put together four quarters by any means, but we did enough.” Century was led by 15 points from senior forward Paige Knudson and 14 from junior post Britany Tremayne. The win moves the Diamondbacks to 8-3 overall with a 1-1 mark in the Great Basin Conference. For the 38 (0-2 Great Basin) Bobcats, Tuesday night’s fourth-quarter buzzer sounded the end of a tough first half of the season. Burley had to face other teams while fighting the flu, saw injuries thin their roster in early-December and fought through fatigue and nagging pains as Christmas neared. All those factors Please see BURLY, Page D2

Down to the wire

Broncos outlast TCU in Fort Worth Bowl, 34-31

By Stephen Hawkins Associated Press writer

FORT WORTH, Texas - Boise State proved it can win a bowl game away from its blue-turfed home field. Ryan Dinwiddie, who ended his career as the most efficient passer in college football, threw for 325 yards and three touchdowns to lead the No. 18 Broncos to a 34-31 win Tuesday night over No. 19 TCU in the inaugural Fort Worth Bowl. “We wanted to come out and play well against a quality opponent,” Dinwiddie said. “We definitely made this one close and exciting.”

Boise State (13-1) ended the season with 11 straight wins. The Broncos’ only previous bowl games were three wins the previous four seasons in the Humanitarian Bowl on their campus. Their bowl win on TCU’s campus wasn’t secured until sophomore Mike Wynn was well short on a 51-yard field goal attempt, the first kick in his college career, with 7 seconds left. “It came down to the way it should be ... there is a fine line between winning and losing, and we knew that coming in,” Broncos coach Dan Hawkins said. TCU (11-2) had its school-record 13-game home winning streak snapped. The Frogs had been in contention for a Bowl Championship Series spot until their only regular-season loss Nov. 20 and then turned down an invitation to last week’s GMAC Bowl because it conflicted with exams. Dinwiddie hit 19 of 35 passes with two interceptions, but his last touchdown was an 18-yarder to Derek Schouman for the win.



Boise State’s T.J. Acree (89) scores a touchdown in front of TCU defenders Chris Peoples (20) and Mark Walker (2) during the first quarter of the Fort Worth Bowl in Fort Worth, Texas, Tuesday.

ning score with 12:43 left.

“This shows where we are as a program,” Dinwiddie said. “We played a quality opponent, didn’t play our best and still got the

win.” The Broncos have won 24 of their last 25 games. The Broncos missed a chance to clinch the game after Gabriel

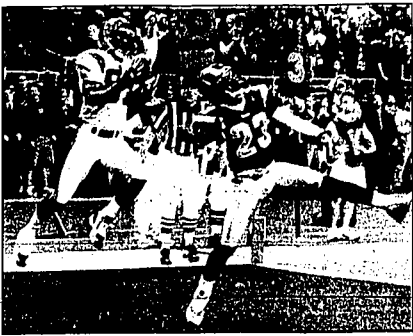
Franklin’s diving interception with 5:41 left. He cut in front of receiver Reggie Harrell, snagging

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Bengals need help to make playoffs

By Joe Kay Associated Press writer

CINCINNATI - The Bengals are getting ready for one long day. Losing its most important game of the season, Cincinnati (8-7) dropped into second place in the AFC North, one game behind Baltimore heading into the final weekend. The only way the Bengals can make the playoffs is by beating the Cleveland Browns at home on Sunday afternoon, then getting some nighttime help. The Ravens (9-5) can clinch by beating the Pittsburgh Steelers in their final NFL regular-season game Sunday (9:55 a.m.). All the Bengals can do is win their game, then wait for their fate to be decided by someone else in a game that will end near midnight. “It’s a situation we didn’t want to put ourselves into, but we’re in it,” linebacker Kevin Hardy said. “Now we’ve got to look for some help.” Cincinnati was in control of the division - it has all the tiebreakers in its favor - until its 27-10 loss Sunday in St. Louis. Meanwhile, the Ravens beat the Browns 35-0 to take their one-game lead. The Bengals managed to avoid



Cincinnati’s Kelley Washington catches a touchdown over the head of St. Louis’ Jeremiah Butler, Sunday in St. Louis.

major injuries through the first 14 weeks, helping them get on a roll as one of the league’s most surprising teams. Running back Corey Dillon strained his groin early in the season, but Rudi Johnson took over and kept the offense rolling.

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Texas says A-Rod will remain with Rangers

By Stephen Hawkins Associated Press writer

ARLINGTON, Texas - Texas says Alex Rodriguez will be back with the Rangers next season. The Tuesday deadline for a deal with Boston passed without a trade of the American League MVP, The Rangers, Red Sox and Rodriguez’s agent all said talks are finally over. “It is time for the Texas Rangers to look forward to the 2004 season with Alex Rodriguez as our shortstop and team leader,” Hicks said. “As we explored recent opportunities, we always said he would not be traded unless it made our team better, faster. Alex is the best player in baseball and we are excited to have him as a leader in the clubhouse and on the field.” Texas had proposed sending Rodriguez to Boston for Manny Ramirez, but talks collapsed last week after the players’ association rejected a proposal by the Red Sox to cut \$28 million to \$30 million off A-Rod’s record \$252 million contract. “Alex wants to compete in the

postseason, but he also wants to help Texas be a champion and be a part of what we are doing here,” Hicks said. “From our conversations I know he loves Texas and he’s happy being here.” There did not appear to be any talks as the 5 p.m. EST deadline approached. “Tom Hicks has indicated he would not consider a trade for Alex Rodriguez in the immediate future,” said the shortstop’s agent, Scott Boras. Boston owner John Henry, chairman Tom Werner, president Larry Lucchino and general manager Theo Epstein issued a joint statement Tuesday saying “no further discussions regarding this transaction are planned.” Following weeks of discussions, Hicks said Monday that he hadn’t spoken to anyone from the Red Sox in three days. Lucchino proclaimed the trade “dead” Thursday, blaming the players’ association for not approving a steeper proposed reduction in Rodriguez’s contract. Texas also blamed the union, but didn’t give up on the deal.

SPORTS

Blake's power-play goal lifts Islanders

UNIONDALE, N.Y. - Jason Blake's powerplay goal with five minutes left and Garth Snow's 34 saves led the New York Islanders to a come-from-behind 4-2 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night.

Blake, on New York's only power play, fired a slap shot from the top of the left circle that beat a screened Jeff Hackett to the far side.

Arron Asham scored twice, and Dave Scatchard added a goal for the Islanders, who have won five straight at home.

The Flyers got goals from Michael Handzus and Mark Recchi in 26 saves from Hackett. Philadelphia has won just twice in nine games (2-3-2).

Bruins 1, Lightning 1

BOSTON - Andre Roy's first goal of the season 16 seconds into the third period lifted Tampa Bay into a tie with Boston.

The Bruins are winless in five games and 1-5-4 in their last 11.

Rob Zamuner gave the Bruins a 1-0 lead at 4:18 of the second period with his second goal of the season.

Capitals 3, Canadiens 2

WASHINGTON - Peter Benders scored with 53.8 seconds remaining, and Washington beat Montreal.

Michael Ryder tied it for Montreal for the second time out of the air at 8:24 of the third period.

Jan Bulis also scored for Montreal, which failed to win in a row for the 11th time this season.

The Canadiens haven't won back-to-back games since beating the Red Wings and Islanders on Oct. 20 and 23.

Jaromir Jagr and Jeff Halpern scored to give Washington 1-0 and 2-1 leads.

Coyotes 2, Blue Jackets 1

COLUMBUS, Ohio - David Tanabe scored the go-ahead goal early in the third period and Ladislav Nagy had two assists to lead Phoenix over Columbus.

The win snapped a streak of four consecutive road ties for the Coyotes, who are 2-1-4 in their last seven games.

Columbus fell to 0-6-1-2 in its 12 games and has only one win in 12 games.

Jan Hrdina scored Phoenix's other goal.

Rick Nash netted his 21st of the season for Columbus to tie for the NHL lead.

Senators 2, Sabres 2

BUFFALO, N.Y. - Derek Roy scored his first NHL goal and Buffalo snapped its seven-game losing streak despite blowing a two-goal lead.

Todd White and Antoine Vermette scored 29 seconds apart

Burley

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They have coach Gordon Kerbs looking forward to the new year. "We're glad to see January come, 2003 was not very good to us," Kerbs said. "You think in the long-run those things will make your team better, but we'll find out."

Playing with a sore back, Bobcat junior post Amber Funk led her team with 12 points while senior



Florida Panthers' Matt Cullen, right, files over Toronto Maple Leafs goalie Ed Belfour during third period NHL action in Toronto Tuesday. The Maple Leafs beat the Panthers 5-2.

late in the second period to help Ottawa tie the game.

The Sabres, who came into the game on a losing streak that was tied for the franchise's longest, are winless in eight (0-7-1). Ottawa is 3-0-1 in its last four.

Maple Leafs 5, Panthers 2

TORONTO - Gary Roberts scored twice and Toronto extended its franchise-record points streak to 15 games.

Nik Antropov added a goal and an assist for the Maple Leafs, who haven't lost in regulation since Nov. 20 at Edmonton.

Toronto is 13-0-1 during the stretch.

The win and Philadelphia's loss moved Toronto into first place overall in the NHL.

The Maple Leafs haven't led the league in points this deep

into the season since the 1962-63 campaign.

Predators 3, Wild 3 tie

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Marian Gaborik broke a nine-game drought with a goal for Minnesota in the tie.

Richard Park and Jason Wiemer also scored for Minnesota, which extended its season-high unbeaten streak to six games (4-0-2).

David Legwand, Mark Eaton and Adam Hall had goals for Nashville, which tied Phoenix 3-3 at home on Monday.

Blackhawks 3, Blues 0

CHICAGO - Michael Leighton stopped 23 shots for his first shutout this season to lead the Chicago Blackhawks to a 3-0 win over the St. Louis Blues on

Tuesday night.

Steve Sullivan, Scott Nichol and Tyler Arnason scored for the Blackhawks, who won for the second time in 21 games (2-12-4-3).

Leighton's shutout was the second of his career.

Flames 2, Oilers 1

CALGARY, Alberta - Rhett Warner's first goal in 100 games was the difference in Calgary's fourth straight victory.

Milka Kiprusoff made 30 saves before a sold-out crowd of 18,389 - Calgary's biggest of the season.

Oleg Saprykin's first-period goal and Warren's second-period tally withstood a valiant Edmonton comeback attempt over the final 30 minutes.

Cincinnati downs Dayton in battle of the unbeaten

CINCINNATI - Jason Maxfield scored 19 points, setting the tone with four early jumpers, and the 14 Cincinnati turned up the full-court pressure to stagger No. 23 Dayton 82-53 Tuesday night.

Cincinnati (7-0) put all of its depth and muscle into the pass as it dominated its toughest opponent yet. The Bearcats forced 17 turnovers in the first half alone.

The flustered Flyers (9-1) threw away their best season-opening streak since 1955-56. Dayton won its first nine by surviving a few close calls against overmatched teams, including two-point wins over Wagner and IUPUI.

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Dayton had a season-high 27 turnovers, extending its futility in Cincinnati. The Flyers haven't won on the Bearcats' home court since 1974, a streak of 15 consecutive losses.

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No. 2 Kentucky 101, Eastern Kentucky 72

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Gerald Fitch scored 26 points on 10-of-16 shooting and Erik Daniels had 15 points, seven rebounds and a career-high eight assists for second-ranked Kentucky.

Cliff Hawkins had 16 points and Kelenna Azubuike added 13 for Kentucky (7-0), which has won 27 consecutive regular-season games since an 83-65 loss to Louisville last Dec. 28. The Wildcats and Cardinals play Saturday at Rupp Arena.

No. 4 Georgia Tech 90, Marist 40

ATLANTA - The No. 4 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets matched the best start in school history with their 11th straight victory, routing outmanned Marist.

The Yellow Jackets have outscored their opponents by an average of 26 points a game.

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division and are in disarray as their season winds down.

A victory would give the Bengals their first winning record since 1990, the last time they made the playoffs.

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No. 2 Louisville 107, VMI 56

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Taquan Dean scored a career-high 31 on a record-breaking flurry of 3-pointers for No. 2 Louisville.

The sophomore guard hit nine 3-pointers in 12 attempts in the Cardinals' 70th game in Freedom Hall, their home since 1956.

The Keydets withered against the Cardinals' relentless first-half pressure. VMI committed nine turnovers on its first 11 possessions and had more miscues than points for most of the opening half. Louisville scored 31 points off VMI's 19 first-half turnovers.

No. 21 Illinois 71, No. 11 Missouri 70

ST. LOUIS - Illinois surrendered a 21-point lead before rallying in the final minute, regaining the edge on James Augustine's layup with 58.5 seconds to play.

Dee Brown led No. 21 Illinois (7-2) with 18 points and six assists. Augustine had 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Travon Bryant had a career-high 19 points, as did Rickey Paulding, for No. 11 Missouri (4-2).

No. 24 Maryland 85, UNC-Greensboro 58

COLLEGE PARK, Md. - Nik Caner-Medley scored 19 points to lead four players in double figures for No. 24 Maryland.

Freshman Ekene Ibekwe had a career-high 13 points for Maryland (7-2), which improved to 100-2 at home against non-conference opponents under Coach Gary Williams. Chris McCray added 11 points and Travis Gary 10 for the Terrapins, who limited the Spartans to 36-percent shooting.

O'Neal double-double dooms Rockets, 79-71

HOUSTON - Jermaine O'Neal had 21 points and 14 rebounds for his 15th double-double of the season to lead the Indiana Pacers to a 79-71 victory over the Houston Rockets on Tuesday night.

Ron Artest added 21 points and Anthony Johnson 13 for the Pacers.

Steve Francis led Houston with 23 points, Jim Jackson had 14 and Maurice Taylor had 13 rebounds for Houston.

Houston pull within three at 59-56 with 8:52 left, but the Pacers scored 12 straight, including five by Artest, to take a 71-56 lead with 4:59 left.

Spurs 111, Clippers 90

SAN ANTONIO - Tim Duncan scored 22 points and Tony Parker had a career-high 14 assists to lead the San Antonio Spurs to their 11th straight win.

Parker added 19 points for the Spurs, who pulled away from the Clippers late in the first quarter and built up a lead of 23 points in the third.

Los Angeles got within 96-82 with 5:18 remaining after San Antonio's starters sat down. Duncan (10 rebounds), Parker and Manu Ginobili (16 points) returned to the floor to quell any thoughts of a rally.

Hawks 93, Celtics 88

ATLANTA - Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 25 points and the Hawks took advantage of a poor shooting night by Paul Pierce to beat Boston and end a seven-game losing streak.

Dion Glover scored 18 points and Stephen Jackson added 16 for Atlanta, which won for the first time since beating Denver on Dec. 9. The losing streak was their longest since they lost 10 straight in 2001. They haven't won back-to-back games since 2000.

Richard Hamilton scored 17 points, Ben Wallace had 16 points and 20 rebounds, and Mehmet Okur had 12 points and 12 rebounds for Detroit.

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Cavalers 97, Hornets 86

CLEVELAND - Rookie LeBron James scored 22 points and Eric Williams scored 13 of his 16 in the fourth quarter when the Cavaliers rallied for their third

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College football

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guard Eric Steinbach missed his first game because of a severe thigh bruise, leaving the line in flux in St. Louis.

The offensive line had generally stayed intact until the game against the Rams, who held Dillon to 37 yards and Johnson to 30.

That's not all. Receiver Peter Warrick had surgery Friday for torn knee cartilage and may miss the Cleveland game.

Linebacker Adrian Ross tore a ligament and cartilage in his knee with a minute left in the game Sunday.

The team's luck seems to have

run out.

"People go through it all year," coach Marvin Lewis said. "Ours just came right at the end here. That's the way it is."

Lewis' main challenge is to get his discouraged team fired up on beating the Browns (4-1), who have clinched last place in the

division and are in disarray as their season winds down.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Cardinals finalize financing for \$387.5 million ballpark ST. LOUIS - The St. Louis Cardinals completed financing Tuesday for the new downtown ballpark it hopes to move into in April 2006.

Busch Stadium, which opened in 1966 and was home to two World Series championships and Mark McGwire's record setting 70th home run, will be demolished after the 2005 season. Work on the new \$387.5 million ballpark began Monday, and the official groundbreaking is set for Jan. 17.

The new ballpark, to be built adjacent to the current stadium, will be owned by the Cardinals and financed with \$200.5 million in private bonds, which the team must repay \$90.1 million in cash and loans obtained from the team's owners and a \$45 million loan from St. Louis County, \$9.2 million in construction interest, \$30.4 million in state tax credits and \$12.3 from the Missouri Department of Transportation.

The Cardinals must pay about \$15.9 million annually for 22 years to retire the bonds.

Chargers: Schottenheimer plans to return in '04 SAN DIEGO - The San Diego Chargers talked big and delivered little this season. Still, Marty Schottenheimer doesn't have to worry.

His job is safe. Schottenheimer will return as the Chargers' coach next year despite presiding over a spectacular free-fall in which the Chargers have lost 19 of their last 24 games.

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Cincinnati hires Ohio State's Dantonio as football coach CINCINNATI - Mark Dantonio was hired as Cincinnati's football coach Tuesday after helping Ohio State build one of the nation's top defenses.

Dantonio, the Buckeyes' defensive coordinator, replaces Rick Minter.

Minter was fired Dec. 1 after a decade on the job. He was dismissed three days after the Bearcats (5-7) ended their season with a 43-40 loss to Louisville.

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Rafert will return to tennis RANEY, Australia - Two-time U.S. Open champion Patrick Rafert will end his yearlong retirement next month by playing in a doubles match.

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and Sarah Elliot was third with 57.578.

Davis, also a short track Olympic skater, was the overall men's leader with 155.045 points.

Hedrick finished second at 156.518 and Clay-Mull was third at 160.885.

He skated Tuesday morning for the first time since the crash, which killed teammate Dan Snyder, a crilled that Let Heatley with a broken jaw and torn knee ligaments.

He wasn't available after the 10-minute workout, but the team scheduled a news conference for Friday where he's expected to speak publicly for the first time since the crash Sept. 29.

After Snyder died from head injuries, Heatley was charged with vehicular homicide. Test results showed he consumed a small amount of alcohol before the crash, with his blood alcohol content less than 0.015 percent, far below the state's legal limit of 0.08 percent.

Because Heatley wasn't drunk, and Snyder's relatives said they forgave him, prosecutors could decide the car crash was just an accident, with no charges or sentences ranging from three to 15 years.

Namath apologizes to ESPN's Kolber for comments from the media about his coach's future, general manager A.J. Smith said Tuesday.

Schottenheimer will be back in Cincinnati, his third season with a franchise that has become the NFL's new Bengals.

The Chargers (3-12) are tied with Arizona for the NFL's worst record.

Namath, at the Meadowlands for the Jets' announcement of their Four-Decade Team, twice told Kolber he wanted to kiss her while she was interviewing him on the sideline.

Asked by Kolber about what the team's struggles meant to him, Namath replied: "I want to kiss you" and leaned toward her.

He added he believed the team would be back next season with Chad Pennington available to play quarterback all year.

Namath capped off the interview by repeating: "I want to kiss you."

Kolber responded to Namath's comments by saying "Thanks, Joe. A huge compliment" and turned things back to the announcers in the booth.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Association changes meeting schedule

TWIN FALLS - The January meeting of the Southern Idaho Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors has changed from the first Tuesday of the month to the third Tuesday - Jan. 20 - due to scheduling of speakers and additional continuing education credits.

The meeting will feature a round-table discussion on long-term care insurance from 9 a.m. to noon on Jan. 20, with a lunch buffet following. The location was changed to Long Wing Restaurant at 1719 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

All professionals are invited to attend and hear presentations by Dennis Voorhees, an elder-issuance attorney; Debbie Dale and Sheryl Hartman, long-term care agents; and a representative of a local long-term care facility.

Cost is \$25 for association members and \$35 for nonmembers; lunch is included.

For information, call Bill Hall at 324-0044.

Last-minute tips for Christmas shopping

NEW YORK - It's Christmas Eve and many people are scrambling to buy Christmas presents.

If you're one of them, you're not alone. More shoppers are waiting until just before Christmas to buy items, convinced that they will find last-minute bargains and deals.

This may be true, but the pressure of finding that perfect gift may lead to hasty, unnecessary and costly purchases.

Before you head out to shop on Christmas Eve, consider these strategies.

Write down what you want to buy before you go. A list will cut down on wasted time and prevent a panicked gift purchase.

Resist impulse buying, even if you feel pressured. It's best to find the right gift, rather than just spending money to make a gesture.

Out of gift ideas? Consider tickets to theater or sporting events, magazine subscriptions, and investments, such as savings bonds. Gift cards, which have sold very well this year, do not just come from large retail stores. Movie theaters, amusement parks and restaurants also frequently offer gift certificates.

Include a gift receipt. Many gifts don't fit or aren't suitable, and it's best to make the process of returning a gift as easy as possible.

Money tip: Lock in tax advantages now

NEW YORK - Investors who want to lock in 2003 stock losses have only a few days left to sell. The losses can be used to offset capital gains for tax purposes.

But once you've sold your stock, where do you put your money? After you've sold a security for a tax loss, the law prohibits repurchasing that security for 30 days.

A safe investment is a short-term Treasury bill, which guarantees your investment. Treasury bills are offered in obligations of one month or less and can be bought from the government at www.treasurydirect.gov (T-bills can also be bought in larger denominations).

Of course, you could deposit the sum in a bank or buy a short-term certificate of deposit, though these accounts are insured only up to \$100,000.

If you want to keep exposure in a stock market sector but would prefer more diversification, consider a mutual fund or Exchange Traded Funds, known as ETFs.

Before buying any mutual fund, check to make sure it does not impose fees for withdrawing before a certain time period is over. ETFs offer diversification of a mutual fund but are traded like stocks.

Both ETFs and mutual funds allow an investor to remain in the market and not to be caught on the sidelines if there is a rally. But be aware that diversification does not guarantee that ETFs and mutual funds will not go down with the market as well.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Suffering economic fallout

Children of Hispanic immigrants wrestle with financial matters



Francisco Flamenco, an El Salvadoran immigrant's son, is shown at his home in Oakland, Calif., Dec. 18. They're generally more educated and speak better English than immigrants, but second-generation Hispanics had a tougher time in the economic downturn than their first-generation counterparts, a new analysis by the Pew Hispanic Center found. At 27, Flamenco has been searching for six months for a part-time job to support himself while he works toward a teaching credential and pays his \$500 rent and \$315 monthly car payments.

Despite being better educated, many second-generation Hispanics fail to reap monetary gains as their parents did

The Associated Press

They're generally more educated and speak better English than immigrants, but second-generation Hispanics had a tougher time in the economic downturn than their first-generation counterparts, a new analysis by the Pew Hispanic Center found.

A surge of young, U.S.-born Hispanics - the start of a wave of workers who will eventually replace retiring baby-boomers - joined the working world just as the economy turned sour. That made things difficult as they competed for jobs against others with longer work records, including blue-collar immigrants.

"What we're seeing here is the leading edge of this big population moving into the labor force," said

Roberto Suro, director of the Washington-based Pew Hispanic Center. "It's a very tough market for young Hispanic people. It's much tougher for the young, native-born than it is for immigrants."

Second-generation Hispanics, the U.S.-born children of people who emigrated to this country, wrestled with more than bad timing. With their higher levels of education, many have more ambitious career aspirations than immigrants, Suro said. But some lack the connections that could help propel them into good jobs.

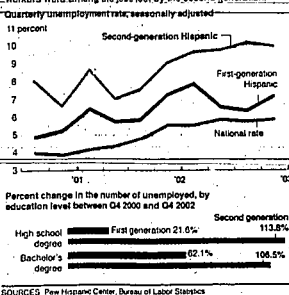
"They come from immigrant families where there is a limited knowledge of the U.S. and a limited knowledge of the labor force," he said.

In all, there were about 10

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Second generation faces hard job market

Young second-generation Hispanics - the U.S.-born children of immigrants - had a tougher time in the economic downturn than their first-generation counterparts. Clerks, secretaries and factory workers were among the jobs lost by the second generation.



SOURCES: Pew Hispanic Center, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Delta cancels 2003 executive bonuses

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Delta Air Lines is canceling executive bonuses for this year and reconsidering its entire compensation program for high-ranking officials as it works to allay lingering employee resentment over lavish pay and perks for top executives.

The moves come as the nation's third-largest airline seeks salary cuts from its

pilots.

Incoming CEO Gerald Grinstein said in a Tuesday memo to Delta employees that he realizes executive compensation is still a controversial issue at the company.

"As we move into a new year, it is important for us to clear the air on that topic so we can focus all our energy on the urgent job of making Delta strong and profitable again," wrote Grinstein, who

takes over from Leo Mullin on Jan. 1.

Delta's board has decided not to award 2003 annual incentive compensation to Delta officers, even if it was earned by meeting the performance goals established at the beginning of the year, he said. As a result, no annual incentive awards will have been paid to officers in two of the past three years. Last year, Delta paid about \$17

million in bonuses to 60 executives.

The reduction in total compensation for officers is in addition to an 8 percent pay cut Delta imposed on executives earlier this year.

The board will consider paying annual incentive awards for other eligible employees below the vice president level, it was earned.

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Move fast on college financial aid

Cindy Butler knows a thing or two about the college financial aid process.

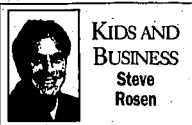
As a financial aid officer and a director of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, part of Butler's mission is to keep parents and high school seniors from being tripped up by detailed and sometimes confusing financial aid forms.

So how do you get off on the right foot? Know the application deadlines and hit them, Butler said.

The first key date is fast approaching.

Starting Jan. 1, families can fill out a standardized financial analysis form called the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. This document details a family's financial situation and is used by colleges and universities to determine the amount of need-based aid that will be provided to a student. You can apply for most types of financial assistance - from federal and state governments and from colleges and universities - by filling out this form.

So while students might be working on college admissions applications over the holiday



KIDS AND BUSINESS
Steve Rosen

break, parents should review the aid forms and begin gathering their financial records, said Butler, the district director of student financial aid at the Metropolitan Community Colleges in Kansas City, Mo.

Here are answers to some common questions that can help you cope with the calculations and myriad worksheets you'll encounter:

Q: Where can I obtain the FAFSA documents?
A: Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov, which is a Web site of the U.S. Department of Education, and download the forms. You can also download the forms from most college or university Web sites. Or pick them up at a high school counselor's office or public libraries, or call the Department of Education at 1-800-433-3243 to have a form sent to you. Filing online will greatly speed

Calendar for Financial Aid

- January: First day to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, is Jan. 1.
- February: The deadline for completion of the FAFSA is Feb. 15.
- March: Contact school financial aid offices to verify they have received all the appropriate financial aid material from you.
- April: You should hear from the schools to which you submitted regular decision applications; compare your acceptance letters and your financial aid offers.
- May: Notify the school that you decide to attend. Many schools require a letter postmarked by May 1.
- June: Contact the school to determine when fees for tuition, room and board are due.
- Source: U.S. Department of Education

up the processing time. Electronic filers will need a personal identification number, which can be obtained before Jan. 1 by going to www.pin.ed.gov. Remember, there is no fee for Please see AID, Page E3

Christmas shopping for unemployed

Gifts to give if you're out of job, or know someone who is

Knight Ridder News Service

Do you have your holiday shopping done? Here are a few last-minute ideas - for those who are unemployed and for those who are giving to the unemployed. If you've been stuck, maybe these lists will inspire you.

For the unemployed:

If you want to offer something practical to the unemployed person on your list, consider gift certificates. They offer choices, sometimes for things your recipient wants but can't afford. If the certificate is for something that can help in the job search, your gift will have double impact.

- Certificates for services. Haircuts, manicures, tailoring, dry cleaning and shoe repair are all services that your job seeker needs but may not be able to afford. Find out where he or she normally goes for these services.

- Certificates for products. Gift cards to major retailers, bookstores, office supply stores or computer stores will help defray the costs of job search. Certificates for job-search assistance are also helpful: There are lots of professionals who will write your job seeker's resume, provide interview coaching, explain salary negotiations or offer general job-search advice. Ask your friends for a referral, or check the phone book.

- Certificates for fun. Movie tickets, spa visits, dinners out, concerts - the unemployed person on your list has probably cut back on these treats or eliminated altogether. Here is an opportunity to bring some fun back into your job seeker's schedule.

- Gifts of friendship. Never mind the certificates. There's a good chance your unemployed friend could use some time with you - just call him or her and head out for a cup of coffee or a walk. The gift of friendship is hard to wrap, but it lasts a lifetime.

Gifts from the unemployed:

This is a tough time of the year for the cash-poor. Even winter shopping costs more than you can afford some days, between the gas or bus fare to get downtown and the \$3 cup of coffee to warm up between shops.

The first rule of budget-savvy gift giving is to start with a list. Who will receive gifts from you this year? Now look at your finances. Suppose there are 15 people on the list and \$100 in your budget. That's either 15 gifts at \$6.70 each, or perhaps five gifts at \$10 and 10 gifts at \$5. However you work the math, it's not going to be easy.

Before you reach for your credit card, consider that list again. Perhaps only one or two people will get a gift that costs money this year, and the rest will get something that doesn't cost you anything. Or maybe you should save the \$100 and make all your gifts freebies.

- Certificates for time spent together. Use a computer or even construction paper and markers to create a special gift certificate for each person on your list. Kids will enjoy redeeming their certificates to play board games, go sledding, build things, read stories, take nature walks or go to free/low-cost high school sports games or plays with you.

For the seniors on your list, give certificates for running errands, driving them to appointments, watching videos together or playing cards. The young parents on your list will certainly appreciate baby-sitting or housecleaning certificates.

- Homemade booklets. Do you have favorite recipes? Instructions for making birchhouses that your father passed on to you? Poems or wise sayings you'd like to pass on? Put these gems into a small booklet, hand-stapled or laminated at a copy shop, and you'll

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TIPPING TOWARD UNCERTAINTY

Giving of gratuity still bewilders many

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post

At this time of year, not only do we do more shopping, wrapping, making any and every gift, we also remember the many people who've helped us out over the past 12 months. In other words, it's tipping season.

But for such a widespread social convention, why is tipping so confusing? How do you know how much to tip - and how much? Year-end tips may be the toughest to figure out, but these are year-round questions confronted at all kinds of retail and service businesses.

To some, it often appears that everyone else is tipping so confusingly. How do you know how much to tip - and how much? Year-end tips may be the toughest to figure out, but these are year-round questions confronted at all kinds of retail and service businesses.

"People are confused and they're anxious about it because no one

wants to be perceived as a cheapskate or a spendthrift," said Shirley Willey, president of Etiquette & Co. of Sacramento, who teaches etiquette seminars and also publishes a pocket guide to tipping.

Some tips are obvious: Waiters, taxi drivers, valets and bellhops. Hairdressers, too, always get a tip - but what about the owner of a salon? As long as I can remember, I've heard you don't tip salon owners when they cut your hair. Now you do.

"It was frowned on in the '80s and '90s," said Mary Atherton, editor of Modern Salon magazine. "But just like every place else, hair salons have found it pretty hard to do business in this economy, so owner tipping has really become more the standard."

Profit margins in the salon business have been steadily dropping - to under 7 percent, now - and that has pushed many owners to abandon the former rules of etiquette.

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MONEY

Stock drifts higher on trio of reports

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street nudged higher to fresh 19-month highs Tuesday as a trio of economic reports — one on gross domestic product, the others on consumer sentiment and spending — provided investors additional evidence of an improving economy.

Friday gain of 315 points. The blue chip average is now trading at its highest level since May 17, 2002, when the Dow closed at 10,353.08.

The broader market also finished higher. The Nasdaq composite index gained 18.98, or 1 percent, to 1,974.78.

And the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 3.08, or 0.3 percent, to 1,096.02. It was the highest level since May 23, 2002, when the index closed at 1,097.08.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that the nation's gross domestic product grew at an 8.2 percent annual rate in the third quarter, the best showing since 1983. The latest reading was identical to the preliminary estimate made a month ago.

In a separate report, the department said consumer spending rose by 0.4 percent in November while incomes rose 0.5 percent, the best gain since May. The income reading was slightly above Wall Street's expectations, but consumer spending was slightly below.

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Delta, whose hub in Salt Lake City is Twin Falls air travelers' only nonstop flight destination, has laid off 16,000 employees since the 2001 terrorist attacks. Also, for months now it has been trying to obtain deep pay concessions from pilots to stem heavy losses the Atlanta-based airline has suffered the last two years.

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Hispanics

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million second-generation Hispanics in America in 2000, according to an earlier report by the center.

Unemployment rates for the second-generation rose to 10 percent at the end of 2002 — higher than the rate for both immigrants and for third-generation Hispanics, which were at 7.2 and 6.6 percent, respectively, according to the center.

The research organization analyzed Bureau of Labor Statistics data from the end of 2000 to late 2002, a period spanning the end of the last economic boom through the downturn of 2001.

Francisco Flamenco, an El Salvadoran immigrant's son, recalls his father "always had something" in the way of construction work.

But Flamenco, who was born in the United States, hasn't had the same luck. At 27, Flamenco is a part-time job to support himself while he works toward a teaching credential and pays his \$500 rent and \$315 monthly car payments.

"Getting a degree, you think you're going to be able to have those doors open, but it's not true," said Flamenco, who is a graduate of California State University, Hayward diploma hangs over the computer in his Oakland, Calif. home.

Flamenco said his father brags about his college-educated son. But sometimes his dad complains "All that studying for nothing." It's frustrating. In his culture, it's kind of like the guy has to be the breadwinner and it's not really happening lately.

Between the end of 2000 and 2002, the number of unemployed 25- to 34-year-old, second-generation Latinos more than doubled, according to the Pew analysis; 16- to 24-year-olds also saw a big increase.

Like others, Maribel Rubalcaba set out for a job that simply pays the bills. Rubalcaba, a substitute teacher in Ripon, Calif., has been applying for positions in human resources and at banks for the past six months.

"They're going to pick someone that has the experience," said Rubalcaba, the 28-year-old child of farmworkers. Sometimes her Mexican immigrant parents tell the University of California, Berkeley graduate, "You speak English, you have an education. How come you can't find a job?" she said.

But "somebody whose parents are educated and they have a good job, they're going to be able to help out their kids... They've got the connections," she said. "We're kind of like trying to swim out in the ocean on our own."

Tipping

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she said.

It also turns out that every time I've traveled I've made a faux pas. I never knew that one should leave \$10r \$2 per night for the housekeeping staff in a hotel. When I left a \$10r tip at the Marriott International, confirmed that housekeepers expect to get tips, but that doesn't mean the message is getting out. He said only about 25 percent of travelers tip the housekeeping staff, though "it's become customary among frequent travelers."

Duly noted. The rules for retail are also changing. Giant Food used to have signs in its grocery store pickup lanes saying "No tipping" referring to employees who helped put bags in shoppers' cars. The signs are gone "because everyone ignored them," said Giant spokesman Barry Scher.

The fact of the matter is, it's hard to get an employee not to pocket a dollar when the customer wants to offer it. It seems as though some chains came into that reality rather than sticking to the principle that good service is built into the price of our groceries.

Given those changes, I find the practice of tipping refreshing. Accepting tips is still strictly forbidden. "The reason is we pay our employees an hourly wage to do their job, and that's what their job is," said Safeway's Greg Tenzyck.

If a customer insists, Tenzyck said, the employees must tell the customer the money will go to whatever charity the store is supporting. The punishment for pocketing the money? "Up to and including termination," he said.

Tips are creeping into all manner of retail establishments. It's commonplace to see a tip jar on the counters of lunch and coffee shops. Even Starbucks provides clear plastic tip boxes "to avoid losses on tables and counters throughout the store," according

to a company spokesman. Perhaps stray change does get messy, but the current system isn't perfect either: The company-provided boxes seem to subtly encourage tips, so employees' tips are doubtfully drop change in any case because they don't want to look cheap. It makes a difference. A former Starbucks manager told me his tips, divided up weekly, could mean \$20 or more to a full-time, hourly employee.

I don't begrudge those employees that extra money. I just don't think tipping should be about guilt or shame.

At the end of the year, of course, tips serve a different purpose. They're offered as an obligation and more like a chance to say thank you for a year of good service. Still, sometimes it's hard to know what to give and to whom.

Etiquette consultants like Willey do a brisk business selling tipping guidelines, an industry Consumer Reports publishes a list of customary dollar amounts for a variety of holiday tips, such as \$25 to \$115 for a building super, \$5 to \$30 for a newspaper carrier and one to two weeks' pay for a house painter.

Reports that on more than one occasion he was seen running down his street in December in his underwear waving an envelope with his holiday tip for the guys on the city garbage truck. He recognizes the guys as an alternative.

But there will always be those gray areas that aren't on anyone's list. For the last couple of years I've tipped my UPS driver, for example, because he has delivered so much to my house and has been so conscientious in finding someone at home. It has just seemed right. But it turns out UPS doesn't really like its drivers to take tips. "We frown on it," said spokesman Dan McKeen.

That made me feel a little awkward, but I figured it was an alternative. "They love cookies," he said.

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Unclaimed Are you on the list?

Bertha Molina owns property she might have forgotten. So do lots of other folks.

This week's list features people and businesses whose last known addresses are in Burley and Twin Falls.

Thursday in The Times-News

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Last, Chg, Vol, High, Low, Open, Close. Includes sub-sections for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and various market indices.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table with columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Includes Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diary sections.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table with columns: Name, Last, Chg, Vol, High, Low, Open, Close. Lists various NASDAQ stocks and their performance.

INDEXES

Table with columns: Index Name, Last, Chg, % Chg. Includes S&P 500, Dow Jones, etc.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table with columns: Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, YTD. Lists local stocks like Albertson, Altman, etc.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are listed alphabetically by name. Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each letter list.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Last, Chg, Vol, High, Low, Open, Close. Lists American Stock Exchange stocks.

MARKETS

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Table of closing futures for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

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Table of soybean futures prices for various grades and contracts.

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filing the FAFSA, which will be routed to as many as six schools of your choice.

Q. Should I wait until I've completed my 2003 tax return to file the FAFSA?
A. Send in the forms as soon as possible after Jan. 1.

Q. Don't some schools require more than the FAFSA?
A. Many highly selective private colleges and universities also require the filing of the College Board's Profile.

Q. Would it make more sense to apply for financial aid after we've heard from the admissions office?
A. Holding off until you've received an acceptance letter can make, because it could hurt your chances for securing assistance.

Q. I probably won't qualify for aid. Should I apply anyway?
A. Yes. There are a few sources of aid, such as unsubsidized Stafford and PLUS loans.

Q. What are some common filing mistakes?
A. When filling out the FAFSA, make sure you check off the correct answer.

rect academic year, which would be 2004-2005 for the receiving aid for a school term after July 1, 2004.

Another mistake: Never leave a question with a dollar sign blank. If it does not apply, enter a zero.

A financial-aid officer-at-just about any school can answer any questions. And remember, make a copy of your completed forms before sending them in.

Q. One of the best all-purpose loans is "Paying for College Without Going Broke," by the Princeton Review.

There are many good Web sites, including www.finaid.org, www.fafsa.edu.gov, www.studentaid.edu.gov, www.fastweb.com, www.mapping-your-future.org, and www.collegeboard.org.

Also, be sure to clue in your college-bound student. "This is a business decision and should be approached with that mindset," said Michael Fraher.

After all, I might add, you're in this together.

With a question or campus idea, call Steve Rosen of The Kansas City Star at (816) 234-8779 or send an email to srosen@kcstar.com.

Gifts

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create a keepsake that money can't buy.
Photos. Everyone, it seems, has boxes of photos lying around.

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Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2003

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"As a rule we develop a borrowed European idea forward, and... Europe develops a borrowed American idea backwards." — Mark Twain

The issue of when to duck and when to win the opening lead at no-trump is one of the most complex of the regularly recurring problems in bridge.

West's lead of a small spade against three no-trump suggests length. Is it right to kick the trick to try to start breaking the defensive communications in that suit? Yes and no. Yes, all would be sweetness and light if East wins and continues the suit, but look what happens if East shifts to a diamond at trick two. Now the defense wins the race to five tricks before declarer gets to nine winners. The correct line is for declarer to take the first trick, but which suit should he develop now?

Well, the natural play is to set up clubs — but imagine that the finesse loses to East, who clears the spades. Now if it was West not East who had the ace, the defense would win the race again. The right play, counterintuitive though it may seem, is to lead the heart king at trick two. If the defense wins and presses on with spades, now is the time to duck and take the third spade. Then you can finesse clubs into the safe hand. If the finesse loses, East will have at most one more spade to cash.

If the heart king holds at trick two, declarer turns back to clubs, with a sure route to at least nine tricks by virtue of that heart trick in the bag.

NORTH 12-24-A
 ♠ 8 5
 ♥ J 8 5
 ♦ A 9 5
 ♣ A Q 10 6 2

WEST
 ♠ Q 9 7 3 2
 ♥ 10 4 3
 ♦ 7 4 3
 ♣ 7 5

EAST
 ♠ J 10 6
 ♥ A 9 6 2
 ♦ Q J 10 8
 ♣ K 3

SOUTH
 ♠ A 4
 ♥ K Q 7
 ♦ K 6 2
 ♣ J 9 8 4

Vulnerable: East-West
 Dealer: South

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Spade three

BID WITH THE ACES 12-24-B

South holds:
 ♠ 8 5
 ♥ J 8 5
 ♦ A 9 5
 ♣ A Q 10 6 2

South West North East
 1 ♦ 1 ♥ 1 ♠

ANSWER: Double to show the fourth suit, values, and typically heart tolerance. On this sort of auction, a call of two clubs would show a six-card suit, normally with heart support. Double suggests values, clubs, and heart support; perfect!

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