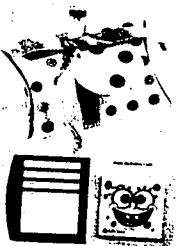


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The cost of water

Shortages are losing the region \$400M, says study

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN - When Soruceo Bean Products employee Wayne Jagels visited farm fields last summer, he saw Twin Falls Canal Co. farmers getting by on less water.

It was the first time the retired farmer turned field man saw growers turn off the end guns on

their center pivots.

"You turn off that gun, and that's a complete circle all around that 180-acre field that's not being watered," Jagels said. "That's a fair amount of acres out there that's not farmable."

He also saw farmers growing more short season crops and reducing hay production.

While those using Twin Falls Canal Co. water were falling up

to 20 percent short, across the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer most groundwater pumpers were pumping away as usual, some surface water users argue.

Twin Falls Canal Co. manager Vince Alborði blames some of the shortages to his company on groundwater pumping rights being over-allocated all along the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer.

"We've been hurt," Alborði said. "The truth is our water users have already been hurt."

That's why the canal company partnered up with 10 other entities - including other canal companies, the city of Twin

Falls, and Clear Springs Foods of Buhl - to fund a study that would size up the amount of money that surface water users are already losing as a result of the shrinking aquifer.

The new study released Tuesday done by a University of Idaho professor of ag economics and statistics shows that across the entire 10,000-square-mile Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer, the region already is losing \$400 million per year in crops that could have been grown or electricity that could have been generated. The report documents that groundwater

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T.F. beats building record

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - When City Hall issued its 401st new-home permit Tuesday afternoon, Twin Falls beat its house-building record for the fourth consecutive year.

Who cares? "People who are looking at making investments in Twin Falls," said Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls director of economic development.

"That includes both residential and commercial developers, as well as potential industrial employers researching availability of future employees," he said.

With just three weeks of 2004 remaining, the new record isn't likely to be substantially above the 2003 tally of 400 new single-family home starts within the city's limits. But any increase over the heady heights of the last two years is significant.

"Building permits truly are one measure of economic activity, and so as we continue to grow, we continue to see those numbers of permits rise," McAlindin said.

Rapid construction has gone hand in hand with job creation. In the third quarter, Jerome, Gooding and Twin Falls counties combined had 6.5 percent more nonfarm jobs than a year earlier. That job growth was not as rapid as the roughly 13 percent year-over-year gains earlier this year, but still faster than any time during the 1 1/2 years leading up to mid-2003.

New jobs attract new residents. The home building for that increased population in turn puts people to work in construction-related fields. And rising construction statistics help to attract new business investment and employment - particularly by big-box and other chain retailers, but also by developers of professional office parks.

"People have jobs, people have money, that brings retailers and additional commercial activity," McAlindin said.

The city's unprecedented residential construction, however, comes during a drought. City Hall this year launched a mandatory water-conservation program, and officials apparently saw a need to explain their continued support of growth.

"We know from experience that communities do not turn growth on and off at will," City Council members wrote in an October letter to residents, distributed with water bills. "We believe orderly, controlled growth is important for a community. Expanding our economy is an objective in our strategic plan."

With various conservation measures, the city can support a "reasonable rate of growth" with existing water sources, the letter said.

CHILDHOODS PAST



Twin Falls County Historical Museum volunteer Ruby Llerman reviews dolls that will appear in an antique doll display, beginning today.



The head for this K&K Toy Co. doll was made by a German company and sent for assembly to New York City in the late 1920s or early 1930s, Ruby Llerman says. The doll once belonged to Twin Falls native Mary Priebe, daughter of a key businessman in Twin Falls' early years. "You don't see a lot of boy dolls," Llerman says.

Museum assembles antique doll display

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Almost 80 years ago, Helen (McKay) Lamb's train trip to Ogden, Utah, inspired a new form of entertainment: playing train.

She and her little sister, daughters of a Twin Falls farmer, placed chairs facing each other, laid blankets over their laps and pretended they and their dolls were traveling by rail.

The girls' Bye-Lo Baby dolls would have been a valuable today.

"We don't know exactly what happened to ours, but they're very collectable," said Lamb, 85, who's still a Twin Falls resident.

What does remain of her doll days is the painted wooden doll bed that her father fashioned.

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Trial begins in shooting of two teens

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

HAILEY - After being shot in the abdomen, John Marshall Hooten was losing so much blood that doctors had to replace his blood volume eight times.

Dr. Keith Thomas Sivertson, who was one of nine witnesses called to the stand by prosecutors Tuesday, also testified Hooten was given a less than 10 percent chance of survival.

In the first day of a trial expected to last one week, the state began building its case against David Leroy Santistevan, the man accused of shooting two teenage boys in Bellevue on March 29.

William Shane Quarles, a paramedic who responded to the scene that night, testified that Hooten was on the ground crying out in pain, saying, "Don't let me die. Don't let me die."



Santistevan, 47, of Bellevue, sat still and expressionless during opening statements and throughout witness testimony. He faces two counts of attempted second-degree murder in connection with the shooting of Hooten and Tyrel Peak behind the Silver Dollar Saloon.

David Leroy Santistevan sits motionless Tuesday during the first day of his attempted murder trial. Visible in the background is Santistevan's lawyer, Keith Roark.

City Hall Records/Photo: Steve Sandberg

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Recent history

Here are the total numbers of new single-family homes that received building permits from Twin Falls' city building department during the past 20 years. By Tuesday, the 2004 permits topped the 2003 record.

1994	238
1995	156
1996	189
1997	179
1998	196
1999	176
2000	168
2001	241
2002	344
2003	400

Source: City Hall reports

House approves sweeping overhaul of intelligence agencies

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON - After five months of wrangling over power and money, the House of Representatives Tuesday approved a sweeping reorganization of the nation's intelligence gathering practices, leaving it to the Senate to give final passage

to a set of reforms designed to significantly change the way U.S. spy agencies detect and track the nation's enemies.

President Bush supports the measure and has said he will sign it into law once it wins Senate approval, which was expected Wednesday. But the measure's success may well depend

on the person Bush names as his new director of national intelligence - a job created by the act.

The skill that person exerts in wresting control of the 15 government intelligence agencies, some of which have grown accustomed to operational autonomy, will determine whether

the reforms will work, or whether they will become just another bulky layer of bureaucracy in a system already bedeviled by dysfunction.

The House approved the bill by a vote of 336-to-75. It would create a new national intelligence director, tighten U.S. border controls and establish a

counterterrorism center.

"This legislation is going to make a real difference to the security of our country," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, one of the bill's chief sponsors. "It is going to improve the quality of intelligence provided to our military, and it will help to keep civilians safer here at home."

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Windy with rain showers. Highs, lower to mid 40s.
Tonight: Rain continuing maybe a few wet flakes of snow.
Low: Lower to mid 30s.
Tomorrow: Scattered rain showers. Highs, 40s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Yesterday's Weather. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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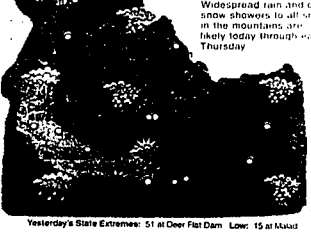
Today: Rain showers and windy conditions. Highs, lower to mid 40s.
Tonight: Rain perhaps in form of a few flakes of wet snow.
Low: Lower to mid 30s.
Tomorrow: Mixed showers, at times. Highs, mid to upper 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
A combination of heavy snow showers and wind will make for treacherous traveling conditions in the mountains over the next couple of days.

Today Highs 28 to 32 Tonight's Lows 17 to 23
A very wet and windy weather pattern will continue through Thursday.

Today Highs/Lows 45 to 50 / 33 to 38
Widespread rain and/or snow showers fall across the mountains, are likely today through early Thursday.



Weather's State Emblem, 31 at Deer Flat Dam. Low: 15 at Hooten weather key; as sunny, partly cloudy, mostly cloudy, a cloudy, thunderstorms, an showers, rain, an snow, flurries, wind, misting

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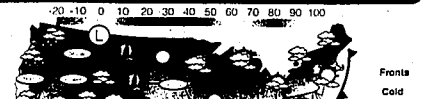
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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Trial

Continued from A1. "You are to hold the defendant accountable for his actions," Blaine County Deputy Prosecutor Justin Whatcott told jurors.

De. Sivertson, an emergency physician at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center, said doctors had to make quick decisions that night about which injuries were more life threatening and required more attention.

"The evidence will show David Santistevan is not prideful or boastful of what happened," Hoark continued. "He did not go looking for anyone that night. (He had) no intention to confront nor injure anyone."

"After the first shot (which) missed, Marshall and I kind of just both froze," he recalled. "We didn't know what to do, what to do."

After his friend was shot, Peak turned to leave on the ATV they were riding when he felt a sharp pain in his left leg, he said.

"(My leg) moved up like this," he said, raising his hand to waist level. "I pushed it back down. I grabbed onto the handle bars and took off as fast as I could."

He made it to his parents' house, where he collapsed under the door.

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Water

Continued from A1. Assuming that groundwater rights established after 1967 were curtailed, that study concluded there would be \$100 million in economic losses in Magic Valley based upon 87 percent of claims being ruled down on the north side of the Snake River Canyon and related job losses to curtailment.

But surface water users were not included in the first study. "Refining this discussion is what we're trying to do," said Larry Cope, Clear Springs chief executive officer.

In addition, the Hamilton report questions the basis of the first report done by Magic Valley extension educators Bill Hazen and Bob Ohtselsen. Hamilton said it's too early to reach any conclusions on what the results of curtailment of certain

groundwater scenarios "might be." The Twin Falls Canal Co. owns some of the oldest rights in the region, dating back 100 years.

Clear Springs, which is the world's largest commercial trout producer, is one of the surface users that prevailed upon the Idaho Department of Water Resources last winter to make a call on junior groundwater users.

"The message in this study is that senior water right users are already being curtailed while groundwater-pumpers are being permitted to pump at 100 percent," Cope said.

While Karl Dreher, who heads the Department of Water Resources, has said that it is inherent in the prior appropriation doctrine that during times of drought everyone suffers, another Clear Springs representative disagrees.

"Prior appropriation says senior users will get preferential treatment during emergencies," said Randy MacMillan, research and environment director for the company.

Doll

Continued from A1. for her in about 1920. L.I.E. McKay, who farmed south of Twin Falls, probably cut the headboard and footboard on a 14-1/2-by-12-inch-board, and he added stiles to hold it in place.

A new display at the Twin Falls County Historical Museum will feature that relic of an early Twin Falls childhood - along with 15 antique dolls from the museum's collection.

The museum's new exhibit - expected to be ready for viewing in time for tonight's presentation by a pair of history book editors - also includes a few pieces of a toy tea set, a doll's diminutive chamber pot, a silked-toe quilt and many pieces of homemade doll clothing - some of them embroidered or decorated with dainty pink tucks and ribbons.

One remarkable item in the display is a doll-sized buggy with metal wheels and a mackler cloth seat. Doll collector Lillian Nielsen of Twin Falls, a volunteer at the county historical museum, estimates the buggy is something like a century-old. Nielsen has a picture of her grandmother as a child standing beside a doll-buggy with the buggy in the museum's collection.

"It really is in good condition for being that old," Nielsen said. Chris Bolton, museum president, planned to saddle-soap the buggy's cloth and clean its wheels before tonight's exhibit opening. Nielsen cautioned him not to do more. Excessive cleaning, she said, could harm the antique's value.

Bolton and fellow museum volunteers frequently assemble new exhibits to encourage local folks to make repeat visits. Of the more than 15,000 objects in the museum's collection, only 15 to 20 percent are on show at any time, he said.

An exhibit case of vintage clothing needed to be rotated out of the public eye to get a rest from sunlight, dust and vertical hanging. With dolls tucked away in various corners of the museum, and with a couple of knowledgeable doll collectors among the ranks of volunteers, a doll display seemed a natural replacement.

With no paid staff, the museum relies entirely on volunteer labor, and acquisitions haven't been catalogued consistently over the years. When they combed the collection, museum workers found more dolls than they expected.

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Twin Falls County Historical Museum Where: Three miles west of the county hospital on U.S. Highway 30.

Admission: Free, but the museum accepts donations. For information: Call the museum at 736-4875.

Special event tonight: "Gifts of Heritage" editors will speak at 7 p.m. today at the museum. The event, with light refreshments, is free and open to the public.

Another artifact in the museum's doll exhibit won't be found in any collector's catalogue. The homemade doll, fashioned from a yellow cloth tablecloth in the 1920s by a local woman's mother, sports painted hair and nose, blue bias-tape edging along its limbs and glued-on wiggly eyes.

These dolls were high-end products when they were first purchased - at about \$9 to \$3 each - and are evidence that the Priebe family was well off, said doll collector Ruby Lierman of Priebe, another

Minnesota volunteer. Minnesota volunteer R. Priebe arrived in Twin Falls on May 12, 1908, and with a business partner purchased a Main Avenue jewelry store, according to local history author Mary J. Inman.

Another Priebe doll, with a head of German bisque and body of papier-mache, was manufactured between 1912 and 1935. (It's one of the museum's dolls worth \$600 to \$800 today.) The doll still sports its original factory-made shoes and socks, a fact, Lierman said, is highly unusual.

Policy filters dissident voices

Los Angeles Times

In the summer of 1956, Russian poet Boris Pasternak received one of the all-time classic rejection letters: A 10,000-word missive that stopped just short of accusing him of treason. It was left to foreign publishers to give his "smuggled" manuscript life, offering the West a peek into the soul of the Cold War enemy, winning Pasternak the 1958 Nobel in literature and providing Hollywood with an epic film.

These days, Pasternak might not have fared so well.

In an apparent reversal of decades of U.S. practice, recent federal Office of Foreign Assets Control regulations bar American companies from publishing works by dissident writers in countries under sanction unless they first obtain U.S. government approval.

The restriction, condemned by critics as a violation of the First Amendment, means that books and other works banned by some totalitarian regimes cannot be published freely in the United States, a country that prides itself as the international beacon of free expression.

"It strikes me as very odd," said Douglas Kmiec, a constitutional law professor at Pepperdine University and former constitutional legal counsel to former Presidents Reagan and Bush. "I think the justice has an uphill struggle to justify this constitutionally."

Several groups, led by the PEN American Center and including Arcade Publishing, have filed suit in U.S. District Court in New York seeking to overturn the regulations, which cover writers in Iran, Sudan, Cuba, North Korea and, until recently, Iraq.

Violations carry severe reprisals - publishing houses can be fined \$1 million and individual violators face up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

"Historically, the United States has served as a megaphone for dissidents from other countries," said Ed Davis of New York, a lawyer leading the PEN legal challenge. "Now we're not able to hear from dissidents."

Yet more than dissident voices are affected.

The regulations already have led publishers to scrap plans for volumes on Cuban architecture and birds, and publishers complain that the rules threaten the intellectual breadth and inde-

pendence of academic journals.

Shirin Ebadi, the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize winner, has joined the lawsuit, arguing that the rules preclude American publishers from helping craft her memoirs of surviving Iran's Islamic revolution and her efforts to defend human rights in Iranian courts.

In a further wrinkle, even if publishers obtain a license for a book - something they are loathe to do - they believe the regulations bar them from advertising it, forcing readers to find the dissident works on their own.

"It's absolutely against the First Amendment," fumed Arcade editor Richard Seaver, who hopes to publish an anthology of Iranian short stories. "We're not going to ask permission (to publish). That reeks of censorship. And censorship is a word that gets my huckles up very quickly."

U.S. limits use of dogs on detainees

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - Jails and detention centers around the country must stop using police dogs to control immigration detainees as of Sunday under a new policy issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a division of Homeland Security, issued a memo to its field offices last month ordering them to refrain from contracting with lockups that use dogs around detainees.

"The lockups will still be able to use the dogs to sniff for drugs or other contraband, and to guard regular prisoners who are not being held on immigration charges," said a bureau spokesman Russ Knocke.

"We believe there are other effective tools that can be used," he said.

Knocke said the department has received complaints about dogs being used against detainees, "but I wouldn't suggest it was cause and effect in terms of the new policy. This is something we had been working on for a number of years."

Immigrant-rights workers hailed the directive as long overdue.

"We are encouraged at this victory," said Eric Lerner, a leader of the New Jersey Civil Rights Defense Committee. "It's clearly the result of the work of immigrants rights groups over the last 18 months since we ex-

posed the use of dogs against detainees."

The Passaic County jail in Paterson is among 91 detention centers nationwide that use dogs to control immigration detainees. There are 200 to 400 such detainees at the jail, which gets \$77 per day from the government for housing each inmate.

Dogs are used to accompany prisoners being transferred to and from the infirmary, or to break up fights.

National Public Radio last month aired a report and made public documents describing a dog attack at the jail. The jail temporarily stopped using dogs around detainees last month, but recently resumed the practice.

Bill Maur, a spokesman for Passaic County Sheriff Jerry Speziale, said the jail will comply with the Saturday deadline by moving detainees to a different section of the jail where dogs will not be permitted.

"The effect is very strongly that canines are an integral part of security," Maur said. "We will not allow safety to be compromised or for a single employee to be injured."

Court considers shipping of alcohol

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - A majority of U.S. Supreme Court justices on Tuesday appeared sharply critical of states that prohibit consumers from buying wine directly from out-of-state wineries as the court considered a case that could radically alter how alcohol is sold nationwide.

"The very activity you don't want them to engage in... your in-state wineries are engaging in," Justice David Souter told Michigan Solicitor General Thomas C. Casper, Michigan, whose law is being challenged along with New York's, allows its wineries to ship directly to consumers, leading to charges of discrimination and protectionism from out-of-state vint-



Bush waves to military personnel and their families on Tuesday at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Bush asks citizens to sacrifice for families of troops serving overseas

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) - Standing before thousands of Marines, President Bush asked other Americans on Tuesday to make their own by helping battle-weary troops and their families.

"The time of war is a time of sacrifice, especially for our military families," Bush said, wearing a tan military jacket with epaulets. "I urge every American to find some way to thank our military and to help out the military family down the street."

In October 2001, shortly after the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, Bush ordered the invasion of Afghanistan to rout the terrorist-protecting Taliban government. The military took on the additional burden of the war in Iraq starting with the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003.

"In all that time, while traveling widely to visit military personnel and sit at the bedside of the wounded, the president has asked little of the civilian public. But with casualties increasing and the number of U.S. troops in Iraq slated to rise before next month's planned elections there, Bush urged citizens to do more."

Speaking on the 63rd anniversary of Pearl Harbor, Bush's call to sacrifice, recalled President Roosevelt's World War II-era requests for Americans to pitch in for the war effort. Citizens responded then by planting victory gardens, purchasing war bonds, contributing metals and transforming commercial factories into weapons-makers.

Bush, who flew across the country and back in one long day to a base that has seen one of the highest casualty rates in Iraq, suggested ways Americans

now can support troops - and their left-behind families - by citing the example of several already doing so. Groups have been established to welcome home the wounded, collect thank-you letters, build homes adapted to disabled vets, and raise money for military families who must forsake home and jobs to stand beside a recovering soldier, he said.

"In this season of giving, let us stand with the men and women who stand up for America, our military," Bush said.

The president spent the bulk of his visit to this southern California base behind closed doors.

After his speech, he joined troops in a mess hall decorated for Christmas for a luncheon of beef, noodles and rice. He then went into a base gymnasium to face hundreds of relatives of the fallen.

According to a Camp Pendleton spokesman, Cpl. Patrick Carroll, 269 Marines from the base have been killed in action in Iraq. A total of more than 12,700 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war, including nearly 1,000 who have died as a result of hostile action.

In his public remarks, Bush sought to console the survivors. "We can only go so far in capturing the grief and sense of loss for the families of those who have died," he said. "But you can know this: They gave their lives for a cause that is just."

And as in other generations, their sacrifice will have spared millions from the lives of tyranny and sorrow."

Recently, more than 21,000 Camp Pendleton Marines have been serving in Iraq's al-Anbar province, including the battle to secure the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah.

Other missions have included being the first conventional forces to fight in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and rolling across Iraq's border for the march to Baghdad that toppled Saddam Hussein's regime.

Bush declared the Fallujah campaign a success, saying, "We have dealt the enemy a severe blow."

"All you're asking is for a rationale" that is "sweeping," Kennedy told Stanford University law professor Kathleen Sullivan, one of the attorneys challenging the laws, after she suggested that the court could make a limited ruling affecting only wine.

The case centers on a complex legal issue - the true intent of the 21st Amendment, which repealed Prohibition in 1933. But it has 21st century implications for consumers who want to purchase wine over the Internet.

"Two powerful forces are fiercely fighting over the question: the fast-growing wine industry, particularly in California, which seeks unfettered access to customers in every state, versus alcoholic-beverage wholesalers, who fear the elimination of their role as profit-making middlemen in a three-tiered regulation system set up after Prohibition ended."

Bans on out-of-state wine shipments stem from the 21st Amendment, which outlawed the "transportation or importation" of "intoxicating liquors" into any state in violation of its laws.

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Chief Chocolatier Terry Wakefield, of Bissinger's Handcrafted Chocolatier, and Washington University's Director of University Nutrition Connie Diekmann display the recently introduced Spa Chocolate at Bissinger's St. Louis offices Nov. 11.

Chocolatier: Candy has health benefits

Eat with caution, advise experts

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Here's a novel way to sell candy: Tell people it's good for them.

That's the strategy of Bissinger's Handcrafted Chocolatier, a long-established, upscale chocolate company based in St. Louis.

Bissinger's new Spa Chocolate urges you to "treat yourself to good health." At a cost of more than \$2 a candy and named to conjure up images of pampering and well-being, it definitely qualifies as a treat.

As to the health, the elegant packaging says the candies contain ingredients "linked to improved cardiovascular health, lowered risk for certain types of cancer, a reduction in body weight and a slowing of the aging process."

From a blutheberry cup to a sugary walnut-bear-claw or cherry cordial, the bite-sized candies contain several ingredients believed to have some health benefits: dark chocolate, fruits and nuts.

But the health claims amount to a trick, said the director of nutrition at the Washington-based Center for Science in the Public Interest.

"The claims that these candies can help you lose weight, fight cancer or improve your short-term memory are not supported by good evidence," said CSPI's Bonnie Liebman.

She said studies have been done on some, but not all, of the

individual ingredients and the related claims, though Bissinger's said they'd thoroughly researched the ingredients. And she didn't believe people would get enough of the ingredients to result in the rewards. That, she said, could be misleading at a time when two out of three Americans are overweight.

"The bottom line is they're trying to trick people into thinking these chocolates are good for them."

Not so, the chocolate company said.

Connie Diekmann, the university dietitian who helped develop the product, said eating one chocolate daily as part of good overall dietary habits can help people trying to start or maintain a healthy lifestyle. The candies come seven to a box for \$15.95, each candy labeled for a day of the week.

Cocoa beans contain plant chemicals called flavonoids, a kind of antioxidant that some studies have found can protect the heart; walnuts contain omega-3 fatty acids also linked to lower heart disease risk; apricots have healthful beta carotene.

Bissinger president Kenneth Kellerhals said the business wanted a way to include chocolate consumption as part of a healthy lifestyle.

"I'm the owner of a chocolate company; want somebody to go out and buy 15 boxes of whatever and consume them?" Kellerhals asked. "Well, really what I'd like to do is have the person be healthy and be a customer for 50 or 75 years."

U.S. defends global warming strategy

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — The United States, facing intense national criticism for its rejection of the Kyoto Protocol, argued Tuesday it spends billions of dollars seeking new technologies to cut emissions of the greenhouse gases blamed for global warming.

At the last major conference on global climate change before the Kyoto accord takes effect in February, the United States showed no signs of wavering from its opposition to the treaty, which requires initial cuts in "greenhouse" gases by 2012.

The United States, along with Australia, is the biggest industrialized country to reject the accord, a landmark agreement obligating 30 of the world's developed nations to reduce their output of heat-trapping gases produced by industry, automobiles and power plants.

Many scientists believe the gases seriously threaten life on Earth by causing a gradual rise in the planet's temperature. Global warming has been blamed for more violent storms, rising sea levels and shrinking animal habitats.

Powell, Russian minister clash over Ukraine

SOFIA, Bulgaria — The United States and Russia clashed Tuesday at a European security forum here over the crisis concerning Ukraine's disputed election, elevating an increasingly tense debate over democracy in former Soviet republics.

In rare criticism of Russia, Secretary of State Colin Powell also pressed Russia to remove its military forces from two former Soviet republics and expressed concern over press restrictions and the rule of law under Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Ukraine's supreme court has ordered a second run-off election for Dec. 26, after mass demonstrations protesting the victory claimed by pro-Moscow Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich against West-leaning Viktor Yushchenko in a campaign that election observers said was rigged by the government. The Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), a 55-nation group that started as a dialogue forum during the Cold War, sent 600 monitors to the disputed Nov. 21 ballot.

Karzai gets sworn in as elected Afghan president

KABUL, Afghanistan — President Hamid Karzai took the helm Tuesday of a country whose revival is threatened by a surging opium trade and a persistent Taliban insurgency.

Nation/World in brief



Hamid Karzai

pledging to bring stability and prosperity to Afghanistan even as rebels staged attacks near the Pakistani border.

With the speeches over and foreign dignitaries departing his solemn swearing-in ceremony, the affable Karzai began a challenging five-year term under pressure to heal ethnic divisions and repair the war-ravaged nation's decrepit infrastructure.

Wearing his trademark green robe and lambskin hat and with his right hand on a copy of Islam's holy book, the Quran, Karzai appeared jittery as he repeated an oath-of-allegiance read to him by the white-bearded chief justice, Fazl Hadi Shinwari.

But he recovered his poise in a confident speech before 600 guests who included Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, outlining his agenda to meet Afghans' sky-high expectations.

Napoleon memoir, will are sold at Paris auction

PARIS — An early draft of Napoleon Bonaparte's will — in which the French emperor writes of his English enemies "I forgive them," but then apparently thinks better of it and scratches out the phrase — sold at a Paris auction Tuesday for \$149,505.

Napoleon dictated the will in 1821 while exiled and bedridden on the British territory of St. Helena, and it had not been previously published, auction officials said. It was sold to an anonymous French collector.

Drouot also sold an 84-page memoir recounting the day-to-day adventures of the emperor's early military campaign to conquer Europe, partly written in Napoleon's own handwriting and including many spelling mistakes. It sold to an unidentified Swiss buyer for \$336,100; the auction house said.

The documents went under the hammer just days after many in France commemorated the 200th anniversary of Napoleon's coronation as emperor on Dec. 2, 1804.

The 12-page will was written 16 years later by Count Charles de Montholon, a friend of the deposed French leader. It was dated April 13, 1821, a month before Napoleon died.

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EDITORIAL

Fish and Wildlife experts get it right on sage grouse

Sometimes, even the federal government can get things right.

The news that U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service senior biologists recommended placing the western sage grouse on the endangered species list is a good indicator that sound science can in fact lead to good politics.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has also dedicated itself to extensive sage grouse recovery programs — as have many other state wildlife agencies.

The results in Idaho have been promising. Fish and Game reports show grouse numbers in Magic Valley on the rise since 1995. Regional biologists and volunteers this spring observed 875 male sage grouse on 14 breeding grounds (also known as leks) — which is more than double the 410 counted 10 years ago.

That's not as strong as the 1,334 male grouse observed in 1987. But progress is continuing with expanded lek counts, and higher numbers in each of them.

Environmental groups will counter that the full protection of the Endangered Species Act is the best way to end the long-term uncertainty of sage grouse numbers. But history shows the ESA as a bureaucratic power only. Since its inception in 1973, only 12 of 1,300 listed species has made a full recovery under ESA protection.

While the act still has significant importance, applying it in a broad fashion that "eliminates public lands" is not the sure solution.

When local cooperative efforts show success, the federal government should allow that recovery work continue. Using the blunt and heavy sword of the Endangered Species Act is still unnecessary for the sage grouse.

Our view: Senior biologists from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service make a sound recommendation on sage grouse recovery. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The biologist's recommendation regarding the sage grouse is just that. Later this month, Fish and Wildlife Service Director Steve Williams will make the final decision of whether to list the game bird under federal protection of the Endangered Species Act.

Obviously Williams should follow the counsel given by his staff and keep sage grouse off the list. Doing so would be good for state wildlife agencies, public land users, and most importantly, the sage grouse itself.

Sage grouse are game birds indigenous to western states, including much of the southern Idaho high desert range. The bird is well known for its peculiar mating rituals, with whooping calls and a puffed out chest. The species feeds primarily on forbs and sagebrush vegetation that has declined over the years for numerous reasons. Those factors include drought, herbicides, wildfire, grazing, road development.

Estimates now show the sage grouse, which lives on habitat stretching across 11 western states, have declined from about 140,000 to 500,000 from historic highs of 16 million.

But those figures have also sparked a cooperative effort among conservationists, wildlife groups, ranchers and



Fix the tax system without the overhaul

W. ELLIOT BROWNLEE

Various presidents have overseen major reforms of the progressive income tax, but according to news accounts the Bush administration contemplates its virtual abandonment.

One possible route it has suggested would be to shrink the tax base to just wages, salaries and pensions (thereby exempting investment income such as interest, dividends and profits) and replace progressive rates — rates that increase as income rises — with a single "flat" rate.

This would be an immense break from the past. Before proceeding, the administration ought to consider the history and success of progressive taxation, and the case for reforming it rather than scrapping it.

The enactment of a progressive federal income tax, in 1913 under President Wilson, culminated a long and often bitterly contested reform movement.

The reformers believed that individuals ought to be taxed according to their ability to pay, and that individual taxes ought to be based on a person's total income — investment income as well as wages and salaries. They lamented the fact that state and local property taxes applied only to real estate, leaving such property as stocks and bonds untaxed, as remains the case today. A federal income tax, they thought, would help compensate for this.

The reformers also regarded the existing tax system, which relied heavily on tariffs and other consumption taxes at the federal level and on real estate taxes at the state and local levels, as too regressive. Such a system hits low-income families

harder than the rich. The adoption of progressive taxes at the federal level — with some rates aimed at the very wealthy — was expected to help correct for the regressive elements elsewhere in the system.

The progressive tax got much more progressive during World War I and World War II. It reached deep into the middle class in World War II, but it hit the wealthiest as well. The top "marginal" rate rose to 94 percent by the war's end. (This rate was not as onerous as it sounds. A person would pay the 94 percent only on the dollars earned in excess of \$200,000, a huge income in 1945.) The tax was seen as helping to equalize wartime sacrifice.

Continuing high marginal rates, however, created two major problems. First, the rate created economic disincentives for wealthy Americans to save and invest, and to work. Ronald Reagan made this point by complaining that the 90 percent marginal rate of the 1940s led him to choose more leisure over making additional movies.

Second, these rates ultimately undermined the goal of broadening the economic base for taxation — they created incentives for taxpayers to seek lucrative loopholes in the form of special deductions and exemptions. The loopholes in turn created economic distortions (by favoring one form of income or industry over another), made the tax code

inordinably complex and weakened the public's faith in the fairness of the income tax.

These problems prompted major reforms over the years, many focused on reducing the highest marginal rates. None of these reforms, however, challenged the fundamental progressiveness of the rate structure. In 1986, for example, the Reagan administration coupled rate reductions at the top with significant cuts for low-income Americans. One reason for keeping progressivity was that the administration recognized the need to offset the regressiveness of the payroll taxes that funded Social Security and Medicare.

The 1986 reforms under Reagan were the most comprehensive and successful.

President Bush has continued Reagan's program of reducing the top marginal rates, but the president — like his predecessors since Reagan — has failed to follow through on the loophole-closing reforms of 1986. The tax code may now be even more complex than it was before those changes. As a consequence, another major reform measure is overdue.

The success of the 1986 reforms in making the income tax economically sound and fiscally stronger and more equitable ought to encourage the president to stay on that path and reject scrapping the progressive income tax.

W. Elliot Brownlee is a professor of economic history at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Advocacy no reason to ban religious ad

For the members of Advent, the United Church of Christ had planned a nationwide television campaign extending an open welcome to all people, especially gays and lesbians. The message was simple: Jesus didn't turn people away; neither do we. The United Church of Christ. The visuals dramatized people, including two men holding hands, being turned away by bouncers at the door of a church.

MADISON SHOCKLEY

But the major networks wouldn't air the ad. ABC was at least consistent; it never airs religious ads. NBC and CBS, however, said no because the ad was "too controversial" or was "obscene."

CBS stated that its policy prohibited advocacy ads on any questions of public debate — in this case, gay marriage. But the ad neither says nor implies anything about gay marriage. It merely states that if you are on life's journey, you are welcome. It cannot be that gay people attending church is a question of debate.

If advocacy is the objection, then ads from the armed services should also be banned because recruitment of soldiers is clearly advocacy for war.

NBC, for its part, simply stated that the ad was "too controversial." If so, then the news department should cover the story. We have been welcoming and ordaining gays and lesbians for decades, yet when we request coverage, the networks skip it because it's "news." So, either let us buy the time to welcome people who feel excluded from some Christian churches or send news crews to over 6,000 churches. To neither cover us nor allow us to buy time because we're too controversial is to deny us our freedom of speech and our freedom of religion.

Right-wing fundamentalist Christians have so dominated the media that many Americans don't believe liberal/progressive Christianity even exists. The fundamentalist message is the de facto Christian message because such groups have the money to not only buy airtime but to have their own shows. And every time Jerry Falwell blames gays or feminists for society's ills, he shows up on the news.

Some have suggested that the ad was inappropriate because it proselytizes. But we liberals don't do evangelism; I like to call it "invitationalism." It is simply our way of saying who we are and extending an invitation to anyone who has felt unwelcome in the Christian community.

Some TV network executives have alleged to me that the ad implies that other churches exclude some people. That is simply the plain history of Christian churches in our country. The commercial does not name names. But I will. Jimmy Carter resigned from his Southern Baptist church in 1976 because its constitution prohibited membership to blacks. It is a fact that gays have experienced rejection, exclusion and condemnation in a broad variety of "Christian" congregations. And Thursday, the Methodists "convicted" the Rev. Irene Elizabeth Stroud of being a lesbian; she was defrocked.

This ad is our small effort to deliver a message of "extraordinary welcome" to all people.

Madison Shockley is the minister of the Pilgrim Union Church of Christ in Carlsbad, Calif.

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LETTERS

History doesn't forget crimes of Japan

Dec. 7, 1941, a day that will live in infamy. The day that the Japanese made their sneak attack on Pearl Harbor and launched the USA into World War II.

The West Coast evacuation is still whined about by the Japanese today, although they have been paid millions, tax free, and the old relocation centers are being turned into national parks. National parks? Where is the reparation and national parks for the Italians and Germans who were interned?

I hope all patriots have read Michelle Malkin's book, "In Defense of Internment," and David Lowman's "Magic," especially those from the National Park Service promoting these "professional victims." They can be har-

rowed at your library.

When will the blacked out names in "Magic" be revealed? Most of these people are alive and living here today and were spies for Japan in World War II. Never forgive. Never forget!

JUNE THRESHER
Halley

Advances in longevity leave out the poor

Why would a nation neglect the people who have paid into the system their whole working lives and made most of our programs possible? Why?

Modern medicine is keeping people alive longer, but we can't afford to buy it. More and more doctors are not accepting new Medicare patients, so what is the point? Why can't the government just regulate the costs? Or better yet, have a system like THCare for Life and let our eld-

erly purchase medication for a reasonable co-pay. With the onset of the baby boomers, the pharmaceutical companies would surely still make a profit.

Why make the Medicare Part D Prescription Benefit in 2006 so complicated? Seems to end up costing more money in the long run just to educate the confused masses!

Wasn't the whole point to lower the cost of prescription drugs? I believe that the administration should take a second look. Maybe a benefit that resembles their own might work nicely.

I truly feel that we are being priced out of life. Poor people have no voice. This scheme has been in control for hundreds of years, and it is wrong!

Something has got to give — back to the people who gave in the first place.

JEANNINE STRICKER
Twin Falls

Estate tax preserves economic base

This is in response to my good friend Roscoe Patton's letter charging that the estate tax was hatched as a Marxist plot. It certainly was not.

Many of our forefathers left the aristocracies of Europe to live in a society based on democracy and the system of private enterprise. Aristocracy, a government or a state characterized by the rule of nobility, elite, or privileged upper class. When the majority of resources and riches of a country are owned and controlled by a very few at the top, and when this economic power can be completely transferred through

inheritance, the country moves toward being an aristocracy and opportunity is decreased or destroyed. Unfortunately, our great nation is moving in that direction.

The estate tax was designed, not by communists but by American statesmen as a tool to protect the social and economic base of our democracy and free enterprise system. Please don't be misled by some of the members of the "far right" who don't seem to understand that what they propose will weaken our nation, which is based on opportunity for those who strive and the power of the diligent and informed citizens.

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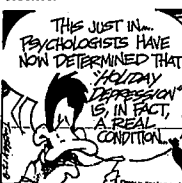
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OPINION

New security czar is a rising star

The choice of Bernard Kerik to head the Department of Homeland Security gets more interesting the more you think about it. Especially if you live in New Jersey.

From the national point of view, Kerik seems like a good pick. He knows something about security, he has experience running a large bureaucracy and he's equipped with good instincts. That became obvious when he slipped out of his Iraqi police adviser gig after just a few months. Kerik is the kind of guy who knows an unmanageable hand when he's dealt one.

The Department of Homeland Security is almost as big a mess as the Baghdad PD. Nobody knows exactly what it does or even what it is. But the secretary's role is clear: he serves as the public face of the war on terror. In other words, it is a PR job (at least until the next attack). Success in office means being more impressive than Tom Ridge.

This should be a snap for Kerik, who is Manhattan media savvy. All he has to do is drop Ridge's laughable color-coding and limit his emergency press conferences to actual emergencies.

But Kerik has more than common sense going for him. Unlike Ridge, he's got star quality.

Kerik is the son of a Jersey hooker who was murdered when he was a young boy. He was raised in the streets of Paterson, dropped out of high school, joined the service, bummed around the world and eventually found his vocation as a street cop.



ZEV CHAFETS

This is folk hero stuff, and, in fact, a Hollywood biopic is on the way. When it comes out, the new secretary of homeland security will be the national brute, bigger than Arnold and twice as real.

Assuming, of course, he gets connected. The NYPD isn't known for producing angels, and there are possibly a few rough patches in Kerik's career. Still, since he already has the blessing of Democrats Hillary Clinton and Chuck Schumer, he ought to sail through Senate confirmation without much scrutiny.

Kerik's shining out dollars in Washington, would obviously be very good for New York. But it is New Jersey, his native state and current residence, where his future lies.

Bernard Kerik is an ambitious Republican. He considered running for governor before learning that the New Jersey state Constitution has a seven-year residency requirement. But there is no such limit for U.S. senators.

New Jersey Sen. Jon Corzine recently announced that he's running for governor in 2005. Corzine has a good reputation, particularly for raising money. If he wins the statehouse, there will be an opening in the Senate. It will be filled by a lame-duck candidate who will have to win the job in 2006. The Republicans naturally

want that seat, and they've got a shot - with the right candidate. After all, New Jersey tended to ward the GOP in 2004, largely because of posttraumatic concerns over terrorism. And who would make a better senator than homeboy Bernie Kerik, just returned from Washington after a year as America's homeland security chief?

Like all political scenarios, this one depends on circumstances. A terror attack on Kerik's watch could discredit him. So could a scandal, always a possibility in a department with an immature administrative structure and a lot of money to give away.

But, if Kerik's luck holds, he'll be able to dole out national security pork for the next year (or three, if he wants to wait for 2008), then head home to Jersey with a pocketful of IOUs. That's the last thing the Democrats need: a Republican working-class superhero with red-hot ambitions in a state that's supposed to be true-blue.

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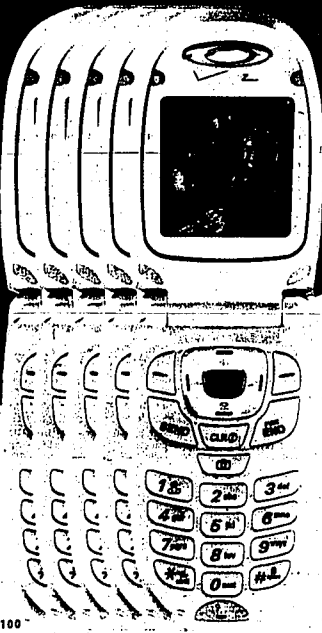
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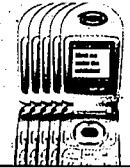
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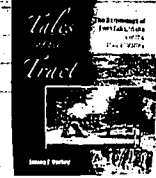
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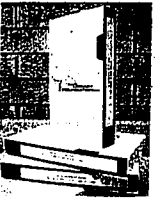
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Jerome teen dies in rollover Tuesday

JEROME — A Jerome teen was killed early Tuesday when he failed to negotiate a corner and his vehicle rolled over, according to a news release.

Andy S. Conklin, 19, of Jerome, was driving a 1973 GMC Jimmy on 700 N. Road, about seven miles north of the city at about 6:50 a.m. when the accident occurred, Conklin's passenger, Mark Kehoe, 23, of Jerome, was not injured.

Nelder man was wearing a seat belt and alcohol and drugs were not involved in the accident.

Idaho State Police are investigating the crash.

Authorities seek woman's whereabouts

JEROME — The Jerome County Sheriff's Department is attempting to locate an Eden woman.

According to a news release, officers believe Leanna S. Pulizzi, 38, left Eden on Nov. 12 and headed to the Boise area.

She is about 5-foot-5, 160 pounds with brown eyes and brown hair.

The sheriff's department did not have anyone available Tuesday to discuss why officers are searching for Pulizzi.

She was last seen near the Idaho State Penitentiary where she visited a relative.

She is believed to be with Kevin Anderson traveling in a grey Toyota Tercel with a license number of 1A7004.

Officers believe she might be living in a motel in the vicinity of Ada County.

The sheriff's department encourages anyone with information on Pulizzi's whereabouts to call Sgt. David Ruggles at 324-8845.

Fire destroys part of Twin Falls home

TWIN FALLS — A malfunction of a heating system involving a fireplace led to part of a Twin Falls home being destroyed Monday, said Twin Falls Fire Battalion Chief Jack Barnes.

A closet and part of the second floor of a house at 3014 Addison Ave. E. were damaged in the fire that started at about 6 p.m. Five fire units responded and the blaze was under control by about 6:40 p.m.

Barnes said the fire caused about \$60,000 in damage to the structure and about \$50,000 in damage to property. No one was injured.

Twin Falls FFA will host alumni banquet

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls FFA Chapter is holding an alumni banquet Friday.

The event will feature a speaker from the Young Farmers Association and the organization will be serving steak, potatoes and other fixings.

Chapter Adviser Blaine Campbell said he hopes to reunite the FFA family and raise some money to help new members buy FFA jackets.

The banquet will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the agriculture science and technology building behind the high school at 1615 Eller Ave. E. Dinners are \$10 each.

All former FFA members, their families and other friends of the FFA are invited. RSVP to Nicole at 735-1878 by Thursday.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Dec. 7
Salmon	85%	16%
Big Wood	58%	12%
Little Wood	57%	13%
Big Lost	72%	17%
Little Lost	78%	21%
Henry Fork/Trip	76%	18%
Upper Snake Basin	86%	17%
Oakley	59%	13%
Salmon Falls	75%	17%

*A comparison of basin snowpack on the day with a 30-year average for the basin.

Investigators ID crash victims

Aircraft lost contact just after being cleared to land

By Gary Stivers Times-News correspondent

BELLEVUE — Investigators released on Tuesday the names of two men who were killed when an airplane crashed just south of Bellevue a day earlier.

Blaine County Coroner Russ Mikel identified the pilot as 60-year-old Fred Villanueva of Farmington, Utah. Also on board was passenger Raymond Ingram, 32, of Salmon. Ingram was the pilot but was not in charge of the flight.

Officials with the National Transportation Safety Board

begin their task Tuesday of trying to determine why the Cessna Caravan cargo plane went down. Senior Air Safety Investigator Debra Eckrole said the aircraft was operating normally before contact with it was lost.

The aircraft departed from Salt Lake City and was preparing to land at Halley's Friedman Memorial Airport.

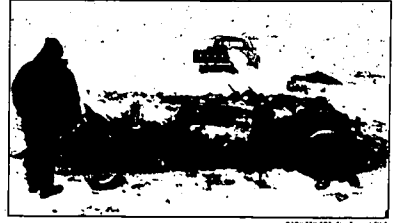
"They reported inbound to the tower and everything sounded normal," Eckrole said. "I just listened to the tape, and everything sounded like normal communications. They

eventually lost air traffic communication with the aircraft at 10:20 (a.m.)."

The airplane crashed moments later.

The windblown crash scene, a hundred yards south of Baseline Road and two miles west of Highway 75 on Hill Sherburne's ranch, is barely 25 feet in diameter.

"We have one witness who saw the aircraft in a nose-down attitude and wings wobbling. And then it hit the ground," Eckrole said.



Investigators sift through the rubble of a plane that crashed near Bellevue. The two men who were killed were identified Tuesday as Fred Villanueva of Farmington, Utah, and Raymond Ingram of Salmon.

Lafrenz becomes Adjutant General Burley sets new golf fees

The Associated Press

BOISE — He had no official aspirations, but Brigadier General Lawrence Frank Lafrenz ascended to the Idaho National Guard's top job when he joined the making since his childhood.

"My dad was in the military, a young lieutenant in World War II," said Lafrenz, who was named Adjutant General by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Tuesday. "As a kid I'd run across his uniform while playing in the attic, and I always knew I wanted to become a commissioned officer."

Lafrenz spent his childhood shuttling between divorced parents in Clarkston, Wash., and Lewiston, Idaho. Like many of his classmates at Clarkston High School, he enlisted in the Idaho National Guard when he graduated.

But he never really expected that one day he'd be leading the entire state guard, Lafrenz said. "I don't think you can join a military organization and think they're going to be an officer," Lafrenz said. "Quite frankly I've been successful not because of anything I've done, but because I've been in the right place at the right time with the right tools and surrounded by good people who've made sure I've looked good."

Lafrenz takes over for retiring Adjutant General Jack Kane on Jan. 15 — less than two months after the largest deployment of the Idaho National Guard in state history.

"It's a tough time to take over the position, Lafrenz said. "Anytime you take over command of an organization, you're always going to face challenges. Most of us who seek command relish the challenge," he said. "There's certainly an opportunity to face challenges out there — we've got 1,600 soldiers in Idaho deployed in harm's way. Anyone who knows anything about the military knows there's a risk of casualties."

But embracing a challenge does not mean a soldier or his commander looks forward to war, Lafrenz said.

"You prepare for war in an attempt to prevent war. We train like we think we're going to fight. But I don't think any of us relishes combat against another human being," he said.

He doesn't have any major changes planned for the Idaho



National Guard. The soldiers have enough to focus on getting through the next several months.

But he hopes to increase support for the families left behind during the deployment.

"We have got to extend every resource we can possibly muster to take care of the families of deployed soldiers, and do those things that will enhance the beauty of a separation like this. The children, wives and husbands probably have a greater challenge than the soldiers," he said.

The governor selected Lafrenz out of a pool of four candidates. "I want this man by my side," Kempthorne said. "He has proven himself to me time and time again."

Lafrenz quick to pass the praise onto others — especially his predecessor Kane, retiring after 44 years of service, and his wife of 36 years, Claudia Lafrenz.

"I hearken back to team sports — an individual of average ability better have help along the way," Lafrenz said. "I've been fortunate to have met a lovely lady who I married in

1968. Every step of the way she's been a trooper, and without a doubt every reason I've been so successful and fortunate is because she made me that way."

Kane said he's looking forward to retirement and spending more time at his ranch in Garden Valley.

"It's a long time. 44 years. It's been an honor to lead the soldiers of Idaho and sometimes have the soldiers lead me," he said. "As one great general once said, 'I'm just going to fade away and cross the river.' In my case, it's the Payette River."

By Chip Thompson Times-News writer

BURLEY — The City Council kept its head down, left arm straight and followed through on a recommendation by the golf course committee to return to a single fee for annual passes to the Burley Municipal Golf Course.

The fee for adult weekday passes was sliced from the proposed \$380 to \$300 in an effort to hook seniors and others able to play weekdays by offering them a greater discount. Residents and Council members agreed that a \$20 discount was not enough.

"If you want to make it a bargain, you should," Earl Simpson told the Council. "It should be \$300."

But Course Professional Mike Williams suggested \$380 may be more appropriate because of the large number of seniors who only play weekdays already. He said that seniors tend to play more than other pass holders.

Simpson countered that tighter restrictions could be placed on the discounted pass to make sure that pass holders don't use the course during busier times.

The Council agreed that the cheaper pass should limit play to the slowest times, so the \$300 pass will only be valid Monday through Thursday, and golfers must tee-off before 4 p.m.

Williams said it's important that those purchasing discounted passes, which are available to anyone, are made aware of the restrictions ahead of time in order to avoid problems when the season starts.

Councilman Dave Ringle, who heads the golf course committee, said the revised fee structure was designed with an eye toward boosting revenues through increased play and fostering a better relationship with the community.

"That relationship was strained this year when the city went to a two-tier system that charged non-residents \$90 more for season passes. Sales of passes dropped nearly 25 percent as many county residents opted to play other courses. Ringle said he didn't expect to make up the entire loss in one year but that the new fee structure is a good start.

Passes for the 2005 season should be available immediately for those who want to purchase passes in time for the holidays.

Burley sets new golf fees

Golf prices approved by the Burley City Council

Green fees	2005 increase
9 holes, weekdays <td>\$11 \$1</td>	\$11 \$1
18 holes, weekdays <td>\$16 \$1.50</td>	\$16 \$1.50
9 holes, weekends <td>\$13 \$3</td>	\$13 \$3
18 holes, weekends <td>\$20 \$1.50</td>	\$20 \$1.50
9 hole punch card	\$11 \$10
18 hole punch card	\$160 \$10

Season passes

Adult	\$400
Adult weekdays only	\$200
Course	\$675
College student	\$240**
Student	\$90
Student	\$30 for the high school season*

* Adult weekday and high school golf season passes are valid Monday through Thursday before 4 p.m. only. Weekday holidays are excluded.
 ** College students age 18 to 24, valid May 1 through Aug. 31 only.

Wood River Valley gets the gift of snow

Skiers welcome the arrival of natural snow

By Gary Stivers Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Mother Nature dumped 16 inches of new snow in the Wood River Valley by Tuesday morning in the first significant storm of the season.

"Two more disturbances that were approaching bringing the Oregon coast Tuesday are expected to bring as much as 12 more inches of snow today before nightfall."

The snow flakes were welcomed by ski enthusiasts and those who depend on snow-seeking tourists to drive the valley's winter economy. And Sun Valley finally began looking like a ski resort Tuesday. Guest reservations at the Sun Valley Lodge and Inn were reported to be above 90 percent of capacity between Christmas and New



Cars travel down Main Street in downtown Wood River Valley after snow plows cleared the roughly 16 inches of snow that had fallen there by Tuesday morning. An additional foot of snow is expected in the Wood River Valley today. There's a 70 percent chance of rain in Twin Falls.

Year's Day

Mike Huston, a staff meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Pocatello, said the Sun Valley area has a 100 percent probability of a foot or more of new snow today with four to eight inches accumulating in Halley and Bellevue. Heat arriving with the new snow could

1,100 morning skiers. By the early afternoon, Sun Valley Ski Patrol officials hadn't yet decided what additional runs and ski lifts might open today, but a dozen more runs were opened Tuesday.

As for backcountry recreation around the resort, southwest winds of 30 to 40 mph are expected to follow the new snow and aggravate the avalanche hazard outside controlled ski areas.

October's snowfall has been eroded to a grainy, faceted surface to which new snow won't adhere, said Chris Lundy with the Southwest Avalanche Center. Lundy rates avalanche danger high for new snow sitting on old snow and moderate for new snow falling on bare ground.

The abundance of snowmaking done in November will provide an excellent base for the new snow, said Jack Sibbach, a spokesman for Sun Valley Co.

More than 2,000 skiers enjoyed \$29 lift rates on Bald Mountain both Saturday and Sunday, and the new snow assures more runs will open.

push snow levels to as high as 6,000 feet, Huston said, spurring the Bald Mountain Ski Area, which begins at that elevation.

"The Twin Falls area today has a 70 percent chance of rain with southeast winds of 5 mph and gusts up to 20 mph," said Sun Valley ski lift manager.

Sun Valley ski lift manager said Sun Valley, serving just over

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OBITUARIES

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Beverly N. Clark - Gooding

The world lost one of its great women of character on Dec. 5th when Beverly N. Clark of Gooding, Idaho, passed away. She died of cancer at the age of 75.

Beverly was born on Jan. 6, 1929, at Hood River, Ore. to Claude and Freda Brown Morrow. The family later moved to Cascade Locks, Ore., California and Glenns Ferry, finally settling in Gooding, Idaho. She had six brothers and of those, six, Fayrd Morrow and his wife, Marie Helche, of San Juan, Puerto Rico, Don Morrow and his wife, Mae, of Gooding, Idaho, and Joe Morrow and his wife, Jill, of Reno, Nev. survive.

Her parents and brothers, Darrell, Wayne and Dan preceded her in death.

Beverly was married to Jack Clark for 42 years, and they had two daughters, Judy and Becky. Judy and her husband, Jim Jaker, live in Boise, and Beckypack her husband, Chris Barth, live in Bend, Ore. She has four married grandchildren, Dawn (Jamie) Music, Jason (Vicki) Jaker, Matt (Heidi) Samuders and Sara (Alan) Smith.

Six great-grandchildren also survive her, Colton, Dylan, Amanda, Jessica, Payton and Brodie.

Her love of her entire family was evident in the many thoughtful ways she remembered them with cards and gifts.

Beverly was full of practical wisdom from years of reading everything from encyclope-



dias to the great philosophers Aristotle, Plato and Socrates. As a result, she was a great conversationalist, debater and storyteller. In her lifetime she was primarily a housewife and mother, but she also was employed as a waitress and obtained her real estate license in Boise.

Her favorite vacation, however, was taking care of the sheep and other animals she and Jack owned on their small ranch in Gooding. There she learned to drive a tractor, deliver lambs and hatch baby chicks in an incubator.

She was a great cook and spent many happy hours cooking for herself and sharing food with neighbors and family.

Beverly believed that someone should stand up and speak for those unable to speak for themselves, namely children and animals. She was a political and social activist. She didn't just complain

about issues, she took action with letters and phone calls. She was proof positive that one person can make a difference.

Those who were fortunate enough to know Beverly were blessed indeed. She was bright, competitive, sensitive, fiercely honest and funny. She loved card games and was an expert bridge player. For the last several years of her life, she directed the weekly duplicate bridge game in Gooding. She also excelled at chess, cribbage, gin and crossword puzzles.

She will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

Her funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, at Demary's Gooding Chapel, Gooding, Idaho, with burial to follow at Glenn Rest Cemetery, Glenns Ferry, Idaho. Viewing for family and friends will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday evening at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

An Irish Blessing
*May the road rise to meet you,
 May the wind be always at your back,
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,
 May the rains fall soft upon your fields,
 and ... until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm of His Hand.*

In lieu of flowers, her family requests that memorials be made in her name to the Idaho Youth Ranch, 7025 Emerald St., Boise, ID 83704.

Elvin C. 'Doozy' Kenner - Burley

Elvin C. "Doozy" Kenner, an 80-year-old Burley resident, passed away Dec. 4, 2004, in American Falls, Idaho.

Elvin was born March 7, 1924, in Rupert, Idaho, the son of Alfred Mix and Leora Mary Phillips. He attended the Pioneer School in Paul and Lincoln in Rupert. He married LuAnne Marie Armstrong Sept. 3, 1945, in Burley. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple Aug. 16, 1968.

He worked on the local farms and for Ore-Ida for several years. He moved from Rupert to Burley in 1962, and then to American Falls in 2003 where he passed away. Elvin enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, gardening, classic cars and music. Dad loved to help others and worked very hard in



(Blair) Harkness of Bellevue and Karla (Keith) Burlingame of American Falls; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Alvin, Russell, Kenner of Burley, Vernal Alfred Mix of Jerome, Merlen Earl Mix of Boise and LaMoine Phillips Mix of Wilmington, N.C.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Luana Marie Kenner, his parents, and one daughter, Virginia Kenner.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Unity 2nd Ward, with Bishop Lonnie Downs officiating. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to noon Friday at Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel. Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery.

Carol Ann Williams - Jerome

After a courageous five-year battle against cancer, Carol Ann Williams, formerly Gilmore, wife of Dr. E. I. Williams, succumbed at 4:50 p.m. on Dec. 6, 2004, to join Our Lord's Heavenly Church in the Beat House in Twin Falls and Helen Gilmore at Hagerman on Sept. 19, 1940. She grew up in Hagerman and attended elementary and high schools there. After graduation, she moved to Alaska to begin her career starting as a clerk-typist position in the U.S. Army's Fort Richardson base on the outskirts of Anchorage. She progressed rapidly, venturing into data processing and by attendance in night classes, completed her bachelor's degree in education, and was selected for a position in the Federal Aviation Administration Regional Office as a supervisor of data entry. From that position she was selected for supervisor in Data Processing in the Alaska Railroad and occupied a significant position in the transfer of the railroad from Federal-ownership to State of Alaska after its purchase. She married E. I. Williams in Anchorage, Alaska, and the two retired from Feder-



Pat Montoya and her husband, Carlos, Jeanie McNabb and her husband, Scott, Joseph Williams and wife, Mary Ann, all of Los Lunas, N.M.; as well as Dr. Chris Williams and wife, Dr. Celeste Brown Williams of Moscow, Idaho. Carol is also survived by many nieces, nephews and step grandchildren who were very special people in her life.

Carol was at home with her husband and other family members at her site, during the final attack of her illness. Throughout her life, she was an individual of exceptional strength and kindness and was unwavering in her belief in God and His boundless love.

She was preceded in death by her father, brother, Vernon; and a nephew.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jerome, Idaho, with the Rev. Baldwin Camm officiating.

No visitation is planned. Cremation and services are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. The family suggests memorials to First Choice Hospice or a charity of choice.

Eva Bell Williams - Buhl

Eva Bell Williams, 85, of Buhl, passed away Dec. 6, 2004, at her home.

Eva Bell was born July 22, 1919, at her home in Murtaugh, to Carl Fritz Schmidt and Ethel May Schmidt.

She then moved with her family to Fort Angeles, Wash. After her father died they moved back to Twin Falls, Idaho. Her mother remarried to Leslie Worley. She met Phillip Williams in Twin Falls; they were then married March

30, 1940. They had two children, Richard Williams and Phyllis Uptain. Eva worked at the Beat House in Twin Falls for 35 years. She enjoyed the outdoors with her family, fishing and her beautiful flowers and her vegetable garden.

Survivors include one sister, Thelma (Harold) Caldwell, two children, Richard (Carol) Williams of Gooding and Phyllis (Roy) Uptain of Buhl, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip Williams; her parents, Carl Fritz Schmidt and Ethel May Schmidt; her stepfather, Leslie Worley; and one sister, Leona Jaymes.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at Twin Falls Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Wednesday, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

OBITUARY

Adreane G. Wadsworth Jensen

In loving memory of our sweet mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, wife and friend, Adreane G. Wadsworth Jensen went home to our Lord on Dec. 7, 2004. During the last few months of her life, mom gave us the gift of togetherness and was surrounded by her loving family.

Adreane was born to Gertrude Hayes and William Taylor on July 26, 1927, in Arcu, Idaho. On Nov. 22, 1943, she married Joe Thomas Wadsworth, they were later divorced. Adreane and Joe were blessed with six children. Vickie Lynn (Allen) Brashear of Surprise, Ariz., Pamela (Lanny) Denton, Jeffrey Taylor Wadsworth, Kelly William (Amy) Wadsworth all of Burley, Robin Kay (Douglas) Faulkner of Twin Falls and Melissa Kim (Vince) Becke of Oakley. She has 23 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. In the latter years of her life she married Grant Jensen and they resided in Blackfoot until his passing. Adreane was especially close



to her brothers and sisters, Charles, Virgil, Delores, Wilma, Claude, John and Alfred and countless nieces and nephews.

Most showed us by example the importance of family ties.

Adreane's greatest joys were to spend time with her family. She loved to quilt, crochet, grow beautiful flowers and make different crafts for each holiday of the year. As we look around our homes, especially this time of

year, she lives in the many handmade gifts in which she made with love.

Adreane was especially proud to have been a retired nurse, having worked 20 years at the State Hospital South in Blackfoot, Idaho, and also working as a volunteer for the Foster Grandparent program and a member of the Business and Professional Women.

Adreane was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where she served faithfully in various callings.

We will greatly miss her and we know in our hearts that she is waiting to greet us when we too, return home.

The funeral will be held at noon Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. Tully St., Burley. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the funeral on Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

SERVICES

Agnes May Schuch of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

E. Kenneth "Kenney" Drury of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Doris Ellen Gage of Twin Falls, service of remembrance at 10 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home at 2551 Kimberly Road.

Marjorie Lee Moreland, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Selina "Sally" Marie Klass of 11411, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Charlotte Kaye Thomas Hines of Jerome and formerly of Sunnyside, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday in the Spring

Valley Bible Church, 1400 N. Cole Road, Boise; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. the evening before the service at the Spring Valley Bible Church and again one hour before the service on Friday (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Carrol Lee Dowd, service in Boise will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Five Mile Church of

The Nazarene, 2701 S. Five Mile Road. A service in Twin Falls will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church (Alden Waggoner Funeral Chapel).

Agnes Louise Martin of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Friday at White Mortu-

DEATH NOTICES

Ethel Boden Ward
 ALMO — Ethel Boden Ward, a 90-year-old resident of Almo, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, at Parke View Care & Rehabilitation Center.
 Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Edith Pauline Brooks
 TWIN FALLS — Edith Pauline Brooks, 96, of Twin Falls, died Dec. 6, 2004, at Desert Rose Retirement Estates in Twin Falls.
 Arrangements will be made by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

ANDY CONKLIN
 JEROME — Andy Conklin, 19, of Jerome, died Dec. 7, 2004, in Jerome.
 Arrangements will be made by Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

Nelda Schiffer
 Nelda Schiffer, 68, of Lakewood, Colo., and formerly of Twin Falls, Idaho, died Dec. 2, 2004, in Denver, Colo.
 Arrangements will be made by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Grizzlies, caribou, bull trout get more protection

BOISE (AP) — Conservation groups voluntarily dropped a lawsuit challenging the Idaho Department of Lands' protection of endangered wildlife after the agency worked out a compromise.

The agency now says it's found a way to boost protection of bull trout, grizzly and caribou habitat and increase logging to meet funding needs for habitat schools.

The Idaho Conservation League, one of the groups that dropped its lawsuit, said they aren't convinced the Department of Lands' actions bring it into full compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

But they hope dropping the lawsuit shows good faith for further talks.

While we have not reached consensus on all the important issues, we are continuing talks with the state on how to best protect Idaho's clean water and ensure a steady financial flow to our schools," said J.R. Robinson, a top specialist with the Idaho Conservation League.

The Department of Lands manages 2.5 million acres, including 780,000 acres of commercial timberland.

Revenues from timber sales go directly to public schools, colleges, hospitals and charities.

Earlier this year, the Idaho Legislature approved the department's accelerated harvest, increasing the annual cut from 183 million board feet to 213 million board feet by 2007. It takes about 15,000 board feet to build a house.

In its compromise, the agency has expanded rules to protect endangered fish in the Priest Lake Basin, agreed to enforce road closures to protect wildlife habitat and tightened rules on snowmobile trail grooming in caribou habitat.

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CASSIA COUNTY COURTS

BURLEY — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Labey Roy Broadhead, 19, failure to carry driver's license on person, dismissed.
 Anne L. Armstrong, 33, insufficient funds check fraud, amended to public disturbance, dismissed, \$100 fine, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Michael George Brigg, 45, insufficient funds check fraud, amended to public disturbance, dismissed, \$100 fine, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Audrey Brink, 23, speeding, amended to littering, dismissed, \$100 fine, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.
 Orlin Chidlow Jr., 24, disturbing the peace, dismissed, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Roberta L. Peterson, 41, insufficient funds check fraud, dismissed, \$100 fine, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.



istate Judge Rick L. Bolter.
 Lisa N. Lopez, 25, failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$50.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Jose Roberto D. Ruiz, 20, failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, one year probation, 10 days in jail, 10 days suspended, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Daniela Larson, 24, one count open container violation, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$63.50 court costs, one count minor in possession of alcohol, dismissed, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Alberto Gaeta Ramos, 21, driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Charles Basco, 22, felony grand theft, amended to misdemeanor petty theft, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 24 months probation, 180 days in jail, 10 days suspended, 70 days credited, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.
 Carlos E. Huergas, 23, driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$113.50 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 20 days suspended, one day credited, two days MC work in lieu of jail, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Kyle Daniel Day, 22, one count reckless driving, amended to attempt to elude officers, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$75.50 fine, one year probation, 60 days in jail, 57 days suspended, one day credited, one count failure to provide proof of insurance, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Efrain Reyes Cruz, 20, one count driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$75.50 court costs, 180 day driver's license suspension, 90 days in jail, 80 days suspended, four days MC work in lieu of jail, one count probation violation, dismissed, \$63.50 fine, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Christina Beltram, 28, one count failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, one count failure to appear, pleaded guilty, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Jacob Randy Erickson, 28, felony domestic battery causing traumatic injury, amended to misdemeanor domestic battery, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs, one year probation, 90 days in jail, 73 days suspended, 17 days credited, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

\$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.
 Matthew J. Myers, 35, failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 John Oscar Hamlin, 53, failure to display hazardous transporter permit, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.
 Teresa L. Mackey, 46, failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Jody Bohm, 40, disturbing the peace, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 20 days suspended, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.
 Matthew T. Long, 28, inattentive driving, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 18 months probation, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.
 Cary Zane Reed, 28, possession of drug paraphernalia, pleaded guilty, 12 months probation, 180 days in jail, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Angel Estrada Reyes, 58, failure to purchase a driver's license, amended to public disturbance, \$86.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Gabriel Moreno Martinez, 31, failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$86.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Michael J. Markley, 22, failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$86.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Cly Pablo Shick, 21, felony domestic battery causing traumatic injury, amended to misdemeanor battery, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 18 months probation, 180 days in jail, 170 days suspended, six days credited, Mag-

istrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.
 Cameron D. Courtright, 16, reckless driving, amended to inattentive driving, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Robert James McKnight, 24, petty theft, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 365 days in jail, 350 days suspended, one day credited, five days MC work in lieu of jail, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Alberto Espino, 20, inattentive driving, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$35 court costs, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Justin C. Lindauer, 20, driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$113.50 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, four days MC work in lieu of jail, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Ruben Reyes Labra, 24, disturbing the peace, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$93.50 court costs, two years probation, 180 days in jail, 178 days suspended, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Wesley Dean Winter, 45, resisting officers, pleaded guilty, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 20 days suspended, 10 days credited, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Driving under the influence sentencing

Jorge J. Cardenas, 37, misdemeanor excessive driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, 365 days driver's license suspension, two years probation, 180 days in jail, 170 days suspended, six days credited, three days credited toward fines and costs, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Commercial truck driving sentencing

Leonel T. Fernandez, 37, operating with improper tail lamps; pleaded guilty, \$42.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.
 Richard L. Durrant, 54, exceeding maximum driving and on-duty time, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.
 Mussie T. Tesfion, 22, failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.
 Mark D. Hansen, 41, failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.
 Stanley L. Armstrong, 50, failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.
 Marc Hoaman, 36, failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty,

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Woman who buries babies wins lottery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — All too often, the ring of Debi Faris-Cifelli's cell phone means there is another abandoned newborn at the morgue, another forsaken child for her to name and bury in a shoebox-size coffin under a white cross in the California desert.

Last week, though, Faris-Cifelli — who has had to rely on donations, grants and fund-raisers to give babies a decent burial — got a very different call. She had won the California lottery.

The jackpot: \$27 million. "Maybe it's the children saying, 'Thank you' for taking care of them when nobody else would," Faris-Cifelli said, bubbling with laughter. "It's a gift and one for which we feel an awesome responsibility."

The money could not come at a better time for Faris-Cifelli and her Garden of Angels, the tiny cemetery in the town of Calimesa where she has buried dozens of tiny children whose mothers didn't hear — or didn't care — about California's safe-haven law.

Under the 2001 law, parents have three days to abandon infants without fear of prosecution. California is one of 46 states with such a law.

Faris-Cifelli helped win passage of the law and has made it her life's work to spread the word that scared and confused parents should drop their newborns at firehouses and hospitals — not in trash cans and alleys. She lobbies in states without such laws, talks to teens and police and has attended 12 trials of mothers accused of abandoning their infants. She also lays the dead to rest.

Faris-Cifelli, 49, does all that



Debi Faris-Cifelli talks to a reporter Nov. 11 in Calimesa, Calif. Faris and her husband, Steven, won the California SuperLotto Plus jackpot worth \$27 million.

AP Photo

with just a three-person staff and \$172,000 annual budget covered by donations, grants, car washes and bake sales.

Now the deeply religious mother and her high school counselor husband, Steve, receive an after-tax lump sum of nearly \$9 million. Some of the winnings will go to the couple's seven children, most to her crisis.

It was only the third time she and her husband had played the lottery.

Since the safe-haven law went into effect four years ago, only 67 babies have been safely surrendered in California. Faris-Cifelli has buried 70 babies since she began in 1996. Since the law was

enacted, she has buried fewer each year — though no one knows how many have died. "This law does work, but it works when there is some kind of campaign going along with it," Faris-Cifelli said. "It just hurts me that we don't talk about it until there's a baby who's lost its life."

The state budgets about \$1.5 million for advertising — not enough to buy even one statewide TV spot, according to Andrew Roth, spokesman for the California Department of Social Services.

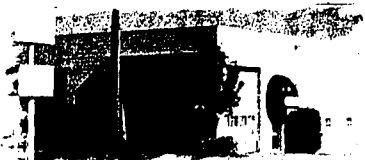
When someone finds a dead baby in a three-county area around Los Angeles, the morgue knows to call Faris-Cifelli. Faris-Cifelli goes into the autopsy room alone, where she wraps each infant in a homemade quilt, cradles it and prays over it. She gives each baby a first name that is engraved on the cross. At the grave site, she releases dozens of doves under the shade of a mulberry tree.

Babies whose remains go unclaimed by Faris-Cifelli are cremated, and their ashes placed in a small cardboard box and saved for three years before being put in an unmarked grave with other John and Jane Does. Faris-Cifelli and her husband are full of ideas of how to spend their new fortune: 140 annual scholarships named after abandoned babies, more efforts to educate the public, and possibly a shelter for pregnant teens.

"If the little kids up there are dancing in heaven and are happy for us, then that's the way it should be," Steve Cifelli said. "They're saying, 'We want you to do more,' and we're going to do it."

Karen Moan of Victorville, who adopted one of the first babies surrendered under the safe-haven law, sees more than coincidence in her friend's good fortune.

"Everybody wants to win the lottery, but she truly deserves to win," Moan said. "It seems like it was meant to be."



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FBI letter sheds light on abuse

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - FBI agents witnessed "highly aggressive" interrogations of terror suspects at the Guantanamo Bay prison camp in 2002, and warned the same questionable techniques could have been used in Iraq after the Abu Ghraib prison scandal broke, according to FBI documents obtained by The Associated Press and the American Civil Liberties Union.

In a letter obtained by AP, a senior Justice Department official suggested the Pentagon didn't act on FBI complaints about four incidents at Guantanamo, including a female interrogator grabbing a detainee's genitals and demanding he bend back his thumbs.

Thomas Harrison, an FBI counterterrorism expert who led a team of investigators at Guantanamo Bay, wrote the letter to Maj. Gen. Donald J. Byrd, the Army's chief law enforcement officer who's investigating abuses at U.S.-run prisons in Afghanistan, Iraq and at Guantanamo.

World in brief

when he would respond to those calling for his resignation. "We have a major agenda next year, and the year ahead, trying to reform this organization," so we'll carry on."

Ukraine's lawmakers fail to vote on electoral reform

KIEV, Ukraine - Lawmakers fought over and failed to pass legal reforms aimed at ensuring a fair rematch of Ukraine's fraudulent presidential runoff, fracturing each other Tuesday of acting in bad faith as several thousand orange-shirted protesters besieged parliament and chanted, "Parasites! Parasites!"

The demonstrators, supporters of opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko, have grown impatient over lack of progress in approaching the electoral amend-

ments sought for the Dec. 26 re-poll vote.

Yushchenko supporters say the changes will close loopholes for fraud that marred the Nov. 21 runoff and prompted the Supreme Court to cancel the prime of Kremlin-backed Viktor Yanukovich.

Egypt, others reach understanding in Middle East

CAIRO, Egypt - Egypt has reached an understanding with Israel, the Palestinians, the United States and Europe on a general framework for a comprehensive settlement to the

Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including a call for a truce between the two sides, the state news agency reported Tuesday.

Quoting unnamed high-level sources, MENA said the understanding could stand as a "principle agreement" that includes a general framework of steps toward a settlement.

It said the points include an agreement on an Israeli-Palestinian cease-fire, in which the "new Palestinian authority" would adhere to, to end the operations against Israel and prove its control over the situation in Gaza and the West Bank.

- compiled from wire reports

Iraqi official denounces neighboring countries

BAGHDAD - A top Iraqi official accused the country's neighbors Tuesday of doing too little to stop foreigners from joining the brutal insurgency, while the U.S. combat death toll neared 1,000 with the killing of an American soldier in Baghdad.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said he "cannot imagine" how Iraq's elections can go forward next month amid the violence.

In a speech to the Iraqi National Council, the deputy prime minister, Barham Saleh, said he was losing patience with Iraq's neighbors. He didn't single out any governments, but noted that Iraqi police had arrested a Syrian driving a car bomb packed with artillery shells and other explosives.

"There is evidence indicating that some groups in some neighboring countries are playing a direct role in the killing of the Iraqi people and such a thing is not acceptable to us," Saleh said.

Annan rejects calls for his resignation from U.N.

UNITED NATIONS - Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Tuesday rejected calls from several U.S. lawmakers for his resignation, saying he will "carry on" at the helm of the United Nations for the next two years.

Five Republicans in the House of Representatives on Monday backed a call last week by a GOP senator for Annan to resign amid allegations of corruption in the U.N. oil-for-food program. But outside the United States, there is no clamor for the secretary-general's resignation, and he has picked up support from many of the 191 U.N. member states.

"I have quite a lot of work to do and I'm carrying on with my work," Annan said when asked

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Holiday meals deserve a special ending, and the right coffee can elevate desserts from the ordinary to the sublime. Many supermarkets now offer a wide selection of gourmet coffees, and each has its own special characteristics that can complement your menu.

So how do you make a good match? First, consider the coffee itself. While many blends are made with Robusta beans, the best use only premium Arabica. Arabica coffee is grown in more than 30 countries, usually at high altitudes, where it slowly matures and develops a complex, concentrated flavor.

After harvest, the beans are roasted to release that flavor. The level of roast — light, medium, medium-dark, or dark — dictates the intensity of each coffee and helps determine which sweets it will pair with best.

Light roasts are delicately flavored and sometimes have a floral or tea-like quality that enhances lighter desserts such as an orange-glazed pound cake.

Medium-roast coffees have a fuller flavor that matches weightier desserts like cheesecake or apple pie à la mode.

Match chocolate chairs or decadent brownies with a full-bodied, flavorful medium-dark roast coffee or espresso. And the bittersweet smokiness of a French roast or other dark roast coffee is the perfect foil for a luxurious bread pudding.

"If you have a really rich dessert, lighter coffees just get lost," says Millstone Master Blender Rich Bertagna, who suggests going to www.millstone.com for more pairing possibilities. "Your coffee has to have the flavor strength to stand up to your dessert."

Of course, you can indulge without the calories by selecting a flavored coffee instead. The aroma of Millstone's Holiday Peppermint or Caramel Truffle coffees creates a festive mood, and their taste delivers the satisfaction of dessert without the guilt.

What better way to celebrate?

Coffee tip

Use unbleached filters in your coffee maker for a cleaner flavor without the chlorine taste. Bleached filters can sometimes impart, says Bertagna.

The Perfect Espresso

Espresso, which comes from the Latin word meaning "to press out" was once only available at coffee bars, but now you can make it at home in less than a minute. Here's how:

- Make sure your espresso machine is clean and that you're familiar with its operation.
- Select a medium-dark espresso coffee, such as Millstone's Espresso Mezzo, that has been slow-roasted for a richer flavor.
- Buy whole espresso beans from a supermarket that guarantees freshness, and buy only as much as you'll use in one week.
- Grind your beans just before

brewing. While aficionados prefer a burr grinder, a blade- or chopper-type grinder also works well, as long as you give it a shake or two to ensure even grinding.

- To brew, begin with 2 tablespoons of ground espresso coffee and 1 1/2 ounces of fresh distilled or good-tasting tap water per serving. Follow your machine's brewing instructions. Remove the carafe immediately after the brewing cycle finishes.
- Serve espresso in a warm demitasse cup with a rich treat like chocolate truffles on the side.

Pound Cake with Orange Glaze

Serves 12

- 6 eggs, room temperature
- 6 egg yolks, room temperature
- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh orange zest
- 1 pound unsalted butter, softened
- 2 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 3 3/4 cups cake flour

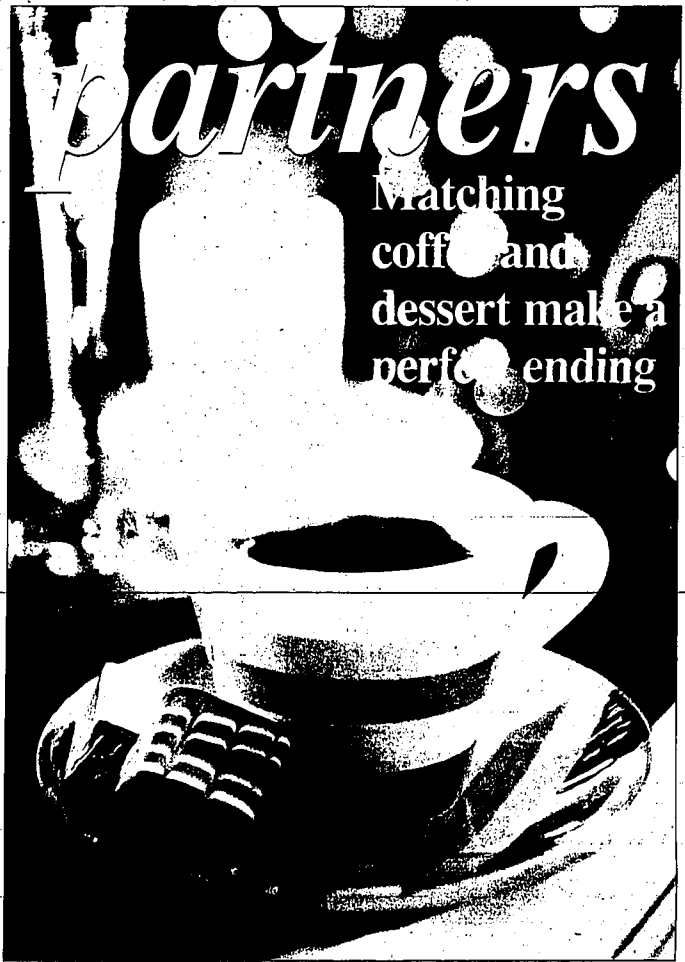
Glaze:
3 cups confectioner's sugar
4 to 5 tablespoons fresh orange juice

Orange slices, optional
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
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Combine eggs, egg yolks, orange juice and zest in medium bowl.

Beat just to combine. Place softened butter in mixing bowl, and beat a full 2 minutes. (If you have a mixer with a paddle attachment, use it.) Gradually add sugar and continue beating 5 minutes. Slowly add egg mixture, beating additional 5 minutes. Add salt. Sift flour and fold in, 1/3 at a time. Be sure flour is well incorporated. Pour into prepared tube pan. Bake 1 hour to 1 hour and 15 minutes. Cool completely on rack before removing cake from pan.

To make glaze, combine confectioner's sugar and orange juice, adding just enough to make thin frosting. Whisk until smooth. Drizzle over cake. Decorate with orange slices, if desired.



There's no substitute for sugar ... or is there?

By Kate Shatzkin
The Baltimore Sun

This time of year, it's hard to take a holiday from sugar.

Out come the baking sheets, floured and buttered for rich treats in fancy shapes. Up go the candy-covered, frosted gingerbread houses. The sugar cookie is everywhere, topped with even sweeter icing. All of it adds up to a potential season-long nightmare for the millions of people watching their weight, counting carbohydrates or fighting diabetes.

Enter two products that mix the no-calorie sweetness of sugar substitutes with real sugar — the stuff that helps cakes rise, turns cookies and muffins golden-brown and keeps them both

moist and crisp.

Splenda Sugar Blend combines real sugar and the sweetener sucralose that became all the rage with the Atkins and South Beach diets. While regular no-calorie Splenda was advertised for use in baking, it lacked some of sugar's essential baking properties. Equal Sugar Lite blends sugar with the aspartame-based sweetener and acesulfame potassium to make it easier for bakers to use the sweetener.

The products mimic what some home cooks have been doing since Splenda came on the market — adding sugar to a sugar substitute to improve their cakes and cookies while reducing calories and carbohydrates.

The makers of saccharin-

based Sweet 'N Low, for example, haven't developed a blended product, but recommend on the packaging that bakers substitute a specific amount of the sweetener for half the sugar in recipes.

But do these products pave a way out of the holiday dilemma? Do they really look, smell and taste like the real thing?

We made a holiday sugar cookie and a yellow layer cake with chocolate icing in four versions — one with regular sugar, one with Splenda Sugar Blend, one with Equal Sugar Lite and one that substituted the recommended amount of Sweet 'N Low for half the sugar.

The cookies were surprisingly similar. Each version of the dough performed well when chilled and rolled out. Some of

our newsroom tasters had a hard time picking out the real sugar cookie, although others detected faint aftertastes from the sugar substitutes.

The Sweet 'N Low cookie seemed least successful: It crumbled more easily than the others, and the sugar and sweetener on top partially melted instead of staying crusty.

The differences in the cakes could be spotted instantly: the one made with sugar rose much higher and had a finer crumb. The cakes with sugar substitutes were denser and sweeter. Again, the Sweet 'N Low cake came in last, with the Splenda blend version edging out Equal Sugar Lite for second place to sugar.

The cookies were surprisingly similar. Each version of the dough performed well when chilled and rolled out. Some of

Comparing sweet

Here's how artificial sweetener blends stacked up to regular sugar when we used them to make a cutout sugar cookie.

Sugar

Texture and appearance: Crisp with a moist center.
Taste: Buttery; less sweet than other versions.

Sweet 'N Low and sugar

Texture and appearance: Fell apart more easily than others. Not as crisp. Sugar topping melted into the cookie more than other versions.
Taste: Sweet, but with the strongest aftertaste of the group.

Equal Sugar Lite

Texture and appearance: Very similar to sugar.
Taste: Sweeter than sugar. Some noted slight aftertaste.

Splenda Sugar Blend

Texture and appearance: Very similar to sugar; slightly moister.
Taste: Sweeter than sugar, but very similar. Some detected an aftertaste.

Source: The Baltimore Sun

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FOOD & HOME

Container plants need protection

Here's a little-known fact to help break the ice at your next gathering: A dogwood stem can tolerate minus-30 degree temperatures, while its roots are killed at 24 degrees above zero. A difference of 54 degrees.

Under normal conditions, as when the plant is planted in the ground, roots aren't subjected to those kinds of temperatures, because the soil insulates them. That's why winter does in so many container plants. The roots don't have all that insulation to protect them. So you've got to do it for them. Any one of these tips should do it:

- Bring container plants inside for the winter. A room with cool temperatures and good light will keep them happy until next spring.
- A greenhouse is Florida for plants. Let your container-grown plants live it up all winter with no worries.



GREEN
TUMBLEWEEDS
Cathy Walworth

- A little more work, but you could dig a hole and sink the pots into the ground for the winter. Make sure there is good drainage.
- If the plant is usually tolerant of normal winter temperatures in your zone, it should be happy with a big pile of organic mulch, such as wood chips or straw around the sunken container and stem to provide more insulation.
- A circle of chicken wire will keep the mulch in place in spite of winter winds.

DEAR CATHY: I read your column regularly. I do have a question. I know that after Thanksgiving I should cut my roses to knee height. Should climbers be cut to that height, too? I am new to rose gardening and have much to learn. Thanks for your help.

—THORNY DILEMMA

DEAR THORNY: Thanks for writing. You can be sure that if you're wondering about your roses, somebody else is, too.

We should remember that we cut tea, floribundas and grandifloras down to knee height and strip off any remaining leaves now just to keep the wind from rocking them loose during the winter. And, with all that extra debris gone, it's a good time to put some dormant oil on the bare canes to kill disease and insects that otherwise would overwinter in your garden.

Climbers, however, are a different story. Right now all they want is to be tied to the nearest support structure so they don't whirl around in the wind and hurt either you or themselves. Next spring, they will thank you for cutting back just the winter killed tissue and maybe some spindly canes that aren't doing much. Other than that, they don't need much attention. Except, of course, monthly watering, if you can swing it. Be sure to soak the entire root ball once a month now until the ground freezes until it can't accept any more water. You want all your plant roots to go through the winter in a giant ice cube.

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

Huge Christmas displays take over neighborhoods

GENEVA, Ill. (AP) — Greg Parcell isn't thinking about the 50,000 lights all around him, or the computer that has them blinking to the beat of "Let It Snow" on the radio.

Instead, his mind is on what's missing as he stands in what seems the one empty spot in his front yard.

"I still have to put up the penguins around the campfire," he says.

Parcell, 47, is a toy soldier in a growing army of Christmas enthusiasts becoming more sophisticated at turning yards into blazing monuments to the holidays.

New companies are cropping up with elaborate, automated decorations and the computer equipment to coordinate them, giving anyone with a wallet the ability to create scenes similar to a theme park.

Tens of thousands of people also have found a way to skip all those hours out in the cold hanging lights — opting to hire private companies to deck their halls for anywhere from a few hundred dollars to thousands. One such company, Texas-based Christmas Decor, has grown from 300 customers to over 32,000 in the past eight years.

For anyone lacking ideas, the Internet has plenty to offer. PlanetChristmas.com shows Texas-based Christmas Decor, and gives homeowners a chance to swap ideas, see the latest gadgets and register for the next "Lights Up" symposium.

"It's taken off like wild fire and I'm quite excited about it," said Chuck Smith, the Web site's creator and a pioneer of huge computerized home displays.

Melissa Williams, an owner of Christmas Done-Bright in Sevierville, Tenn., said customers, particularly middle-aged men, "want to decorate everything. They compete with their brothers and neighbors."

For Williams' company, that has translated to well over \$1 million in sales of lighted wire silhouettes every year since

1999, up from \$42,000 in 1992. The silhouettes range from a simple wreath to an elf that appears to be shooting presents from a cannon into a sack.

Dan Baldwin founded a company called Light-O-Rama two years ago after seeing the fuss people made about the display at his Garfield, N.J., home.

"It's pretty much addictive," Baldwin said. "We have people who say, 'Don't tell my wife. Can you not put the price in the box when you send it?'" The price tag isn't the only enemy of holiday decoration enthusiasts — there are also the neighbors.

Throughout the country, people upset over the noise, light and garb that comes when people descend on their neighborhoods to view the displays have fought back in recent years.

In Little Rock, Ark., some residents were so upset about a display with 3 million lights — said to be visible from 80 miles away — that they got the state's supreme court to agree it was a public nuisance and order it scaled back.

In Monte Sereno, Calif., a couple whose huge display attracted thousands of passers-by angered neighbors and led the city council to require a permit for any exhibit lasting longer than three days.

This year, the yard holds a 10-foot Grinch. Its spiny finger pointing at the house of the neighbors who initiated the complaints.

Smith, of PlanetChristmas.com, decided to give his neighbors in Franklin, Tenn., a bit of a break. After the crush of visitors forced him to hire off-duty police officers to direct traffic, he moved his show to a nearby church where there's more room.

Meanwhile, Greg Cornwell has nothing bad to say about Parcell's house across the street, but he's bracing for the crowds and the looks from people when he tries to get his car into his driveway.

"They think I'm trying to cut in line," he said.

Crank up the colors for the holidays

The Hartford Courant

Don't worry: There's still enough red and green decking the halls this season so the elves won't think they landed on the set of "Blue Hawaii."

But, ooh.

You don't have to look far to find the wild hot pinks, oranges, purples and yellow-greens that screamed of our parents' postwar optimism in the 1950s and '60s, while Elvis crooned from the record player in the corner.

While holiday decor usually borrows from the past, it usually means reaching back to Victorian times, when white candles and delicate ornaments, twinkled against the deep green of pine.

The stockings were red, so were the bows. The candy canes were striped. The snow was white. The greens were pine and holly. And though we deepened the wreath bows to a muted maroon in oh-so-tasteful '80s, the theme has had few variations.

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The red is fuchsia. The green is chartreuse. The accents are aqua and purple and orange and robin's egg blue. The mantle may be decked in silver and crystal and the stockings, still hung with care, are white on white.

The cover of the holiday issue of House Beautiful features a Christmas room resplendent in white and Tiffany blue.

"People are looking for very

unusual colors this year," said Price Connors, senior designer at Dujardin Design Associates in Westport, Conn.

Born in 1955, Price decided more than a year ago that this Christmas he would re-create the memories of his childhood on his holiday tree. He recruited a friend to troll estate sales and auctions for the space-age star-glass ornaments and blown glass spirals popular around the time Sputnik soared in 1957.

Apparently, many of his generation had a similar dream. Candy-colored ornaments that once seemed too gaudy dangle from displays and flash from

catalog pages at stores from Pier One Imports to Crate and Barrel. Even Garnet Hill, the high-end seller that usually oozes tradition, shows hot-pink table linens accented by stripes of pink, red, orange and purple.

"Christmas modern 1946-1990" is the name of an entire collection for sale on eBay. And some of the most treasured '50s Christmas memories are selling for top dollar. Price said.

"When the baby boomers are looking back at their childhood, it's these wild colors that they are re-creating," Connors said.

Ikea, the Swedish home furnishings retailer, is showing wreaths constructed of tiny white lights that resemble crystal. The wreaths can hang flat on a door or wall, or break from tradition by dangling like a halo above the buffet or dining table.

And even more traditional wreaths and garlands have a twist. Consider cranberries and winter berries to replace pine boughs and wreaths made of bay leaves or other kitchen herbs.

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Vent-free fireplaces don't suck up energy

DEAR JIM: I want to add a gas fireplace to my living room. I want it to be efficient and open so I can hear the flames. I have allergies, so I don't want a ventless one. What is the best design to meet my needs?

—BILL R.
DEAR BILL: New designs of gas fireplaces are efficient and have realistic flames, but they are not open. When you open a fireplace, gas or wood-burning, it becomes inefficient. The room with the fireplace stays warm, but heated air from the rest of your house is sucked up the chimney.



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley



If you want to have an open fireplace and not lose huge amounts of energy, a vent-free fireplace may be your only option.

If you really want to have the fireplace open and not lose huge amounts of energy, a vent-free fireplace is your only option. They produce much indoor moisture and can only be used for a limited amount of time each burn. Also, in some areas of the country, using one violates codes.

I think a direct-vent gas fireplace is your best option, even though you use it with the glass front closed. You will quickly get used to viewing the flames through the glass front and you will certainly be much more comfortable than with an open fireplace. By using the fireplace and setting your furnace thermostat lower, you should notice lower utility bills.

Direct-vent fireplaces are also easy to install. Only one pipe is needed through an outside wall. It is a double concentric pipe which exhausts the flue gases out the center and brings in outdoor combustion air around it. This totally isolates the combustion process from the room air.

With the sealed direct-vent design, you will not have to sit directly in front of the fireplace to stay warm. Selecting a model with a hand-held remote control will allow you to start the fire, control the blower speed,

flame appearance, heat output, and room temperature from your easy chair.

If your area often has electric power outages due to storms or whatever, select a model with millivolt controls. The heat from the flames generates enough electricity to power the controls and keep the fire going even when the power goes off. On a frigid winter night, this can be enough heat to keep pipes from freezing.

If you are doing the installation yourself, a zero-clearance model would be best. These are designed and insulated such that the exterior surfaces stay cool and they can be installed almost anywhere without becoming a fire hazard. If your room already has a chimney, you can vent it through there or the floor.

There are many attractive styles of direct-vent fireplaces available so don't limit yourself to a standard flat front design. Let your creative juices flow and see if there is a way to use a see-through (between two rooms), a bay, a three-faced peninsula design, or an indoor/outdoor model through an outside wall. Add 24-karat gold or nickel trim for a decorative touch.

Write for (instantly download - www.dulley.com) Update Bulletin No. 816 - buyer's guide of 13 efficient, direct-vent gas fireplace manufacturers, listing styles, heat outputs, efficiencies, controls, features, and a cost-to-operate chart. Please include \$3.00 and a business-size SASE, James Dulley, The Times-News, 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45244

DEAR JIM: I have a sunroom—and I thought about installing some type of shading to block the afternoon sun. I have some old vertical blinds from another room. Is this type of shade good for sunrooms?

—THOMAS R.
DEAR THOMAS: The purpose of having a sunroom is to have access to the sun, but too much sun can be a problem. Overheating during the summer and excessive glare year-round are the worst problems and shading can help. Vertical blinds would be a good choice. The slats are wide enough to allow them to be partially opened for ample light without the glare from direct sun. They can also be pulled to one side for unobstructed sun.

String Christmas lights safely

The Baltimore Sun

Before you light up your Christmas tree with those tangled strings and strings of old bulbs, take heed of these safety tips from Home Depot:

- Check that all lights and extension cords are labeled with the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) trademark.
- Inspect lights for smashed sockets or loose wires, which can cause shock or fire.
- Use one long extension cord instead of linking several shorter cords.

• Be sure you're not overloading your extension cord with too many amps. If holiday-light packaging lists watts rather than amps, convert by multiplying your cord's amp rating by 120. The total is how many watts the cord can handle.

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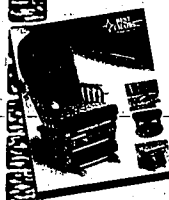
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Brillion offers welcoming look

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The foyer is brightened by a sidehall and transom, and a roomy coat closet is behind the door. Another closet, along with a powder room, is tucked under the stairs, close to the garage access.

At the base of the open staircase, the ceiling begins sloping up, soaring to 100 stories in height. From the second floor landing, you can overlook this cheerful vaulted great room, which is further brightened by three large skylights. The fireplace is flanked by high windows.

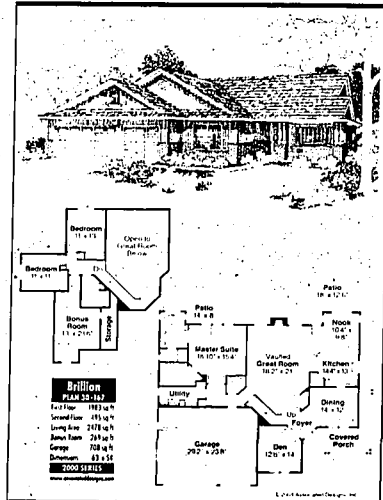
Kitchen and nook are open to the great room. A large combination work island/feating bar expands the available counter space. Cooks can watch the flames dance in the fireplace, talk to people in other parts of the room, or gaze out the rear windows to the patio and beyond.

Other features include built-in appliances, a roomy step-in pantry, and lazy Susan shelving in one corner, with space for a microwave oven at counter level. A pocket door between the kitchen and dining room offers the options of separation or openness.

Double doors open into the Brillion's commodious master suite. The private patio is designed with a hot tub in mind, and the suite's walk-in closet is roomy. The bathroom boasts a dual vanity, naturally illuminated spa tub, and enclosed shower and toilet.

Two more bedrooms and a bathroom are on the second floor, plus a deep bonus room with side storage caps the garage.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1160 Jacobs Dr., Dept. W, Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Brillion 30-167 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring more than 400 home plans is available for \$15. For more information, call (800) 634-0123, or visit our website at www.associated-designs.com.



How to lower stress in the kitchen

- Knigh Rider News Service**
- Quaker Maid Meats offers these ideas for lowering the stress level during your holiday parties and get-togethers:
 - Prepare the main dishes a day in advance. This will free up open space and save hours on preparation time.
 - Cookies and cakes can be prepared a week ahead and kept in the freezer until needed — just be sure to label the contents.
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Businesses set sights on Hispanic home buyers

The Washington Post

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In other words, welcome to the new world of wooing Latino home buyers.

While real-estate-related advertising in Spanish has been routine for decades in states such as Florida, Texas and California — Wells Fargo says its first ad in Spanish dates to the gold rush days — the pitch is going national.

Targeted on real estate ads targeted at Hispanics has jumped 50 percent in the past three years. Banking and investment companies' targeted ad spending has tripled. While the numbers are still low overall — less than 3 percent of the budgets of the nation's biggest advertisers — they're expected to rise quickly to tap into the country's fastest-growing minority group, according to the Association of Hispanic Advertising Agencies.

Home-buying classes and counseling programs offered in Spanish by nonprofit groups have also mushroomed. Consumer advocacy groups and housing policy experts have pressed the government and the big government-sponsored buyers of home loans to bring minority homeownership rates closer to those of whites. The Latino homeownership rate has halved — 21 percent in the last decade, but it still trails that of non-Hispanic whites by 48.7 percent to 76.1 percent and is below the overall national rate of 69 percent.

The key growth numbers are that approximately 35 million Latinos are living in the country today, about 13 percent of the population, and that that number is expected to triple by 2050," said Gary Acosta, founder of the five-year-old National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals. One in four Americans then will be Latino.

"Most significant is that the

average Latino is a full 10 years younger than the white population, says Acosta. "They're in the mid-twenties and they are just entering into the prime home-buying years."

And so the nation's real estate agencies, lenders, title companies and builders are busy translating sales brochures, hiring bilingual staff, launching Spanish ad campaigns.

But some fear that Hispanics are not only not ready for the market but also for the plucking. Housing counselors and other advocates say many Latinos lack the language skills, education and familiarity with the purchase process that protect themselves from bad loans and bad deals.

Hispanic home shoppers "are often really, really uninformed, and they trust people that speak their language," said Jesus Moreno, a housing counselor with the nonprofit Hispanic Committee of Virginia in Falls Church, Va. "But these people... take advantage of their trust and their lack of education to put them into expensive loans or into deals that benefit the lenders or the real estate agents."

He said, "There are a lot of Hispanic real estate agents and loan officers that is not the problem. The problem is the predatory-lending issues."

That, Moreno said, "is why we are coming in the middle — to build that bridge to the American mortgage process. We are in charge of protecting and advising them so they make wise decisions, and so they are able to compare at least three bank offers, understand them and not get into deals that really hurt them."

Moreno said he apologizes if he seems to condemn an entire industry, but added that in the counseling program's two years, "I've seen terrible deals from everywhere."

Counselors such as Moreno and Mercedes Ross at the nonprofit Housing Counseling Services in Washington, D.C., routinely advise clients to attend nonprofit credit-building and financial literacy classes before jumping into the market. The counselors run seminars on the ins-and-outs-of-the home-buying process and on how to apply for government-backed loans with financing

breaks for lower-income buyers. Neither group recommends agents or lenders, but each will review loan documents before settlement and provide post-purchase help.

Credit counseling is integral to the home-buying process, said Elsa Zambrano, counseling director at the D.C. nonprofit organization. "I truly, truly believe that you have to go over all of this, including how to budget for future emergencies," she said.

"We also warn them that they shouldn't start buying furniture ... or go out and buy a car" just after settlement. "The home-purchase process is so delicate that it can be a big shock for folks," Zambrano said. "If all of a sudden the finance breaks and they're just not prepared, there could be big problems. ... I've seen people go into foreclosure for a \$200 repair loan."

Language is one big aspect of reaching out to Latinos, and perhaps the most noticeable. "More than half of Latinos prefer to speak Spanish" in financial transactions, said Acosta, who chairs the Hispanic real estate association.

However, language is not the biggest barrier. "Number one is the lack of information and education about the process," Acosta said. "We have to educate the consumer."

A lack of down-payment money comes second and a lack of credit is third, Acosta said. Hispanics, according to census data, have a median income of about \$33,455, compared with about \$43,300 for all Americans.

Language and the lack of ver-

ifiable income are fourth and fifth in a study from a year ago, Acosta said. "But if we did it today, a lack of affordable housing stock would clearly break into the top five."

Acosta's association has recruited 11,000 members most of whom are bilingual, and hopes to have a chapter in every state soon.

Giving Latinos insight into America's financial process will help them get better loans, say consumer groups.

"We know from national studies that Latinos are not given the same financial options information as white families, that that is one way they are discriminated against and that is a broad concern," said Janis Bowler, a housing policy analyst at the National Council of La Raza, a major national advocacy group based in Washington, D.C.

La Raza is working not only to boost housing counseling opportunities and financial literacy efforts but also to team with traditional lenders, giant mortgage investors Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, and other professional associations to hire bilingual staff, translate materials and educate Hispanics.

Freddie and Fannie and national lenders, such as Wells Fargo and GMAC Mortgage, offer loans that accommodate buyers who are having trouble getting a down payment together or who lack a traditional credit history.

"The availability of such loans is still too limited," said Acosta, the head of the Hispanic real estate group.

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Drink in some decadence during the holidays

Knight Ridder News Service

Baby, it's cold outside. Ah, but wrap your hands around a mug of something warm, and the chill just melts away.

Whether you're cuddling on the couch or cozying up to the bar, winter drinks are hot stuff this time of year. They come traditional or contemporary, hot or cold, alcoholic or non. And you can just as easily create them at home as you can order one.

"They're really easy to make," said Tim Troup, bartender at Downtown 140 in Hudson, Ohio. Troup tends a packed bar almost every night, so he would know. "This is our busiest time of year. I want to make something tasty and still delicious and creative."

Anyone who has ever entertained for the holidays knows what he means.

"When people are entertaining at home, they want something kind of easy," said Shawn Kaler, public relations director for the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States. "My advice is to go with a drink with five ingredients or less."

There are plenty of ways to do that, and with the simplest of ingredients, top top permin or cinnamon sticks into hot chocolate, or add rose water or flavored liqueurs — like ginger or chai — to regular tea.

Some classic holiday cocktails are the easiest to make. Irish coffee is just Irish cream and a regular cup of coffee. Mulled wine and spiced cider require nothing more than a spice sachet and a few minutes on the stove — perhaps a bit of rum, if you want that cider spiked.

Troup makes his cider with cognac, spiced rum and hot apple cider and serves it in a brandy snifter. He tops it with whipped cream and a sprinkle or two of nutmeg and cinnamon. Talk about decadent.

But Troup's personal favorite is a bit simpler: butterscotch schnapps in hot chocolate or coffee. It's another easy at-home drink, perfect for an

evening by the fire. Of course, for fireside sipping there is no more classic holiday beverage than eggnog.

Michael Green, who consults on wine and spirits for Gourmet magazine, sets mulled wine and eggnog apart as "base" recipes for the holidays.

"I don't like to put such a heavy twist on a classic that it becomes sort of goofy, but I think you can choose from one of these big-picture recipes and freshen them with spice, liqueur or a serving vessel." And eggnog is indeed a classic. The egg-and-cream-based beverage has a history as rich as its taste. It's related to wine and milk punches from Old World Europe, but Americans put their own spin on it, using rum. The original drink was commonly called glogg instead of rum, Green said, and the trip from glogg to nog was not very far.

Green, who lives in New York City, likes community drinks, such as eggnog or punch served out of a large bowl, to welcome guests and make them feel involved at seasonal get-togethers.

It's a great way to get guests mingling and keeps the host or hostess from feeling chained to the bar.

While eggnog and rum punch may sound like your grandmother's party drinks, a little creativity — and not much effort — can update them without completely transforming them.

"The ingredients can change dramatically," Green said. "You can add a twist with liqueur (in eggnog), like Kahlua, which can be a lot of fun."

Making eggnog isn't difficult. Frankly, it's harder not to trip over a recipe for it this time of year. Still, if you'd rather hit the mall than the kitchen, ready-made options, with and without booze, abound.

Jamie Boyd, who manages the wine department at West Point Market in Akron, Ohio, likes Old New England Egg Nog, which at \$7.99 a bottle isn't expensive. "Everyone likes eggnog, but

this one's already spiked," she said. "Actually, my mom and I like this a lot when we're cooking over the holidays. I put it over ice, sprinkled with nutmeg."

To keep all your guests smiling, though, have some nonalcoholic options on hand.

When the weather turns icy, there's nothing more warming or comforting than hot chocolate. And if you think you're limited to Swiss Miss, think again. Think marzipan hot chocolate, which has a wonderful nutty flavor. Think Schaffner Berger sweetened cocoa powder from the famed chocolate maker for a simply heavenly drink.

"The thing is, if you use good hot chocolate, all you have to do is add milk to it," said Tina Burdick, who manages Mrs. Ticklemore's tea room.

EARL GREY HOT CHOCOLATE

Makes 1 serving

- 3 Earl Grey tea bags
- 1 cup boiling water
- 4 ounces top-quality chocolate, melted
- Whipped cream

Pour the water into a mug and steep the tea bags. Add the chocolate and blend well. Microwave for 45 seconds, but don't boil. Serve immediately topped with whipped cream.

KAHLUA EGGNOG

Makes 8 servings

- 6 eggs, separated
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cups brandy or rum
- 1/2 cup Kahlua
- 4 cups milk
- 2 cups cream
- Whipped cream
- Nutmeg

Separate the yolks from the egg whites. Beat yolks while adding sugar until mixture is smooth. Add brandy or rum and Kahlua. Beat in the milk and cream. Chill. Whisk the egg whites until stiff and fold into egg nog mixture. Serve in a punch bowl, and add whipped cream and nutmeg for garnish.

WHITE CHOCOLATE RASPBERRY TRUFFLE

- Makes 1 serving
- Fresh coffee
- 1 1/2 ounces Godiva White Chocolate Liqueur
- 1 ounce Chambord Raspberry Liqueur
- Chocolate shavings
- Whipped cream
- Raspberries

Add white chocolate and raspberry liqueurs to coffee. Top with whipped cream, chocolate shavings and a single raspberry.

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FOOD & HOME

Venison provides fabulous table fare

Meat doesn't have to taste 'gamy'

Knight Ridder News Service

The first cold front has passed, triggering a hormonal reaction among those types who enjoy traipsing through mesquite thickets and overgrown underbrush, gun in hand, looking for whitetail deer.

Ignore the whining from those who snifle about shooting Bambi's anatomy. Most hunters are more interested in finding Bambi's daddy, especially if he has a nice wide rack with 10 or 12 points. And if the whitetail herd weren't annually thinned by hunters, many areas would be overrun with deer competing for a limited food supply, increasing the incidence of underfed and sick animals. It's called wildlife management.

Besides, venison is fabulous table fare: lean red meat, naturally low in fat. Yet many cooks shy away from preparing it because they think the meat tastes 'gamy.'

If that has been your experience, you're getting your meat from a fousy hunter. The taste at the table starts in the field. An animal that is put under stress during the hunting process that isn't killed immediately with a clean shot will build up lactic acid in its muscles. That's what produces the sour, or gamy, taste.

The silver skin — that silvery-colored sinew that covers the muscles — are the connecting tissue and the fat are the gamiest parts, so it's also important to demite the meat thoroughly before cooking.

Jon Bonnell, owner and executive chef at Bonnell's Fine Texas Cuisine in Fort Worth, has another suggestion to mitigate that gamy taste: Soak the meat in buttermilk.

"Buttermilk draws out the chemicals that led to the bad taste, plus it serves as a great base for chicken-fried steak," Bonnell said.

For chicken-fried venison steak, after soaking 12-inch-thick pieces of meat for several hours, remove them from the buttermilk, dredge in seasoned flour and fry. Yum.

Bonnell, whose menu features a variety of game dishes, said the No. 1 mistake made in venison preparation is cooking the meat too long.

"If you get it much past medium, it will be dry," he said. "There's very little marbling in wild game, and when the muscles contract during the cooking process, it squeezes the juices right out."

Trust me, nothing beats the flavor of a backstrap medallion basted in garlic butter and grilled to medium-rare. Another staple grilling baste is olive oil, garlic, salt and pepper. As Bonnell says, it does wonders without masking the meat's flavor.

Don't be stingy with herbs and spices when cooking venison. Like other robust red meats, it holds up well to sage, cilantro and rosemary. Smother a steak with a mixture of Dijon mustard and rosemary, then grill.

The biggest challenge a venison cook faces when the box of wrapped meat comes back from the processor is what to do with that large leg roast. How do you prepare one that doesn't end up dry and tough?



Charlie Corey, owner of Big Steer Meats in St. Paul, Minn., holds a deer carcass outside his building. Venison is fabulous table fare: lean red meat, naturally low in fat. Yet many cooks shy away from preparing it because they think the meat tastes 'gamy.'

The answer, actually, is to avoid leg roast cuts if you can. Bonnell suggests asking the processor to separate the leg into six individual muscles that can be cut into steaks for grilling or chicken-frying.

If a roast is what you have, however, then patience is in order. The best way to cook a large hunk of venison is to braise it, Bonnell says. Demite the meat, then liberally use a dry rub, your favorite seasoning blend or just salt and pepper on the outside of the roast. Heat a little oil to very hot in a Dutch oven or heavy cast-iron pot and brown the roast thoroughly on all sides.

Turn down the heat and add head-on stock (you're allowed to use canned) until it reaches about a quarter of the way up the meat. Add cut-up aromatic vegetables, such as carrots, celery and onions. Cover the pot, place in an oven preheated to 225 degrees and cook for 6 to 7 hours. In the last hour, add cut-up potatoes or shucked, silken ears of corn. You'll know it's done if the meat falls apart when you remove the lid.

As for the packages of ground venison in the box from the processor, they make an ideal meatloaf. The one printed here is my husband's favorite venison recipe; it was the one meal he requested when he was home on leave recently from Afghanistan.

VENISON LOAF

Serves 8-10
1 1/2 pounds ground meat, 80 percent venison and 20 percent pork

1 cup dry bread crumbs (1 use seasoned bread crumbs)
1 cup milk
1 egg
Small onion, chopped (about 1/3 cup)
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon ground sage
1 clove garlic, crushed
3/4 cup ketchup

1 tablespoon prepared mustard
1 tablespoon brown sugar

In a large bowl, mix all ingredients except the ketchup, mustard and brown sugar until evenly blended. Spread the venison mixture in an ungreased loaf pan. In a small

bowl, make glaze by mixing ketchup, mustard and brown sugar; spread over the venison loaf. Cook uncovered in a 350-degree oven until done, about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

BONNELL'S VENISON BACKSTRAP WITH SHITAKE JALAPENO CREAM SAUCE

Serves 1
3 inch-thick venison backstrap medallions
Salt and pepper to taste
1 teaspoon olive oil
1 cup thinly sliced shitake mushrooms

1 fresh jalapeno, chopped and seeds removed
1 clove garlic, minced
Splash dry white wine
1/4 cup heavy cream

Clean the venison well and pound each medallion down to 1/2 inch thick. Season with salt and pepper on both sides. Heat olive oil in a skillet until very hot and sear the venison until brown on both sides. Remove from pan and set aside; keep warm. The meat should be a perfect medium-rare at this point.

In the same pan, reduce heat to medium-high, add the mushrooms and jalapeno and saute until they become soft. Add the chopped garlic for the last minute, but be sure not to brown the garlic, or it will become bitter.

Add a splash of white wine and reduce the liquid over high heat until the pan is almost dry. Add the cream and stir; reduce until thick.

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duce until the sauce becomes slightly thickened, and season to taste with salt and pepper. Pour the sauce over the medallions of venison while hot and serve.

(For even richer flavor, add a teaspoon of fresh thyme with the cream.)

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FOOD & HOME

Warm desserts end the meal on a high note

The Dallas Morning News

Whether it's a casual gathering around the table or a festive dinner party with candlelight, baked fall desserts make a statement at the end of the meal. They sustain the momentum rather than conclude on a low note. And at times like this, who wants a low note?

For a splashy finish, Pear Tarte Tatin fills the bill. This is a departure from the famous French upside-down apple tart a recipe developed by two French sisters named Tatin who lived in the Loire Valley and earned their living making it. It's really delicious with pears as well and can be made early in the day and reheated.

For more informal occasions, Real Gingerbread With Three Gingers is a great choice. It's made with ground ginger, candied ginger and fresh ginger. Served warm with hard sauce or whipped cream, this gingerbread more than stands on its own.

To test pears, use fork to carefully lift pear to make sure, it's caramelized and evenly brown. If necessary, turn up heat to darken caramel, watching carefully to avoid scorching. Remove from heat.

Center pastry over pears. Use kitchen towel to trim overhang. Bake until pastry is well browned and pears are tender (test with point of sharp paring knife through crust), about 25 minutes. Let cool on rack for 10 minutes.

Run point of small knife around edge of pan to loosen. Place a large platter over skillet. Holding platter and skillet together with two potholders, carefully but quickly lower tarte onto plate. Leave skillet in place for 5 minutes to let it settle, then carefully remove skillet. Use spatula to transfer any caramel in skillet to tarte. Can be made several hours ahead and reheated in 200-F oven until warm, about 20 minutes. Serve warm with creme fraiche or whipped cream, if using.

Set aside.

Use mixer to cream butter on medium speed until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add brown sugar and molasses, mixing until smooth. Add egg, mix well. On low speed, alternately add flour mixture and buttermilk, beginning and ending with dry ingredients, mixing after each addition until just combined. Stir in crystallized ginger and ginger. Transfer to prepared pan. Spread evenly

and smooth top.

Bake until toothpick comes out dry, about 25 to 30 minutes. Cool on rack for 1 hour before serving. Can also be made a day ahead and kept at room temperature, well covered. Serve warm. Reheat in 350-F oven, covered with foil, until warm, about 10 minutes. Cut into squares; top with small dollop of hard sauce or whipped cream. Serve immediately.

PEAR TARTE TATIN

Makes 8 servings

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 9 hard medium pears (such as Bartlett), peeled, halved lengthwise, cored
- 1 single-crust pastry or 1 Pillsbury All-Ready Pie Crust
- Creme fraiche or lightly sweetened whipped cream, both optional

Put rack in lower area of oven; preheat oven to 400 F.

Melt butter in 9 1/2-inch ovenproof heavy skillet (preferably cast iron) or tarte Tatin pan over medium-high heat. When melted, brush butter up sides of skillet or pan. Add sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and lemon juice to pan. Mix with butter. Gently cook until fluid, about 1 minute. Remove from heat.

Arrange 1/2 pear halves around pan edge, spoke fashion, cut side up, with narrow end of pears placed toward center, as close together as possible. Use 2 pear halves to fill in center. Cut remaining pears in half lengthwise to cover spaces, making pear layer as even as possible.

Return pan to stove over medium-high heat. Cook until juices start to boil, then reduce heat to low boil. Cook, uncovered, until bottoms of pears are caramelized, about 30 minutes.

REAL GINGERBREAD WITH THREE GINGERS

Hard sauce, traditionally served with plum pudding, here pairs with a pungent gingerbread. The sauce will be about the same texture as butter, so provide small knives for spreading it on the gingerbread.

Many hard sauce recipes call for brandy. You can experiment by replacing some or all of the coffee with brandy or another spirit.

Makes 8 servings.

- 1 2/3 cups cake flour
- 1/2-teaspoon-baking-soda
- 1/2-teaspoon-ground-ginger
- 1/2-teaspoon-cinnamon
- 1/4-teaspoon-cloves
- 1/4-teaspoon-allspice
- 1/4-teaspoon-salt

1 stick unsalted butter, room temperature

1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar

6 tablespoons molasses

1 large egg

1/2 cup well-shaken buttermilk, room temperature

2 tablespoons chopped crystallized ginger

1 teaspoon finely chopped, peeled ginger

Hard sauce (see recipe) or whipped cream.

Put rack in lower area of oven; preheat oven to 350 F. Grease 8-inch-square baking pan, line bottom with parchment paper or foil and grease. Set aside.

Combine flour, baking soda, ginger, cinnamon, cloves, allspice and salt in small bowl.

Sugar

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Brian Strouts, head of experimental baking at the American Institute of Baking, got similar results when he tested the Equal and Splenda blends against regular sugar in spongecake, yellow layer cake and angel food cake.

The difference in volume was most noticeable in the spongecakes, which depended the most on sugar to make the cake rise, Strouts said.

"The texture (of the substitutes) also got a little what we would call crumbly," Strouts said. "It tended to fall apart a little more. Was it complete failure, a huge-negative? Probably not."

"The cakes tasted better than they looked — similar to sugar, with a hint of an aftertaste," he said.

"Personally, I would just as soon bake with sugar and make the slices smaller," Strouts said. "But I can understand this is a marketer and this is product out there. I can understand why people want to do that."

But nutritionists say the sugar-sweetener blends are far from a license to binge on holiday treats.

In the five years since the American Diabetes Association relaxed its recommendations on sugar, people with diabetes have begun to enjoy sweets again. But the flip side of that research is the realization that carbohydrates from other kinds of foods — from potatoes to bread — have roughly the same effect on blood sugar.

That means using a sugar-sweetener blend doesn't

necessarily make a recipe acceptable, several nutritionists and diabetes educators said. "The calories and carbohydrates contributed by flour, nuts, butter and other ingredients count, too."

"When you get down to serving size, it may or may not be significant," said Paul Yuzy, a diabetes educator at Mercy Medical Center. "I think a lot of times this is more Madison Avenue hype than that useful."


And because the sugar blends are designed to be substituted into any recipe, consumers won't always have a full nutritional breakdown of their made-over specialties.

In the cake we tested, the sweetener-sugar blends shaved 21 grams of carbohydrate (29 percent of the full-sugar version) and 82 calories a serving (13 percent).

For every two of our cookies, the blends took away 5 grams of carbohydrate (.27-percent) and 18 calories (12 percent).

Hope Warshaw, a nutrition expert and co-author of "The Complete Guide to Carb Counting" (American Diabetes Association, 2004, \$16.95), who has been a consultant for Splenda, said that savings can be significant — if you eat the same amount you did before, watch your diet and view the substitution as one strategy in a healthful eating and exercise plan.


"It is about small, steady behavioral changes that you make and that you can hold onto for the rest of your life," she said. "It adds up."



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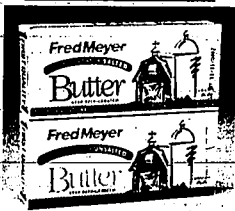
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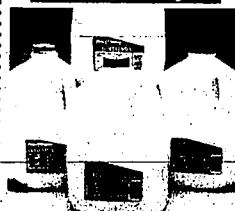


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SPORTS

Valley rallies to down Buhl

The Times-News

HAZELTON — Valley scored 23 points in the fourth quarter to down Buhl 50-45 at home in boys basketball action Tuesday night.

Eight of those 23 points came from Ricardo Martinez, who finished with 12 in the night, while Vinking for Miller led all scorers with 10 points.

"We wore them down just a bit at the end," said Valley coach Bernard Massamini.

Perry Hamilton led the Indians with 11 points including three 3's.

The Vikings (2-2) travel to Merring for tournament play on Friday and Saturday. Buhl (0-1) hosts Jerome on Friday.

ISDB 66, TFCA JV 50

TWIN FALLS — Raptor Byron Jensen was unstoppable Tuesday night, dropping 32 points on the Twin Falls Christian Academy junior varsity en route to a 66-50 ISDB road victory.

Caleb Bolyard led Twin Falls Christian with 13 points, while Jesse Killinger added 14.

Twin Falls Christian 1-3 goes to jackpot, next Tuesday.

MV FALLS 32, Glens Ferry 52

TWIN FALLS — James Jarvis posted a double-double for Magic Valley Christian as the Conquerors downed Glens Ferry 72-58 at home in non-conference boys basketball.

Jarvis finished the night with 26 points and 13 rebounds and Cody Griffith had 20 points.

Chris Lull paced the Pilots with 11 points and Andy Crane put up 11.

Magic Valley Christian (3-1) visits Hansen on Thursday. Glens Ferry (1-2) goes to Gooding on Friday.

Wendell 64, Gooding 42

GOODING — Wendell's long-range shooters couldn't be stopped Tuesday night. The Trojans hit nine 3-pointers, four by Zac Davis, to defeat Gooding 64-42.

"They shot the lights out," said Senators coach Jo Messick. "I was extremely pleased with our defensive effort."

Davis scored 17, Michael Chonaker 15 and Kelly Roseborough 14 in the win.

Gooding (1-2) next hosts Glens Ferry Friday. Alex Garcia paced the Senators with 15 points.

Girls basketball

Minico 45, Burley 33

RUPELI — Led by Meghan Botchert's 14 points and Amber Hill's 12, the Minico Spartans passed the rival Burley Bobcats 45-33 Tuesday in Ru-

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part. The win improves Minico to 7-1, 2-0 Great Basin Conference (West) while Burley falls to 3-4 (1-1).

The Bobcats were led by Kandise Dallons eight-point effort. The Spartans travel to Preston Saturday. Burley hosts Declo the same evening.

Castelford next Tuesday.

Jerome 37, Buhl 24

JEROME — Jerome pulled away from Buhl for a 37-24 non-conference victory Tuesday night, led by 11 points from Luke Kuhn. Cassie Tipton scored six for the Indians.

Jerome (5-2) next plays at Wood River Thursday.

Hagerman 51, Raft River 31

MALIA — Led by senior Sara Jackson's 10 first-quarter points, the Ingeman Pirates improved to 6-3 on the season and 3-0 in the Magic Valley Southside Conference with a 51-31 road win over the Raft River Trojans Tuesday night.

Jackson finished with 16 points while senior-teammate Shannel Knight led all scorers with 17.

Sierra Cooper finished with nine points for the 5-2 (2-1) Trojans while Hattie Ramsey and Brenda Darrington both chipped in eight apiece. The Trojans are back in home action Wednesday against Valley while Hagerman travels to Wendell Thursday.

Shoshone 78, Carey 43

SHOSHONE — Shoshone's team defense stifled Carey in the first and third quarters for a 78-43 Northside Conference victory Tuesday night. Each Indians player scored and had at least one steal.

Katie Strunk led the 7-0 Indians with 17 point and 10 rebounds while Meghan Sorensen added 13 points and nine boards. Kyla Astle added 10 points.

Brenna Silva scored 12 and Whitney Peck 11 for Carey. Shoshone (2-0 Northside) next plays Thursday at the Community School.

Oakley 41, Hansen 22

OAKLEY — The Oakley Hornets defended their home court against an undermanned Hansen Huskies squad 41-22 Tuesday night in Oakley, Junior for senior Jonna Peterson dropped in 20 for the 4-2 (2-1) Hornets while senior Valerie Bedke added 10.

Charlotte Freestone didn't suit up for Hansen due to an ankle injury while Jessica Thorne went out of the game after turning her ankle in the first quarter.

The loss drops Hansen to 2-3 on the season and 1-1 in Magic Valley Southside Conference play. Oakley travels to Twin Falls to face Lighthouse Christian Thursday. Hansen heads to

Wrestling

HALLEY — Jerome opened the 2004-05 wrestling season strong with a Great Basin Conference dual-meet win Tuesday over Wood River, 53-23 in Halley.

"Jerome looked really good," said Wolmeries head coach Danny Lamer.

Wood River (0-1) next hosts Challis and Century at 6 Friday.

No. 5 OSU stifles No. 4 Syracuse

NEW YORK (AP) — Stephen Graham scored 16 points, including two three-point plays in the final 4.5 minutes, and No. 5 Oklahoma State beat No. 4 Syracuse 74-60 on Tuesday night in the Jimmy V Classic.

No. 11 Pittsburgh beat Memphis 70-51 in the other game of the doubleheader at Madison Square Garden.

The defenses dominated in the matchup of top 5 teams, but Oklahoma State (6-0) was able to pull away from a 45-41 tie with 6:32 to play as the Orange (7-1) couldn't hit from the field or the free

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throw line. John Lucas hit a 3-pointer — his only points of the game — to break that late tie and start a 17-4 run that included Graham's two big plays.

Ivan McFarlin scored with 2:20 to go to cap the run and give Oklahoma State a 62-49 lead.

Gerry McNamara hit three 3s in the defense, but the Orange couldn't get any closer.

McFarlin and Joey Graham each had 16 points for Oklahoma State and McFarlin had

Wrestling

12 rebounds as the Cowboys finished with a 46-33 advantage on the boards.

Josh Pace had 20 points, two of his career-high, for Syracuse, while McNamara led 18 and Hakim Warrick 13. Warrick, a career 64 percent free throw shooter, was just 5-for-13 from the line and Syracuse was 7-for-22.

The game was a matchup of two of college basketball's tightest coaches, College of Southern Idaho Hall of Famer Eddie Sutton who was 76-1, while Jim Boehm stayed at 68-3.

Leinart

Continued from D1

Since succeeding Carson Palmer as Southern California's starting quarterback 15 months ago, Leinart has been stellar, guiding the top-ranked Trojans to a 25-1 record.

Leinart finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy balloting as a sophomore last season, and he's among the leading contenders for this year's award, to be presented Saturday night in New York. The finalists will be announced Wednesday.

It all began for Leinart with that shoulder injury.

"It's crazy how everything fell into place," Leinart said.

Leinart's shoulder was damaged to the point that he needed reconstructive surgery. And that wasn't the worst of it.

Leinart's doctor recommended that as a precaution he not play competitive sports as a sophomore at Mater Dei High in suburban Santa Ana.

"It was pretty tough on him," said Leinart's father, Bob.

That's an understatement. "I was really depressed," Leinart said. "Sports was my whole life. (But) it definitely made me a better person, going through that so young. But it

sure was hard."

The 6-foot-5, 225-pound Leinart went on to become a star at Mater Dei, but he had to wait his turn at USC. And he barely got passed over, narrowly winning the starting quarterback job in a tight battle with three others in the spring of 2003.

Leinart hadn't thrown a pass at USC when he took his first snap at Auburn the following fall, and he had to fill the shoes of the Heisman Trophy-winning Palmer.

No problem. Leinart passed for 3,556 yards and 38 touchdowns with only nine interceptions in leading the Trojans to a 12-1 record and The Associated Press national championship.

Some said the presence of Mike Williams and Kerry Carter, two of the country's top wide receivers, had a lot to do with Leinart's success.

Maybe so, but it was more of the same this year while breaking in new starting receivers. Leinart has passed for 2,890 yards and 28 touchdowns with only six interceptions in leading No. 1 USC (12-0) to the Bowl Championship Series title game

in the Orange Bowl, where the Trojans will face No. 2 Oklahoma.

"Matt's made a huge progression since he's been here," USC tight end Alex Holmes said. "Since he started playing, he's been spectacular."

Offensive coordinator Norm Chow says Leinart is as good as any quarterback he's coached — and that's great company.

Along with Palmer, Chow has tutored Philip Rivers at North Carolina State, and Steve Young, Ty Detmer and Jim McMahon, at BYU.

Leinart became a Heisman candidate not long after the 21-year-old junior led the Trojans to their co-national title last season. Then it got a big boost on Nov. 27, when he passed for a career-high 400 yards and a school record-tying five touchdowns in a 41-10 victory over Notre Dame.

He may have come back to a crowded pack last week, though. He was an efficient 24-of-34 for 242 yards with one interception in USC's 29-24 win over UCLA.

He didn't throw a touchdown pass for the first time as a starter.

Blue Lakes Sporting Goods advertisement featuring various sports equipment like hunting vests, sweatshirts, binoculars, and gun cases, with prices slashed again.

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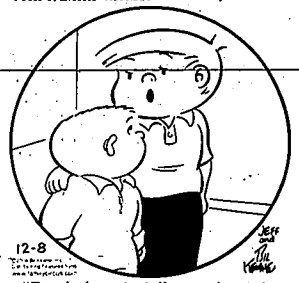
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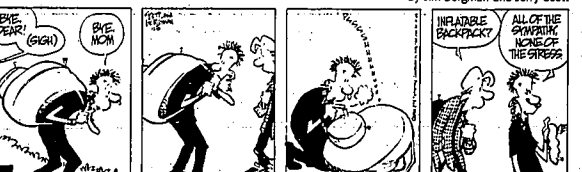
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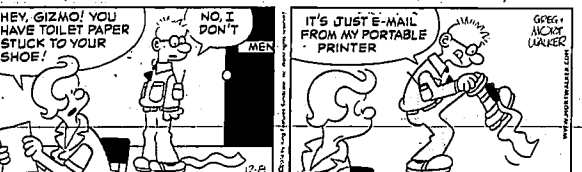
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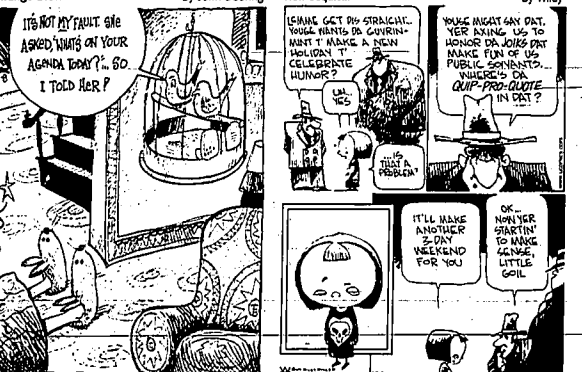
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MONEY

Stocks sag on mixed economic data

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks slumped Tuesday as investors sifted through mixed economic data and rumors about big merger deals, including a report that consumer products giant Johnson & Johnson is in talks to purchase a leading medical device maker.

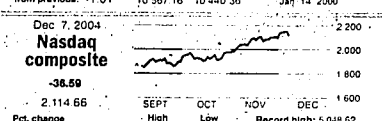
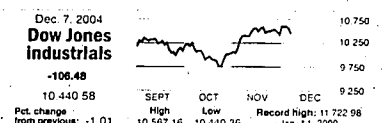
Analysts said the lackluster trading was characteristic of the first part of December, when a lull often precedes an end-of-year rally. But there's no guarantee the market will benefit from the so-called Santa Claus effect this year, as stocks already have posted a significant advance over the last two months and now appear somewhat overextended.

Wall Street "needs something to boost things along," said Larry Wachtel, market analyst at Citigroup Securities. "The probable deal is helped, but there's nothing in the way of dramatic elements to drive you forward. I don't see a lot of selling pressure. I don't see a reason for the market to slump. But I just don't see anything to drive it dramatically forward."

The Dow Jones industrial average slid 106.48, or 1.01 percent, to 10,440.58. The broader gauge also skidded lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index shed 13.18, or 1.11 percent, to 1,177.07. The Nasdaq composite index was down 36.59, or 1.70 percent, at 2,114.66.

Oil prices sank to a four-month low despite supply fears prompted by an attack on a U.S. consulate in Saudi Arabia. Futures of oil in Nigeria, futures of light, sweet crude oil fell \$1.72 to close at \$41.46 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Meanwhile, the dollar struck a new all-time low against the euro.

Traders weren't overly concerned by the slide in equities, predicting that if oil continues to



decline, buyers will return to Wall Street. In addition, many professional investors such as mutual fund managers logging gains for the year, there's less threat of a more significant sell-off.

"I am not too concerned right now. I think the character of the market is in place, at least until the end of the year," said Tom Murphy, head trader at Wachovia Securities in Baltimore. "I think there's more of a risk to be out of the market than in the market at this point. And I think it's going to go higher."

The government reported that worker productivity grew at a 1.8 percent annual rate in the third quarter, the slowest pace in nearly two years. Some saw the deceleration as a sign that employers have squeezed as many efficiencies out of their existing workers as they can, and may finally increase hiring to meet customer demand.

Johnson & Johnson sued \$1.42, or 2.3 percent, to \$60.11, on reports the drug and health care products company is in advanced talks to buy Guidant Corp., a leading maker of devices to treat heart and circulatory illnesses. The New York Times, citing executives close to the negotiations, said the proposed deal was valued at more than \$24 billion. Guidant surged 83.94, or 5.2 percent, to \$72.35, on the news.

Colgate-Palmolive Co. soared \$3.78, or 8.2 percent, to \$50.07, after the maker of consumer products such as Ajax detergent, Irish Spring soap and Hills Select Diet pet foods, announced plans to cut its worldwide workforce by about 12 percent and close one-third of its factories as part of a four-year plan aimed at boosting its sales and profits. The stock climbed nearly 8 percent during the course of the four-year restructuring effort.



In this photo provided by Dell Inc., students from the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District show Michael Dell, chairman of Dell Inc., how to dismantle and reassemble a computer Monday in La Puente, Calif. Dell spoke to the students on the importance of technology in the students' future. In Twin Falls, Dell operates a technical-support and customer-service call center.

Colgate-Palmolive plans to cut 4,400 jobs, close factories in restructuring

NEW YORK (AP) — Colgate-Palmolive Co., the consumer products giant behind brands like Ajax detergent and Irish Spring soap, plans to cut its worldwide workforce by about 12 percent, or about 4,400 jobs, and close one-third of its factories as part of a four-year plan aimed at boosting its sales and profits. The stock climbed nearly 8 percent during the course of the four-year restructuring effort.

The moves announced Tuesday come as the consumer products industry has been grappling with higher costs in raw materials, gas and packaging, all of which have put more pressure on profits.

Colgate-Palmolive also faces increasing competition from larger rival Procter & Gamble Co., which has taken big bites of the market with an increased focus on skin-care and beauty products as well as pet care products.

Burt Flickinger III, managing partner of Strategic Resource Group, a New York-based industry consulting group, said the new plan is a "strong initiative but it is too little, too late."

"Colgate has been milking its worldwide brands for far too long, for both its sales and marketing," he added. "As Colgate's brands have been undermarketed, it is much more difficult to get private label and other rival brands to undercut Colgate."

In September, Colgate-Palmolive identified the facilities.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, including columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and D.F.E.F. Includes sub-sections for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ.

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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 American Stock Exchange. 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 letters list.

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Profit-per-worker increases by 156 percent in America

The Associated Press. While the American worker's stunning productivity gains have been well-documented for years, a new study finds that companies reap impressive financial benefits from those gains - a profit-per-worker has soared 156 percent on a pretax basis since 2001.

That compares with only 26 percent for European workers, according to "Key Trends in Human Capital: A Global Perspective," a report issued by PricewaterhouseCoopers and Saratoga Institute.

Issues

Continued from E1. Another common problem is the holiday blues, often resulting from the stresses of trying to balance extra family demands such as shopping, going to children's holiday concerts, visits from relatives and the requirements of work.

"You will see productivity lagging and attitudes changing, and people who have to hives with the holiday season," said Chulwitz.

"This is the time for employees to engage a little in the holiday spirit themselves by being understanding and flexible with their work force and perhaps being more reasonable in giving them time off and helping them balance work/life issues."

There's a payoff for the boss. "Employees tend to remember that and the payback will go on for months," he said.

It's also important to remember that not everyone celebrates the holidays and that some people get very depressed at this time.

Owners need to be "sensitive to the fact that holidays don't make everyone happy," said Arlene Verone, owner of Hix Inc., a human resources consulting firm in Eden Prairie, Minn.

She suggested that owners might want to get their companies involved in some charitable giving, inviting everyone to give to an organization chosen by employees.

That might help employees who don't celebrate the holidays to feel part of a team.

That kind of sensitivity to employees' feelings should also extend to the decorations you put up in the workplace.

Galante said her company often fields calls from business owners whose employees are unhappy with decorations that are too religious, or that exclude certain faiths or ethnic groups.

Before you put up any holiday decor, "do you decide as the owner what you want, or do you decide to appease the folks that work for you," she said.

But Galante also said an owner might want to set some limits if the complaints turn into a problem.

In her own company, she dealt with decor gripes by telling employees that if the complaints continued, there just wouldn't be any decorations.

Managing employees during the holidays is actually no different from managing the rest of the year.

When owners let employees know what is expected of them, workers are more likely to perform better and complain less.

An owner should be "as present for employees as possible, to make themselves available, to be understanding about what kinds of issues the employee is having," said Bruce Cedar, president of Newton, Mass.-based CMG Associates.

If business owners apply this management technique when times are good or bad, they'll do well.

He continued: "There is an expectation that this is the time that businesses take some time to acknowledge their employees, and the efforts of their employees, and if a small business owner can do that as well, that goes a long way."

Unclaimed property?

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on 15th day of December, 2004 in the Twin Falls County Commissioners' Office, 425 Shoshone St. North, Fourth Floor, Twin Falls, Idaho, to consider the following resolution regarding the implementation or increase of certain fees:

PUBLISH: Wednesday, December 8, 2004
NOTICE OF SALE
The Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 331, Minidoka, Cassia, Jerome, and Lincoln Counties, will accept bids on the following bonds on Ebay until December 22, 2004.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS,
Case No. CV 2004-5151
CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT SUMMONS
in the Matter of: JAZMIN AGUNDEZ, Child of OSCAR M. SANTOS JR., d.o.b. 12/15/00
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OSCAR M. SANTOS JR., Child under the age of eighteen.
THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETINGS TO: EDWARD ALANZ, Plaintiff.
YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT: A Petition, a copy of which is attached, has been filed with the above-entitled matter in the Magistrate's Division of the District Court of Twin Falls County, Idaho, by the Prosecuting Attorney, alleging the above-named children come within the County's jurisdiction under the Child Protective Act.
YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO appear personally for a Review Hearing at the Twin Falls County Court house, 425 Shoshone Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, on March 10, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.
YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT service of the attached petition upon you, as the parents, guardian, or custodian of these children; confers personal jurisdiction of the Court upon you and subjects you to the provisions of the Child Protective Act.
YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT if you fail to appear without reasonable cause, the Court may proceed in your absence or you may be proceeded against for contempt of Court.
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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT there shall be a rebuttable presumption that if a child is placed in the custody of the IDHW and was also placed in care out of the home for a period not less than fifteen (15) out of the last twenty-two (22) months from the date of Adjudication, the IDHW shall initiate a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights. This presumption may be rebutted by a finding by the Court that the filing of a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights would not be in the best interest of the children and their family, or that the children are placed permanently with a relative.
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Cognitive Skill Change (CDC)
Group focuses on changing the negative thought process, address thinking errors, and to develop pro-social behaviors
\$0.00 \$15.00/class \$15.00/class
Plat Vacations (Commissioners Office)
\$0.00 \$75.00 + cost of certified mailings(s) \$75.00 + cost of certified mailings(s)
Buhl Transaction Fee (Department of Motor Vehicles)
Electronic Monitoring (Magistrate Probation)
\$0.00 \$35.00 hook up \$36.00 hook up \$10.00/day
Modified House Arrest (Magistrate Probation)
\$0.00 \$5.00/day \$5.00/day
Drug Testing (Magistrate Probation)
\$0.00 \$15.00 each lab test \$7.00 each lab test \$7.00 each field test \$3.00 each field test \$3.00 alcohol breathalyzer test \$3.00-lyczer test

Present Fee Proposed Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Total New Fee
\$0.00 \$40.00 \$40.00
\$0.00 \$100.00 \$100.00
\$0.00 \$15.00/class \$15.00/class
\$0.00 \$27.00/class \$27.00/class
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\$0.00 \$75.00 + cost of certified mailings(s) \$75.00 + cost of certified mailings(s)
\$0.10 \$0.15 \$0.25
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on 15th day of December, 2004 in the Twin Falls County Commissioners' Office, 425 Shoshone St. North, Fourth Floor, Twin Falls, Idaho, to consider the following resolution regarding the implementation or increase of certain fees:

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-...
WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code §31-8704 a board of county commissioners may impose and collect fees for those services provided by the County which would otherwise be funded by ad valorem tax revenues and the fees collected pursuant thereto shall be reasonably related to, but shall not exceed the actual cost of the services being rendered; and
WHEREAS, the proposed fee increase(s) are required to offset the costs associated with providing the services; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to public notice the Commissioners held a public hearing on the proposed increase on December 15, 2004,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Twin Falls County Board of County Commissioners that the following fees be adopted:

FAX YOUR AD
TIMES CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT
208-734-5538 OR 208-677-4543 (BURLEY)

PUBLISH: December 1 and 8, 2004

Notice of Public Hearing
The Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on 15th day of December, 2004 in the Twin Falls County Commissioners' Office, 425 Shoshone St. North, Fourth Floor, Twin Falls, Idaho, to consider the following resolution regarding the implementation or increase of certain fees:

Notice of Public Hearing
The Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on 15th day of December, 2004 in the Twin Falls County Commissioners' Office, 425 Shoshone St. North, Fourth Floor, Twin Falls, Idaho, to consider the following resolution regarding the implementation or increase of certain fees:

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
T.S. No. F-37470-ID-DL Loan No. 20-0051-0204043 On 3/11/2004 at 1:00 PM recognized as successor Trustee...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
T.S. No. F-37470-ID-DL Loan No. 20-0051-0204043 On 3/11/2004 at 1:00 PM recognized as successor Trustee...

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following license conditions are part of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license for the Lower Salmon Falls hydroelectric project owned and operated by Idaho Power Company.

Article 18. So long as the project is in compliance with the terms of the license, the licensee shall allow the public free access, to a reasonable extent, to project waters and adjacent project lands owned by the licensee for the purpose of full public utilization of such lands and waters for navigation and for outdoor recreational purposes, including fishing and hunting.

Article 20. Project Operation. The licensee shall at all times operate the project in a run-of-river mode for the protection of the project area in the project area with the exception that for the purpose of conducting studies on the effects of project operations on federally listed snails inhabiting the project area, the licensee shall operate the project in accordance with the procedures and schedule stipulated in Attachment 2 of the Settlement Agreement Concerning the Relicensing of Idaho Power Company's Project in the Snake River Basin.

Article 40. Project Operation. The licensee shall at all times operate the project in a run-of-river mode for the protection of the project area in the project area with the exception that for the purpose of conducting studies on the effects of project operations on federally listed snails inhabiting the project area, the licensee shall operate the project in accordance with the procedures and schedule stipulated in Attachment 2 of the Settlement Agreement Concerning the Relicensing of Idaho Power Company's Project in the Snake River Basin.

- (a) protect the performance, integrity, reliability, or stability of the licensee's electrical system or any electrical system with which it is connected, including the need to provide the Western Electric Coordinating Council and North American Electric Reliability Council reserves;
(b) compensate for an unscheduled loss of generation;
(c) provide generation during severe weather shortages or periods of market instability;

With regards to the temporary modifications described in (a) through (i) above and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the incidental take statement filed by the FWS on May 18, 2004, the licensee shall:

- (1) minimize the duration of altered flows (i.e. operations other than run-of-river) to the extent possible while temporary modifications occur during run-of-river operations;
(2) maintain ramping rates to a maximum of 30 days per USGS gage as measured at United States Geological Survey gage 13135700 to the extent possible when temporary modifications occur during run-of-river operations;
(3) provide notification to the FWS within 72 hours, via telephone or electronic mail, when temporary modifications occur during run-of-river operations;

Article 40B. Rainbow Trout Stocking. Within one year of license issuance, the licensee shall file for Commission approval a plan to annually stock a total of 14,000 pounds of rainbow trout in the project reservoir for purposes of improving sport fishing in the project area.

- (1) specific descriptions of stocking locations, the timing and approximate number of fish to be stocked at each location, and the size and type of fish;
(2) a provision to file with the Commission by December 31 of every fifth year of the license term, a report evaluating the success of the stocking program, including any proposals to increase, decrease, or terminate stocking;
(3) an implementation schedule.

Article 41. The licensee shall update and finalize the Middle Snake River Land Management Plan after consultation with the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

- (1) improvement of the Bliss reservoir boat launch access by obtaining a long-term lease of the property, enlarging the parking area, providing a vault toilet and additional picnic sites and improving the boat ramp;
(2) operation and maintenance of the existing Bliss day-use park facility;

Article 41A. Recreation Management Plan. Within one year of license issuance, the licensee shall file for Commission approval a Recreation Management Plan for the project. The purpose of the plan is to provide guidance for implementation of recreation enhancement measures and for management of recreation resources.

- (1) improvement of the Bliss reservoir boat launch access by obtaining a long-term lease of the property, enlarging the parking area, providing a vault toilet and additional picnic sites and improving the boat ramp;
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Article 41B. Recreation Management Plan. Within one year of license issuance, the licensee shall file for Commission approval a Recreation Management Plan for the project. The purpose of the plan is to provide guidance for implementation of recreation enhancement measures and for management of recreation resources.

- (1) improvement of the Bliss reservoir boat launch access by obtaining a long-term lease of the property, enlarging the parking area, providing a vault toilet and additional picnic sites and improving the boat ramp;
(2) operation and maintenance of the existing Bliss day-use park facility;

Article 41C. Recreation Management Plan. Within one year of license issuance, the licensee shall file for Commission approval a Recreation Management Plan for the project. The purpose of the plan is to provide guidance for implementation of recreation enhancement measures and for management of recreation resources.

- (1) improvement of the Bliss reservoir boat launch access by obtaining a long-term lease of the property, enlarging the parking area, providing a vault toilet and additional picnic sites and improving the boat ramp;
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Article 41D. Recreation Management Plan. Within one year of license issuance, the licensee shall file for Commission approval a Recreation Management Plan for the project. The purpose of the plan is to provide guidance for implementation of recreation enhancement measures and for management of recreation resources.

- (1) improvement of the Bliss reservoir boat launch access by obtaining a long-term lease of the property, enlarging the parking area, providing a vault toilet and additional picnic sites and improving the boat ramp;
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Article 41E. Recreation Management Plan. Within one year of license issuance, the licensee shall file for Commission approval a Recreation Management Plan for the project. The purpose of the plan is to provide guidance for implementation of recreation enhancement measures and for management of recreation resources.

PUBLISH: December 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following license conditions are part of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license for the Bliss hydroelectric project owned and operated by Idaho Power Company.

Article 18. So long as the project is in compliance with the terms of the license, the licensee shall allow the public free access, to a reasonable extent, to project waters and adjacent project lands owned by the licensee for the purpose of full public utilization of such lands and waters for navigation and for outdoor recreational purposes, including fishing and hunting.

Article 20. Project Operation. The licensee shall at all times operate the project in a run-of-river mode for the protection of the project area in the project area with the exception that for the purpose of conducting studies on the effects of project operations on federally listed snails inhabiting the project area, the licensee shall operate the project in accordance with the procedures and schedule stipulated in Attachment 2 of the Settlement Agreement Concerning the Relicensing of Idaho Power Company's Project in the Snake River Basin.

Article 40. Project Operation. The licensee shall at all times operate the project in a run-of-river mode for the protection of the project area in the project area with the exception that for the purpose of conducting studies on the effects of project operations on federally listed snails inhabiting the project area, the licensee shall operate the project in accordance with the procedures and schedule stipulated in Attachment 2 of the Settlement Agreement Concerning the Relicensing of Idaho Power Company's Project in the Snake River Basin.

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- (a) protect the performance, integrity, reliability, or stability of the licensee's electrical system or any electrical system with which it is connected, including the need to provide the Western Electric Coordinating Council and North American Electric Reliability Council reserves;
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(2) maintain ramping rates to a maximum of 30 days per USGS gage as measured at United States Geological Survey gage 13135776 to the extent possible when temporary modifications occur during run-of-river operations;
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Article 40B. Rainbow Trout Stocking. Within one year of license issuance, the licensee shall file for Commission approval a plan to annually stock a total of 14,000 pounds of rainbow trout in the project reservoir for purposes of improving sport fishing in the project area.

- (1) specific descriptions of stocking locations, the timing and approximate number of fish to be stocked at each location, and the size and type of fish;
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Article 41A. Recreation Management Plan. Within one year of license issuance, the licensee shall file for Commission approval a Recreation Management Plan for the project. The purpose of the plan is to provide guidance for implementation of recreation enhancement measures and for management of recreation resources.

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Article 41B. Recreation Management Plan. Within one year of license issuance, the licensee shall file for Commission approval a Recreation Management Plan for the project. The purpose of the plan is to provide guidance for implementation of recreation enhancement measures and for management of recreation resources.

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Article 41C. Recreation Management Plan. Within one year of license issuance, the licensee shall file for Commission approval a Recreation Management Plan for the project. The purpose of the plan is to provide guidance for implementation of recreation enhancement measures and for management of recreation resources.

- (1) improvement of the Bliss reservoir boat launch access by obtaining a long-term lease of the property, enlarging the parking area, providing a vault toilet and additional picnic sites and improving the boat ramp;
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Article 41D. Recreation Management Plan. Within one year of license issuance, the licensee shall file for Commission approval a Recreation Management Plan for the project. The purpose of the plan is to provide guidance for implementation of recreation enhancement measures and for management of recreation resources.

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Article 41E. Recreation Management Plan. Within one year of license issuance, the licensee shall file for Commission approval a Recreation Management Plan for the project. The purpose of the plan is to provide guidance for implementation of recreation enhancement measures and for management of recreation resources.

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The following license conditions are part of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license for the Shoshone Falls hydroelectric project owned and operated by Idaho Power Company.

Article 18. So far as is consistent with proper operation of the project, the licensee shall allow the public free access, to a reasonable extent, to the reservoir and lands within the project boundary owned by the licensee for the purpose of full public utilization of such lands and waters for navigation and for outdoor recreational purposes, including fishing and hunting.

Article 401. Project Operation. The licensee shall operate the project in a run-of-river mode for the protection of invertebrates, fish, federally listed plants and riparian vegetation around the Shoshone Falls Reservoir and in the Snake River downstream of the project.

Article 402. Minimum Flows. Commencing 90 days of Commission approval of the license, the licensee shall release a minimum flow of 300 cubic feet per second, or inflow to the reservoir, for at least 10 hours per day.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE®

Bobby Wolff

"I never dared to be radical when young For fear it would make me conservative when old."

— Robert Frost

Imagine you are South, declarer in six no-trump at teams. All-though North has bid spades, West leads the spade queen. How would you guarantee your contract? You win the lead with the ace in hand and observe you have 13 top tricks... or do you pass?

There is no problem if diamonds break 3-2, but because of the blockages in hearts and spades, you may have difficulties if diamonds break 4-1. Imagine the hypothetical line of play of starting by cashing your three top diamonds and then surrendering the fourth round of the suit to East. That player morally decides to lead a club through you, and you cannot afford to rise with the ace because you can no longer cross to the heart ace to discard your club loser on the spade king. You have no entry back to your hand. Even if West had the diamond length instead of East, you would be put to a nasty guess on the club return.

Instead, consider at trick two playing a low diamond from both hands. So long as diamonds break no worse than 4-1, you will be safe. On, say, a club return from East at trick three, you rise with the ace. Then you cross to dummy with a low heart to the ace and cash the spade king, on which you discard your losing club. You still have a diamond left in dummy to allow you an entry back to your hand, which is now high.

Bridge score table with columns for NORTH, SOUTH, WEST, EAST and various card counts.

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: South The bidding: South West North East 2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass 6 NT All pass

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ K 8 7 6 5 2 ♥ A 6 ♦ K 10 7 3 ♣ A 9

ANSWER: A raise to three clubs is sufficient. Imagine shown five or more spades already with four you would have doubled one heart; you do not need to repeat suit, and you have no more than invitational values. But passing two clubs would be lame. Game could be laydown facing some quite minimal opening hands with a five-card club suit.

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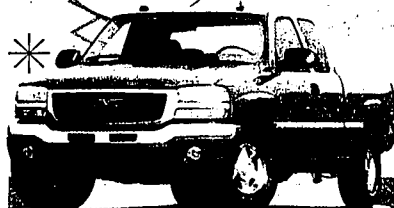
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