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## GOOD MORNING

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**Today:** Partly cloudy with a stiff breeze developing. High 48, low 27.  
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## Facility loses child care license

Health and Welfare officials say Kid Works must close by Jan. 24

By Candace Baltz-Smylie  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — The local day-care center where an infant was recently left inside after the facility closed has been ordered to shut down.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has chosen to revoke the child care license held by Shirley, the owner of Kid Works Child Care Center

in Twin Falls. The decision comes in response to the Jan. 5 incident.

The center has been ordered to shut down by Jan. 24.

"We wanted to give parents adequate time to find another child care provider," said Kathy James, the director of Child and Family Services for the Health and Welfare office in Twin Falls. James said Health and Welfare's investigation into the incident found that Shirley violated the required staff-to-child ratio when she left the facility with a baby still in his crib. The mother of the child was able to crawl through a window and retrieve her son soon after. She then called police.

The required ratio for a license to care for children under 18 months is one licensed staff

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### NewsTracker

■ **Last we know:** The investigation into a Jan. 5 incident in which a baby boy was left alone in the Kid Works Child Care Center after it closed was completed Friday, although Idaho Department of Health and Welfare officials would not disclose the result.

■ **The latest:** Health and Welfare officials announced Tuesday that they have decided to revoke the child care license of Kid Works and owner Shirley Shirley.

■ **What's next:** Kid Works has until Jan. 24 to shut its doors.

## WORLD ON FIRE



ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Trudy Deardorff, 77, who now lives a quiet life in Twin Falls, grew up in Nazi Germany and witnessed firsthand the horrors of World War II. "I was 12 years old when they burned down all the Jewish churches and stores," she says. "It was as if the whole world was on fire."

## Twin Falls woman survived horrors of Nazi Germany

By John E. Swayze  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — On the morning of Nov. 10, 1938, the town of Lutten was played to a scene that was being played out across Germany.

The air was filled with smoke while fragments of glass from storefront windows littered the sidewalks.

Sixty-six years later, Trudy Deardorff, who now calls Twin Falls home, still recalls the feelings she had as a young girl witnessing the destruction in her hometown.

"I was 12 years old when they burned down all the Jewish churches and stores," she said. "It was as if the whole world was on fire."

"We rode the bikes a thousand miles to Austria. I like to ride the bike but I didn't know I had to ride it that far."

— Trudy Deardorff

"Crystal Night" was instigated by the Nazis as an act of retaliation for the assassination of German diplomat Ernst

vom Rath at the hand of a Polish Jew whose parents had been deported from Germany. During Crystal Night, which also is known as the "Night of Broken Glass," 7,500 Jewish-owned businesses were destroyed and 400 synagogues were burned to the ground. Thousands of Jews were then sent to camps that previously held mainly political prisoners.

### First knowledge of Idaho

Deardorff moved to Twin Falls in 1992, but it was not too long after Crystal Night that she first heard of Idaho.

Her family was thrust into the heat of World War II and

her uncle eventually was captured by American forces and sent to a prisoner of war camp in Idaho. Deardorff's father, Otto Munk, wasn't so lucky. He was captured by the Russians.

"My father was in Stalag and had to work outside, shoveling snow in the winter with no shoes and just rags on," she said. "His brother, he was lucky to get prison here in Idaho."

During the war, Idaho would be the site for more than a dozen German and Italian prisoner of war camps that supplied a pool of labor for area farms.

After Deardorff's father was

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## REMEMBERING THE FIRST FOUR YEARS Bush let his guard down for some memorable moments

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — He cried when he resigned as Texas governor. He fidgets in church. He's quick to throw an aide a good-natured insult, or flash a cold stare when challenged. He spits while he's working out.

When the spotlight dims and George W. Bush steps away from the lectern, he drops his guard a bit and allows rare glimpses into the man, just off-stage, the carefully disciplined public figure with the blue-blood pedigree sometimes yields to an everyman character.

Relaxing under an oak tree at the Crawford, Texas ranch with aides one August day in 2002, the talk turned to constraining bulls, dove hunting and which young man had the most robust love life. A few months later, the president was unnerved to learn that he had unknowingly gone swimming in a river frequented by poisonous snakes.

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U.S. President George W. Bush, center, wears a traditional Chilean poncho and is joined by Prime Minister John Howard, left, and Prime Minister Helen Clark, of New Zealand, right, as they pose for the APEC Leader's Official Photograph at La Moneda in this file photo, Nov. 23, 2004, in Santiago, Chile.

## Supreme Court sidesteps Guantanamo terror case

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — The Supreme Court prolonged the legal limbo of hundreds of terror suspects in a U.S. military prison in Cuba, refusing on Tuesday to consider whether the government's plan for military trials unfairly denies them basic legal rights.

So far only a handful of the 550 detainees from about 40 countries have been charged with war crimes. More are expected once courts sort out how they may be tried.

The legal uncertainty surrounding the men, many of whom were captured during the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan in 2001, has prompted international criticism and spawned multiple court fights.

The Supreme Court had been asked to use an appeal by Osama bin Laden's former driver to decide whether the Bush administration is trying to shortcut defendants' rights by holding a type of military trial last used during World War II.

A federal judge ruled last fall that Salim Ahmed Hamdan and others put on trial at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base should be allowed to confront witnesses and see evidence against them, which are standard under military justice rules but are not guaranteed to detainees.

The Supreme Court rejected the case Tuesday, which was not surprising because an appeals court also is considering the issue and has scheduled arguments March 6.

In addition, the court heard three significant terrorism cases last year and was not expected to take on another big one so soon.

It was a minor victory for the government, which was ordered by the Supreme Court last year to give detainees in the United States and Cuba more legal rights.

Since those landmark decisions, lawsuits have been filed in Washington on behalf of dozens of detainees claiming they are being wrongly held. Some of those cases eventually will make it to the Supreme Court. The government has also been sued for millions of dollars in damages by inmates claiming mistreatment.

### TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with a stiff breeze developing. Highs from 45 to 51.  
Tonight: A little breeze and fair. Lows from 24 to 30.  
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, mostly dry and pleasant. Highs from 40 to 46.

### BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and breezy with strong wind gusts possible. Highs from 42 to 48.  
Tonight: Breezy and gusty at times with areas of patchy fog emerging late. Lows from 22 to 28.  
Tomorrow: Mostly dry with a blend of clouds and patchy sunshine. Highs from 37 to 43.

### IDAHO'S FORECAST

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**  
Mostly dry weather, fair skies and warming daytime mostly will dominate the next few days. A slight change of snow will move through Thursday night with fair weather finishing out the week.

**BOISE** Mostly dry conditions and seasonably mild temperatures will finish out the week. Periods of morning and nighttime fog are possible.

**NORTHERN UTAH**  
Patchy morning fog will be common with breezy then clearing somewhat through the afternoon hours of the next few days.



Wednesday's snow summary: 57 at mountain. Low: 13 at Idaho weather key. Sun summary: partly cloudy, m. mostly cloudy, c. cloudy. In surrounding mountains: rain, m. snow, h. flurries, w. wind, m. clearing.

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### TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy with a stiff breeze High 48	A little breeze and fair Low 27	Partly cloudy and mostly dry 43/22	A nice January day 40/22	Mainly dry with fair skies 40/22	Partly cloudy and comfortable 42/23

### ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric
Yesterday's Low: 27 Normal High/Low: 50/30 Record High: 50 in 1994 Record Low: 44 in 1984	Yesterday's: 0.21 Normal: 0.50 Record: 0.77 1948 Normal Year: 0.37	Yesterday's: 67% Normal: 67% Record: 95% 1948 Normal Year: 67%	Yesterday's: 30.45 in Normal: 30.45 in Record: 30.45 in 1948 Normal Year: 30.45 in

### Moons Phases

Today	Tomorrow	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Full Moon	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous

### Moonsrise and Moonset

Today	Tomorrow	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12:50 PM	1:29 PM	1:59 PM	2:30 PM	3:00 PM

### REGIONAL FORECAST

Boise	48/31	45/30	42/30
Idaho Falls	45/30	42/30	39/30
Jerome	42/27	39/27	36/27
Shoshone	40/25	37/25	34/25
Blackfoot	38/23	35/23	32/23
Arco	36/21	33/21	30/21
Donnerstag	34/19	31/19	28/19
Malheur	32/17	29/17	26/17
Power	30/15	27/15	24/15
Shoshone	28/13	25/13	22/13
Blackfoot	26/11	23/11	20/11
Arco	24/9	21/9	18/9
Donnerstag	22/7	19/7	16/7
Malheur	20/5	17/5	14/5
Power	18/3	15/3	12/3
Shoshone	16/1	13/1	10/1
Blackfoot	14/0	11/0	8/0
Arco	12/0	9/0	6/0
Donnerstag	10/0	7/0	4/0
Malheur	8/0	5/0	2/0
Power	6/0	3/0	0/0
Shoshone	4/0	1/0	-2/0
Blackfoot	2/0	-1/0	-4/0
Arco	0/0	-3/0	-6/0
Donnerstag	-2/0	-5/0	-8/0
Malheur	-4/0	-7/0	-10/0
Power	-6/0	-9/0	-12/0
Shoshone	-8/0	-11/0	-14/0
Blackfoot	-10/0	-13/0	-16/0
Arco	-12/0	-15/0	-18/0
Donnerstag	-14/0	-17/0	-20/0
Malheur	-16/0	-19/0	-22/0
Power	-18/0	-21/0	-24/0
Shoshone	-20/0	-23/0	-26/0
Blackfoot	-22/0	-25/0	-28/0
Arco	-24/0	-27/0	-30/0
Donnerstag	-26/0	-29/0	-32/0
Malheur	-28/0	-31/0	-34/0
Power	-30/0	-33/0	-36/0
Shoshone	-32/0	-35/0	-38/0
Blackfoot	-34/0	-37/0	-40/0
Arco	-36/0	-39/0	-42/0
Donnerstag	-38/0	-41/0	-44/0
Malheur	-40/0	-43/0	-46/0
Power	-42/0	-45/0	-48/0
Shoshone	-44/0	-47/0	-50/0
Blackfoot	-46/0	-49/0	-52/0
Arco	-48/0	-51/0	-54/0
Donnerstag	-50/0	-53/0	-56/0
Malheur	-52/0	-55/0	-58/0
Power	-54/0	-57/0	-60/0
Shoshone	-56/0	-59/0	-62/0
Blackfoot	-58/0	-61/0	-64/0
Arco	-60/0	-63/0	-66/0
Donnerstag	-62/0	-65/0	-68/0
Malheur	-64/0	-67/0	-70/0
Power	-66/0	-69/0	-72/0
Shoshone	-68/0	-71/0	-74/0
Blackfoot	-70/0	-73/0	-76/0
Arco	-72/0	-75/0	-78/0
Donnerstag	-74/0	-77/0	-80/0
Malheur	-76/0	-79/0	-82/0
Power	-78/0	-81/0	-84/0
Shoshone	-80/0	-83/0	-86/0
Blackfoot	-82/0	-85/0	-88/0
Arco	-84/0	-87/0	-90/0
Donnerstag	-86/0	-89/0	-92/0
Malheur	-88/0	-91/0	-94/0
Power	-90/0	-93/0	-96/0
Shoshone	-92/0	-95/0	-98/0
Blackfoot	-94/0	-97/0	-100/0
Arco	-96/0	-99/0	-102/0
Donnerstag	-98/0	-101/0	-104/0
Malheur	-100/0	-103/0	-106/0
Power	-102/0	-105/0	-108/0
Shoshone	-104/0	-107/0	-110/0
Blackfoot	-106/0	-109/0	-112/0
Arco	-108/0	-111/0	-114/0
Donnerstag	-110/0	-113/0	-116/0
Malheur	-112/0	-115/0	-118/0
Power	-114/0	-117/0	-120/0
Shoshone	-116/0	-119/0	-122/0
Blackfoot	-118/0	-121/0	-124/0
Arco	-120/0	-123/0	-126/0
Donnerstag	-122/0	-125/0	-128/0
Malheur	-124/0	-127/0	-130/0
Power	-126/0	-129/0	-132/0
Shoshone	-128/0	-131/0	-134/0
Blackfoot	-130/0	-133/0	-136/0
Arco	-132/0	-135/0	-138/0
Donnerstag	-134/0	-137/0	-140/0
Malheur	-136/0	-139/0	-142/0
Power	-138/0	-141/0	-144/0
Shoshone	-140/0	-143/0	-146/0
Blackfoot	-142/0	-145/0	-148/0
Arco	-144/0	-147/0	-150/0
Donnerstag	-146/0	-149/0	-152/0
Malheur	-148/0	-151/0	-154/0
Power	-150/0	-153/0	-156/0
Shoshone	-152/0	-155/0	-158/0
Blackfoot	-154/0	-157/0	-160/0
Arco	-156/0	-159/0	-162/0
Donnerstag	-158/0	-161/0	-164/0
Malheur	-160/0	-163/0	-166/0
Power	-162/0	-165/0	-168/0
Shoshone	-164/0	-167/0	-170/0
Blackfoot	-166/0	-169/0	-172/0
Arco	-168/0	-171/0	-174/0
Donnerstag	-170/0	-173/0	-176/0
Malheur	-172/0	-175/0	-178/0
Power	-174/0	-177/0	-180/0
Shoshone	-176/0	-179/0	-182/0
Blackfoot	-178/0	-181/0	-184/0
Arco	-180/0	-183/0	-186/0
Donnerstag	-182/0	-185/0	-188/0
Malheur	-184/0	-187/0	-190/0
Power	-186/0	-189/0	-192/0
Shoshone	-188/0	-191/0	-194/0
Blackfoot	-190/0	-193/0	-196/0
Arco	-192/0	-195/0	-198/0
Donnerstag	-194/0	-197/0	-200/0
Malheur	-196/0	-199/0	-202/0
Power	-198/0	-201/0	-204/0
Shoshone	-200/0	-203/0	-206/0
Blackfoot	-202/0	-205/0	-208/0
Arco	-204/0	-207/0	-210/0
Donnerstag	-206/0	-209/0	-212/0
Malheur	-208/0	-211/0	-214/0
Power	-210/0	-213/0	-216/0
Shoshone	-212/0	-215/0	-218/0
Blackfoot	-214/0	-217/0	-220/0
Arco	-216/0	-219/0	-222/0
Donnerstag	-218/0	-221/0	-224/0
Malheur	-220/0	-223/0	-226/0
Power	-222/0	-225/0	-228/0
Shoshone	-224/0	-227/0	-230/0
Blackfoot	-226/0	-229/0	-232/0
Arco	-228/0	-231/0	-234/0
Donnerstag	-230/0	-233/0	-236/0
Malheur	-232/0	-235/0	-238/0
Power	-234/0	-237/0	-240/0
Shoshone	-236/0	-239/0	-242/0
Blackfoot	-238/0	-241/0	-244/0
Arco	-240/0	-243/0	-246/0
Donnerstag	-242/0	-245/0	-248/0
Malheur	-244/0	-247/0	-250/0
Power	-246/0	-249/0	-252/0
Shoshone	-248/0	-251/0	-254/0
Blackfoot	-250/0	-253/0	-256/0
Arco	-252/0	-255/0	-258/0
Donnerstag	-254/0	-257/0	-260/0
Malheur	-256/0	-259/0	-262/0
Power	-258/0	-261/0	-264/0
Shoshone	-260/0	-263/0	-266/0
Blackfoot	-262/0	-265/0	-268/0
Arco	-264/0	-267/0	-270/0
Donnerstag	-266/0	-269/0	-272/0
Malheur	-268/0	-271/0	-274/0
Power	-270/0	-273/0	-276/0
Shoshone	-272/0	-275/0	-278/0
Blackfoot	-274/0	-277/0	-280/0
Arco	-276/0	-279/0	-282/0
Donnerstag	-278/0	-281/0	-284/0
Malheur	-280/0	-283/0	-286/0
Power	-282/0	-285/0	-288/0
Shoshone	-284/0	-287/0	-290/0
Blackfoot	-286/0	-289/0	-292/0
Arco	-288/0	-291/0	-294/0
Donnerstag	-290/0	-293/0	-296/0
Malheur	-292/0	-295/0	-298/0
Power	-294/0	-297/0	-300/0
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Malheur	-328/0	-331/0	-334/0
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Blackfoot	-346/0	-349/0	-352/0
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Malheur	-364/0	-367/0	-370/0
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Blackfoot	-370/0	-373/0	-376/0
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Donnerstag	-374/0	-377/0	-380/0
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Malheur	-388/0	-391/0	-394/0
Power	-390/0	-393/0	-396/0
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Blackfoot	-394/0	-397/0	-400/0
Arco	-396/0	-399/0	-402/0
Donnerstag	-398/0	-401/0	-404/0
Malheur	-400/0	-403/0	-406/0
Power	-402/0	-405/0	-408/0
Shoshone	-404/0	-407/0	-410/0
Blackfoot	-406/0	-409/0	-412/0
Arco	-408/0	-411/0	-414/0
Donnerstag	-410/0	-413/0	-416/0
Malheur	-412/0	-415/0	-418/0
Power	-414/0	-417/0	-420/0
Shoshone	-416/0	-419/0	-422/0
Blackfoot	-418/0	-421/0	-424/0
Arco	-420/0	-423/0	-426/0
Donnerstag	-422/0	-425/0	-428/0
Malheur	-424/0	-427/0	-430/0
Power	-426/0	-429/0	-432/0
Shoshone	-428/0	-431/0	-434/0
Blackfoot	-430/0	-433/0	-436/0
Arco	-432/0	-435/0	-438/0
Donnerstag	-434/0	-437/0	-440/0
Malheur	-436/0	-439/0	-442/0
Power	-438/0	-441/0	-444/0
Shoshone	-440/0	-443/0	-446/0
Blackfoot	-442/0	-445/0	-448/0
Arco	-444/0	-447/0	-450/0
Donnerstag	-446/0	-449/0	-452/0
Malheur	-448/0	-451/0	-454/0
Power	-450/0	-453/0	-456/0
Shoshone	-452/0	-455/0	-458/0
Blackfoot	-454/0	-457/0	-460/0
Arco	-456/0	-459/0	-462/0
Donnerstag	-458/0	-461/0	-464/0
Malheur	-460/0	-463/0	-466/0
Power	-462/0	-465/0	-468/0
Shoshone	-464/0	-467/0	-470/0
Blackfoot	-466/0	-469/0	-472/0
Arco	-468/0	-471/0	-474/0
Donnerstag	-470/0	-473/0	-476/0
Malheur	-472/0	-475/0	-478/0
Power	-474/0	-477/0	-480/0
Shoshone	-476/0	-479/0	-482/0
Blackfoot	-478/0	-481/0	-484/0
Arco	-480/0	-483/0	-486/0
Donnerstag	-482/0	-485/0	-488/0
Malheur	-484/0	-487/0	-490/0
Power	-486/0	-489/0	-492/0
Shoshone	-488/0	-491/0	-494/0
Blackfoot	-490/0	-493/0	-496/0
Arco	-492/0	-495/0	-498/0
Donnerstag	-494/0	-497/0	-500/0
Malheur	-496/0	-499/0	-502/0
Power	-498/0	-501/0	-504/0
Shoshone	-500/0	-503/0	-506/0
Blackfoot	-502/0	-505/0	-508/0
Arco	-504/0	-507/0	-510/0
Donnerstag	-506/0	-509/0	-512/0
Malheur	-508/0	-511/0	-514/0
Power	-510/0	-513/0	-516/0
Shoshone	-512/0	-515/0	-518/0
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# Rice vows diplomatic offensive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State nominee Condoleezza Rice told senators on Tuesday that a U.S. exit strategy from Iraq depends on that country's ability to defend itself against terrorists after this month's elections. She vowed to work to ease ties with allies frayed by U.S. policy there.

"The world is coming together behind the idea that we have to succeed in Iraq," she asserted at a confirmation hearing on her nomination to replace Colin Powell in the top foreign policy post.

Stepping out from her largely behind-the-scenes role as President Bush's national security adviser, Rice said she could not give Congress a timetable for American disengagement.

"The goal is to get the mission accomplished," Rice told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "We're right now focused on security for the (Jan. 30) election."

Rice said spreading democracy through the Middle East remains a top administration foreign-policy objective and said the Palestinian election earlier this month following the death of Yasser Arafat offers "a moment of opportunity."

But Rice also said Palestinian leaders need to do more to end acts of terrorism against Israel, saying peace hopes will be dashed if such violence continues.

She raised the possibility that Bush might name an envoy to the Palestinians, but said timing was an issue. "No one has objections in principle" to such an envoy, she said but Rice added that "it is a question over whether that is appropriate" at this time.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., the unsuccessful 2004 Democratic presidential candidate, challenged Rice's claim that the right number of troops were in Iraq and criticized the administration's postwar policies.

"We do have some big tactical challenges to get to the strategic goals that we have," she replied.

The course of U.S. policy on Iraq "was always going to have ups and downs," Rice said.

If confirmed, Rice, 50, would be the first black woman, and only the second woman to be America's top diplomat.

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# Some Pennsylvania students hear about 'intelligent design'

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — High school students heard about "intelligent design" for the first time Tuesday in a school district that attracted national attention by requiring students to be made aware of it as an alternative to the theory of evolution.

Administrators in the Dover Area School District read a statement in three biology classes

Tuesday and were expected to read it to other classes on Wednesday, according to a statement from the Thomas More Law Center in Ann Arbor, Mich. The district is believed to be the only one in the nation to require students to hear about intelligent design — a concept that holds that the universe is so complex, it had to be created by an unspecified guiding force.

# Gunmen assassinate three Iraqi candidates

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Gunmen shot and killed three candidates running in Iraq's Jan. 30 elections, officials said Tuesday, as a suicide bombing killed two people outside the offices of a leading Shiite political party.

With insurgents trying to ruin the election, officials announced that Iraq will seal its borders, extend a curfew and

restrict movement to protect voters during the balloting. President Bush spoke Tuesday morning with Iraqi Interior Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, the latest in a series of conversations between the two leaders on Iraq's efforts to ensure maximum participation in the election.

Two of the slain candidates

belonged to Allawi's political coalition, the Iraqi National Accord, a member of the group said.

Alaa Hamid, who was running for the 275-member National Assembly, was shot dead Monday in the southern port city of Basra in front of his family, the official said on condition of anonymity. Hamid was

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# Daycare

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member to every six babies. Shirley can appeal the decision, but she told *The Times-News* Tuesday she will not.

"If I'd been standing in their shoes, I'd have probably made the same decision," she said.

The center has 105 children enrolled, with about 88 showing up on a daily basis. And some of their parents said Tuesday they are upset by the decision.

"I really feel like a lot of people in Twin Falls had a pitch fork and were out to get Cristy," said Nicole Harris, who takes her toddler to Kid Works. "He went to the center the day the incident happened, he went the next day, and he's there today. I know what happened was horrible, but I don't know if it merited this kind of action."

Harris said she started looking at other child care centers in town, knowing there was a chance her son would be shut down. Harris said Shirley's way with kids is unmatched, and that the Magic Valley area will lose a legendary child care professional next week.

"I want in search of finding something better, but there isn't one in this town," she said.

James acknowledged that Shirley has good qualities, but in the end James was one of the people who decided to revoke her license.

"It's a painful decision. It's never easy," she said. "But we needed to make sure that children's safety comes first. And if this causes people to review child care regulations, that's not a bad thing."

The Snake River Association for the Education of the Young Children, which has been using the Jan. 5 incident to push for stricter statewide child care regulations, is doing just that.

"I applauded Health and Welfare's decision," said Tiffany Eden, a former president of the association. "But it's situations like this that are sad. It's sad that it took this long to make the decision, and this is why we need to review the regulations."

Twin Falls City Attorney Fritz Wenderlich said he will not press charges against Shirley or Kid Works.

"It wasn't illegal," he said. "If it had been on purpose, then it would be illegal. But it was human error, and human error is not against the law."

The Jan. 5 incident was the second — though unrelated — time a child was left at Kid Works after the facility had closed for the night.

The first incident was in February 2004, and no charges were filed in that case, either.

But this may not be the end of Kid Works. Shirley said she is considering selling the facility to someone who would keep all her employees, and for the most part keep the structure the same.

"Though Shirley would have nothing to do with it, she said it would bring her some comfort to know her staff wouldn't lose their jobs. Shirley said she plans to be a stay-at-home mother so she can take care of her three kids after her business closes Monday.

There's not another daycare in town I'd take my children to," she said.

Candace Balz-Smylie can be reached by e-mail at Candace.balz@idnetmail.com.

# Bush

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following a mountain bike ride around the ranch.

Certain images linger.

The month after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, he prepared to throw out the first pitch at Yankee Stadium during the World Series. Bush tossed mock warmup pitches to members of his entourage under the wing of Air Force One, leaning over playfully as if studying a catcher's signals.

Every so often, one of Bush's jokes falls flat. Rare is the occasion when an aide steps up to tell him.

It happened on the golf course in August 2001, as Bush prepared to tee off. He told a goofy joke that went over like a lead balloon. Long silence from the entourage of aides and agents.

A wisecracking presidential assistant let him twist in the wind for a few seconds, then piped up sarcastically: "Funny one, sir." Bush teed off without further comment.

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sense of entrapment at the White House, flying off to Camp David practically every weekend for four years. He has spent months, cumulatively, at his Texas ranch — 45 trips since taking office. He broke all records for fund raising and travel aboard Air Force One last election year, reflecting both his taste for the road and his hands-on approach to politics.

Yet even out on the bushings, Bush is transparently restless. Barnstorming the country by his last year, he could be seen pacing inside his bulletproof coach like a caged animal. Rolling down back roads, he strode up and down the aisle, leaned toward the tinted side windows to wave at well-wishers, staring through the windshield at the presidential bubble.

Associated Press Writer Scott Lindau has covered George W. Bush since the 2000 recount and has been based at the White House since Bush's first day in office.

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## EDITORIAL

### Gag orders erode public confidence in courtrooms

Last week the public caught a very short glimpse of the murder case involving Rawnie Henry, the 25-year-old mother of four charged by Jerome County for the death of her husband.

Too short, in fact. Thanks to a gag order issued by a district judge, all attorneys and law enforcement officials cannot speak to the press on issues surrounding Henry's case. Adding to the absurdity, the judge also ordered all "non-essential" persons, including members of the press and Henry's family and friends, to leave the courtroom last Monday for most of her pretrial appearance.

The action came after District Judge John Butler signed an order allowing media cameras in the courtroom. But once the hearing started, Butler reversed and told the court that another judge ruled against it.

Now Jerome County residents are left to wonder and speculate about violent crimes happening in their neighborhoods. Not exactly the best way to assure the public that its legal system works.

Sound troubling? It should be. Gag orders are the exception and not the rule in the legal system. But in Jerome County, gag orders are becoming modus operandi.

Last summer, Magistrate Judge Thomas Horsens granted a gag order requested by Jerome County Prosecutor Jon Nicholson and defense attorneys in the Francisco Gonzales Ferrer murder case. Ferrer was the dairy worker who was stabbed and killed in his home last July.

The Ferrer case went sour after the Idaho State Police crime lab could not provide evidence in time to corroborate testimony.

But the truth is, nobody knows what went wrong with evidence, the investigation, or the alleged confession of a suspect, because most of the case was

shrouded by a gag order. In spite of these failures, Jerome County is using the same tactic in the Henry case.

Authorities found "charred human remains in Joseph Henry's destroyed Eden home on Nov. 17. The Jerome County Sheriff's Department arrested his wife, Rawnie Henry, after DNA re-

**Our view: Jerome County's troubling trend of gag orders in high profile murder cases keeps the public from observing justice. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**

identified the body as that of her husband. Documents show Rawnie Henry filed for divorce the same day the house burned.

But the swift muzzle of a gag order shouldn't be used as a tool for public oversight. Gag orders should be used rarely — some say not at all — to protect evidence or jury pools.

Their rarity in the courts proves how our justice system works just fine without them. Idaho law requires the courts to prove how news coverage would diminish the right to a fair trial before they close pretrial hearings. And yet, those arguments have not been made in these cases.

The Henry gag order, and its accompanying ban on attendance for the public, will do little to encourage confidence in the criminal courts. By barring the public from the preliminary stages of a case, the courts are opening another door — one that leads to rumor, speculation and misinformation.

Those elements don't protect the order of law; they poison it. As a news-gathering organization, *The Times-News* has a significant interest in keeping judicial proceedings and discussions open — and you should, too.

Without the ability to observe the courts, the public's notion of justice will erode. If judges, prosecutors and defenders aren't willing to stand up for that principle, then other participants of the system must demand it on their own.

Even in the justice system, what you don't know can hurt you.

## Economic threats loom for Bush

Everyone is going to play numbers games to judge George W. Bush's next economic policies. Top of the list will be Bush's pledge to cut the budget deficit in half by 2009. Although this promise seems simple, it isn't.

Let's see. Chad Kolten, a spokesman for the Office of Management and Budget, says the pledge was made a year ago, when the projected deficit for 2004 was \$521 billion, or 4.5 percent of gross domestic product.

Thus, the administration's targets for 2009 are \$260 billion, or 2.2 percent of GDP. But wait: the actual deficit for 2004 was \$413 billion (3.6 percent of GDP). Should Bush be aiming at half of that? Then there's Social Security.

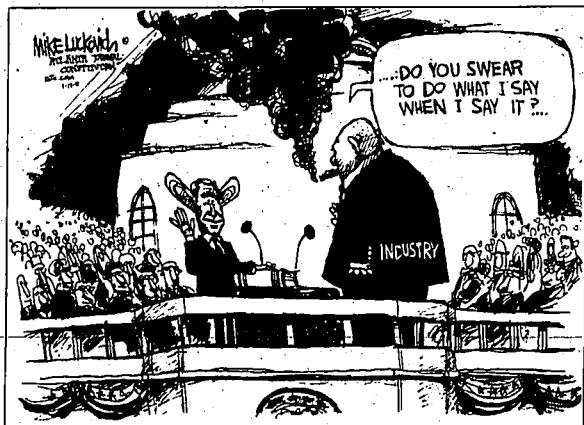
If Bush proposes borrowing to pay for "personal accounts," will those amounts be added to the deficits? They should, but in Washington, who knows?

All this suggests much confusion and controversy. What's the right target? Who says? Bush may claim he's halving the deficit, while critics say he isn't. But the convoluted arithmetic also holds a broader lesson about Bush's second term.

To succeed, Bush needs a strong economy. Without it, the deficits will balloon as the government loses taxes and pays more in benefits.

More important, without it, popular discontent — over jobs, wages, trade — could combine with opposition to other policies (on Iraq, terrorism, judicial nominations) to weaken Bush's popularity.

That would probably doom his ambitious legislative agenda, from Social Security to tax "reform" to immigration. The latest poll from the Pew Research Center shows Bush's vulnerability. By a 50-45 margin, respondents disapproved of his handling of the economy.



Compared with the first term, you might rate Bush's economic prospects favorably. Recall those first-term problems: a recession, the stock-market collapse, corporate scandals and 9/11.

The White House is now forecasting economic growth of 3.25 percent annually from 2005 through 2010 (on a comparable basis, growth in 2004 was about 4 percent).

Unemployment, 5.4 percent in December, will slowly drop to 5.1 percent by late 2006 and stay there. The administration's predictions mirror many private forecasts.

"We're shifting to growth of 3 to 3.5 percent a year," says Nariman Behravesh of Global Insight.

Good news? Well, yes. The forecasts don't allow for the next recession — and recessions happen. Moreover, some economists dissent.

Michael Evans, an independent economic consultant, thinks growth will average between 2 percent and 3 percent. "I expect stocks to be flat over the next two years," he says.

There's also a small minefield of specific threats.

Oil: Behravesh thinks prices will fall gradually from about \$48 a barrel to \$37 by early 2006.

But any unexpected scarcities and higher prices would hurt.

He figures that every \$10-a-barrel increase shaves 0.5 percentage points off GDP growth.

The dollar: Massive U.S. trade deficits have caused it to depreciate by about 15 percent since early 2002 against major foreign currencies. Up to a point, that helps U.S. exports; they become cheaper on global markets.

The danger is that a continuing drop in the dollar could spill over into stock and bond markets.

A falling dollar means foreign investors' investments in U.S. stocks and bonds are worth less in their own currencies. They might stop buying U.S. securities or sell. Stock prices could drop or even collapse.

Cheap credit: It's ending. Since last June, the Federal Reserve has raised its overnight Fed funds rate from 1 percent to 2.25 percent. More increases are expected.

Although long-term rates on bonds and mortgages haven't yet risen, many economists think they will.

By late 2005, Behravesh sees rates of 30-year mortgages at 6.5 percent, up from today's 5.75 percent.

Home construction, housing prices and consumer spending could all weaken.

Greenspan's replacement: The Fed chairman's term expires a year from now. No likely successor will instantly acquire his authority.

Any mistakes could shake confidence. If Bush dodges these and other dangers (a slowdown in China?), critics will still attack his budget deficits. In some ways, this is unfair. True, Bush doesn't plan on ever proposing a balanced budget.

But most of his critics aren't any better. John Kerry also pledged to cut the deficit in half. Despite Social Security "reform," neither Bush nor Democrats face the spending explosion of the baby boom's retirement costs.

The reason: the increase in stem from health care (i.e., Medicare and Medicaid). Still, Bush could pay an ironic price for his tolerance of sizable deficits.

If the economy falters, it will be harder to apply the classic stimulus — cutting taxes or increasing spending. The already deficits will act as a deterrent.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for *Newsweek*.

## The neutral role that religion plays in America

The attempt of Michael Newdow, an emergency-room physician and attorney from Sacramento, Calif., to block the offering of a Christian prayer at the Inauguration of President George Bush was denied by U.S. District Judge John Bates on Friday. Bates rejected the suit on several grounds, including his own serious doubts whether the court had any legal right to intervene.

Newdow is an atheist who would like to run for public office but who fears that his atheism will undercut his chances for political success.

It seems convinced that only if religion in all its forms is banned from public discourse will the political playing field be sufficiently level for him to succeed.

Last year, Newdow argued unsuccessfully before the U.S. Supreme Court that the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance violated the separation of church and state and was an unconstitutional establishment of religion.

He intends to pursue the issue again, this time arguing on behalf of a third-grader who considers himself a pantheist.

It may come as a surprise to many Americans to learn that the phrase, "separation of church and state," does not occur in the U.S. Constitution. Thomas Jefferson spoke of a

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"wall of separation" between church and state in a private letter, but the Constitution is mum on the subject. What it does do is prohibit Congress from making any laws that would either establish a religion or hinder its free exercise.

When Thomas Jefferson and James Madison spoke about "established religion," they were speaking concretely from their own experience. The colony of Virginia, where they lived, had long had an established church constructed on an English model.

If the original 13 colonies had also adopted the English model of establishment, they would have made the Anglican Church — known in the United States as the Episcopal Church — their official religion. In such a world, all members of government from the president to the county recorder of deeds would have been members of the established church.

Bishops of that church would have been chosen by the president on nomination by a committee of the House of Representatives. All diocesan bishops would be ex officio members of the U.S. Senate. The salaries of priests and

the upkeep of established church buildings would be supported by an annual church tax levied on all citizens, regardless of their religious convictions.

Nonpayment of the tax could result in fines or imprisonment.

Other religious groups would have their religious liberty restricted by law and could compete with the established church only by the grudging sufferance of the state. In the world of established churches, only members of the establishment enjoy the free exercise of religion.

Jefferson thought that such a state of affairs was bad for the health of the body politic.

Madison thought it was equally bad for the health of religion. Churches will thrive, Madison was convinced, if they are allowed to compete freely in the marketplace of ideas, unhindered by the clumsy interventions of a religiously incompetent state.

Free exercise of religion was for a natural right the state had no authority to limit. Indeed, it was non-establishment that recognized free exercise as a universal privilege.

What the Constitution therefore mandates is a state neutral, but not hostile, to religion. Madison did not see non-establishment as a strate-

gy for eliminating religion from public life, but for allowing it to flourish in all its dizzying diversity.

Some critics, like Michael Newdow, believe that the neutrality of the state can be preserved only by abolishing religion entirely from the public square.

But such a move would be less an assertion of neutrality than an endorsement of one position at the expense of others.

After all, Newdow's position is not religiously neutral. It embraces fundamental beliefs about the nature of reality and accepts the moral consequences of those beliefs. It is one religious position among the many that compete for a hearing in the free marketplace of ideas.

Still, Newdow has a point. The state is always tempted to lose its neutrality and meddle in affairs better left alone. It needs to be held accountable when it does.

The stakes are high for believers and non-believers alike. If religious neutrality disappears, religious freedom will disappear with it. You can count on it.

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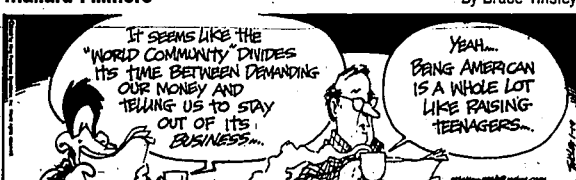
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### Doonesbury



### By Garry Trudeau

### Mallard Fillmore



### By Bruce Tinsley



# OPINION

## Value of true heroes must be reinforced

What has happened to hero worship? Why is there no respect for those who have risen above normal anymore?

We go crazy about celebrities who are rarely good societal influences and then forget about those who really changed the world. We heard about the death of Ronald Reagan for a week on all the news networks and then turn around and with every other station sharing Jay-Z's retirement for at least a few months, who, besides consuming narcotics that would otherwise be in another man's lungs, he's done nothing good for society.

It is disgusting how those who went to fight in Vietnam have been ostracized and hated while the Beatles were worshipped every day and, even though the war was corrupt and unnecessary, these men obeyed their duty to their country in spite of it and risked and surrendered their lives for our nation. These men need to be honored. They need to be shown as shining role models for our children. There needs to be a reminder of the rewards of noble living.

Yes, have musicians and entertainers, but let us remember that is not the greatest nor loftiest title, rather the title of hero, a selfless, self-sacrificing servant of the people.

JOHN HEINEMANN  
Kimberly

## Get the facts right on dairy hearings

I have just finished reading your paper's article about the controversy in Elmore County regarding the dairies.

It would be nice if your paper verified facts before publishing an article. I am referring to the statement that the police had to "break up" the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting last fall because the citizens attending were rowdy. That statement is false.

Yes, we were very vocal, but the police did not break anything up. How do I know? I am the person Chairman Nettleton asked the police to remove. Please note — the police did not remove me from the meeting. Nor did the police close the meeting — Chairman Nettleton adjourned the meeting.

Why don't you report the facts, like the fact that those attending the meeting became rowdy when Chairman Nettleton denied me my right to free speech?

Or the fact that no environmental impact studies have been conducted on this site? Why don't you ask those of us that live close to the existing dairies if we are already exposed to unpleasant odors?

Or how about the fact that we have asked the commissioners to look into potential health risks to those of us who would be living closest to the dairy, which they have not done?

I repeat — please be sure of your facts before you print an article. Such gross misrepresentation of the truth is not responsible journalism.

DEBRA S. BESSEY  
Mountain Home

## Idaho delegates graded incomplete on parks

In February, the National Park Conservation Association will present its "Friend of the National Parks" award to 238 returning members of the 108th Congress. This award was created to recognize members in Congress who actively work to preserve and protect national parks through pro-park votes. The National Parks Conservation Association also hopes the award will serve to educate its members about their representatives' votes on important legislation affecting our national park system.

I was very sad for me to see that Idaho was not on the list of the 43 states and that I can't send our representatives a post card to congratulate them for their support.

Why is Idaho not on the list to preserve our beautiful national parks?

If you feel as I do, please drop them a note or e-mail (addresses are printed occasionally in *The Times-News*).

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# LETTERS

## Efforts to stop Nez Perce deal ring hollow

The Idaho Farm Bureau has taken a strong position "against" the water user groups, municipalities, farmers, ranchers and all agricultural related commodity groups on the Nez Perce water agreement currently being debated by the Idaho State Legislature.

The Nez Perce tribes, the applicable federal agencies, Congress, Idaho water user groups, canal companies, Committee of Nine, Idaho attorney general and governor's offices have participated in the agreement and have confirmed their support for the final agreement.

The details of the agreement are far too complex for review here, but trust that all affected parties were satisfied that the agreement was the best that could be achieved.

Also, the primary goals of the Nez Perce tribes were satisfied and they agreed as well. The document was signed off by President George W. Bush after congressional approval.

The United States provided the money for upgrades, projects, land expansion and reparations for the tribes.

The agreement is a monumental step forward to resolve water issues in Idaho and removes uncertainties in water rights adjudication, allocation and management.

Also, the issues of the 150-year-old Nez Perce treaty were heard, reconciled and promulgated.

The agreement must be approved by the Idaho Legislature prior to March 31, 2005, or it will expire.

At the 11th hour comes the Idaho Farm Bureau. Incredibly, it issued a "position white paper" and lobby effort against the Nez Perce agreement.

The white paper cites: "Three fundamental reasons" for its position, as follows:

The Agreement undermines: 1. Private property rights, 2. Idaho agriculture economy, 3. the Democratic process.

These generalized statements are a slap in the face to the many intelligent people on all sides who have negotiated the detailed agreement on our behalf.

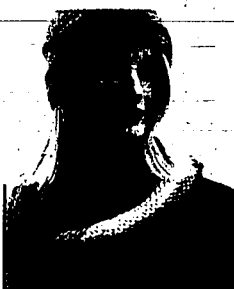
In fact, the anti-Indian tribes language and goal of habitat improvements for salmon spawning streams proposed by the Farm Bureau would not have gotten past the first few hours of the seven-year negotiation.

Call or write your local and state Farm Bureau leaders to rescind their position. They do not represent agriculture on this issue.

LOYD HICKS

(Editor's note: Lloyd Hicks is a four-generation farmer and stockman, longtime member of the Farm Bureau and president of the Burgess Canal Co.)

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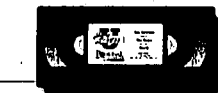


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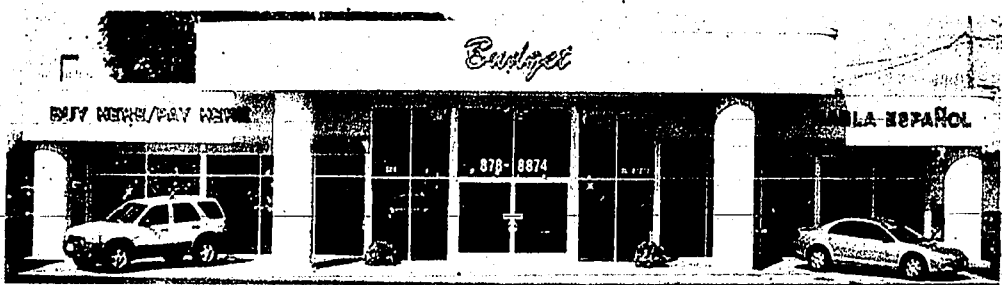
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Section B

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Rupert decreases electric rates

**RUPERT** — The City Council approved an electric rate reduction for Rupert residents Tuesday.

The decrease in the energy charge is approximately five percent for each of the customer classifications affected by the change, said Roger Bagley, city administrator.

The flat fee the city charges its own departments will not change.

In other business, the council reviewed details of a proposed agreement that would allow the city to use Eastern Idaho Railroad right-of-way for a powerline construction project. The railroad has tentatively agreed to allow the city to place the powerlines in its property in exchange for up to \$5,000 kilowatt-hours of power per year.

How long the agreement will be in effect is the only factor still to be negotiated. EIRR has suggested a 20-year contract, Bagley said.

Councilman Steve Barras said it might be better to have a renewable 10-year contract.

### Students celebrate Lunar New Year

**TWIN FALLS** — Organizers of the Lunar New Year celebration at the College of Southern Idaho hope to start a new local tradition and a new college club.

"Lunar New Year is a huge celebration for most Asian countries. It's a time for us to dress up and throw big parties," said Binh Do, a student senator and lead organizer of the event. "We're hoping many local residents will come enjoy the cultural experience, entertainment and food."

The event is set for 7 p.m. Feb. 4 on both floors of the CSI Student Union building.

Lunar New Year is Feb. 9, but that date conflicted with CSI's Homecoming festivities.

The Loong Hing Restaurant will cater the buffet, which begins at 7:30.

At 8 p.m., entertainers will perform and a New Year's Drag-on Dance will make its way through the gathering. Door prizes will be awarded. The event concludes around midnight.

Admission is \$5; ages 6 and under are free. Use the double doors on the north side of the Student Union building.

Proceeds will help establish a fund to create an Asian Club at CSI.

For more information, contact Binh (Ben) Do at 948-0173 or the CSI International Student office at 732-6292.

### CSI will extend office hours for registration

**TWIN FALLS** — College of Southern Idaho offices that can assist with registration for the spring 2005 semester will be open later through Friday.

Most offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Longer hours apply to the Book Store, Business, Advising, Financial Aid, Information and Records offices. The CSI Testing Center will be open until 9:30 p.m. through Thursday, and until 6 p.m. Friday.

For information, call 733-9554 or visit the Web site at [www.csi.edu](http://www.csi.edu).

### Circus sells out for Thursday's performance

**TWIN FALLS** — The performance of the New Shanghai Circus, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts auditorium, is sold out.

— compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Waterhed	10-4-04	10-4-05
Salmon	72%	38%
Big Wood	82%	48%
Little Wood	101%	51%
Big Lost	80%	48%
Little Lost	85%	48%
Henry Fork/Teton	94%	50%
Forbes Fork	88%	48%
Oakley	99%	52%
Salmon Falls	102%	53%

As of Jan. 18

\*A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average. \*\*Underwater of basin snowpack for 1997-98.

## Council looks at Blue Lakes

By Rebecca Meany  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Nobody disputes the fact that Blue Lakes Boulevard just isn't what it used to be.

It's neither a trail from farm to market, nor a shady lane connecting one Victorian home to another.

Often, it's not even a safe route from one point to the next, especially for pedestrians. But if improvements are warranted, how should they be paid for?

Devon Rigby, a regional engineer for the Idaho Transportation Department, spoke to the Twin Falls City Council Tuesday about beautification and safety enhance-

ments for Blue Lakes Boulevard North from Falls Avenue to Pole Line Road.

If the city wants to use federal money for improvements, it has to complete an environmental document that would address items from socio-economic issues to pedestrians.

That could push the project back another three years, he said.

"It could be another eight to 10 years before we would see a full-blown project on the ground," he said.

"State-funded money moves the timeline up and involves the public more," he said.

It also allows for more flexibility, for better or for worse.

Topics such as pedestrian issues could be addressed, but would not be mandatory.

Eschewing federal aid could limit the project's scope.

"State aid has a little tighter purse strings," Rigby said.

Possible additions to the boulevard are raised medians and trees.

Rigby asked for, and received, support from the city to explore the issues of safety and beautification, and to get input from residents and business owners.

"This begins a public involvement process from North Five Points to the Perrine Bridge," said Councilman Dennis Maughan.

Other City Council business included:

• Educating drivers — The council unanimously gave the green light to the driver safety education program.

Staff Sgt. John Wilson of the Twin Falls Police Department addressed the council on the strategy to improve people's driving.

The city will offer drivers a four-hour education class in lieu of receiving a citation.

The violator who attends the classes will benefit in two ways: avoiding going to court, which can lead to increased insurance premiums, and learning safer driving habits.

Wilson said officers wouldn't issue a summons to people who would otherwise get a

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## Bondsman's lawsuit gets dismissed

By Rebecca Meany  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Citing the desire to extend an olive branch to two local law enforcement agencies, an attorney said his client, a prominent bail bondsman, has dropped a lawsuit against them.

Charles Legg filed a lawsuit in 5th District Court against the Twin Falls Police Department and the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

He sought to collect more than \$10,000 in damages and \$5,000 in attorney fees that he said resulted from his January 2003 arrest.

Legg was charged with grand theft by deception after the case was presented to a grand jury, but that charge was later dismissed by prosecutors.

Legg's attorney, Lynn Dunlap, said he advised his client not to drop the case.

"Against my recommendation, he dismissed the case," Dunlap said. "I think he had a viable suit."

"This was a goodwill gesture to the city and county," Dunlap continued. "It's just trying to say, 'They've been in each other's faces long enough. I'll quit; I hope you will, too.'"

Dunlap said the law enforcement agencies have continually, yet fruitlessly, investigated Legg for perceived wrongdoing.

"He hopes they will begin investigating real crime," Dunlap said.

—U.S. District Chief Judge B. Lynn Winnill ordered the case dismissed Jan. 12.

The judgment was ordered with prejudice and the parties were ordered to pay their own costs and attorneys' fees.

Court documents in the case state that neither side agrees with the position of the other, but both agree to the dismissal.

The lawsuit claimed the Twin Falls Police Department and Twin Falls Sheriff's Department pursued the charges against Legg "maliciously, with no justification, and with intent to injure him."

As a result of those actions, Legg's business was harmed; he was held in public ridicule and contempt, and he suffered great emotional, mental and financial stress, the lawsuit said.

During Legg's arrest, business records were taken as police searched his Twin Falls pawn shop-loan business and several other properties owned or rented by him.

Dunlap said that his client has been trying to get those documents back ever since.

Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey expressed satisfaction at the suit's dismissal.

"I have confidence in the system, and I knew this would take time, because we did nothing wrong in the situation," he said Tuesday.

Staff Sgt. Matt Hicks, a spokesman for the Twin Falls Police Department, said his agency had no comment on the dismissal.

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## LEARNING IN LETTERS



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From left, senior Amanda Ingraham, junior Rashaya Lott, senior Lilliana Maciel and Tel Bishop — all Jerome High School students — have become pen pals with American soldiers in Iraq. Their letters, along with responses from the troops, are displayed in the halls of the high school.

## Jerome students become pen pals with troops in Iraq

By Candace Baltz-Smylie  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — When 16-year-old Amanda Ingraham arrived in her U.S. history class on a November day, she didn't know how the assignment before her would change her life.

Her teacher, tired of trying to show her class how letters impacted soldiers in wars many of their grandparents remember, had given up.

—Michelle McFarlane decided that day that her students would close their books and stop trying to memorize facts about a war 60 years ago.

Instead, they were to write letters to troops who are fighting in Iraq today.

For Ingraham, it wasn't the letter she wrote that helped her decide on a future career. It was the one she got back.

"I think it helped to find out from a soldier who's there that it's not as bad as some people think," she said. "I turn 17 in June, and I'll enlist then."

But McFarlane said that wasn't the point of the assignment.

"I was trying to get the kids to understand the importance of letter writing," she explained.

"It shows that the war is not just an abstract thing. It's people. Like us."

McFarlane found a Web site that puts warzone letter writers in touch with soldiers who want to receive letters.

Each student in her class logged on and found a soldier.

When the class mailed the letters in early November, McFarlane thought they were done with it.

—But then, as the trimester finished and her class was divided up into new classes, letters from around the world began to arrive.

Four of the students received letters back. Two of them have started an ongoing pen pal relationship.

But for all the students, it changed the way they see the war in Iraq, as well as history.

"It's like getting the inside scoop on history," before other people — before it's written about in a book," said Tel Bishop, 17.

The students didn't just learn about the war. McFarlane also said they learned about themselves.

"Because all of a sudden they've got a connection to the reality of the war," she said.

"In a book, you're just reading about the facts," Ingraham said. "But we're actually talking

to these people. It really helps us to understand."

Bishop said he took away a deeper understanding of the war, and the people in it.

The 17-year-old picked a soldier who has similar career aspirations: his pen pal is a mechanic.

McFarlane said before her class wrote letters, they had very strong opinions about the war without an understanding of what it was about.

"Now they know from what these soldiers wrote, why each one of them is there," Bishop said. "It helps you to learn how to have a better understanding of how they live and why they're fighting for our country."

It shows that the war is not just an abstract thing. It's people. Like us.

—Michelle McFarlane, history teacher at Jerome High School

## NewsTracker

■ **Last we knew:** Last October, in response to a judge's order, the Elmore County Planning and Zoning Commission determined the amount of water rights a King Hill feedlot had the date the operation registered as an existing CAFO.

■ **The latest:** The King Hill Domestic Water and Sewer Users Association applied the Planning and Zoning Commission's decision to Elmore County commissioners.

After the debate landed in court, 4th District Judge Michael Wetherill remanded the case back to Elmore County for clarification over Rocky Mountain Land and Cattle's water rights at the time it applied for existing CAFO status in April 30, 2002.

Rocky Mountain Land and Cattle had only one valid water right on that date for 1,083 cattle, Duerig contends.

However, the Elmore County Planning and Zoning Commission determined the operation was grandfathered rights for 2,800 cattle, he said.

The water users association disputes those findings and has appealed the matter to county commissioners before it goes back to district court.

"We're contending that the planning and zoning decision was invalid," Duerig said.

Rocky Mountain Land and Cattle was in the process of ap-

plying for more water rights on the grandfathered deadline, but that application had been challenged.

"They leveraged the grandfathering into a new water right," Duerig said.

Duerig, an Elmore County Planning and Zoning commissioner, was removed from the commission's decision in October.

Although the decision was appealed in November, Hawkins said on Tuesday afternoon that he was unaware that the county commissioners had scheduled a public hearing for tonight.

"We're content to do what the people of the county feel we should do," Hawkins said. "We just work through it."

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Mountain Land and Cattle's request to expand its operation to 15,000 head of cattle. During the application process, residents and water users additionally pointed out that the feedlot was operating without proper permits.

Although the company obtained the necessary permits,

the King Hill Domestic Water and Sewer Users Association questioned the water rights given to the operation as a grandfathered confined animal feeding operation.

"They've legalized an illegal operation," said K.C. Duerig, chairman of the water users' association.



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## Students vie to be Valedictorian

By Margaret Jones  
Time-News correspondent

**HANSEN** — Hansen's High School seniors vying for the honor of Valedictorian or Salutatorian will now have their grades judged on rather than seven.

There's been a problem with students who know they "have it" but "slacked" during the last semester. Hansen School District officials say School Board members approved this new rule during a third reading of the policy Monday night.

Another matter that was

brought before the board for consideration was a hazing policy studied at a state school convention. Board members said they felt the wording of the policy needed to be condensed and defined. A rewritten version will come before the board at its February meeting.

It was also brought to the board's attention that a heating unit at the elementary building was nearing the end of its service. These electric units are old and will need to be replaced in the near future, which will come at a considerable expense.

Other Hansen School Board business included:

- Training — Board members

voted to train a third person to handle the luncheon in the event that both women who now oversee and record meals are absent at the same time.

• **New hires** — Mark Gaudin and Fernando Vargas were hired to fill janitorial vacancies.

• **Donation** — A new hanging flag for the gym has been donated to the district by the Farmers National Bank. The flag recently was dedicated in a special ceremony.

• **Upcoming events** — Spirit Week is slated for Jan. 24-29. The fifth- and sixth-grade ski trip will be Feb. 4 and no school will be held on Feb. 21, which is President's Day.

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## Annabelle Looney

**BURLEY** Annabelle Looney, an 88-year-old Burley resident, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2005, at Park View Care & Rehabilitation Center in Burley. She was born Jan. 21, 1916, in Ellettsville, Okla., the daughter of Ellis Lafayette and Hattie Melinda Farmer Barnhart. She attended school in Coffeyville, Kan.

Annabelle married Ernest Ray Looney on Sept. 4, 1934, in Mound Valley, Kan. They moved to Idaho in 1947, settling in McCall. In 1952, they moved to Rupert and then to Burley in 1953, where she had since resided. She worked at the L.R. Simplot Co. in Heyburn for many years, retiring in 1981. Annabelle was a member of the First Christian Church in Rupert and the Christian Women's Fellowship. She enjoyed music, books, cooking, sewing, quilting, crocheting and all other types of needlework. She also loved traveling, camping and hiking. Annabelle was devoted to her

Hawaii, and Willard (Shirley) Barnhart of Stockton, Calif.; and a sister-in-law, Marcia Barnhart of Citrus Heights, Calif.; 18 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband on Oct. 7, 1969; a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Looney; three brothers, Paul, DeWitt and Samuel Barnhart; and a great-granddaughter, Sarah.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at the Rupert First Christian Church, 1110 Eighth St., with the Rev. John Marshall officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Friday at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to the First Christian Church, 1110 Eighth St. in Rupert, ID 83350.

## Betty Helen McRoberts

**ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo.** — Betty Helen McRoberts, 79, of Rock Springs, Wyo., formerly of Richfield, Idaho, died on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005, at her home.

A resident of Rock Springs for the past seven months and former resident of Richfield, Idaho, Mrs. McRoberts died following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. McRoberts was born Nov. 1, 1925, in Butte, Idaho, the daughter of William and Elaine Wright.

She attended schools in Filer, Idaho, and graduated with the class of 1943.

She married Fred McRoberts on Oct. 21, 1950, in Elko, Nev., and he preceded her in death Nov. 10, 2001, in Richfield, Idaho.

She was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Richfield. Mrs. McRoberts' interests were playing the organ and she played for her church. She was an avid bowler and bowler for senior citizens activities.

She was a member of the

Tim, Marlene and husband, Mike, Shante and wife, Aleah, Adam, Thention, Kara Jean and husband Robert, Michael and wife Kim, Jeff, Jennifer and Gavin; 25 great-grandchildren; aunt, Cora, wife Northrup; one uncle, Clyde Wright and several nieces and nephews.

Her parents, husband, one sister, one brother and one daughter-in-law preceded her in death.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at the Assembly of God Church in Richfield, Idaho. Interment will be in the Richfield Cemetery.

Friends may call one hour prior to service at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the Richfield American Legion or to the Richfield Senior Citizens Center.

All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

## Jane Elizabeth DeVore

**TWIN FALLS** — Jane Elizabeth DeVore, 86, answered her Heavenly Father's call on Jan. 18, 2005, and went Home to be with her Lord and Savior and her loved ones who have gone before her.

Jane was born Aug. 26, 1918, in Riverside, Calif., the only child of Earl and Leah Slaker. At 18, Jane married Earl DeVore, her high school sweetheart.

They raised three sons, David, Leland and Douglas. Jane was a loving and devoted wife and mother. She was active in PTA and was very involved in her churches. For many years she served as a choir director in her churches. Jane was a very hospitable person. Everyone who was welcomed in her home.

Her beloved husband Ray preceded Jane in death in 1994 after 57 years of marriage; her mother Leah in 1988, her father, Earl in 1939 and her grandson-in-law, Tod Linneman in 1999.

Shortly after moving to Twin Falls, Idaho, Jane and her wife, Barbara, invited Jane to come make her home here as well. After a lifetime as a native Californian, Jane bought a new home and began a new life in Twin Falls.

She quickly made friends and became involved in her church and the local Welcome Wagon. For the past two-and-a-half years, Jane has lived at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls, following a stroke.

The family wishes to thank the administration, nurses, and staff for the loving care they have provided for Jane during her time here.

Surviving Jane are her three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Lanelle of Las Cruces, N.M., Leland and Barbara of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Douglas and Suzie of Yorba Linda, Calif.; seven grandchildren, Melodie LaMont, Steven DeVore, John DeVore, Wendy Ennenman, Andy DeVore, Bryan DeVore and Dennis DeVore along with 11 great-grandchildren, Nicole Lee, Ryan Lee, Alena DeVore, Jordan LaMont, Emily DeVore, Sarah DeVore, Schuyler Ennenman, Hannah DeVore, Saxon Ennenman, David Anthony DeVore and Matthias DeVore.

Arrangements have been entrusted to White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," with a service to be held at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at the mortuary.

Memorial service and burial will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at Fairhaven Memorial Park and Mortuary, 1702 Fairhaven Ave., Santa Ana, Calif. Her grandson, Pastor Bryan DeVore of Twin Falls will be officiating.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Twin Falls Salvation Army, 348 Fourth St., Twin Falls, ID 83301, in honor of Jane DeVore.



## SERVICES

**Bulah Margaret Leonard** of Filer, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Filer United Methodist Church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

**Ronald Allen Laumb** of Declo, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St., Rupert; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

**Florence W. Stimpson** of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Payne Memorial Chapel; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral on today.

**Russell Baird**, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Carey Cemetery (White Mortuary).

**Melba Marie Shy** of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Hansen's High School Mortuary, 710 Sixth St.; viewing for family and friends one hour before the service.

**Anna P. Davis** of Glens Ferry, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the United Methodist Church in Glens Ferry (Summers Funeral Homes, McMurry Chapel).

**Antonia "Toni" Mary Pierce** of Gooding, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding. Visitation from 3 to 6 p.m. today at Demary Funeral Chapel followed by a rosary service at 7 p.m. at the church.

**Ray LeRoy "Roy" Francisco** of Paul, funeral 2 p.m. Thursday at the Paul United Methodist Church, 127 W. Clark St.; friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E.

16th St., Burley, and from 1 until 1:45 p.m. Thursday at the church.

**S. Pauline Enoch**, graveside service at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park, 2996 Kimberly Road (Farnsworth Mortuary).

**Mary Virginia "Ginger" Carlsson** of Filer, service at 1 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary 134 Fourth Ave. E. Family will receive

guests from 11 a.m. until time of service.

**Joseph Glen Henry** of Eden, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Filer LDS Stake Center, 841 W. Midway (White Mortuary).

**Cheri Ann Anderson** of Hagerman, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road.

## DEATH NOTICES

## Bert E. Goodman

**MAITA** — Bert E. Goodman, a 75-year-old resident of Coeur d'Alene, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

## Albert Earl

## Conrad Sr.

**TWIN FALLS** — Albert Earl Conrad Sr., age 85, of Twin Falls, died Nov. 10, 2004.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. with Pastor Greg Lindsay officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary.

## Ivan S. Rood

**TWIN FALLS** — Ivan S. Rood, 68, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center of a heart attack.

A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at White Mortuary. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Emmett Cemetery. An obituary will appear in

a later edition.

## Sr. Barbara May Gonzales

**TWIN FALLS** — Sr. Barbara May Gonzales, 66, of the Monastery of St. Gertrude, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, of a heart attack.

Arrangements will be announced at a later date.

## Rosa M. Sanchez

**BURLEY** — Rosa M. Sanchez, a 50-year-old resident of Burley, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at her home.

Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

## Helen Marie Holland

**BURLEY** — Helen Marie Holland, 87, of Burley, died Jan. 18, 2005, at her home in Burley.

Arrangements will be made by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Burley.

## Edilia Martinez

**RUPERT** — Edilia Martinez, 76, died today, Tuesday, Jan. 18, at home.

Arrangements will be made by Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

## Senate will consider title loan bill

**BOISE (AP)** — Lawmakers will consider new legislation this year that would formally legalize but also restrict so-called title loans, in which people put up their vehicles as collateral for loans with expensive interest.

The bill, sponsored by a group of companies that makes these types of high-interest, high-risk loans, was allowed to be introduced Tuesday by the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

At least two senators voted against the legislation in a voice vote, including freshman Sen. Joe M. Broadwood, R-Cocoma.

"This is not legalizing loan sharking," Broadwood asked after the bill was introduced by Woody Richards, lobbyist for the Consumer Lending Alliance.

"No. This is not usury legislation. It's reform legislation," Richards said. "You wouldn't want to use title loans for the run-of-the-mill type loan or something that you could use a cheaper, less expensive type of loan to accomplish."

Car title loans, also called "short-term" vehicle money loans, are often loans of last resort.

At American Title Loans of Boise, loan officer Nick DiPietro tells customers up front that the loans are expensive, but often better options than so-called "payday" loans, which are unsecured.

With a title loan, borrowers give their vehicle title to a lender, who then puts a lien on it. When the loan is repaid, the title is released back to the owner.

The cost of borrowing at American Title Loans is \$25 per month for every \$100 borrowed.

In comparison, payday loans, which are unsecured, charge about \$15 every two weeks, or about \$30 a month. An example: A title loan borrower seeking a \$1,000 loan would pay \$250 for 30 days. If at the end of 30 days the borrower couldn't pay the principle, he or she could pay \$250 in interest and gain another 30 days on the loan. Of course, another \$250 in interest would be due at the end of the month.

Under such a plan, every four months, the interest would equal the principal. If the loan is defaulted, the lender can repossess the car.

I try to avoid getting to that point, and I try to avoid getting people's cars," DiPietro said. "If you come to us and you don't have a job, I won't even make a \$500 title loan if you can't pay it back."

But other operations aren't as candid. One Boise company refused to give a quote over the

phone, and did not require a paycheck stub or other proof of employment to make the loan.

Sometimes, DiPietro said, unscrupulous loan companies will require borrowers to buy special insurance or join an auto club.

"The smaller operations tend to flex the rules a lot more," he said.

Under the proposed legislation, lenders must:

- Become licensed with the Idaho Department of Finance;
- Provide borrowers with a consumer protection pamphlet approved by the Department of Finance;

- Allow borrowers a "cooling off" period of 24 hours to return the loan without interest or penalty.

- Not make loans for more

than the retail amount of the vehicle;

- Not charge fees for credit checks, origination, or anything other than the cost of transferring the title itself;

- Not extend or "roll over" the loan beyond one year.

After hearing the presentation of the bill, senators asked lobbyist Richards whether he expected opposition.

They didn't get a direct answer.

"These are changes that are more restrictive. I don't know how many toes and fingers that will squish," Richards said.

The bill will be assigned a number and likely scheduled for a hearing, as long as committee chairman John Anderson, R-Boise, allows it to move forward.

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## MORNING BREAK

## Woman should try to rebuild her life

DEAR ABBY: I met "Evan," the man of my dreams, when I was 16. He was 21. We had been dating only five months when he was diagnosed with leukemia. I stayed by his side the whole time, although my friends said I should blame me if I didn't. Evan was not finished with chemotherapy and is in remission.

I was there for him when his parents couldn't be. I gave him everything I had. I even dropped out of school so I could work full time to make ends meet. Since Evan has finished his treatment, we've been trying to piece our life back together, but he has been horribly depressed.

I have tried to help. I found a psychologist for him. He agreed to go, then canceled the appointment. He got enrolled in school this semester. However, I found out last night that he



DEAR  
ABBY  
Jeanne  
Phillips

had stopped going to class a long time ago. He said it reminded him too much of how things used to be. I lied to me — and not for the first time.

To make matters worse, I had to tell his parents, because they had been paying for school and sending us money to help with the bills. He had refused to call them. I love Evan with all my heart. His parents are offering to get him help. I'm torn between staying and leaving to rebuild my life. If he gets help for real, is it worth trying to save our relationship?

— EXHAUSTED AND BROKENHEARTED IN K.C.  
DEAR EXHAUSTED: You supported Evan when he could not help himself. Only he can fix his problems now. The longer you allow the status quo, the longer he will postpone taking responsibility.

If he continues to procrastinate, then recognize that it's time to leave and put your own life on track. Do not feel guilty for doing so. Unless Evan accepts that he needs professional help — and gets it — he will drag you down with him. Trust me, you have done all you can.

DEAR ABBY: This is a fan letter. A friend of mine gave me a copy of your booklet "Keepers." I keep it on my nightstand with my newly morning reading material.

I like the little essay "I hugging" so much that we adopted a ver-

sion of it into our daily lives. Our family says, "Hey, I need a little vitamin H," and it is followed with a big hug. We have also invented "vitamin H" which means a loving little pat.

Thought you would like to know what a positive influence one of your letters has been to our family — we're spreading the word.

— ELIZABETH TYLER BROWN

DEAR ELIZABETH: Your letter warmed my heart. Everybody needs a diet rich in vitamins. My favorite is vitamin TLC, which I enjoy and dispense in liberal doses to everyone I love.

Readers, you can order "Keepers" by sending a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Keepers, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

## Nurture love with acts of kindness, Pisces

IF JANUARY 19 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This birthday could highlight a year for glamour and excitement — and rest assured it is just around the corner. You will be at the peak of your career during February and March. If you are single, start looking for the partner of your dreams. If you are career-minded, plan to capitalize on a sterling reputation. A few kinds could ruin your sunny disposition in June and July when you will be required to shoulder extra duties and may not have time for fun. But by October and November you will roll in clean again and be free to make important moves.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a chance. Knock on doors or otherwise make the first move — your relationship techniques are in perfect shape and significant others find your aggressiveness sexy. You can take charge without ruffling any feathers and be a model of decorum if necessary.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Good-natured teasing is in the air, so don't take pigtail pulling

HOROSCOPE  
Jeraldine Saunders

too seriously or overreact. People will be surprised if you stand up for yourself and make your views known. Certain life situations may start to thaw if warmth is applied.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Good nature and excellent judgment are there for the asking, so use them to navigate tricky relationship matters that have come to a head.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There are several hours today when you can be in perfect harmony with a significant other or meet someone very special and precious. Don't waste this perfect time to mend fences.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Platitudes about keeping your nose to the grindstone no longer need to be reiterated as some pressure performs is relieved. There is a chance to solve differences and deal with others if you mere-

ly take charge of situations. If you must make sensible purchases, you might as well get something that pleases the eye as well as the heart. Partnerships flow with ease and there is a psychic sensitivity to the needs of others. Impulsive acts of affection will be treasured.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It's assumed that your allure could attract the perfect person for an amorous fling and cooling. True love doesn't notice wars or other imperfections, but where your possessions are concerned you might be more discriminating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Another move may open for situations that have been locked into an unhappy stalemate. Warm feelings and outgoing graciousness are your best tools to make others appreciate your talents.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The dam that has been holding back a great deal of thwarted ambition is beginning to leak and pressures will start to lighten. Communications run smoothly now — especially

with close companions. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Frustrations that have blocked your efforts and obsessed you will fade away if you let them. Center your attention on what is really important and shift your attention to what is right rather than what is wrong.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Domestic problems that come into view can be solved easily today. Loved ones and others may be at your back and call. Your interpersonal skills can be put to good use since people are receptive to your charms.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Love will thrive if tended and nurtured with small acts of kindness. Long-standing barriers and blockages that have held you back are crumbling. Forgiveness is available and the way is clear to move forward where your heart is concerned.

## Would you believe it if you were a minimifidianist?

If you're not quite an atheist, you may be a minimifidianist, defined as "someone who has 'almost' no faith or belief."

This day in history: On Jan. 19, 1937, multi-millionaire Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record by flying his plane from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J. It took him 7 hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds, and he didn't even lose his luggage en route.

What do the four 11s in the 4-11 Club stand for? No, not "Hoses, Hops, Hoes and Horticulture." According to the organization, it's "Head, Heart, Hands and Health." The volunteer-led program was set up by the U.S. Agricultural Extension Service in 1915.

A scientist studying spoken language determined that 63 percent of conversation consists of "matters of human interaction" — largely gossip, in other words.

It wasn't until the 1940s that the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that state governments also had to uphold the First Amendment's guarantee of religious freedom. Before that, a number of states specifically prohibited anybody but Protestants from holding office; Massachusetts and Connecticut even had officially sanctioned state churches.

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that long neck, you'd see an awful lot of fainting giraffes.

When you shiver, what's happening is that your muscles are involuntarily contracting and relaxing in quick bursts. The result is that they generate heat and move your blood along, warming your body.

Fair and water are both clear, why is fog white? Blame the millions of tiny droplets of water — each refracts a tiny rainbow in all directions. All the colors combine to create a translucent white color.

In the world, there are currently about two dozen documented cases of people over 110 years old.

The notorious London "fog" problem finally got addressed in 1956 with the Clean Air Act. It was the result of a bad December in 1952 in which 4,000 people — and entire herds of cattle outside the city limits — died from the effects of air pollution.

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## Vehicle safety features have saved thousands

DETROIT (AP) — Seat belts, air bags and other vehicle safety features have saved 328,000 lives since 1980, according to a report released Tuesday by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

More than half of those lives were saved by seat belts, the report said. In addition to seat belts and air bags, the report evaluated child safety seats, energy-absorbing steering columns, improved roof and side protection, and shatter-resistant windshields.

"Thousands of our friends, neighbors and family members are alive today because of these safety innovations," Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta said.

According to the study, the number of lives saved annually from safety devices increased from 115 per year in 1980 to 25,000 per year in 2002.

A total of 32,737 people died in cars and light trucks on U.S. highways in 2002. That was higher than the 24,818 killed in 1980, NHTSA said. But people traveled millions more miles in 2002, so the death rate per mile traveled was lower.

Government-mandated safety features also have added 125 pounds to the average passenger car since 1980.



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## Warming it over

There's a right way to reheat your food

The Washington Post

There's an understandable lure to bringing prepared food home from the grocery store. The work has already been done.

Except the reheating. As you unpack the black plastic containers and white takeout boxes from the grocery bags, it becomes apparent that a critical part of the preparation remains. By default, most consumers toss the container in the microwave and hope for the best. But microwave a quesadilla and it turns into a soggy mess. Nuke the fried chicken and you can kiss a crisp crust goodbye. It's still edible, but ... it certainly could be better.

Most prepared food counters offer little or no reliable help in this regard. When asked for instructions, some employees are happy to give advice, while others respond with a blank stare. Wegmans prides reheating directions directly on the packages on a sticker alongside the list of ingredients. Some of the advice works, but other times it does not. And when you're rearming slices of beef tenderloin at \$19.99 per pound, you don't want to take any chances.

There is a subtle but sure art to reheating prepared food once you get home—and it requires a little finesse. We purchased commonly found prepared foods, squinted at the fine print and asked questions about warming wherever we went. Still not satisfied, we consulted a handful of local chefs and Dean & DeLuca corporate chef Eloise Sanchez, who has been devising prepared food and advising people on how to warm it for 13 years. Then we started reheating.

Following are the quickest, most foolproof methods that we found, arranged by common categories of prepared foods.

**• Rotisserie chicken:** As the chicken cools, the skin becomes moisture, and the meat becomes soggy and wrinkled. It is best served as soon as possible—still warm from the store—rather than reheated hours later.

If reheating is your only option, you must decide between crisping or moistening.

For relatively crisp skin but slightly dried-out meat, place the chicken on a foil-lined baking sheet; for moist (well-moistened) meat, wrap the chicken tightly in foil. Heat in a 350-degree oven until warmed through, about 20 minutes for a small (2- to 3-pound) bird. To test for doneness, slide a carving



Rotisserie chicken is best served still warm from the store, rather than reheated hours later. But if you must, wrap the chicken tightly in foil to keep the meat moist.



Rather than risk overheating already cooked vegetables, consider serving them at room temperature. (If you prefer a warm side dish, leave the vegetables in the plastic container or transfer to a dish, cover with a paper towel and microwave.

knife alongside the breast bone to loosen the meat, then feel for warmth.

**• Mashed potatoes:** Incredibly easy. Cover with a paper towel and microwave for 30 to 60 seconds (depending on the amount) to soften slightly. Stir, then recover and microwave in short bursts until warm throughout. Do not overcook. May need to add a little milk to attain the desired consistency.

The same goes for any puree, such as sweet potato or cauliflower.

**• Bread:** The best path to a crisp crust and a soft crumb depends on the size of the loaf.

For baguettes and individual-size rolls, place the bread directly on the rack in a preheated 350-degree oven. Heat until the crust is hot to the touch and

Some foods take better to the moist heat of the microwave; others require the dry atmosphere of the oven. The difference is substantial. Microwave wattages vary dramatically; times will vary accordingly. Go slowly in short bursts of 20 to 30 seconds. Never place a closed container in the microwave. Crack the lid or, better yet, uncover the container or transfer it to a dish and drape a paper towel over the top. This catches splatters, absorbs excess liquid and prevents a buildup of steam that can occur beneath the lid. The go-to oven temperature is 350 degrees. Take the time to preheat the oven completely before adding the food; a lower temperature equates to more time, which dries food.

the bread is barely warmed through, 3 to 5 minutes. (Watch carefully; if left in even a couple of minutes too long, the bread turns dry and crumbly.) Serve immediately.

For a larger, denser loaf of bread, such as a boule or ciabatta, wrap the bread in foil and warm in a 350-degree oven for



Microwave a quesadilla and it turns into a soggy mess. Instead, warm it up in a nonstick skillet over medium or medium-high heat, turning once, until the cheese melts and the tortilla crisps slightly, 3 to 4 minutes total.

### A word about ovens

about 20 minutes.

**• Vegetables:** Rather than risk overheating—already-cooked vegetables—whether they have been roasted, grilled, steamed, sautéed or stir-fried—consider serving them at room temperature. If you prefer a warm side dish,

leave the vegetables in the plastic container or transfer to a dish, cover with a paper towel and microwave for 30 to 60 seconds. Stir and continue to microwave in short bursts until warmed through.

**• Root vegetables:** Roasted root vegetables—whether new potatoes or chunks of sweet potato—should be wrapped in foil and placed in a 350-degree oven until warmed through, about 10 minutes.

**• Boneless, skinless chicken breasts:** Microwaving makes chicken tough. Instead, place it on a foil-lined baking sheet, cover loosely with foil—be careful to tent the foil so it will not stick to any toppings, such as sauce or cheese—and transfer to a 350-degree oven until warmed through, 5 to 8 minutes.

### A word

#### about packaging

Many of the plastic containers used for prepared foods are deemed safe for microwave use by the Food and Drug Administration. Research continues. You may, however, wish to transfer the food to a dish or plate. Exceptions are packaging made from plastic foam, foil or paper containers fit with metal handles. Food should not be left unrefrigerated for more than two hours. If reheated, it should be heated to a temperature appropriate to that particular food. For more information, go to the Food Safety and Inspection Service's Web site at [www.fsis.usda.gov](http://www.fsis.usda.gov) and look under "Fast Sheets."

—Washington Post

**• Quesadillas:** Heat a nonstick skillet over medium or medium-high heat, add the quesadilla and heat, turning once, until the cheese melts and the tortilla crisps slightly, 3 to 4 minutes total. (Thick quesadillas loaded with fillings will remain somewhat soft.)

Quesadillas become exceptionally soggy in the microwave and dried out in the oven or toaster oven.

This method also pertains to potato pancakes.

**• Apple pie:** Fruit pie is pretty forgiving, although the bottom crust may never crisp to its original state of bikkies. Place on a foil-lined baking sheet and transfer to a 350-degree oven until warmed to the desired state, at least 30 minutes and up to 45. If the crust begins to brown, cover loosely with foil.

**• Roast beef:** Rather than risk reheating, and inadvertently overcooking, beef tenderloin that has been cooked to a perfect medium rare, consider serving the beef chilled rather than warm.

If a warm entree is preferred, place the beef on a foil-lined baking sheet and transfer to a 350-degree oven just until barely warmed through, 3 to 5 minutes, depending on the thickness of the slice. If reheated until hot throughout, the meat will become tough.

**• Fried foods:** Some fried foods never come back from being chilled. Spring rolls, with their layers of wrapper, will never regain their crisp, flaky texture. Fried chicken, however, rebounds surprisingly well.

For fried chicken, place on a foil-lined baking sheet and transfer to a 350-degree oven until the exterior becomes somewhat crisp and the interior is warmed through, about 15 minutes for a thigh, 25 minutes for a breast.

For small fried foods wrapped in a piece of parchment, such as shrimp prawns or wontons, use the same approach but far less time. Aim for 5 to 7 minutes.

## K.I.S.S. (Keep it simple, stupid): Easy tokens for Valentine's Day

By Cora Hart  
Times-News correspondent

There's an art to Valentine's Day giving. The gift must match the receiver. For one thing, a dozen perfect red roses can set off an allergy attack. Buy the wife a diamond and she wonders what you've been up to. Only a few can carry off personalized love poetry.

But sit down with the kids and make some simple but heartfelt tokens, and you have it made.

"Aw, you made this?" she'll coo. She'll probably keep it forever, even if it doesn't turn out perfectly. Women are sentimental creatures.

Artistically challenged husbands and the kids can handle these projects in very little time, and they won't break the bank. They all work for teenage girls as well. And the guys in your life probably love chocolate as much as you do.

Remember—the Indian bead

### Don't forget the tag!

Make sure it says something romantic, like, "All my love," or "To my Valentine, now and forever." Cut it in a heart shape if you like. Pink card stock is available at office supply stores throughout the Magic Valley by the sheet, so you don't have to buy a ream of it. Of course, you could also buy a pre-printed tag and sign your name with a little heart after it.

tokens you made in second grade? Step them up with a bit of sparkle, using rocaille-seed beads instead. Maybe add a big twinkle in the middle. Craft sections at department stores usually have a fairly good selection.

They also carry small, unfinished wooden boxes in several styles. They await your artistic touch. Get fancy with acrylics, or choose a wood stain that goes with the furniture. Option-

al: A touch of polyurethane varnish or clear nail polish will add shine.

What to go in that little box? Craft sections carry a choice of pendants. Just add a length of ribbon and tie it in a bow. Now your only worry is whether she'd prefer a black ribbon or beige. Either one will go with most everything in her closet.

If you're totally craft-challenged, or if you're a wife making this for her husband, there's a mug full of Hershey's Kisses (or Hugs). It beats a heart-shaped meatloaf surprise every time.

### Pendant on a ribbon

Buy a pendant in the craft department. Buy a ribbon in the fabric department. It's best to buy a yard of ribbon, about one quarter-inch wide. That way, you can snip it to the length she prefers. Does she wear chokers? Or does she like a long chain on

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Surprise your Valentine with a ring you make yourself. Rocaille beads offer plenty of sparkle.

### Rocaille bead rings

Buy a package of rocaille seed beads (the smallest kind) in your preferred color. If you have a few children who want to make a ring for Mommy and/or friends, get the economy packet with mixed colors. For a center "diamond," get a little packet of beads. Flat AB mix beads work well. Just read the labels.

The only other thing you need is a pack of beading wire.

Measure out about two feet of wire and snip it off.

For a center "diamond," snip a 1/2-inch piece of the good sewing scissors.

Fold the wire in half so you know where the middle is. Slip on four beads of your choice. Now take one end of the wire and thread it back through two of the beads. Pull the wire firmly to anchor the beads. You should have two rows of two beads each.

The trickiest part of this is that you have to find out what her ring size is. Maybe she has a ring in her jewelry box that you could "borrow" while you make the new one. Slip on two more beads, then thread the other end of the wire through the two new beads. Pull firmly tight but don't yank. Repeat to length. If you want to add the center "diamond" just put it on halfway through.

Color hint: It's hard to go wrong with pinks and silver or gold.

By Joel M. Lerner  
The Washington Post

These are some of the most deceptive words in gardening. Just because something is conventional doesn't mean it's wisdom. A lot of views "everybody" subscribes to in gardening are simply myths, and some ideas that have been accepted by "experts" have, with more time and research, proved to be wrong. There are lots of garden myths out there, so while you're enjoying the warm, cozy indoors, let's take on a few of them:

Newly planted trees need to be staked and guy-wired. This is generally incorrect. Balled and burlapped and large container trees are bottom-heavy enough to stand on their own. Wiring kills far more trees than it helps because in most cases, the wires are never removed. As the tree grows, it grows around the wire, and the wire cuts off the vital flow of

It's not the staking and wiring that kills the tree, it's the lack of stewardship. This happens especially to street trees, which are stuck into holes in the ground and then never visited again. They die unless the stakes are removed within one year of planting. They die if they aren't watered. The same can happen in your back yard if you aren't paying attention.

Plant the tree in the ground properly and leave it to bend in the wind. It will grow stronger in the process. If it's a little crooked, you can easily straighten it the following season.

When planting a new tree or woody shrub, dig the hole twice as wide and twice as deep as the root ball.

The latest research concludes that new trees and shrubs need solid platform on which to rest. Planting trees and shrubs so deep is another big mistake that can kill the plant. What you want to avoid is getting the root collar (the flare just above the point where the roots join the main trunk) covered by soil or mulch. The roots need moisture, but the bark and trunk need air. If you cover the root collar, soil against the bark of the tree will rot it, causing the same girdling effect as wire. The plant won't die right away, but it will decline over years. If you

When planting the root ball, install it approximately 25 percent higher than ground level. Toward the outside of the area where the root ball will be placed, you can dig a little deeper. Place the tree or shrub and fill the hole with a mixture that's one-third compost and two-thirds native soil. Pack it firmly so there are no air pockets. Water it well, and make sure the soil stays moist, not wet, while the plant establishes itself, or until the ground freezes, if you're planting in fall or early winter.

Newly planted trees and shrubs should be fed regularly. Trees don't eat. They drink. They don't need more-fertilizer; they need water to absorb the nutrients that are already available in the soil. Trees and woody shrubs get their nourishment by absorbing nutrient-rich moisture through their cells - the process of osmosis. They need properly moist soil that is airy enough to allow the roots to grow and absorb the minerals that the soil holds. Clay is loaded with minerals. If it's mixed with enough organic matter, it will be easy for the roots to reach out and

Test soil before planting. The pH, or acid-to-alkaline balance, must be correct. Some plants, such as azaleas and rhododendrons, like more acid soil. Some sun-loving flowering shrubs, such as lilacs and forsythias, prefer "sweeter" soil. Have soil tested through your local County Cooperative Extension Service. Find yours through the Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service ([www.csees.usda.gov](http://www.csees.usda.gov)).

Plants must be watered constantly. Plants need to be watered when they need water – and not before or after. This is not rocket science. Just stick your finger in the soil. If it's dry, water. If it's moist, don't. If you overwater plants, you will often kill them.

It would be great to walk outside and see pretty things in the garden now. Though this isn't the time to plant, this is the time to plan - for next year. Here are three hardy plants you might not have thought of that will reliably brighten your winter landscape:

She can't stand wet feet at all. In fact, winter daphne wants to be planted slightly higher than

the surrounding soil, and would like the root zone shield-

with a living ground cover. She prefers a spot that has shade at least three hours a day. Daphne usually grows to about four feet high, but can grow to eight. Her pink-to-deep-red flowers appear February

...2. **Hellebores** are often called **Christmas roses**. They grow in full to partial shade and bloom for several months during the winter and early spring.

Hellebores grow to only about 18 inches tall. They would like to be set back from the border just a bit. They need lots of organic material in the soil and don't like to be moved. If you cut the flowers, sear the ends of the stems or dip them in boiling water, then put the flowers in deep, cold water.

3. **Winter jasmine**, a viney shrub, blooms bright yellow January through March and will grow to around 12 feet tall. Sunset's Western Garden Book says winter jasmine needs "regular garden soil." So it probably needs a little Mir-Acid now and then.

Any one of these plants deserve a spot in the winter garden.

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rates, some offer free shuttle to and from the show. My favorite, the Sheraton, is just a half block away from the Convention Center and six blocks from Pike Place. The shopping can't be beat.

**What's bugging your garden?**  
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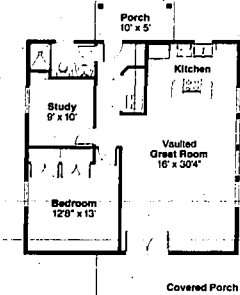
"People who feel drawn to simplicity will find much to appreciate in the Kent. Call it a cabin, a bungalow or a vacation retreat. Whichever designation you chose, this home is charming. And being small, it's as economical to build as it is to maintain.

Slender wooden posts support and define a long front porch that wraps around to the right. Exposed rafters along the roof's edge create visual interest there, while cedar shake shingles give a rustic texture to the exterior, above the butt and board siding.

Entering, you step through one of the two atrium doors into a surprisingly large and sunny vaulted great room. Windows line much of the side wall, and a kitchen with a large work island fills the rear. If a wood or gas flame stove is part of your dream, the front corner by the door is an ideal location.

Standing at the kitchen's four-burner stove, you can easily serve up hot soups, cocoa, coffee and assorted culinary delights—to family and friends perched on stools along the raised eating and conversation bar.

A stacked washer/dryer is nearby, hidden behind doors that front the hallway leading to the back porch. Shelves fill the



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other half of the alcove. Its lower half could be outfitted with a folding counter atop storage cabinets. More storage is available in a smaller alcove across from the bathroom.

Two rooms fill the rest of the left side. The Kent's front bedroom is larger and boasts a wide closet. The second room could be used as a study or another bedroom. A pull-down ladder there provides handy attic access.

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## Home theater sound system: What's watt?

**DEAR JIM:** We already have a big-screen television and my children want a home theater sound system. I saw some rated at 600 and 800 watts which would be expensive to operate. How do I go about selecting one?

—KATH N.

**DEAR KATH:** With both a big screen high definition television and a surround-sound home theater system running, it can draw quite a bit of electricity, but not as much as you might think. The size of the television is not a good indicator of its operating costs. Its design type is more important. The wattage rating you see on the packaging for a home theater system is the sum of the sound output from the speakers.

A system that has six 100-watt speakers will be listed as a 600-watt system. If you look at the main power supply specifications, some may actually draw as little as 200 watts of electricity to produce that much sound. A powered subwoofer speaker will use a little more. At an electric rate of 9 cents per kilowatt-hour, installing a surround-sound home theater system which uses 200 watts will cost about 2 cents per hour it is used. It is also wise to switch off the power when the movie is over to save a little more electricity from the sound system.

Since the cost to operate one is relatively low, most experts recommend buying the most powerful system (speaker wattage) you can afford, up to about 100-watts per channel. Above this, your children may crank it up and literally drive you out of the house.

Higher wattage speakers on a low setting generally have less sound distortion than lower-wattage ones turned up. There are several different sound formats you can select for your home theater. Dolby Digital is most commonly used on DVD movies. It offers five distinct channels of sound plus a subwoofer for low frequency effects. The subwoofer is a large speaker that makes you actually feel a train go by. Standard Dolby Digital is often referred to as "5.1" for the five speakers and one subwoofer. A receiver (tuner/amplifier) control unit decodes audio information on the DVD movie into the five-plus-one channels of sound. The next step up is Dolby Digital EX which is 6.1 with an extra rear speaker. A competing



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sound format is DTS, but not as many DVDs and games use this.

Unless you understand audio equipment, it is best to buy a "home theater in a box." These are complete systems which in-

clude all the matched speakers, color-coded wiring and a receiver control unit.

The following companies offer home theaters in a box: JVC ([www.jvc.com](http://www.jvc.com)), Onkyo ([www.onkyousa.com](http://www.onkyousa.com)), Philips ([www.philips.com](http://www.philips.com)), Samsung ([www.samsung.com](http://www.samsung.com)), Sony ([www.sony.com](http://www.sony.com)), and Yamaha ([www.yamaha.com](http://www.yamaha.com)).

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## Basement remodeling offers less costly way to add space

The Washington Post

Bare light bulbs hanging from low ceilings. Cheap indoor-outdoor carpet on the floor and dowdy wood paneling on the walls.

No wonder it used to be so scary to go down to the basement.

But not so much anymore. Basements are climbing out of the cellar and being transformed into well-lit, high-ceilinged, often grand areas.

"Basements are bigger, better, taller, more expensive," said Jim Gilson, principal of Gilson Builders LLC, a district of Columbia custom-home

builder. "Before, they were always considered secondary space. Now people are making them a part of their house."

And they look like the rest of the house, too.

"The basement kitchenette will have granite countertops; the appliances will be the same as upstairs; there's high-level carpeting and ceramic tile in the bathroom instead of cheap carpeting and linoleum; the lighting is warm and recessed or with scones instead of the old fluorescent; there's audio speakers in the ceiling for the surround sound system," said Craig Durosko, partner in Sun Design Remodeling Specialists Inc. in Burke.

At a time when moving to a bigger house can be prohibitively expensive for many people, remodelers say homeowners are realizing that finishing or updating a basement is a low-cost way to gain a big chunk of living space.

"A basement renovation is about half the cost of an addition," said Mark Richardson, president of Case Design/Remodeling Inc. in Bethesda, Md. "The cost of building out is substantially more than doing a renovation of what you already have. Basements allow you to get more livable square footage without taking up any more of your land. It's a real benefit."

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When she doesn't have time to make stock from scratch, the author writes, she relies on a simple, frugal equation of easy-to-remember proportions of canned chicken broth, raw chicken parts, water and aromatics.

## There's just enough time to take stock

By Renee Schettler  
The Washington Post

Most of the year, my freezer is crisscrossed with plastic bags of chicken stock, stacked one atop another. But come January, I deplete the supply far faster than I can replenish it. Some weeks there simply aren't enough hours in the day to make stock from scratch.

Those weeks, I rely on a simple, frugal equation of easy-to-remember proportions of canned chicken broth, raw chicken parts, water and aromatics. The ingredients simmer ever so gently for less than half an hour, sufficient time for the chicken to poach to a plump perfection and, in a happy coincidence, for the broth to be

imbued with a true, not tinned, chicken-y flavor balanced by the natural sweetness of the vegetables. The chicken can then be shredded and used in the soup or saved for any of several other uses.

I was introduced to the technique in a recipe by "Good Fat" author and "Best American Recipes" series editor Fran McCulloch, who drew no special attention to the trick. (A missed opportunity, in my mind.) Other variations on cheater's chicken stock exist.

But only hers achieves a simple, pristine flavor that melds perfectly with whatever the destination recipe. In the dead of winter, its only competition is completely-from-scratch homemade.

### CHEATER'S CHICKEN STOCK

**4 servings**  
Two 14 1/2-ounce or one 32-ounce package chicken broth, preferably low-sodium  
2 cups water  
1/2 onion, peeled and cut in half  
1 clove garlic, peeled and smashed  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
2 bone-in, skin-on chicken breast halves  
In a saucepan or pot over medium-high heat, bring all of the ingredients almost to a boil so that just a few bubbles break the surface of the liquid. Do not boil the liquid or the chicken will become tough. Skim

any scum that appears on the surface.

Reduce the heat to medium-low, cover and simmer gently, skimming-as-necessary, just until the chicken is cooked through, 15 to 20 minutes, depending on the size of the breasts.

Using tongs or a slotted spoon, transfer the chicken to a cutting board to cool. Strain the stock, discarding the solids. Taste and adjust the seasonings accordingly. When the chicken is cool enough to handle, remove and discard the skin and bones and slice, dice or shred the meat for another use.

## Start the new year by eating the right foods

Knight Ridder Newspapers

Five foods to give your year a jump start are kale, quinoa, adzuki beans, almonds and white tea.

So recommends Mary Kent Hearon, Columbia, S.C., nutrition counselor and editor of The Weekly Beet, a health and nutrition newsletter. (To subscribe, visit [www.weeklybeet.com](http://www.weeklybeet.com)).

In the latest edition of The Weekly Beet, Hearon recommends boiling, sauteeing or steaming kale, which is good for the diet because of its high level of antioxidants and because it is rich in fiber, calcium and vitamins A, C, E and K.

Quinoa, a grain high in pro-

tein and amino acids, is tasty prepared like rice, Hearon writes.

Hearon says that adzuki beans, tiny beans originating in China, are a must to try because of their high protein and fiber content. She notes that the beans have been useful in weight-loss efforts.

Hearon also recommends almonds because of the variety of minerals they contain, including manganese, copper, potassium, and phosphorus. The nut helps lower cholesterol, too.

And Hearon suggests trying white tea because of its high antioxidant levels, which aid in fighting cancer.

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A review of several gadgets designed to ease citrus juice extraction: from left, the sleek, stainless-steel Screwpull; a capped plastic lemon squeezer; a handsome wooden reamer; and a standard countertop juicer.

## Get the most from citrus with juicers

The Washington Post

We recently revisited several gadgets designed to ease citrus juice extraction: a capped plastic lemon squeezer, a handsome wooden reamer, a standard countertop juicer and the sleek, stainless-steel Screwpull.

Most of them yielded approximately the same amount of juice although effort and cleanup varied dramatically.

The Screwpull citrus juicer from Le Creuset is the easiest to use. Sit it on the table, insert the serrated center tube, which is designed to pierce the peel and separate out the seeds. The Screwpull can be placed directly over a glass for a quick morning hit of vitamin C, but the ensuing extraction of pulp and seeds can be quite tedious.

A spigot-like lemon squeezer inserted into an entire fruit is preferable when the recipe requires less juice than is contained in the lemon. The tube strains the pulp and seeds, makes for easy cleanup, and the clip-on cup keeps the remaining lemon fresh.

We found the wooden citrus reamer to be lovely to look at but less effective than the others. The fruit first must be halved, the cut side tilted downward to avoid errant squirts of juice and the reamer rolled occasionally.

Surprisingly, nothing outper-

formed the dowdy dome-shaped citrus juicer of yore, available at most grocery stores. Inexpensive and effective.

Various citrus squeezers are available at most specialty and grocery stores. The Screwpull is at some odd Williams-Sonoma locations. It is also available online from several sources; see [www.screwpull.com](http://www.screwpull.com).

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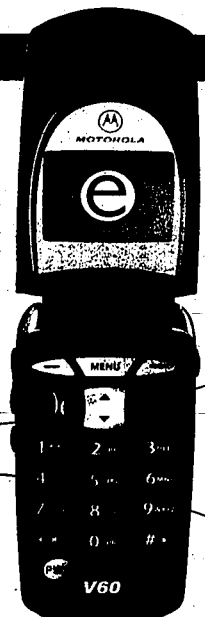
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# Hail a Napa Valley cab and find America's top wine

By Michael Franz  
The Washington Post

Few big questions about wine permit a straightforward answer, but here's one for you: What is the best wine made in the United States? In my mind and to my taste, the clear answer is Cabernet Sauvignon from the Napa Valley.

Sure, one could make a case for other wines such as Pinot Noir from Oregon or Merlot from Washington state. But if we lined up all the candidates in a massive tasting, I could show you a hundred different Cabs from Napa that would reduce all other contenders to mere pretenders. You'd leave that tasting with no doubt of the supremacy of Napa Cabernet.

However, I bet you would also leave with some questions, because you would have found not only general greatness in those hundred Cabs, but also a numerous array of distinctively different characters. Why do the wines taste so different from one another? Why are they so disparate in structure and texture?

On deeper examination, you would find many partial answers to these questions, but one of the most important would be this: The Napa Valley isn't just a valley, but also the surrounding mountains. And the widely differing contours, soils and microclimates of Napa's mountains make for many unique and uniquely delicious wines.

Napa's Spring Mountain District offers a perfect starting point for exploring the valley's mountain subregions. It is a locally established American

### The best of the best

Recommended wines are listed in order of preference, with approximate prices:

- **Spring Mountain Vineyard "Elveta" 2001 (\$90):** A marvel of complexity and integration, this features gorgeous, ripe berry fruit accented with notes of wood smoke and vanilla. Packed with flavor, but soft and smooth in texture.
- **Cain Vineyard "Cain Five" 2001 (\$90):** Meaty and robust, this is a dense wine with intense flavors that will gain softness and complexity over the course of the next decade.
- **Paloma Merlot 2002 (\$51):** Think Merlot can't rival King Cab? Think again after a sip of this baby, which combines dark color and serious concentration with soft, succulent black plum fruit.
- **Pride Mountain Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2002 (\$62):** Expressive aromas and intense blackberry flavors lead the way here, with subtle background notes of vanilla and

- **spicy oak.**
- **Justin Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2001 (\$85):** Soft and impressively complex, this features notes of plums, dark berries, mocha and tobacco leaf.
- **Maillon Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2001 (\$85):** This is a whopper at 15.4 percent alcohol, yet it isn't remotely hot. The proportions are just right, with lots of fine-grained tannins lending definition to the deeply ripe blackberry fruit.
- **Robert Keenan Winery Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2001 (\$79):** With fine balance between deeply flavorful fruit, ripe tannins, and smoky oak, this is enjoyable now but likely to become even better with another two years of aging.
- **Terra Valentine Winery Cabernet Sauvignon 2001 (\$50):** A classic Napa Cab with strong fruit recalling blackberries and black cherries, this also shows a distinctive Spring Mountain streak in the form of soft tannins and relatively low acidity.

Viticulture Area (AVA) with more than 30 wineries, and the

wines provide an illuminating introduction to the intricacies

of mountain viticulture. The Spring Mountain viticulture area rises from an elevation of 400 feet above the town of St. Helena to a height of more than 2,100 feet near the Sonoma County line to the west. Spring Mountain is part of the Mayacmas range, and the general slope of the appellation slides from west to east. However, the AVA also includes exposures (or "aspects") to the north, south

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## The new super-size

Fast-food entrees are getting bigger, with Hardee's and Carl's Jr. offering burgers that weigh in at more than 1,400 calories each. A sampling of some big entrees and smaller alternatives.

Menu Item	Calories	Calories from fat
<b>Hardee's</b>		
Monster Thickburger	1,420	965
Thickburger	854	512
Charbroiled Chicken Sandwich	590	240
<b>Carl's Jr.</b>		
Double Six Dollar Burger	1,420	910
Six Dollar Burger	1,000	580
Charbroiled Chicken Salad to Go*	330	70
<b>Del Taco</b>		
Macho Beef Burrito	1,170	560
Del Beef Burrito	550	270
Deluxe Taco Salad	780	160
<b>McDonald's</b>		
Double Quarter Pounder With Cheese	730	160
Big Mac	560	270
Fiesta Salad**	160	200

Source: Restaurant.com

\*Without dressing

\*\*Without meat, cream and salsa



**ACTUAL SIZE:** Hardee's Monster Thickburger. Slices and mayonnaise are not included in the calorie count.

Los Angeles Times

## Fast-food industry appeals to its base

**Los Angeles Times**

The hottest new hamburger at Hardee's is an unabashedly unhealthy, mountain of meat called the Monster Thickburger. Loaded with two 1/3-pound Angus beef patties, four strips of bacon and three slices of cheese, slathered with a generous swath of mayonnaise and encased in a buttered bun, it's not exactly a celebration of calorie counting.

Who's counting? When the 1,420-calorie, 107-gram behemoth was unleashed, people gobbled it up.

"Sales results for this politically incorrect burger have been encouraging," Andrew Puzder, chief executive of Hardee's parent CKE Restaurants Inc., told Wall Street analysts after the big burger's debut in mid-November.

The Monster has been singled out — the Center for Science in the Public Interest called it the "fast-food equivalent of a snuff film" — but the \$5.99, 4-inch-tall sandwich is just the latest heart-clogging trend in the fast-food industry.

Big is nothing new at fast-food restaurants. McDonald's, for instance, famously offered Super Size fries and drinks until it overhauled its menu to promote a "balanced lifestyle" last March.

But the latest trend isn't just about size or value. It's about thumbing your nose at the food police.

Indeed, Hardee's has received passionate fan mail from people who are grateful for the golly pleasures of the Monster Thickburger (roughly the equivalent in calories of two Big Macs and a strawberry sundae) and applauded that health watchdogs would want to take it away from them.

Not to be outdone, Carl's Jr., also owned by Carpinteria, Calif.-based CKE, is peddling a 1-pound Double Six Dollar burger, with as many calories as the Monster Thickburger, albeit with six fewer grams of fat. Pizza Hut is flaunting a Full House XL Pizza, a "family-sized" pie promising 30 percent more sheer mass than a traditional large. And Burger King is testing an "Enormous Omelet Sandwich" filled with eggs, sausage and cheese.

Some of the gargantuan offerings aren't going down very well with health experts.

"The Hardee's Monster Thickburger is up there in the restaurant hall of shame," said Michael Jacobson, executive di-

rector of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, which accused Hardee's of engaging in "sinister marketing efforts" with its promotions for the burger.

Amy Lanou, director of the nutrition department at the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, doesn't fault only the restaurants. "Humans have an innate desire to

harm themselves through indulgence, through pleasure and excess," she said. "I think it's unfortunate."

The heaviest consumers of fast food tend to be young men who are less concerned than others about calorie intake and nutrition and more likely to treat themselves to instant gratification.

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Already, Japanese lemon grass and ponzu sauce can be found in Souffler's Lean Cuisine entrees, and French's makes wasabi-flavored mayonnaise.

Asian sauces and seasonings started sneaking into American restaurant kitchens in the 1980s. By the mid-1990s, East-West fusion cuisine — the blending of ingredients and techniques from both cultures was the hot culinary trend in America's upscale restaurants.

Some of these ingredients are so handy that they've entered the mainstream of American cooking. Others are on the verge — chefs love them, but they haven't trickled down yet to home kitchens.

It's time to change that, starting with 10 of the most popular

ethnic seasonings among chefs. The pros love these powders, herbs and sauces because they are convenient, readily available and offer a lot of flavor for the money. You'll like them for the same reasons.

The seasonings aren't just for stir-fries and curries. They also can be used to punch up the flavor of ordinary American dishes such as meatloaf and barbecued ribs.

Although you may not be familiar with some of the seasonings, chefs have known about them for years. The spotlight first shone on Asian ingredients in a big way in 1983, when chef Wolfgang Puck opened his groundbreaking restaurant, Chinese on Main, in Santa Monica, Calif. The menu blended Asian and French cuisines (and still does) in such dishes as grilled Seachuck seasoned steak with hot chili oil and a cilantro-lamb chops.

East-West or Asian fusion cuisine eventually spread from coast to coast and spawned dozens of cookbooks (Hugh Carpenter's "Pacific Flavors" re-

mains one of the best). Ingredients such as ponzu sauce (a citrus-spiked soy sauce), and kecap manis (thick, sweet Indonesian soy sauce) became as common in upscale restaurant kitchens as beurre blanc (butter-wine sauce).

"All of the cooks who come to work for me know what kecap manis is," said Jared Kirby, chef at Moe's in Caryhoga Falls, Ohio.

In Akron, Ohio, chef Roger Thomas was experimenting with Asian ingredients in the 1980s at Ken Stewart's Grille.

"The creative cooks took these flavors and tried them in their own dishes," Thomas recalled.

Even though his current restaurant, Platto, serves classic Italian food, Thomas still uses kecap manis at home as a barbecue sauce on hamburgers and star anise to flavor cranberry brules. And Middle Eastern pomegranate molasses has found a permanent place in his restaurant kitchen, where he uses it to enrich sauces and stocks.

"It's got a nice sweet and sour flavor," he said.

Asian fusion cooking is not exclusively American, although it is a New World phenomenon. It has taken hold primarily in the United States and Australia, maybe because of our melting-pot cultures or maybe because our cooking traditions aren't as entrenched as they are in most of Europe. The popularity of sushi bars also may have played a part, Kirby said.

Whatever the reason, the result is a pantry's worth of ingredients to add to the pot. The 10 seasonings were recommended by chefs who are readily available in Akron-area stores.

Chili oil can be found in the Chinese section of most supermarkets. So can a range of Chinese and Thai sauces, although the prices are often lower in Asian grocery stores. Most large supermarkets stock fresh cilantro, and some carry fresh lemongrass. You'll probably have to visit an Asian market for wasabi paste, five-spice powder, kecap manis, star anise, the seasoning mix shichimi togarashi and ponzu sauce. Pomegranate molasses is sold primarily in Middle Eastern grocery stores.

## Wines

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and west as a result of erosion incisions carved by York Creek as well as Sulphur and Ritchie creeks (which form the appellations southern and northern boundaries, respectively).

Topographical factors cause particular vineyards within the Spring Mountain District to differ in terms of altitude, slope steepness and aspect. Soils are also varied, running as deep as 40 inches above bedrock at some point but as shallow as six inches at others. Basic materials are predominantly volcanic or sedimentary. These soils tend to be poorer in nutrients and quicker to drain than those found on the valley floor, resulting in modest grape yields of about 2.5 tons per acre.

Temperatures within the appellation vary according to altitude, but the viticulture area

as a whole has a significantly different climate than the valley floor, with cooler days and warmer nights. This difference results from a temperature inversion, which involves warm air from lower elevations rising in the afternoons and evenings and being replaced by cooler air that rolls down from the mountains (as well as fogs that are pulled in from the San Pablo Bay). The peak daytime temperature up on Spring Mountain is often 10 to 15 degrees lower than on the valley floor, yet ripening is aided by additional hours of sunshine, as mountain vineyards are usually above the fogs that often shroud low-lying sites.

Spring Mountain is home to slightly more than 1,000 acres of vines, with 90 percent devoted to red grapes. Bordeaux varieties predominate, as

Cabernet Sauvignon comprises 56 percent of planted acreage, and Merlot another 18 percent. Deltas and drabs of other varieties make up the balance, with only Chardonnay reaching the level of 5 percent.

As a result, most of what you'll find on store shelves from Spring Mountain will be either Cabernet, Merlot or a Cabernet-based, Bordeaux-style blend. What you'll find in the bottle will be variable, of course, due to differences in growing conditions and stylistic preferences from producer to producer. However, my tasting experience suggests that Spring Mountain reds really do cluster around an identifiable profile. On one hand, they tend to be more densely concentrated and intensely flavored than wines from the flats or lower slopes of Napa Valley.

## Crafts

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her necklaces? There's a little spot on the pendant where a little twist at the top. Stick a couple of inches of transparent tape around it to hold it together.

Hint: Heart-shaped pendants are nice for Valentine's Day. If you buy a lock pendant, be sure to find a tiny photo of yourself or the children to glue inside. Cut a piece of paper until it fits inside the lock, then use that as a template to cut the photo.

### Tiny jewel box

This makes a great presentation for the heart pendant or roccale bead rings. Craft stores carry small wooden boxes with a metal latch and hinges. The latch is, they are unfinished. Use a cloth to wipe on some stain, and after it dries if you still have time, paint on some polyurethane varnish. If you don't have any left from coating the deck you can always resort to clear nail polish, but it takes forever. After the outside dries, paint the inside, too. Or paint the box with acrylic paint in a color that works with her vanity top. Slip your gift inside and tie a ribbon around the whole thing with a bow.

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Buy a mug that suits her tastes. Or maybe she's the teacup and saucer type? Fill it with Hershey's Kisses and/or Kisses. It's hard to go wrong with chocolate. Wrap the whole thing by placing it on a length of

clear or colored plastic wrap. Draw up all the sides and give a little twist at the top. Stick a couple of inches of transparent tape around it to hold it together. Add a bow of curling ribbon. If that's outside your realm of experience, do the noble thing: buy a ready-made bow and stick it on.

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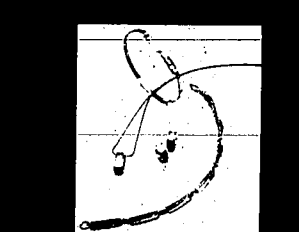
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## FOOD & HOME

# The hole story: Why Bundt cakes endure as a baking staple

The Washington Post

The news of Bundt cake pan creator H. David Dalquist's death Jan. 2 at age 86 might have set off a slight wave of sentimental baking, but the folks at his Nordic Ware factory already knew that a whole lot of Bundt pan baking was going on.

Northland Aluminum Products Inc. of Minneapolis, which makes Nordic Ware, sells more than 1 million Bundt pans each year and is the top-selling cake pan in the world.

When Dalquist was asked to produce his take on the German kugelhupf pan in 1949, it was just another addition to his family's line of ethnic bakeware, according to Dianne Hennessy King, an Alexandria, Va., resident who was editor of Pillsbury Publications in the early 1970s. Pillsbury and Dalquist's company were both based in Minneapolis, and King remembers when a single recipe—the Pillsbury Bake-Off second-place "Tunnel of Fudge Cake"—generated a name recognition for Nordic Ware that has never diminished. "The fluted look of the Bundt pan seemed to catch the consumer's fancy," she says.

The fact that anyone can produce a lovely, non-lopsided, sculpted cake that doesn't beg to be frosted is perhaps the real reason for the Bundt pan's perennial popularity, according to company spokeswoman Claudia Ross.

As a result, Bundt cakes grace many a bake sale table and dinner host's doorstep. An apple cinnamon Bundt was among the new PBS television-cooking series "Everyday Food."

Who can forget the bewilderment of Laine Kazan's Greek mother character in the 2002 film "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" as she's handed "a cake with a hole in it" from her mid-American-in-laws-to-be? (She plopped in a potted flower, but people have long been moved to fill up the middle with fruit and more.)

Those who have made a name for themselves in the baking business confirm that Bundt appeal is understandably steady.

"Their big rose pan is kind of like my signature now," says kitchen scientist and "Cake Bible" authority Rose Levy Beranbaum, who often uses that model to bake her kugelhupf bread. That pan, introduced in Nordic Ware's line of non-geometric floral designs in 2003, produces an end result that features concentric petal layers on top.

Beranbaum got a special tour of the Nordic Ware plant late last year—her first time there. "The nice thing about Nordic Ware is that they never have decreased the quality of their Bundt pans," she says, referring to the company's consistent use of cast aluminum.

Bundts are big even in Japan: Beranbaum recently hosted a group of "pretty serious pastry people" who came to the United States for a week of sessions with culinary professionals. The group's tour leader was Makiko Fujino, dubbed "the Martha Stewart of Japan" and a student of Beranbaum's from 25 years ago. Through translators and enthusiastic gestures, each Japanese student made it clear to Beranbaum that they wanted her to use the rose pan during their class. By week's end, they each had a pan of their own to take home.

A 1997 Washington Post article reported that Dalquist, the industrial engineer, was asked by members of a Minneapolis Taidassah chapter in 1949 to cast a better version of the ladies' ceramic baking molds used to bake Bundkuchens, or "gathering" cakes. Such traditional European baking pans were round and scrolled, with a tube running through the center in order to bake big, dense cakes.

Dalquist developed an eight-lobed, fluted heavy-metal pan the next year that fit the bill, which he trademarked as a "Bundt." The resulting 12-Cup Classic remains Nordic Ware's bestseller today. Shapes, sizes and designs now range from a connected loop of what appears to be layered sand castles to Beranbaum's favorite rose pans (big and small), from broad sunflower to a small community of Gothic cathedral arches, and from cupcake-size hearts to 2004's new round of painted holiday trees. The latter looks particularly nice with a light dusting of confectioners' sugar.

Several of the more recent



H. David Dalquist with his wife, Dorothy, and one of his trademark cakes. Dalquist invented the Bundt pan and the microwave carousel platter.

Bundt pan models have originated from months of test designs by the company's own sculptor and from its partnership with Williams-Sonoma, which in turn has the exclusive

rights to sell particular designs for a certain period of time before the rights are released to Nordic Ware and other kitchenware purveyors.

Nordic Ware's Bundt pans all have nonstick interiors these days, a feat the company pioneered in cookware, according to King. Small booklets produced by the company (price: 25 cents) in the late 1960s offered recipes for Harvey Wallbanger's Cake, Basic Gelatin molds and proudly announced their pans' "Teflon II" interiors. That innovation must have made the prospect of cake extraction all the easier.

The Bundt pan's ability to help produce a moist and uniformly browned cake has induced hundreds and hundreds of recipe variations. The one that really secured the Bundt's place in the baking pantheon—the 1966 Pillsbury Bake-Off Tunnel of Fudge—cannot be produced to the letter, as the Pillsbury Double Dutch Fudge Buttercream Frosting Mix it calls for is no longer being made.

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SPORTSQUOTE

The sport of basketball is now 113 years old, and did you know that James Naismith came up with the game as a way to keep young men away from women and out of trouble? Well, that sure worked well.

— Jay Leno, on the NBA's recent spate of unsavory headlines

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Name the University of North Carolina golfer who taught fellow Tar Heel Michael Jordan the game of golf.

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High School**
- Boys Basketball**
- Wendell at Glens Ferry, 5 p.m.
- Minico at Wood River, 6 p.m.
- Valley at Oakley, 6 p.m.
- Girls Basketball**
- Filer at Declo, 6 p.m.
- Shoshone at Richfield, 6 p.m.
- SLB at Camas County, 6 p.m.
- Wrestling**
- Highland/Kimberly at Minico, 6 p.m.
- Burley/Preston/Jerome at Century, 6 p.m.
- Oakley/Raft River/Glens Ferry at Filer, 6 p.m.
- Declo/Snake River at Gooding, 6 p.m.
- Bowling**
- Filer at Kimberly, Bowldrome (TF), 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Coed dodgeball tournament planned

TWIN FALLS — Radio Rondo will host a coed double-elimination dodgeball tournament on Saturday, Jan. 22 in Twin Falls.

Each team must consist of six players, with teams divided into four age groups.

Time slots are as follows: Grades 5-6, 8-10 a.m.; Grades 7-8, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Grades 9-12, 2-4 p.m.; Adults, 5-7 p.m. There will be 16 teams per bracket.

Check-in time will be one hour prior to the tournament. No late entries will be accepted and only the first 16 teams to sign up in each bracket will be allowed to play.

The cost for the tournament is \$30 per team, due at the sign-up. Dodgeball T-shirts will be sold at the tournament for \$10.

Setup forms are available at MJ pets in Twin Falls. Participants may also register online at [magicalvelocitiesports.com](http://magicalvelocitiesports.com).

For more information, call Alex Maloney at (208) 731-4932.

**T.F. Cal Ripken registration begins**

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County Cal Ripken youth baseball will accept registrations from 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25 at the Harmon Park Blue Recreation building.

The program is for players ages 9-12. The season will run in April and May.

Players must provide a copy of their birth certificate and a \$50 fee.

For more information, call Allen Starley at (208) 737-0653 or Brent Jussel at (208) 734-6384.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Davis Love III.

# Bruins trip up Tigers

Depth, defense lead to 74-41 win

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Anyone who still holds the idea that Twin Falls versus Jerome boys basketball is no longer a rivalry obviously wasn't at Baun Gymnasium Tuesday night.

Between the raucous crowds from both sides, the halftime battle of the drumlines and the intense pressure defense played by both teams Tuesday night's nonconference Bruins-Tigers game had all the feel of a conference championship game. In the end, Twin Falls' depth proved too much for a hustling Tigers bunch as the Bruins improved to 13-0 with a 74-41 win.

The 8-7 Tigers came out with a patient offensive attack that kept the game close early. Down 13-9 after a Brett Viceman layup, Jerome came out of a timeout only to see the Bruins open up a 19-9 lead after one complete quarter of play.

They were very patient on offense, Bruins head coach Matt Harr said. "I was very impressed with how they came out and got some open looks and ran their flex offense."

Twin Falls matched up the defensive pressure in the second quarter, forcing eight Tigers turnovers en route to a 37-18 halftime lead. Vriesman played a solid half, backing down the Jerome posts for 11 of his 13 points. Senior point guard Todd Cook also scored 11 of his 13 points by halftime.

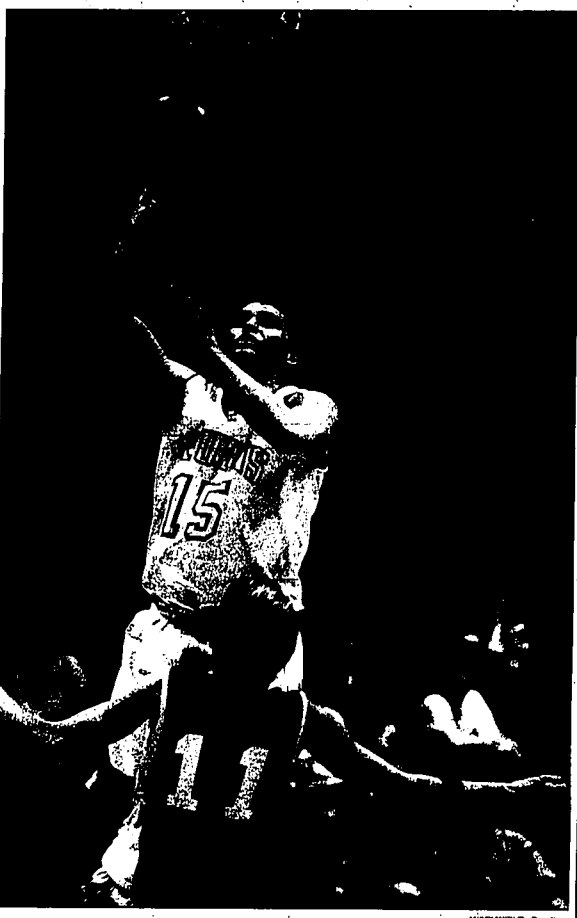
"I thought our offense went a little stagnant, though," Harr said. "It took a while for us to get going. I actually called a timeout late in the third quarter to talk to the guys. We get fastbreaks and were firing up 3s. Sometimes that's OK, but it's really not our game."

With his Tigers down 54-29 after three quarters, junior forward Brett Boesiger came out aggressive in the fourth, scoring all 12 of Jerome's final-frame points. Boesiger led all scorers with 18 points and grabbed seven rebounds while Chance Craig added 10.

"Brett stepped his level of play up a notch tonight," Jerome head coach Houston Finn said. "It's nice to see him bring his game up another notch."

A nonconference loss to a talented team isn't likely to dampen the Tigers' spirits.

"It was a great atmosphere," Finn said. "It was noisy on both sides, but it almost was a



Twin Falls Bruins guard Tanner Hazelbaker, 15, bowls over Jerome Tigers defender Conrad Lee during the third quarter of their game Tuesday in Twin Falls. Twin Falls won 74-41.

negative for us because it gets our blood pumping. This game will help us though."

The Tigers will look to bring that same intensity to a important Great Basin Conference West game in Hailey against the Wood River Wolverines next Wednesday.

Tanner Hazelbaker led the

way for the Bruins with 15 points. Twin Falls travels to Idaho Falls Friday night.

**Twin Falls 74, Jerome 41**

Jerome: 89-112-41  
Twin Falls: 19-29-54

Jerome: 10-12 Chance Craig 7-4-10 Brett Boesiger 7-18 Tim Larsen 0-2-1, Jerald Jensen 1-0-2 Tyson 11-25-41  
Twin Falls: 74

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0-65, Brandon Smith 2-4-4 Kenny Stewart 0-2-3 Brock Harding 2-1-4 Brett Thompson 3-4-13 Tyson 20-18-31-9  
2-point field goals — Jerome 4 (Craig 2, Boesiger 2, Lee 1, Jensen 2, Cook 1), rebounder Jensen 1 (Lee 1)  
Jerome 22, Twin Falls 22 Fouls out — Jerome 16  
Technical foul — none

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## Father time

### Joe 'Jellybean' Bryant stays in the game at 50

By Wayne Coffey  
New York Daily News

DARTMOUTH, Mass. — It's midway through the third quarter and almost a quarter century past his prime, and the oldest player-coach in basketball is at the head of the Boston Frenzy bench, rubbing a big hand over his gleaming dome.

On a fogbound Tuesday night, the Frenzy took like a ship with nobody at the helm. The Pennsylvania Pit Bulls have surged to a 28-point lead. The 400 people in the stands are more or less sitting on their thunder sticks.

Fifty-year-old Joe (Jellybean) Bryant is arguably the best big

man on the team, but Bryant — a starter the last four games — is adamant about not putting himself in. He wants to give his new inside players a chance.

Besides, it would take too long to take off his sky-blue sweater and black slacks.

But give him another game or two, and he'll be back, wearing his famous son's No. 8, a 6-6, 250-pound grandfather carrying on with his basketball journey, a dozen years after his last regular playing gig — Italy — and 30 years after his hometown 76ers made him a No. 1 NBA draft choice.

"I'm just another 50-year-old guy with hoop dreams," Bryant

says. "I'm just trying to fit in with my team."

The Boston Frenzy are one of 33 teams in the latest incarnation of the American Basketball Association, which still has a red, white and blue ball, if not Artis Gilmore and Julius Erving.

The Frenzy — a team that includes Moses Malone Jr., former Providence forward, they Brown and an explosive, wide-body guard named John Humphrey — are 4-11 in their first year of existence.

They play in a Division III gym here at University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, before an average crowd of fewer than

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## Clemens asks for record \$22 million

By Ronald Blum  
Associated Press writer

NEWYORK — Roger Clemens followed a record-setting season with a record-setting salary request. Eric Gagne, another Cy Young Award winner, got a big deal, too.

After winning his seventh Cy Young Award, the Rocket asked for \$22 million in salary arbitration Tuesday, easily topping the previous high of \$18.5 million by New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter in 2001.

Clemens, who still hasn't decided whether to pitch this year or retire, was offered \$13.5 million by his hometown Houston Astros. The \$8.5 million difference was exactly double the previous record spread, set by the Yankees and Jeter.

"We looked at what some of the comparables were — Greg Maddux, Randy Johnson — and we tried to use those star-quality players to come up with a number," Astros general manager Jim Purpura said.

Rather than swap figures with the Dodgers, Gagne agreed to a \$19 million, two-year deal with Los Angeles that contains a club option for 2007. Gagne, the 2003 NL Cy Young winner, has the right to void the option year, however, and become a free agent.

Clemens was among 40 players who exchanged figures with their teams, a group that in-



Houston Astros' Roger Clemens pitches against the St. Louis Cardinals in the first inning of Game 7 of the NL championship series, Oct. 24, 2004, in St. Louis.

Berkman and outfielder Lance Berkman and AL Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana of the Minnesota Twins. Gagne was among 30 players who agreed to deals before the exchange.

In addition, the Cubs and catcher Michael Barrett agreed to a \$12 million, three-year contract after swapping proposals. If he decides to play, Clemens could have the highest salary for a pitcher in a season, topping the \$17.5 million made last year by Boston's Pedro Martinez.

## Williams, Mauresmo advance to third round

By John Pys  
Associated Press writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Serena Williams lost only seven points in the second set and cruised to a 6-3, 6-0 victory Wednesday over Daily Randriantiana in the second round of the Australian Open.

The seventh-seeded Williams didn't drop a point on her serve in the second set until the final game when she made two unforced errors. She set up match point with a curling forehand winner and ended the match in 46 minutes with her sixth ace.

Williams had 38 winners and only 18 unforced errors. The 2003 Australian Open champion yelled "No!" at her opponent for blowing two break chances in the fifth game, then responded with a classic backhand winner down the line.

Williams is trying to recapture the form that

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Serena Williams of the U.S. plays a return during her second round match against Daily Randriantiana of Madagascar at the Australian Open Tennis Championships in Melbourne, Australia, on Wednesday. Williams won the match 6-3, 6-1.









## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Hailey will hold awards dinner

HAILEY — The Hailey Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual dinner and awards night on Thursday at the Mint Nightclub in downtown Hailey. The evening begins with a no-host bar at 6 p.m. and a "Super Silent Auction." The dinner, catered by The Red Elephant, will begin at 7 p.m., followed by the program. Highlights include the passing of the gavel to the new chamber president Al Stevenson, of the Stevenson Management Group, presentation of parade awards from the Fourth of July and announcement of the 2005 Fourth of July theme. Annual recipients will be announced for Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Employer of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Service Individual of the Year and the special Honorary Lifetime Member Award. The event is open to chamber members and the public. Tickets are \$35 per person, and tables of eight can be reserved for businesses or groups. Reservations for the dinner were coming in rapidly by the end of last week, the chamber said. For tickets, call the Hailey Chamber Visitors Center at 788-2700.

### Mini-Cassia chamber trains future leaders

HEYBURN — The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce is taking registrations for its 2005 Leadership program. The program allows participants to see the inner workings of business, industry, government and themselves, promoters say. During the program, participants cultivate personal attributes needed to be successful leaders in industry, promoters say. This year's topics include: "The Leader in You," "The Business of Governing," "The Three R's: Modern Society," "Industry and Agriculture," "Community Social Services," "High Tech and Health Care," "Law and Justice Behind the Scenes" and "The Tourist's Contingent." The deadline to submit an application is Feb. 1, and space is limited. Cost is \$395 per person before Feb. 1, or \$500 after that date. The mini-cassia day sessions run from February through September. For information or to apply, call the chamber at 679-4793.

### Intrepid appoints dairymen to board

RUPERT — Intrepid Technology and Resources Inc., the Idaho Falls-based renewable energy company that is starting up a bioreactor at the Whitesides Dairy near Rupert, said its board of directors appointed dairymen Steven Whitesides to fill a position on the board. Whitesides is co-owner of the 4,000-head Whitesides Dairy and has 27 years of experience in the dairy industry. He is an active participant in several dairy industry organizations and is a member of the Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, Intrepid said. "Whitesides brings to the board critical understanding of large-scale dairy operations and agribusiness in general, both of which are extremely valuable as the company moves forward with its current bioreactor business plan and focus on construction and operation of biogas production facilities on large dairies and feedlots," the company said in a statement.

### Lithia Motors presents career fair Thursday

BOISE — Lithia Motors Inc. said it has teamed up with Universal Technical Institute to present a career fair at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Lithia Ford, of Boise at 8853 W. Fairview Ave. Lithia — which also operates dealerships in Magic Valley — is inviting students to attend and learn about careers in automotive service. Lithia said it will provide information about career opportunities to its nationwide network of auto retailing outlets and how those careers are attainable through education at UTT. Lithia Motors sells 25 brands of new vehicles and operates 86 stores and 163 franchises in 13 states.

— compiled from staff reports

## Gooding gets grant for plant

By Megan Hinds  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Iowa-based livestock and cargo trailer manufacturer Kiefer Built LLC has moved one step closer to opening a plant in Gooding. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Tuesday awarded a \$300,000 Idaho Community Development Block Grant to the city of Gooding, which will help Gooding's Urban Renewal Agency purchase the 119,000-square-foot former Arkosh building as well as eight acres in the city's industrial park.

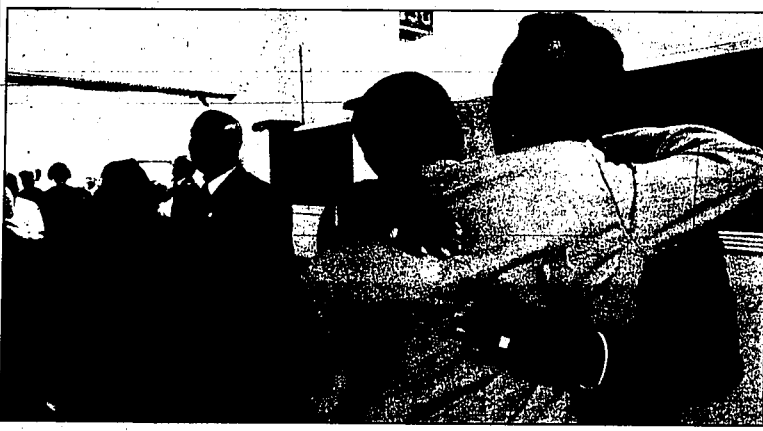
The city plans to lease the building to Kiefer Built, which announced its plans last month to establish an Idaho plant. Urban Renewal is slated to close today on the deal to purchase the building for \$650,000. The property was listed at \$1.25 million. A \$350,000 private loan through Wells Fargo Bank would cover the remainder of the purchase price, said Todd Bunn, Gooding's public works director. Kiefer Built would sign a 10-year lease on the building, making payments with the option to buy the property when the lease expires. Lease payments would be the same size as the agency's loan payments, and Kiefer Built would pay property taxes on the building and land.

The city has also received a \$50,000 state-funded Gem grant, about half of which will be used for preliminary costs, closing costs and an environmental assessment of the Kiefer Built property. Urban Renewal plans to put the other half toward a development plan for the remaining 26 acres of the business park, Bunn said. Kiefer Built plans to begin production by March with an initial 31 workers and has said it will work eventually to expand to 75 employees. Positions will include assemblers, welders, maintenance staff and a plant manager. Workers will be eligible for a

benefits package that includes health, dental, life and disability insurance, vacation time and a 401(k) retirement plan. The news of the grant was music to the ears of Jim Scott, economic development specialist for the Rural Magic Valley Economic Development Association. Scott said the arrival of Kiefer Built will spur further job creation in western Magic Valley and help to diversify the area's strong dairy-based economy. "Man, ain't this great?" Scott said, Tuesday. "Gooding has got some real momentum now — we've got the opportunity to make more things happen, and this is just a start."

Workers will be eligible for a

## GET RICH QUICK?



The Rev. Tom Pickens, right, of the Antelope Valley Christian Center in Lancaster, Calif., said he turned down an offer of a free Rolls Royce from a promoter whom authorities suspect of running a Ponzi scheme. Four church members have sued the man.

## Scam artists target black churches

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Bishop Gene Robinson thought the new parishioner with the Rolls Royce and flashy clothes would bring a measure of prosperity to his modest United Christian Fellowship church in Palmdale, Calif. The parishioner, Phoebe Vincent Smith, said he wanted to make black like himself rich through savvy investments. Robinson didn't know much about investing, but he reasoned that if "Mr. Vince" could help members of his black church prosper, his collection basket would reap dividends. Robinson invited Smith to address the men's group at the church, and Robinson saw the same of about 10 in the congregation to invest.

Within six months, the pastor said, his investment had paid back thousands of dollars in cash, and he was driving around in a blue Rolls Royce, a gift from Mr. Vince. A few months later, the minister said, the money petered out. Smith became hard to find and his conscience was troubled by the belief that he had become an evangelist for a scam.

"It was taking care of me so other people would get into this thing," Robinson said.

Law enforcement officials say the rural bishop has plenty of company these days: promoters of get-rich-quick schemes have increasingly targeted black congregations, often offering help with church finances and lining pastors' pockets as steps toward fleeing the faithful. Some operators have taken to pulpits themselves. "It's a particularly insidious type of fraud, because it goes right to the heart of the trust relationship — that people have with each other."

— Denise Voigt Crawford, Texas Securities Commissioner

A study released by the Federal Trade Commission this year found that among major ethnic and racial groups, only Americans of Indian fall victim to financial fraud more often than blacks.

The study didn't address why this occurred, but fraud experts say black churches are targeted because many of their members have accumulated savings but have limited experience with putting that money to work. "Our community is not as educated about investments," said Craig York, an investment counselor with Los Angeles-based Operation Hope, a nonprofit organization that provides economic literacy programs in urban areas.

Just how bad the problem has become at black churches is unclear, said James Kohn, a consumer-fraud expert for the Federal Trade Commission, but so many North Carolina congregations were targeted

recently that state Attorney General Roy Cooper organized a "church scam summit" last summer. "Exploiting the bonds of trust that pastors have with their congregations is a cruel and effective trick," Cooper said. "People believe in their pastor, and when their pastor gets taken in by the fraud, the whole church becomes vulnerable."

In November, federal regulators shut down an alleged investment fraud that they say raised \$26 million by targeting black churchgoers in southern California. Officials said more than 1,000 people were duped into investing their money after being promised returns of 20 percent the first month and 10 percent a month thereafter. The operators preyed on congregations including West Angeles Church of God in Christ and First African Methodist Episcopal Church, both in Los Angeles, and Faithful Central Bible Church in Inglewood, said Lisa A. Gok, an attorney with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Los Angeles.

In a civil suit, the SEC said Christiana Hashimoto of Riverside, Calif., hired black sales agents, who persuaded the scheme by word of mouth at the churches and by feting hundreds of blacks at a dinner at a Ritz Carlton hotel. Hashimoto and his attorneys did not return phone calls. He Please see SCAMS, Page E3

overt investment success they attain. — This shift — from the New Deal to the Ownership Society — is a sea change in the way Americans view the relationship between themselves and the government, and the rest of society. Whereas government, unions and other collective organizations were widely seen in the 1930s as placing a safety net under workers and their families, today they are regarded by many people as stifling enterprise and protecting the lazy.

In contrast to the New Deal, the Ownership Society will have optional elements, with greater rewards but also far greater risk. While the administration's social Security plan taps into taxes that workers are already paying, a key element of the Ownership Society is that to take full advantage of it, you must put up a great deal more of your own money — pay to play. If you will. And that principle of pay to play applies in fields ranging from education to health care.

Private employers, long the source of a truly secure retirement for so many, have already begun their retreat from the social safety net and embraced the ownership philosophy. Consider the increasingly common 401(k) and related retirement plans. Typically these have attractive tax benefits, and many employers who sponsor them chip in by matching a portion of the money a worker contributes. But the fact remains that the primary driver of these accounts is the worker's own money. To participate in a 401(k) plan, a worker must contribute out of his or her own paycheck and shift it to the retirement account. — And these amounts can be substantial. This year, a worker Please see RETIRING, Page E2

## Bank of America meets Q4 expectations

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — Among the corporate earnings reports released Tuesday were quarterly statements from three banks with Magic Valley branches, as well as a publishing company that operates local newspapers. Among the highlights:

### Bank of America

Helped in large part by the addition of FleetBoston, Bank of America Corp. posted fourth-quarter earnings of \$3.85 billion, or 94 cents a share, meeting Wall Street's expectations. In the same quarter last year, the Charlotte, N.C.-based bank posted earnings of \$2.73 billion, or 62 cents a share. Revenue was \$139.9 billion, up 42 percent from last year, as FleetBoston's impact was buoyed by solid returns in Bank of America's credit facility management, business and consumer loan and deposit growth, the bank said. The fourth-quarter earnings included after-tax merger and restructuring charges of \$181 million, which reduced earnings by 4 cents per share.

### Wells Fargo

Wells Fargo & Co.'s fourth-quarter profit improved 10 percent over a record \$1.8 billion, or \$1.04 per share, compared with \$1.6 billion, or 95 cents per share, a year earlier. CIBC Citicorp announced a special contribution of Wells Fargo stock to the 401(k) plan for eligible employees, equaling 1 percent of the individuals' pay up to a maximum of \$750. The special contribution totals \$140 million.

### U.S. Bancorp

U.S. Bancorp reported net income of \$1,056 billion for the fourth quarter, compared with the year-earlier \$977.0 billion. Net income from continuing operations was 64 cents per diluted share, up 12 percent. For the year, U.S. Bancorp reported record earnings of \$4.2 billion and a 13 percent increase in earnings per share. Lee Enterprises

Iowa-based Lee Enterprises Inc., parent of The Times-News and other area newspapers, said third-quarter per common share from continuing operations was 64 cents for the quarter. That's an increase of 11.1 percent over 54 cents last year. Lee does not specify the earnings performance of individual newspapers.

Advertising revenue increased 64 percent to \$139.0 million, and total operating revenue increased 64 percent to \$181.1 million. Revenue from continuing operations increased 10.7 percent to \$27.0 million. Net income increased 10.3 percent to \$2.70 million.

"Our operations have continued to perform exceptionally well in a spotty economic climate," said Mary Kunk, chairman and chief executive, ownership philosophy. Consider the increasingly common 401(k) and related retirement plans. Typically these have attractive tax benefits, and many employers who sponsor them chip in by matching a portion of the money a worker contributes. But the fact remains that the primary driver of these accounts is the worker's own money. To participate in a 401(k) plan, a worker must contribute out of his or her own paycheck and shift it to the retirement account. — And these amounts can be substantial. This year, a worker Please see RETIRING, Page E2





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Photo courtesy of FRANK FROST

A group of women, from left, Fran Frost, Jan Mittlender, Barb Allen, Sonnie Strolberg, Lela Poppleton and Jeanne Sinclair, presented a \$5,000 check from the sale of their Twin Falls centennial women's calendar to Chris Bolton, president of the Twin Falls County Historical Museum. The calendar covers from June 2004 to December 2005 and includes not only recreated scenes of a specific event or "day-in-the-life" of early women settlers, but companion historical information on each page. A full calendar is available at half-price (\$6) at the Historical Museum, Ruby's, Bobbie's Cleaners and Cios Office Supply in Twin Falls, or by calling 735-5478. Remaining proceeds from the calendar sales will go to the College of Southern Idaho Foundation for a new women's scholarship fund.

### Gooding County Historical Society elects officers

**GOODING** — The Gooding County Historical Society will be held at 7 p.m. today in the Gooding City Hall.

Elections of officers will be held. Paid members are able to vote. Dues may be paid at the beginning of the meeting.

A review of last year's accomplishments will be announced and plans for 2005 will be discussed, including fund-raisers for construction of a new museum.

### Quilt guild discusses goals at next meeting

**TWIN FALLS** — The Desert Sage Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the KMVT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

The program will be under the direction of Barb Bratt concerning the purpose of the guild and what it wishes to accomplish in the future.

Members are encouraged to bring "Show and Tell" items and guests are welcome.

### Burley man celebrates 80 years at open house

**BURLEY** — Jack Tolman will be honored at an open house for his 80th birthday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave.

Tolman was born Jan. 21, 1925 in Oakley. He married Elaine Millard on March 12, 1947.

He has lived in the Magic Valley all his life and owned and operated Tolman Upholstery for 38 years. He is active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, having held many positions including being a member of the bishopric twice. He and Elaine served an LDS mission in Texas from 1959-1960.

His children include Julie (John) Stohel and Mark (Dobbi) Tolman of Caldwell, Ronald (Jacque) Tolman and Scott (Teri) Tolman of Boise, David (Larinda) Tolman of Burley, and

### Rene (Don) Halverson and Shirley (Mike) Brown of Rupert. They have 28 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

### Rupert woman celebrates 90th birthday open house

**RUPEERT** — Mildred (Trink) Rogers will be honored at an open house for her 90th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church.

The event will be hosted by her children: Jean (David) Hoover of Thornton, Colo.; Wesley (L. U. A. N. D.) Rogers of Burley; Lois (Gordon) Sanford of Paul; and Loretta Garro and Donna (Steve) Johnson of Rupert.

The family requests no gifts.

### PMT luncheon raises money for Relay For Life

**RUPEERT** — Project Mutual Telephone's Relay For Life team will have a soup and salad luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Rupert business office, 507 G St.

Seating is available. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

For more information, call Teresa at 434-7115.

### Valentine's cookies sales benefits cancer research

**BURLEY** — Personalized cookie valentines are for sale by the "We're Back" Relay For Life team, sponsored by Burley High School.

Small cookies can have up to four words and cost \$5 each and large cookies can have up to six words and cost \$8 each.

Orders will be taken up to Feb. 12. Cookies will be available for pick up or delivery on Valentine's Day.

For more information, or to call for more information, call Patricia at 431-2194 or 878-2199.

### Coin club gets lesson on coin grading in Paul

**PAUL** — The Empty Pockets Coin & Currency Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. today at the Paul

City Hall meeting room.

Each person will grade a selection of coins to determine their condition. This will be followed by a group discussion to compare notes. Following the meeting, the coins will be sent to a professional coin grader with the results to be announced at a future meeting.

The member having the closest grading to those determined by the professional coin grader will win a prize.

Everyone with an interest in collecting coins and/or currency is invited to participate. Yearly dues are \$10 for an individual membership and \$15 for a family membership.

For more information, call David Hyzak at 678-3938.

### Burley library offers scrapbooking classes

**BURLEY** — A free scrapbooking event will be held Saturday, Jan. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave.

Three sessions will be taught by local experts:

10 a.m. to noon — "Getting Organized" by Jennifer Daly, Creative Memories Consultant.

noon to 2 p.m. — "Journaling and Layout" by Chris Horsley of Memories from the Heart.

2 to 4 p.m. — "Heritage Photo" by Katie Bunn of Keepsake Cottage.

Bring photos or copies of old photos and a box.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be served.

For more information, call 878-7708.

### Breathe Free Plan schedule changes

**BURLEY** — The Breathe Free Plan sessions to stop smoking will be held at 7 p.m. at the Community Service Center at the Burley Seventh-day Adventist Church on Highway 30.

One session was changed because of the Super Bowl. Sessions will now be held on Jan. 25, 27, 30 and 31 and Feb. 1, 2, 4, 7 and 13. The cost is \$25.

For more information, call Mark at 420-5876.

### M.V. Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

**TWIN FALLS** — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its weekly winners:

**Debut** — Post 3024, Thursday Pines Post, 213 Pines Ave., 7 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday and 7 p.m. Tuesday at Post of Hope court, 731-0779.

**Debut** — Post 3043 and auxiliary, 11 p.m. second Tuesday at VFW Hall, 554 Highland Ave. Call Alice at 678-9081.

**Debut** — Post 2072, N. Andrew Miller Post, 6 p.m. third Tuesday at Idaho Electric Building, 733-1000.

**Debut** — Post 3646, Glenn's Ferry Post, 7 p.m. third Tuesday at Veterans Memorial Hall, 366-2710.

**Debut** — Post 3076, Tipton Post, 8 p.m. third Tuesday at Gooding War Memorial Hall.

**Debut** — Post 4126, Big Wood River Post, Bellevue, 599 Fourth St., 8 p.m., third Tuesday.

**Debut** — Post 3678, Idaho Hoopes Post, 7 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at Rupert Child Development Center, 366-2710.

**Debut** — Post 3081, Little Wood River Post, 7 p.m. second Tuesday at Shoshone members home, 866-2525.

**Debut** — Post 2136, Henry Lytle Post, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at Twin Falls DAV Hall, 420-3366, 733-1000.

**Debut** — Post 2574, Thousand Springs Post, 7 p.m. first Wednesday at American Legion Hall in Wendell, call quarter master at 364-2494.

### American Legion

**Burley** — Post 17, 7 p.m. third Thursday at 1501 Oakley Ave., call Lytle Morton at 678-5117.

**Idaho** — Post 82, 7 p.m. second Tuesday Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. second Tuesday at Legion Hall, call Lytle at 825-5215.

**Idaho** — Post 18, Elmer Miller Post, 8 p.m. first Wednesday, and third Wednesday, call Lytle at 825-5215.

**Idaho** — Post 276, 8 p.m. first Tuesday at Traveler's Office, call Jack Lindson at 424-994.

**Jan 6:** First, Riley Burton and Pyle; and Betty Selley, second, Betty Grant and Jessie Lingway; and third, Lonnie and Beverly Burns.

**Jan 8:** First, Riley Burton and Betty Selley, second, Betty Grant and Jessie Lingway; and third, Joye Astorquia and Betty Grant with Harold Bulcher and Sandy Sexton.

**Jan 10:** First, Doug Strand and Tom Wagner, second, Sandy Sexton and Mary Tucker, and third, Doris Finney and Betty Sabo.

**Jan 11:** First, Ruby Grimes and Betty Selley, second, Madeleine Sawaya and Mary Ann Siegel; third, Bonnie Asplante and Enid Cook; and fourth, Al and Frances Anglin.

**Jan 12:** First, Harold Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll, second, Beverly Burns and Mary Kienlen; third, Beverly Reed and Matt Smith; and fourth, Elaine Bowen and Ruth Skerby.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Tuesday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. Refreshments are served.

For more information or a partner, call 324-2000.

### Wendell Community Blood Drive takes place Monday

**WENDELL** — A community blood drive will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday at the Wendell Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 605 N. Idaho St.

For more information, call Shirley or Mike Alberson at 324-2000.

### January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month

**WENDELL** — Wendell High School and Middle School are having parent conferences from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon Friday.

Teachers will be in their classrooms.

Parents will receive their child's report card when they come.

Report cards not picked up at conference time will be available next week.

For more information, call 536-2100.

## Holly could be a star with the right family

"I would describe my personality as sometimes serious and sometimes bubbly. I like being around animals. I've been involved with 4-H and raised my own steers. When you work with animals, you learn to become emotionally involved and then break away (when the animal is sold)."

"I'm going to become an actress sometime. I've always known that. I haven't always known that I could live with adoptive parents, but a counselor in my group home made such a difference when he listened to me and he cared about me. I could imagine him being my father. That's the first time I realized how much I need the support of parents...."

Holly's social worker describes her as "an independent thinker who doesn't fall into peer pressure. Holly and her adoption team will be looking for a single mom or couple who will help

### Wednesday's Child



**Holly**  
Age 15

her stay in close contact with family in southeast Idaho.

To find out more about Holly call the Idaho CareLine number, 1-800-926-2588. In Idaho you can call 212-1. You may be asked to provide this reference number: 30145.

### Civic

#### Rotary Clubs

**Blue Lakes** — 7 a.m. Thursdays at Red Lion Hotel in Twin Falls, call 736-0170.

**Burley** — noon Thursdays at the Burley Inn, call Jane at 678-0382.

**Gooding** — 12:05 p.m. Thursdays at the Grandstands, 542-6000.

**Halley** — noon Thursdays at the Blaine Hotel, call 234-1111.

**Idaho** — noon Thursdays at China Vee, 1223 Alford, 424-7000.

**Idaho** — noon Thursdays at the Burley Inn, call Bob Smith at 678-0382.

**Rupert** — noon Thursdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge, call Bob Smith at 678-0382.

**Twin Falls** — noon Thursdays at the Twin Falls Elks Lodge, call 734-6549.

#### Elks Clubs

**Burley** — noon Thursdays at Pines Gate, 2141 Overland Ave., call 678-2235.

**Burley** — 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday at Laramie Barbecue conference room, 1111 S. N. Alford, call call Jane at 678-0382.

**Gooding** — 8 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at the Gooding Elks Lodge, call Betty Wardell at 542-6000.

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## CLUB CALENDAR

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

**Beta Sigma Phi Sorority**  
Alpha Tau — 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays in Twin Falls, call Maggi at 423-4260 or 734-1460.

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Beta Tau — 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays in Twin Falls, call Maggi at 423-4260.

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Upsilon Tau — 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays in Twin Falls, call Maggi at 423-4260.

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When dummy comes down for your four-spade contract, you can see that finessing East for the club king might provide your 10th trick. Since the chances of that finess succeeding are not so good, is there anything better?

Yes, Declarer should win the first trick in dummy and immediately lead a club to the nine. West will take his king and play a second heart, but South can win and cash the ace and queen of clubs, discarding a losing heart. The point of the deal is to play clubs to establish a discard, not to avoid a loser. Leading to the nine gives you a chance for an extra trick when East holds both the jack and 10. If West had one of those two cards, you would still be able to play to finesse East for the club king on the next round for your discard.

While playing to the club queen immediately provides the best chance of escaping a club loser, that play would leave you one loser in each suit when the club finess fails. By contrast, losing a trick unnecessarily by leading to the club nine would still allow you to finesse the club queen later to dispose of the heart loser, though it risks an extra undertrick.

Of course, you must play on clubs before drawing trumps, or else your opponents can establish their hearts before you set up the clubs. Because the defenders have the advantage of the opening lead, they can knock out your two heart stoppers before you can knock out both their trump and club stoppers.

<b>NORTH</b>		01-19-A
♠ K 9 7 3	♥ A K 4	
♦ Q 5 3	♣ 6 2	
<b>WEST</b>		
♠ A	♥ Q J 9	
♦ A J 10 9 7 6	♣ K 5 3	
<b>EAST</b>		
♠ 2	♥ 10 7 5 3	
♦ K 8 4	♣ J 10 8 7 4	
<b>SOUTH</b>		
♠ Q J 10 8 6 5	♥ 8 2	
♦ 2	♣ A 9	

Vulnerable: East-West  
Dealer: East

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	3 ♦	4 ♠	Pass

Opening lead: Heart queen

#### BID WITH THE ACES

<b>South holds:</b>		01-19-B
♠ K 9 7 3	♥ A K 4	
♦ Q 5 3	♣ 6 2	
<b>South</b>		
♠ 1	♥ Pass	
♦ 2	♣ 2 ♥ Pass	

**ANSWER:** Bid two no-trump. Your partner's cuebid here shows a decent hand, asking you to say whether you have any extra values. Here, you are by no means minimum and have hearts well stopped. The two-no-trump call shows this precisely.

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