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Voters pass bonds



Alfred Stephens, of Jerome, casts his votes Tuesday at Central Elementary School in Jerome. Two Jerome school bond levies totaling \$26.5 million were on the ballot to determine if the school district will build a new elementary and middle school.

Jerome says yes to building new schools

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

JEROME — Passing a school bond here has happened only once in three decades of trying.
Tuesday night, voters apparently changed course of habit and agreed to invest in the future of academics when they overwhelmingly passed two school bond levies totalling more than \$26 million.
The nod of approval, which will help build new elementary and middle schools, arrived shortly before 11 p.m. after the final votes were counted.
Nearly 74 percent of voters favored building a new elementary school; slightly more than 71 percent said yes to a new middle school.
It was, by many accounts, quite a campaign effort to win the voters' approval.

Election results

Elementary school bond:
Yes — 73.9 percent,
No — 26.1
Middle school bond:
Yes — 71.2 percent,
No — 28.8
(with 100 percent reporting)

How they voted

All six polling locations voted the necessary two-thirds majority for both bond levy issues.
Central Elementary voters approved the elementary bond by 75.5 percent; middle school bond received 74.1 percent.
Horizon Elementary voters approved the elementary bond 73.2 percent; middle school bond, 69.2 percent.
Jerome Middle School voters approved the elementary bond 74.2 percent; middle school bond by a 68.5 percent approval.
Jerome High School voters approved the elementary bond 73.4 percent; middle school bond with 70.1 percent.
Gibson Residence voters approved the elementary bond 73.9 percent; middle school bond with 69.5 percent.
Jefferson Elementary voters approved the elementary bond 73 percent; middle school with 72 percent.

Vote day

"It was no coincidence that we had the open-houses in the school during the elections," Bragg said.
The polls were open from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. at all the elementary schools, the middle school and the high school.
At 5 p.m., lines began forming at voting booths inside Central Elementary as

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— Chris Bragg, public relations officer for the Jerome School Facility Improvement Committee

election workers handed out blue and yellow ballots — the blue ballot gave voters the option of supporting or rejecting a new elementary school, and the yellow ballot gave them the option of a new middle school.
Sue Grimsman, an election worker at Jerome High School, monitored the ballot boxes all day.
“It’s really been a steady stream of (voters) all day,” Grimsman said, “although, it might have been a little slower in the morning.”

The results

The first results that came in showed more than 70 percent approval for both the elementary and middle school. Although those who were present were pleased to hear the first numbers to come in, many feared the remaining polling areas would be different.
To calm their nerves, those who waited for the results checked World Series scores, talked about possible election outcomes and tried to joke about serious issues facing education.
A few minutes shy of 11 p.m., the final tally was posted.
More than 70 percent of voters apparently agreed with the effort to build the future of Jerome’s schools.

U.S. death toll reaches 2,000 in Iraq

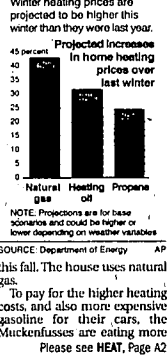
Election officials say constitution has passed 4 to 1

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The American military death toll in the Iraq war reached 2,000 Tuesday — the same day Iraqi officials touted final tallies that indicate their constitution passed by a 4 to 1 margin.
With the announcements of three more U.S. deaths, including an Army sergeant who died of wounds at a military hospital in Texas and two Marines killed last week in fighting west of Baghdad, the 2,000 mark was reached amid growing doubts among the American public about the Iraq conflict, launched in March 2003 to destroy Saddam Hussein’s alleged weapons of mass destruction. None was ever found.
In Washington, the U.S. Senate observed a moment of silence in honor of the fallen 2,000. “We owe them a deep debt of gratitude for their courage, for their valor, for their strength, for their commitment to our country,” said Republican Majority Leader Bill Frist.
Critics of the war also acknowledged the sacrifice, even as they questioned the policies of those who led it.
“Our armed forces are serving ably in Iraq under enormously difficult circumstances, and the policy of our government must be worthy of their sacrifice. Unfortunately, it is not, and the American people know it,” said Sen. Edward Kennedy, the Massachusetts Democrat.
President Bush warned the U.S. public to brace for more casualties in the fight against “as brutal an enemy as we have ever faced, unconstrained by any notion of common humanity and by the rules of warfare.”
“No one should underestimate the difficulties ahead,” Bush said in a speech Tuesday before the Joint Armed Forces Officers’ Wives’ luncheon in Washington.
The passage of Iraq’s constitutional referendum delivered a blow to Sunni Arabs, who came close to defeating the charter and who will now try to amend it after electing a new parliament in December.
Many Sunni Arabs had hoped to kill the constitution by rallying two-thirds of the voters in three of Iraq’s 18 provinces to vote against it — a veto provision designed to protect Iraq’s minorities. They came close, winning solid majorities against the constitution in three provinces, but they fell short of the two-thirds threshold in the third.
The election results came amid continuing violence and a new rash of car bombings that killed at least 18 people Tuesday — six in Baghdad and 12 in a car bombing in Sulaymaniyah, a normally tranquil city about 170 miles north of Baghdad.

Rising energy costs gnaw at homeowner budgets

The Associated Press
NEW YORK — The airy cathedral ceilings that have helped sell thousands of new homes over the past decade have turned into a liability.
Soaring prices for natural gas and heating oil are making big open spaces much more expensive to keep warm. So homeowners already contending with higher property taxes and, in some cases, larger mortgage payments, are also juggling bigger energy bills.
“We’ve cut back (on expenses) so much that we don’t see much in return because prices keep going up,” said Kimberly Muckenfuss, a Washington Township, N.J., mother of five. “It never seems like we’re ahead. We are just keeping up.”
The family, which has been in their roughly 2,400-square-foot home for just over three years, has seen its heating bills rise from \$75 a month when they first moved in to \$161 a month

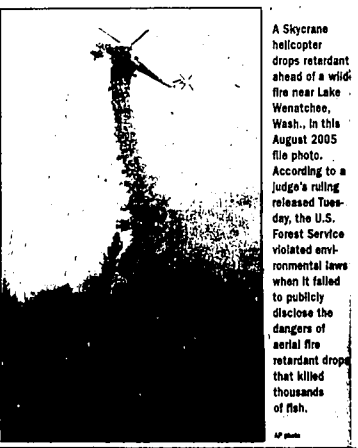
Spending on heat



Judge: Forest Service violated law

Agency must look at effect of aerial fire retardant on wildlife

The Associated Press
GRANTS PASS, Ore. — The U.S. Forest Service violated environmental laws, including the Endangered Species Act, when it failed to go through a public process to consider the dangers of fire retardant drops that have killed thousands of fish, a judge has ruled.
The Forest Service decision not to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act on the dangers of using toxic fire retardants “appears to be a political decision,” District Judge Donald W. Molloy in Missoula, Mont., wrote in the decision released Tuesday.
Judge Molloy ordered the Forest Service to prepare a formal environmental analysis of the effects of fire retardant on the environment and consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
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A Sky crane helicopter drops retardant ahead of a wild fire near Lake Wenatchee, Wash., in this August 2005 file photo. According to a judge’s ruling released Tuesday, the U.S. Forest Service violated environmental laws when it failed to publicly disclose the dangers of aerial fire retardant drops that killed thousands of fish.

TWIN FALLS: FIVE DAY FORECAST
Today: Increasing clouds to hazy mostly cloudy. Highs, lower 60s.
Tonight: Incoming light shower activity. Lows, lower 40s.
Tomorrow: A lingering very early morning shower, then variably cloudy. Highs, 50s.

BOISE: FIVE DAY FORECAST
Today: Increasing clouds. Highs, 60s.
Tonight: Encouraging mostly cloudy, maybe a shower late in the day.
Tomorrow: An early shower possible, then continued mostly cloudy and a bit cooler. Highs, upper 50s.

IDAHO: FIVE DAY FORECAST
SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
The next week to bring days a more active and more most weather patterns will move through. Scattered showers to mixed showers will be possible at times through the rest of the week.

BOISE
An incoming weather disturbance will bring passing showers to the region today. A break on Thursday will be replaced by another chance for light showers on Friday.

NORTHERN UTAH
We will get by with one more fairly nice fall day than incoming showers will be a better bet Thursday and Friday.

There is a real magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment.

CHAS. MAGNAN'S CHOICE OF THE WEEK
There is a real magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment.
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Today: Increasing clouds. High 63, Low 41.
Tonight: A few showers passing through. High 57, Low 38.
Thursday: Morning light showers, then dry. High 57, Low 35.
Friday: Mostly cloudy, developing showers. High 57, Low 35.
Saturday: Turning partly cloudy. High 56, Low 34.
Sunday: Mostly cloudy, maybe a shower late in the day. High 53, Low 32.

Temperature High 63, Low 41
Precipitation 0.17
Humidity 75%
Barometric Pressure 30.17
Sunrise and Sunset Sunrise: 8:00 AM, Sunset: 6:37 PM

MOON PHASES
Nov 2 New Moon, Nov 9 First Light, Nov 16 Full Moon, Nov 23 Last Light
MOONRISE AND MOONSET
Thursday Moonrise: 2:37 AM, Moonset: 4:34 PM

REGIONAL FORECAST and **WORD FORECAST** tables showing weather conditions for various cities across Idaho and Utah.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP
A map of the United States showing weather patterns, including fronts, cold, warm, and stationary air masses.

CANADIAN FORECAST table showing weather conditions for various Canadian cities.

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Served on the potential harm to endangered fish, but did not bar the Forest Service from using fire retardant until it complied.
Andy Stahl, executive director of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics, which brought the lawsuit, said the group did not ask the judge to bar the use of toxic fire retardants. Instead, the organization based in Eugene hopes the ruling will lead the Forest Service to stop fighting wildfire like a war and start managing it as a natural part of the ecosystem.
"For 100 years the Forest Service has fought fire rather than manage it," said Stahl. "It's a smoke-and-mirrors game. They want you to look at the big picture." There are alternatives and we need to get smarter about fire."
Stahl compared the impact of the ruling to those protecting habitat for the northern spotted owl, which forced the Forest Service to drastically reduce logging to protect habitat for hundreds of species, not just the owl.
Forest Service spokeswoman Heidi Valtkevitch said the agency was reviewing the ruling, but as a matter of policy did not comment on legal matters.
The judge did not elaborate on the political decision comment, but environmentalists and Democrats have been complaining that Bush administration political goals of repealing environmental laws are motivating Forest Service decisions. This month the Forest Service withdrew permits for 1,500 activities on national forests around the country, such as cutting Christmas trees, to comply with a court order in a lawsuit over public participation in a timber sale. The judge in that case told the Forest Service it had gone much too far.
Stahl's organization filed the lawsuit in 2003, a year after 1,000 to 2,000 pounds of toxic retardant were dropped in Fall Creek in Central Oregon, killing more than 20,000 fish in six miles of the stream. Unknown numbers of fish died as the poi-

Mayor: New Orleans will shrink to half its previous population

The Washington Post

NEW ORLEANS — Mayor C. Ray Nagin, who has vowed to resurrect his crippled city, completed Tuesday that New Orleans will shrink to nearly half its pre-hurricane population and will have to make do with one-third of its previous budget.
With as many as 250,000 homes uninhabitable and some neighborhoods still lacking basic services, Nagin estimated the city's shattered infrastructure could support 250,000 to 300,000 residents over the next year, compared with the half a million people who lived here before Hurricane Katrina struck Aug. 28.
"That's every available space," he said in an interview in New Orleans City Hall, where signs warn visitors to avoid contaminated areas and workers are replacing blown out windows. Nagin said his staff is scouring lists of blighted properties that could be renovated for temporary housing, as well as scouting for vacant lots, parks and supermarket parking lots to place thousands of trailers.
On Thursday, Nagin, who

once oversaw a \$600 million annual budget, intends to unveil a \$230 million spending plan, "boostered" — if "we're lucky" — by tax revenue from businesses reopening in the city's least damaged sectors, he said. That projection, he said, relies heavily on loans and has a \$70 million to \$80 million shortfall that he has yet to figure out how to fill.
"Ten months after the worst natural disaster in modern U.S. history here, Nagin spoke from his second-floor office, where a copy of Rudolph Giuliani's book "Leadership" is displayed next to the conference table. Nagin acknowledged much of the city's future — and his own — is out of his hands.
He expressed continued frustration with a federal bureaucracy that has given him "very little" control over the hundreds of millions of dollars appropriated for Katrina relief. So many businesses have fled that Nagin has been forced to travel outside the state to try to win them back. And his staff, it will be up to Gen. Kathleen Binbeneux Hince, D., to decide whether the city's Federal primary elections will be held as scheduled.

"I think it would be great if it could go forward," he said.
Nagin, a Republican who switched to the Democratic Party to run for mayor, was elected in March 2002, defeating Richard Pennington, a former assistant chief of the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington who became New Orleans police chief in a city that was 67 percent African American, Nagin won by dominating the vote in majority white districts. Many of those make up the "geographic footprint" he has identified for repopulating after the hurricane, including the Garden District, the French Quarter and Uptown.
Even the election has become entangled in disaster recovery. Federal authorities have denied requests for the address of Katrina evacuees. City and state officials, while working with federal authorities over the release of addresses of evacuees that could be used in absentee balloting.
Nagin, who was a cable television executive, has floated the idea of letting New Orleans use electronic voting kiosks similar to automatic teller machines in cities across the United States.

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meaks at home and they're using a crock-pot and microwave more often instead of the gas stove. The family is even drying clothes on a line, foregoing the gas dryer.
Energy costs have always been a concern for homeowners, but the trend toward larger houses has made energy prices particularly problematic.
When William Levitt — considered by some to be the father of suburbia — began building houses in 1947 for U.S. servicemen on Long Island, the single-family home averaged about 800 square feet. Today, new homes in the U.S. average 2,300 to 2,400 square feet and ceilings are higher, creating much more air that needs to be heated. And with energy prices rising steadily, heating costs are eating into the budgets of many home owners.
Higher costs have also changed the way some people shop for homes of any size.
Matthew Kozl, who's been trying to sell his West Brookfield, Mass., investment property — a bungalow overlooking a lake — finds potential buyers are worried about energy prices.
"The first question is, how much will it cost to heat the home? And they're interested in the quality of the insulation," Kozl said.
A prospective buyer looking at a newly built home remarked, "Thank God... the extra insulation will help with heating costs," while a buyer eyeing another property "wanted to make sure the wood pellet stove was staying with the house," recalled Brenda Binzewski, of

Heat
Carlson/GMAG Real Estate in Palmer, Mass.
"Energy costs are becoming a larger part of expenses so people may change what they look for in a new home," said Thomas Kenney, director of engineering services at the National Association of Home Builders, an industry trade group.
According to Kenney, the annual energy cost today is \$1,554, compared with \$1,190 ten years ago.
Not all of the higher energy costs are tied to heating homes. Some are due to the proliferation of electrical outlets in homes — what the building industry calls added plug loads — to power an increasing number of appliances, such as televisions and computers and their peripherals.
Home construction, to be sure, has improved since Levitt first poured foundations in the late 1940s. The oil crisis of the 1970s prompted many home owners to insulate their homes and the retention of a home's heat has been aided by innovations like double glazed windows as well as house wraps that sit between a home's outside wall and its siding.
These benefits, though, have been countered by the recent belief that bigger is better, according to Jim Haughey, director of economics at Reed Business Information, which tracks information about construction materials. "When you turn the thermostat on, you heat cubic feet" and higher ceilings add to the area that has to be heated, he said.
The Energy Department pre-

dicts winter heating bills will be a third to a half higher than last year for most families across the country — an average of \$350 more for natural gas users and \$378 more for fuel oil users.
The rising prices are backed in part on Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which damaged oil and natural gas installations and disrupted production. But the price of oil had already climbed to record levels before the storms.
More than half of all U.S. households heat with natural gas. Nearly a third of the country relies on electric heat, but those homeowners may see their bills go up too, because many power plants run on natural gas. And many homes in the Northeast use heating oil.
Many homeowners will probably need to change their spending habits, according to Beverly Gale, president of Cambridge Credit, a debt consulting agency. "The increased fuel prices will last for months... This winter's heating bills will also rise dramatically. You must begin to prepare for that. The effect that this will have on your finances," he wrote in a letter to clients last month.
Debra McNaughton, a debt counselor based in Boca Raton, Fla., has suggested consumers stop payment plans with utilities that allows them to spread payments over a 12-month period to avoid a shock of a jump in heating costs. Strategy adopted by Kimberly Kluckert.

"By contacting a utility company (to set up a plan), you'll know how much to budget," McNaughton said.

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STORM RECOVERY

Floridians still without vital services

By John-Thor Dahlburg
Los Angeles Times

MIAMI — Officials in southeast Florida struggled Tuesday to restore power, clear roads and rush water and ice to residents unprepared for the damage inflicted by Hurricane Wilma.

A day after the unexpectedly fierce Category 3 storm blasted in from the west — killing seven people — close to 3.1 million Floridians still were without power, said Kristy Campbell, a spokeswoman for the state emergency operations center.

"I don't think anybody anticipated the damage we woke up to," Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs said. "It's truly unprecedented."

Wilma carved a path of destruction across southern Florida's Atlantic seaboard from Palm Beach County to the Florida Keys. Traffic lights lay smashed on the pavement or dangling precariously from overhead cables. Downed poles and trees obstructed streets.

While some flights resumed Tuesday at Miami International, all the region's two other major airports — Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International and Palm Beach International — remained closed.

In the greater Miami area, 177 of 2,600 traffic lights were working. "What you have here with this storm is a lot of damage everywhere in the county," said Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Alvarez.

Wilma's winds, which gusted at more than 120 mph, ripped the roof off Erzalie Denis' three-bedroom North Miami home.

At midday Tuesday, Denis joined about 3,000 people who were anxiously waiting in a shopping center parking lot for officials to pass out much-needed water and ice. She had spent the night in her car with her 14-year-old son, Schier, who has asthma. Denis was afraid he would have an attack if he slept in their soggy home.

"I don't know what to do," said Denis, 34. Neither of her cellphones was working, an all-too-common problem in the areas pummeled by Wilma. When she went to her local police department and a hospital to ask for assistance getting housing, Denis said, she was given more telephone numbers she couldn't call.

Denis had had in hurricane supplies, she said, but the



People walk past downed trees Tuesday after Hurricane Wilma came through the Fort Lauderdale area Monday. The storm caused billions in damage, and left millions without electricity or basic services.

Florida shifts back into recovery mode

Officials of Florida's three most populous areas — Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties — prepared to distribute essentials to residents Tuesday. There were 8,207 people in shelters.

Counties designated for assistance

- Individual & public assistance
- Public assistance

Power outages by county

0-1,500	FLORIDA	0-1,500
1,501-10,000	FLORIDA	1,501-10,000
10,000-100,000	FLORIDA	10,000-100,000
100,000-900,000	FLORIDA	100,000-900,000
900,000+	FLORIDA	900,000+

Palm Beach:
One dead

Collier: Two dead

Broward: One dead

St. John's (not shown):
One dead

SOURCES: FEMA Florida Power & Light, Progress Energy

'bread, potato chips and other foods had gotten waterlogged. "We don't have anything now," she said.

Throughout southeastern Florida, where the weather was sunny and pleasant Tuesday, lines began forming as early as 9 a.m. for water and ice. In one spot in Broward County, emergency services spokesman Carl Fowler said, there were at least 2,000 cars. In many cases, the supplies had not arrived by late afternoon.

Deliveries to 15 distribution points in Broward County were delayed when the trucks couldn't be gassed up because there was no power to run the pumps, said Robert Lincoln, an official with the state Division of Emergency Management.

Voicing her frustration, Jacobs — a Democrat — accused the state government and Republican Gov. Jeb Bush of failing to meet its promises. "We can't get any answers from the state right now as to when those

trucks are expected," Jacobs said.

Water and ice deliveries also were tardy at some of the 11 distribution points opened in Miami-Dade County. "Ladies and gentlemen, we're trying. We're really trying," Alcaenz told a dejected news conference.

During a visit earlier in the day to Miami, Bush vowed that help was on the way. "My heart goes out to people that have lost a lot, and they can be rest assured that the state government and the federal government will

be working to provide support."

The governor's brother, President Bush — who plans to travel to Florida Thursday — also promised swift assistance. "There are a lot of people without power, and that's obviously a priority right now," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. "We're working to support the state of Florida's efforts, and they were well-prepared for this."

Some Floridians disagreed with that assessment. "To get water, you have to stand five hours in the hot sun. That's ridiculous," said Jackie Penha, 30, a bank employee who was among those waiting in the parking lot of a North Miami Beach shopping center.

Esther Feinerman, a Miami Beach real estate agent, had come with a little cart to haul the water and ice back home, but fumed that the police and National Guardsmen couldn't tell her when supplies would arrive.

"Florida is a Third World country operating in the U.S.," said the woman, who gave her age as "over 50." She had gone down with a spaghetti pot to scoop water from her apartment building's swimming pool to fill up her toilet tank so that she could flush it, she said.

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Migration may bring bird flu through Alaska

DENVER (AP) — As bird flu spreads continent to continent by wild birds, the seasonal migration that is normally one of nature's wonders is becoming something scary.

Wild birds that reach North America through migrating birds? Biologists in Alaska and Canada are keeping an eye out and say it's possible by next year. Scientists from several agencies have been monitoring large flocks in the northern part of this continent since last summer, collecting both live birds and thousands of samples from bird droppings. The results of those tests are pending, but so far scientists have not found the virus that is spreading across Asia.

Of course, the bigger fear is that bird flu will mutate into a flu that is both contagious and deadly to people and which would quickly spread around the globe through international travel. The current bird flu is not easily spread to people.

But scientists are studying the virus' transmission among birds as well. In the United States, a consortium of government agencies is seeking \$5 million over the next three years to test birds along their migratory routes in the Lower 48 states beginning next spring.

The patterns of the virus in Asia right now would not suggest that it would come over to North America this fall, said Christopher Bond, chief of field and lab research for the U.S. Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wis.

Here's why: Bird flu was observed spreading from domestic poultry to wild birds in Asia last summer in northern breeding grounds in Siberia. Most of those birds now are migrating south — along their distinctive routes called flyways — to India and Bangladesh, others follow southwestern routes to the eastern Mediterranean and even Africa.

Parks' death sparks talk on keeping dream alive

The Associated Press

The death of Rosa Parks underscores that the generation responsible for the key victories of the civil rights movement is fading into history, leaving its survivors with the challenge of keeping the movement's memory and work alive even as today's youth often seem disengaged.

As people get older and people pass, it becomes more and more difficult to have that sort of firsthand knowledge of the fight for integration, said U.S. Rep. John Lewis, a Georgia Democrat who first met Parks when he was a 17-year-old student and activist. "It becomes a little more difficult to pass it on."

Lewis, who once headed the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, added that the social challenges of today — persistent racial gaps in poverty, education and wealth, among others — highlight the continued need for activists and teachers to honor Parks' spirit.

"Her life should inspire a generation yet unborn to stand up," he said.

Parks is one of a handful of civil rights figures, along with Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, whose name most young people seem to know.

But many are more familiar with "Rosa Parks," the hit song by the hip-hop group OutKast, than her full story, said Benada Johnson, a 25-year-old graduate student at Bowie State University in Maryland, who met Parks in 1997.

"Young people definitely know who she was, but all we were taught in school was that she didn't get up because her feet were hurting," Johnson said. "They don't know her whole story."

In 1955, Parks was a seamstress and longtime secretary for the local NAACP who defied segregation laws and refused to give up her seat in a whites-only section of a public bus in Montgomery, Ala.

Then, 42, she inspired tens of thousands of working-class blacks — led by King — to boycott the local buses for more than a year. Finally, the Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling that declared Montgomery's segregated seating laws unconstitutional. The effort highlighted persistent bias against blacks across the nation.

After she died Monday at age 92, Parks was remembered as a quiet woman of steady resolve, whose simple act helped spark the biggest movement for social change in American history.

"But that was 50 years ago," said Bruce Gordon, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "A lot has changed in 50 years."

Many young people either don't know civil rights history or don't know why it matters, he said. Parks, who worked to educate youth about the struggle of black people, once chuckled that children sometimes asked her if she knew Sojourner Truth and Harriet Tubman, former slaves who lived generations before her.

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EDITORIAL

Mindoka County's doubts for a monument are valid

Give Mindoka County commissioners points for style and substance as they hear a local proposal to put a Ten Commandments monument at the courthouse.

Commissioners say they'll take the plan under advisement, but they're hesitant to stick a monument front and center, especially when federal courts are dodging a clear answer on its legality.

Members of the George Marshall Unit of the American Legion are lobbying the commissioners to place a monument right at the entrance of the Rupert building, the unit's purpose is twofold.

"It would keep the enemy from winning, and maybe someone who is on their way to court would read the commandment 'Thou shalt not bear false witness' and it would encourage them to be truthful in court," said unit member Don Murray.

Commissioners don't have much of a beef with that. They recognize most of the county would agree with a monument posing the Ten

Commandments, including themselves.

But there will be others who don't want it. And the commissioners are right to ask, "What happens when they raise a fuss?"

The American Legion says such a monument would honor heroes who defended the country. Those who defended our institutions and freedoms deserve such recognition. But it's also worth asking whether Mindoka County can afford a fight to defend a recently installed monument.

If they don't, then the monument could be legally removed. That kind of loss would solidify the flawed ideology that fights to keep all references to deity out of this country.

Legion members should wait for more clarity from the courts.

As for those who testify in Mindoka County court, an oath already reminds them to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God.

If that's not a monumental moment for honesty, a controversial piece of granite won't help much, either.

The ride to justice

Rosa Parks passed away quietly Monday at age 92. The same cannot be said about her impact on the country.

Parks was the seamstress from Montgomery, Ala., who became a heroine when she refused to follow segregation laws requiring black passengers to give up seats to whites. Her decision was spontaneous, but also sparked by years of oppression under Jim Crow-era discrimination.

Parks was a catalyst of breaking the city's segregation laws. But her case sparked the Montgomery bus boycott, a movement that jolted open the civil rights era. She eventually toppled the law at the Supreme Court, in one of the first cases that would end discrimination in federal laws.

"People always say that I didn't give up my seat because I was tired, but that isn't true," Parks once said. "No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in."

Parks' story teaches all Americans that one person can make a difference. The idea of justice is neither a relic, nor a forgotten line in a book, but a living reality that those like her, who refused to give in.

The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hurd, Chris Steinbach, Steve Crump, Eleanor Burkhardt, Ramona Jones and David Cooper.

Chris Steinbach

Teachers make a valid stand on contracts

I would like to commend the Twin Falls Education Association and the teachers who have filed a complaint against the school district.

As a parent of Twin Falls, I do not, about the lack of respect that the Twin Falls School District is currently giving its teachers, I am having a difficult time understanding why the district is choosing to treat its teachers with such disrespect.

The money that the district is receiving from the state is based on current years of experience and class credits. Yet the district is refusing to pay the teachers their increments. Why is that? Increments are not negotiated every year, they are automatic and renewable.

As I researched the districts that have not settled, I found that contrary to what Dr. Holts stated in the newspaper on Oct. 19, most districts are, in fact, paying their teachers their increments. Pocatello, Coeur d'Alene, Wendell and Buhl, just to name a few, are choosing to show respect for their teachers by paying their increments.

It would cost Twin Falls nothing to do this, it is getting the money from the state anyway. Shame on you for allowing this to happen. Our teachers in Twin Falls are fabulous, they work hard and they deserve more!

Teachers, good luck continue to stand united and know that many patrons are proud of you for standing up for what you

believe in.
GAYLE MILNER
Twin Falls

Course an eye-opener for state driving laws

I was one of a group of 15 who attended the American Association of Retired Persons Driver Safety Program recently and it was a wake-up course to know and understand driving laws and practices on Idaho roads and highways.

I would recommend this course, which covers eight hours in two days, to all drivers over the age of 50.

Information is available by calling Charles Siegel listed in the phone book.
TERRY WERTZ
Twin Falls

Prosecuting attorneys aim for power, not justice

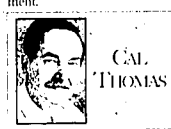
I have to agree with the letter by Cayrol Heber about slow justice from prosecuting attorneys. These attorneys simply do not care about anything to do with justice, they are just in the job to gain political power, and that goes for the prosecuting attorney here in Twin Falls as well.

You need to have experience to do the job, just the ambition to be a lawyer and maybe be a crime reporter someday.

Plain and simple, there is not an attorney who really cares about anything except power and the money it brings. They may say they care, but they lie very, very well.
KEVIN COON
Twin Falls

Lessons from and for George W.

Near the end of his magnificent book, "77," historian David McCullough writes this about George Washington: "He was not a brilliant strategist or tactician, nor a gifted orator, nor an intellectual. At several crucial moments he had shown marked indecisiveness. He had made serious mistakes in judgment."



Cal Thomas

Sound familiar? That's what critics of today's "George W." say about him.

McCullough concludes, "But experience had been Washington's great teacher from boyhood, and in his his greatest test, he learned steadily from experience."

Has the contemporary "George W." learned from experience?

In what could be a critical week for the Bush administration, special counsel Patrick Fitzgerald may indict top White House aide and political guru Karl Rove, along with Vice President Cheney's chief of staff and a chief strategist in the war in Iraq, J. Lewis "Scooter" Libby. If that happens, the media and their ideological friends in the Democrat Party might raise the ghost of Richard Nixon, assailing whatever errors, indiscretions or illegals these men may have committed are akin to Watergate.

That probably won't fly for long and the Democrats, given their recent history of detesting the faintest whiff of moral and ethical indiscretions (including King under oath), don't have much credibility in that area.

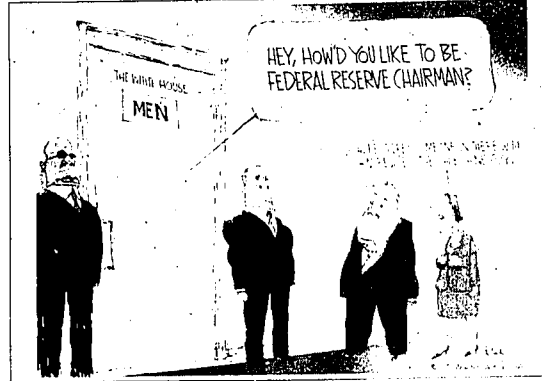
But even though the Democrats are in the driver's seat, their moral standing or ideas, it's not an excuse for the White House to ride out potentially bad publicity and refuse to do something to halt the continuing slide in public approval ratings.

What to do? First, the president should shake up his staff, bringing in new people who have vision, experience and unquestioned integrity.

Then, he should say what he thinks it means to be a conservative Republican, which once meant smaller, cheaper and less intrusive government. Under Republicans, the cost and reach of government have expanded, including gobs of new money for education and new entitlement programs that would change New Deal. A real conservative would at least try to reverse this trend, even if he fails.

The president should announce something dramatic regarding the war in Iraq. He should speak about America's objective as victory, instead of the withdrawal of U.S. troops once Iraqi forces are ready to take over.

As military historian and American Enterprise Institute scholar Frederick W. Kagan writes in this week's *The Weekly Standard*, "The measure of success is not the number of



of Iraq battalions available, but the defeat of the insurgency. Both the strategy and the message must be: America will not leave Iraq until the Sunni Arabs, and all other groups and ethnicities, have abandoned the hope that violence will lead to political advantage."

To that end, the president should announce a plan to increase the size of the Army, which, as Kagan writes, could and should have been done as early as 2001. It had been done as late as 2003, a new troops would not be available to help crush the Sunni. And opposition and to persuade them we have no intention of withdrawing until the job is complete. They have tested their hopes on America cutting and running.

Following through on his pledge to do something serious about illegal immigration would go a long way to rebuilding the face of support for the president that is in danger of going out in many conservative beliefs.

If Harriet Myers withdraws her name for consideration as a

Supreme Court Justice, or if her nomination is defeated in the Senate, a known conservative would be just the ticket for restoring the base from its growing disgust.

President Bush must redefine himself publicly and for his own sake. What does he see beyond the face in the mirror and beneath the words others write for him? Where are his convictions and positions on which he will not compromise or alter?

The contemporary "George W." must at least state what is at stake domestically and in the war against radical Islam and he must never give up or compromise these principles.

Concerning that other "George W.," McCullough writes, "Above all, Washington never forgot what was at stake and he never gave up."

A lot is riding on whether this "George W." has that same attitude and vision.

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Leak case boils down to just a drop

If you, like me, have been trying to figure out the amount of Patrick Fitzgerald's investigation, Howard Dean has a couple of answers.

Neither involves the original reason for the special prosecutor's investigation — the revelation that White House aides deliberately outed a covert CIA agent.



John Tierney

Much of Washington now figures that Karl Rove and Scooter Libby didn't violate that law. But Patrick Fitzgerald's investigation, Howard Dean has a couple of answers.

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TERRY WERTZ
Twin Falls

As Dean explained, "This is not so much about Scooter Libby and Karl Rove. This is about the fact that the president didn't tell us the truth when we went to Iraq, and all these guys are involved in it."

Have a hard time with this argument, and not because I'm a fan of the Iraq war. If I'd been in the Senate, I would have voted against it.

The Bush administration's



plan to quickly transform a Middle Eastern country struck me as terribly naive.

When I consulted experts in democratization, they predicted that American troops would be stuck in Iraq for at least five years, if not forever.

But I can't understand Democrats now gleefully suggesting that Libby and Rove are getting their just desserts for the "crime" of claiming that there were WMD in Iraq.

Yes, they were eager to embrace any bit of evidence for weapons there, but they had plenty of company in their suspicions, including Democrats like Bill and Hillary Clinton.

The problem was that intelligence agencies weren't sure what was going on in Iraq, just as they've rarely known for sure what's going on in Iraq, just as they've rarely known for sure what's going on in Iraq.

They've often failed to detect new weapons programs, like the Iraq nuclear program that was unexpectedly discovered after the 1991 war.

And because they hate to be embarrassed that way, the agencies routinely overcompensate by wildly overestimating the enemy's capabilities, like the Soviet

Union's military and economic strength during the Cold War.

After the 1991 surprise invasion of the U.S. had its special unit to verify warning signs it could find WMD there.

But like any bureaucracy with an instinct for self-preservation, it also tended to be busy publishing doxish caveats about the uncertainty of the data. The result, as Stephen Hayes has chronicled in *The Weekly Standard*, was an array of contradictory assessments by the CIA before the war, and then a number of face-saving leaks after the war to blame the White House for overestimating the threat.

"One of the leakers was," Joseph Wilson, who accused the White House of making claims about Iraq's intentions that he had already disproved.

The White House struck back by leaking its side of the story and disparaging Wilson — some of whose claims were indeed found to be false by a subsequent Senate investigation.

It now looks as if the White House leakers were accurate in their warnings to reporters to

the leery of Wilson's story.

You can argue that the leakers should be fired for carelessness in revealing that Wilson really worked for the CIA, but there's been no evidence to show that they realized it was illegal because of her status as a covert agent.

You can argue that Libby should be fired for stupidity because of the letter he wrote to Judith Miller, the New York Times reporter, that sounded like a vaguely chunky — and misinterpreted — attempt to coach her testimony.

But no one deserves to go to jail for leaking to reporters accurate information without criminal intent. The special prosecutor was assigned to look for serious crimes, not to uncover evidence that bureaucrats blame other bureaucrats when things go wrong.

No one deserves to be indicted on conspiracy charges for belonging to a group that believed Iraq had weapons of mass destruction.

Foreign policy mistakes are not against the law.

John Tierney's e-mail is tierney@nytimes.com.

OPINION

LETTERS

Coal-fired plant is a threat to natural beauty

Concerning the Sempira coal-fired plant proposal, a quotation from the 26th president of the United States, Theodore "Jeddy" Roosevelt, the nation's first conservationist president, seems appropriate and worth repeating: "Do not let selfish men or greedily interests snuff your country of its beauty."
CHUCK EHRHSSON
Jerome

Twin Falls needs proactive solutions for the future

In David E. Johnson, and in running for the Twin Falls City Council, I'd be honored to have your vote on Nov. 8. As a council member, you will find me a responsive and responsible person who will do my best to serve the will of the great community. I'm a long-time (26 years) resident of Twin Falls who loves my community. I've traveled all over the country, and there's just no place like "home." I came here by choice in the 1970s, and I've continued to live here by choice because of the great community we have.

I've been a business manager here for quite a few years, both with Roy Raymond Ford and now with Leon C. Paulus. I believe I can bring my experience in business, budgeting and common-sense management to help the city grow and prosper in appropriate ways. We need to continue to attract the right kind of businesses, and to do so in a way which preserves our wonderful quality of life and resources.

I have a long history of working in community projects, whether it's the United Way, the hospital board or the chamber of commerce. I like to be involved in my community, and I'm an individual who seeks consensus.

I'm results-oriented but open to new ways of looking at things. I think of myself as a good listener and a person with an open mind.

Twin Falls faces a number of challenges and opportunities. I'm maintaining our infrastructure, to building our base

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of employment, to keeping our hand-working city employees, to need to think about proactive solutions, and to the debt to growth and development. I'm eager and excited to work for all of you as a voice of reason and thoughtful change. I'd be pleased to have your support on Election Day, Nov. 8.
DAVID E. JOHNSON
Twin Falls

Johnson knows how business builds T.F.

As a former Twin Falls mayor and council member and a member of the Twin Falls business community, I'm pleased to support David E. Johnson for Twin Falls City Council.

We seem to be in a period when people are looking at the past year and thinking perhaps we need a slower rate of growth. But we all have ups and downs in business cycles, and we do not want to create a "down" cycle through limited leadership. You can easily chase away business opportunity with regulation and red tape. We have all lived through periods of no growth, and it is not true.

David E. Johnson, general manager at Con Paulus, is running for Twin Falls City Council Seat 5. Dave is a friend of business, and is well-qualified for this position. I have served with Dave on several committees, including the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board and a committee to review a sign ordinance. Dave has the ability to analyze and understand situations and come to reasonable decisions.

The city of Twin Falls has many of the same operating issues as a large business. Dave's experience running successful businesses would be an invaluable asset to the city of Twin Falls. He knows how to control

costs and get things done in an efficient manner. The city of Twin Falls needs his expertise.

We have worked hard in Twin Falls to get a strong and growing business community and to get our local economy stable and moving forward. We should not allow the impression to spread that Twin Falls wants a moratorium. If that happens, good businesses throughout our nation will no longer look here for their expansions.

It is important that we elect Dave to help maintain our strong and growing business community. Please vote for David E. Johnson for Twin Falls City Council Seat 5 on Nov. 8.
DOUG VOLLMER
Twin Falls

New 'Life Remembered' feature rewards readers

I would like to thank and compliment you on the "A Life Remembered" section you have been doing.

It is wonderful to hear about these great people from the Magic Valley. It is sad that we only learn about their lives after their passing. I was especially touched by the life of Hubert Seal. I would like to publicly thank his family for him. What a great American and example of sacrifice. There are many of us who appreciate what he did for his country and the effect that it had on him his entire life.

It is a sad thing that that generation is so quickly leaving us. I cut that piece out of the paper and taped it to the breakfast bar counter so that my five teenage children and husband could have the opportunity to read it also.

Thank you, Hubert Seal, and may God bless your family.
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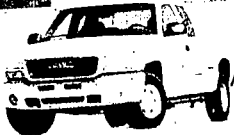
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The Smart Choice

Why do we lose sleep over sleep?

I'm moving out of my house, and my co-worker Matt came over the other evening to help me manhandle a king-size mattress out of the house.

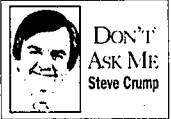
The mattress measures 6 feet by 6 1/2 feet. The basement stairs are 3 feet wide and 6 feet tall.

Yeha do the math. Only one folding, twisting and a hernia could we extract that mattress. As we were sitting on the back porch trying not to pass out, Matt found enough breath to gasp: "Next time, buy a futon."

Just so. The folks who make mattresses are never there to help you move them.

Consider the design of your basic mattress: Two slabs of wet spaghetti, all wrapped in a damask cover that caves in like your 16-year-old's alibi about going to the library to do homework.

The design could have been otherwise, of course. There could be a set of hinges in the middle that would allow you to fold the mattress up. Mattresses could be made flexible enough to roll up, like a carpet. Or they could come with a moving-out guarantee.



For 50 bucks extra, the manufacturer would guarantee — whenever you move — to send three burly guys over to carry it out of the house and up and down any stairs at your new place.

You'll find mattresses all over Idaho that are in public places and in advanced states of repair, lying on top of garbage cans, slung over the rails of front porches, tied to the tops of pick-ups. Some were killed by a bear, but we disrespect our mattresses mostly because we can't get them inside the damn house.

Other cultures are more sensible. The Japanese sleep on futons, mats that can be moved in an instant. The Swedes sleep on sturdy cedar-frame beds without padding because it's good for their character. The Russians sleep under the table, right next to their empty vodka bottles.

These are folks with a utilitarian understanding of shelter. It seems to me, which is that sleep is never worth losing sleep over.

We Americans, on the other hand, stay up nights worrying about sleep. We buy Cradmate adjustable beds, spend millions of dollars on Ambien, even watch "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" — all in hopes of being able to nod off for a few fleeting moments before the bedroom door bursts open and the 11-year-old yells, "I missed the school bus!"

Face it: We're not supposed to sleep. That's why you have dogs with dark circles under your eyes.

Dogs might keep you up by noisily gnawing on a rawhide bone all night. Or they can keep you awake by timing their barking so that it happens just as you drift off.

Or, like my dog Petunia, they do it by whining softly but persistently whenever and then typically occurs during the hours of 2 and 5 a.m. — she decides that the walk I took her on the previous evening just wasn't long enough.

Like any idiot dog owner, I then stagger to the back door, let Petunia out and stand there waiting for her to answer Mother Nature's call.

But Mother Nature has sense enough not to be awake at that hour, so Petunia wanders around the house indefinitely sniffing. I've actually fallen asleep leaning against the back door while waiting for her to finish.

This goes on, or in more or less regular intervals, until Petunia crawls up in the recliner and falls fast asleep. Minutes later, my alarm clock rings.

So I really don't have any need for a mattress that put Matt and me in traction. I think I'll get rid of it and do what any self-respecting dog owner does: Nap face-down on my computer keyboard at work.

Times-News writer Steve Crump wonders why the sheep in those Serta TV commercials look so well rested.

Accountant ordered to stop tax scheme

Twin Falls companies told to provide list of dairy-farm customers

By John Miller Associated Press writer

HOISE — A California accountant accused of bilking the federal government of \$12 million in employment and income taxes has been barred from promoting his dairy farm tax scheme by a federal judge in Idaho.

The U.S. District Court order, entered Tuesday by Judge J. Lynn Winmill in Boise, also requires Michael Lee Yohé of Newberry Springs, Calif., and two companies, Ag-Mart Services Inc. and Mautac Inc., both of Twin Falls, to provide the U.S. Justice Department with a list

of their dairy-farm customers and those customers' employees. He must also help them file corrected Internal Revenue Service forms.

Yohé was accused of disguising cash wages for employees at dairies in Arizona, California, Idaho and Oregon as in-kind milk payments.

Federal law exempts some in-kind payments of agricultural commodities for agricultural labor from income tax payments. In the Yohé case, however, he's suspected of using the two companies to prepare phony commodity statements that falsely reported that workers at dairies were

paid in milk. In the complaint originally filed in March, U.S. Attorney Tom Moss in Boise accused Yohé of running a "brazen tax-evasion scheme."

"In promoting their scheme, the defendants made false and fraudulent statements regarding the tax benefits available to purchasers of their program," Moss said in the complaint.

"The defendants know or have reason to know that their statements are false or fraudulent," the U.S. District Attorney didn't release the names of the companies that bought Yohé's services.

According to a statement from the attorney's office, Yohé

agreed to the order and pledged not to appeal it.

Efforts to contact Yohé in California were unsuccessful. His phone number isn't listed.

In Moss's complaint, a town-hall meeting in 2001 at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls where the IRS discussed in-kind compensation programs was attended by Yohé — as well as dairy farm representatives from around the region. In all, he enlisted 50 dairies in the four states, with more than 1,100 employees, to sign up for his scheme, which promised to save them up to 21 percent of their payroll expenses, according to

the complaint. Dairy workers at companies that bought Yohé's accounting services were disadvantaged because they no longer paid money into the federal Social Security system, making them or their families potentially ineligible for benefits in the event of an injury or death.

Moss said in the complaint. "The U.S. Justice Department and the Internal Revenue Service are working vigorously to stop tax scams at their source," said Eileen J. O'Connor, assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's tax division, in a statement.

"Another defendant, Michael A. Thompson of Filer, was dismissed from the lawsuit because he died."

COSTUMED CRITTER



Tricia Pierce holds her 5-year-old Chihuahua, Baby, during a 'Howl-o-ween' costume party and photo event Tuesday night at PetSmart in Twin Falls. Pierce made a poncho out of an old belt and used a doll hat to complete the costume.

SURPRISE, SURPRISE

Wendell principal receives recognition

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

WENDELL — Robby Sauer, principal of Wendell Middle School, realized the assembly wasn't about civics when the state superintendent started to explain how a few extra zeros can turn a \$250 check into a

\$25,000 check. The assembly was organized when State Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard announced that she wanted to speak on civics. So you can imagine Sauer's surprise when Howard presented him with the Milken Family Foundation National Educator

Award, which includes \$25,000 and a trip to Washington for the Milken education conference.

Before Howard announced the recipient of the Milken award, she told the students, teachers and administrators in the assembly how fortunate

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Buhl City Council hears wastewater treatment options

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

BUHL — "The people and businesses of Buhl are producing more sewage than the system can handle, and improving it may cost up to \$17 million."

The City Council heard the latest sewage report Monday from consultants J-U-B Engineers of Twin Falls.

The system already has cost the city \$38,000 in fines from the Environmental Protection Agency because the city failed to meet federal discharge limits.

"The system has an inadequate capacity for future growth," said Mark Holzen, an engineer with J-U-B Engineers. Twenty-five homes were built in the last 12 months and seven homes were built in 2004.

"The wastewater system was built in the 1960s to serve 3,000 people. In 1985 and 1991, the city upgraded the system to accommodate about 7,800 people."

"Now the system is loaded with a population equivalent of about 9,500. However, Holzen pointed out that industrial users are creating a relatively

high amount of the waste." Exactly how much of the waste is from industry will be explained in the next J-U-B report.

Improvements to the system are planned for growth of up to 13,650 people.

The upgrades to the system are going to be passive and are not going to come cheap. Depending on the type of system selected, Buhl could pay from \$13 million to \$17 million to build it and another \$1.34 million each year to operate it.

The average residential bill could rise as much as \$34 to \$65 a month. People now pay

\$18 a month.

Don Adams, with the Langdon Group of Boise, is working with J-U-B to manage conflict and oversee public involvement.

He explained some of the treatment options available to the city. Recommended improvements include replacing collection system pipes, siphon upgrades, upgrading lagoons, screening of the effluent, and either adding lagoons and a land application system or building a mechanical treatment plant.

With the land application system, some 450 acres would be needed so that the treated water could irrigate non-corn-sustaining crops.

Adams has explained the options to a citizen advisory group, and the group "liked the mechanical process," he said. "It rated better than a land application. They felt that it would be easier to expand in the future."

Regardless of what system is picked, the city already is exploring ways to pay for it. Bill Jarocki, director of the Environmental Finance Center at Boise State University, said Please see BUHL, Page B3

Clow faces pair of challengers

By Terry Smith Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Incumbent Lance W. Clow faces two challengers for his City Council seat.

R u n n i n g against him for Seat No. 1 are Tony Ash and Bruce Power.

The election will be Nov. 8. In interviews with The Times-News, candidates discussed their opinions on a number of issues, but were specifically asked the following questions:

• Why are you running for City Council? Clow: "I enjoy the challenge and I'm still enthusiastic," said Clow. "I still work as hard as I did at the beginning. I think my experience is one reason I need to be on the council — we're losing two experienced council members this year."

Clow said water is the most important issue to the city, and he's pleased with progress toward ensuring adequate quantities for future needs. Also, "we have to look closely at zoning — we need to have more single-family options for zoning codes."

Crime/police protection: "I'm against crime and for the police," Clow joked. Seriously though, "we need to continue our diligent efforts for community policing and community involvement in drug enforcement. I think overall, we do feel pretty safe in this town," he said.

Blue Lakes: "Medians could be very detrimental to some businesses along Blue Lakes Boulevard," Clow said, adding that medians could help reduce traffic accidents. "I haven't seen the final numbers, but right-turns only and consolidated driveways will accomplish the same with much less disruption to commerce."

Wal-Mart: "I don't think who the applicant is should be the decision — I think it should be based on the facts and codes," said Clow. "I'm pretty much a pro-business individual, but I don't have some commitment to the neighbors' I think we do."

Background: Clow is a certified financial planner with Ameriprise Financial in Twin Falls. Please see COUNCIL, Page B3

Why running? "I think it will be an education and a challenge," Ash said. "And I don't mind a good scuffle now and then, if you know what I mean. My one main issue is just to find out for myself that everything is being done in a correct manner according to Idaho law, the Idaho Constitution, the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and all the amendments after."

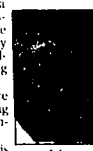
Specifically, Ash said residential streets need to be better marked at intersections. He's also concerned about public restrooms, especially at city parks. "I think our parks division could do a better job of keeping those up," he said.

Police protection: "To my knowledge, everything seems to be all right — but then you hear stories. But from what I see, it seems to be up to par," he said.

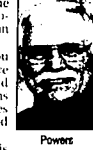
Blue Lakes: Ash does not think raised medians are the answer. "I would knock the speed limit down to 30 and enforce it at 35," Ash also thinks



Clow



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Harvey William Helderman



ARCO — Harvey William Helderman, 76, died Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.
Dad was born May 15, 1929, in Titchfield, Idaho, to Cecil and Fronia Harville Helderman. He was the oldest of seven children. Harvey attended school in Titchfield where he graduated from high school in 1947. Times were hard and money scarce so Harvey left the farm to work in construction. He worked at the same place where he worked for his room and board. He then went to Sun Valley to work for Sun Valley Stables, driving a team of horses. Some of his favorite stories to tell were of those times in Sun Valley.

April 6, 1947, he married Phyllis Padman, and had the first of his three children, Boy. Harvey and Phyllis were later divorced. On May 23, 1961, he married Betty Boley. They became the parents of a second son, Eric, in August of 1965. In November of 1965, a daughter, Robin, was born to bliss and complete their family. Betty and Harvey were later divorced.

Dad was a true cowboy and when he could no longer rope calves, we knew it was time to let him go. His life-long dream was to be a cowboy, his ac-

complishments in this dream were being a member of the Idaho Cowboy Assoc., Eastern Idaho Rodeo Assoc., Idaho Cutting Horse Assoc., Intermountain Pro Rodeo Assoc., Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo, United States Gilt Roper Assoc. and the United States Team Roper Association. Harvey is a Gold Card Member of the ICA, Senior Pro and a Lifetime Member of the Team Roper's Assoc.
He won many World Championship Competitions, the 1987, Bibbott Roper, the 6th years and older Gilt Roper of 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and the Canadian Breakaway Championship of 1995, 1996 and 2003. Harvey was inducted into the Idaho Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2003.

He is survived by his number one fan and supporter, Jeanne Hansen, Arco, Idaho; two sons, Roy Wayne (Vickie) Helderman of Arco, Idaho, and Eric Helderman of Elko. Neva, a daughter Robin (Ben) Barrett of Franklin, Idaho; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Bud Helderman of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Ken Helderman of Emmett, Idaho; a sister, Madge (Cookie) Swaburg; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Estel, and a sister, Phyllis Alley.
A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005, at the Hooker-Love Funeral Chapel in Arco. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Hooker Cemetery following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the NSPCA, Cowboy Crisis Fund, in memory of Harvey Helderman, 1925 N. Front St., Suite A, Hamilton, MT 59840 or the "68 Cal Roping Buckle" in memory of Harvey, in care of Hood River, Rm Box 25, Arco, ID 83423.

Clayton 'Fuzz' Gunter



TWIN FALLS — Clayton "Fuzz" Gunter, 53, of Twin Falls died suddenly from complications of throat cancer on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005, at his brother's ranch, hunting with his family and friends in Fairfield, Idaho.

Fuzz was born on Dec. 9, 1951, in Cottonwood, Idaho, the son of Kermit and Gene Gunter. As a small child, he moved from Cottonwood to the Stanley Basin area where they lived for a number of years before moving to Hansen, Idaho. He graduated from Hansen High School in 1970, where he excelled in track and field. Fuzz went to State, where he graduated, as a high jumper. He furthered his education at the College of Southern Idaho where he received the first track scholarship and again excelled in high jumping and was the first All-American in 1972.

On July 1, 1972, Fuzz married Vicki Ball in Kimberly, Idaho. Soon after they were married, they moved down to Logan, Utah, where he obtained his teaching degree at the Utah State University in 1975. They moved to Idaho, where he started his

special nicknames for his girls, Camille Gailie and Teepee Lavina.

Fuzz is survived by his wife of 33 years, Vicki Gunter of Twin Falls; two daughters, Callie (David) Kidd of Boise and Lavina Gunter of Twin Falls; his mother, June Gunter of Twin Falls; one sister, Sherry (Tay) Robinson of Billings, Mont.; as well as three in-laws, Leiden (Revel) Gunter of Filer, Jerry Gunter of Twin Falls and Ben Gunter of Hagerman. He is also survived by his only granddaughter, Alexis "Little Bug" Ramirez.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kermit Gunter, and one sister, Germa Gunter.
A celebration of Fuzz's life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 3 until 5 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the family may be made to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83403.

Everett L. Norris



HANSEN — Everett L. Norris passed away Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, at his home in Hansen, Idaho. He was born May 18, 1927, the eighth child of Quincy and Clara Norris. Everett farmed in the Magic Valley his entire life, the last 42 years with his son Marvin on their farm east of Hansen. Everett married Barbara B. Hardy on Aug. 25, 1949, in Israh Falls, Idaho. She preceded him in death in April of 1984.

Everett is survived by his children, Linda Adams, Jennine, Susan (Bill) Dismore, Idaho Falls, and Marvin (Marcia) Norris, Hansen. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Matt (Emily) Adams, Caleb (Jennifer) Adams, Quincy (P'Nenni) Candice, Brent

Daniel and Greg Norris; one great-grandson and two step great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The cornerstone of Everett's life rested on a complete love of family, farming and community.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara; one grandson, Jacob (C'Donough), three sisters and four brothers.
A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005, at Sunset Memorial Park.

Viewing for family and friends will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."
The family suggests memorials be given to Idaho Home Health & Hospice, 826 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83401.

DEATH NOTICES

Glenn Neff McGhie

MALTA — Glenn Neff McGhie, an 87-year-old Milla resident, died Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, at his home in Malta.
A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, 2005, at Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., Burley, with Bishop Ted Hurst officiating. The burial will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, 2005, at the Valley Via Cemetery in Malta, with pallbearers by the local veterans. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Payne Mortuary and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral. The family suggests that memorials be given to H.H. Hospice.

Nellie D. Lawyer

TWIN FALLS — Nellie D. Lawyer, 95, of Twin Falls, died early Saturday morning, Oct. 22, 2005, at Sun Valley Medical Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.
A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until the time of the service at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

A full obituary will appear in a later edition of *The Times-News*.

Dennis Lynn Mallory

HELYBURN — Dennis Lynn Mallory, a 53-year-old resident of Helyburn, died Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, in Tijuana, Mexico.
Arrangements will be made by Bussemisen Funeral Home, Burley.

Eva Lee Millsapugh

TWIN FALLS — Eva Lee Millsapugh, 81, died Oct. 25, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.
Arrangements will be made by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Burley.

SERVICES

Fred Swaner of Shoshone, graveside service at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Baptist Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the Wood River Chapel and from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday.

Marjorie Elaine Chapman Bunn of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Burley 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 515 E. 16th St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Bussemisen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Mary Ann Tuckett of Malta, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Malta 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Visitation from 6 until 8 p.m. today at Bussemisen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; and from 1 until 1:45 p.m. at the church.

Rose Marian Jaynes Lucero, graveside service at 10 a.m. Saturday at Glen Abbey Memorial Park in Bonita, Calif. (Metcalf Mortuary).

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Sarah R. Davis

BELEVEUX — Sarah R. Davis, 85, of Bellevue died Oct. 25, 2005.
Arrangements will be made by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls.

Donna Sue Dunn

DIETRICH — Donna Sue Dunn, 67, of Dietrich, died Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, at her

residence. Arrangements will be made by Demary's Shoshone Chapel.

A. E. 'Ann' Bliven

TWIN FALLS — A. E. 'Ann' Bliven, 81, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, at a Carling Place in Twin Falls.
A memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls, Idaho.

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Guardsmen to help with hurricane relief

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Sunday announced that 400 members of the Idaho National Guard will be deployed to Alexandria, La., Wednesday in support of hurricane relief efforts.

"Idahoans have watched with despair as the residents along the Gulf Coast have done their best to deal with these devastating hurricanes," Kempthorne said in a news release. "Idaho has stood, and continues to stand, at the ready to help in any way possible. These soldiers and airmen will help our fellow Americans return to normal lives."

Approximately 250 Idaho National Guard soldiers and 150 Air National Guard airmen will report to Coxen Field early in the week and depart Wednesday for Camp Beaugard in Alexandria, La. They'll be fully self-sustaining for at least 31 days as they'll be taking more than 100 vehicles along with equipment and supplies needed for that length of time. The Idaho National Guard will use its three C-130 cargo planes to fly as many soldiers and vehicles as possible to Louisiana.

Around the valley

and the remaining soldiers and vehicles will travel by convoy, the news release said.

Meet the City Council candidates today

TWIN FALLS — The candidates for this year's City Council election will be at a special forum from 7-9 p.m. today.

The forum has a question-and-answer format on issues relevant to the economy and the quality of life in Twin Falls. The public is invited. The event will be held at City Council Chambers, 305 3rd Ave. East. It is hosted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Twin Falls Area Association of Realtors and the Magic Valley Builders Association.

One will sit the forum live on Cable Channel 17. It will be re-aired at 6 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. Nov. 2, 3 p.m. Nov. 4, and 12 p.m. Nov. 7.

For more information, contact the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce at 733-

397-4.

Castletford bond meeting slated for Thursday

CASTLETFORD — The public is encouraged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church, located at 363 Elm Street, in Castletford.

A proposed bond to pay for the city's share of the water system upgrades in the amount of \$106,000 will be discussed.

For more information call 537-6544.

No school Friday for Twin Falls students

TWIN FALLS — Friday signals the end of the first quarter of the 2005-2006 school year in the Twin Falls School District. Students will be out of school but staff members will be on the job.

During part of the day, many staff members will be involved with in-service sessions that will help them implement some of the training they have received in previous sessions.

— compiled from staff reports

OBITUARY

Louise Ramos Aguilar

TWIN FALLS — Louise Ramos Aguilar, age 69, of Twin Falls, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2005, at her home.

She was born Feb. 18, 1936, in Rio Hondo, Texas, the daughter of Jose and Virginia Ayala Ramos.

Louise was educated in Rio Hondo, Texas, and on July 27, 1958, she married Ascension Aguilar who survives. The couple have made their home in the Magic Valley since 1975. She was an avid reader of the Bible and made a life of speaking and teaching others about the Bible.

For 12 years she served as a Pioneer with the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Louise enjoyed watching flowers grow and the beauty of God's nature. To the end she was faithful to Jehovah and wanted her children and family to be faithful too.

Louise is survived by her husband, Ascension Aguilar of Twin Falls; son, Rolando



Aguilar, daughter, Jacqueline (Jose E.) Huerta, both of Twin Falls; seven brothers, three sisters, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two sons, Ascension Jr. and Eduardo Aguilar.

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

Many citizen-soldiers pay ultimate price in Iraq. See Page E-4

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Award

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they were to work with the award recipient.

"This isn't an award that you can apply for," Howard said. "Someone has to be recognized for it, and someone here is going to get the award this year. They should let me know special they are. From this time forward they will be recognized as Milken educators."

However, it was the \$25,000 check that drew cheers, and accolades from the students.

Sauer appeared stunned when Howard announced he was the recipient of the national award. He stood silent for a moment, looking at Howard as he was taking a deep breath as the students cheered from the bleachers and teachers wiped tears from their eyes.

"I am really overwhelmed," Sauer said, speaking to the assembly. "I've been so blessed to work with Idaho's finest students and teachers."

The Milken award recognizes up to 100 educators nationwide for excellence in the classroom. Sauer was one of two recipients for the Milken award in Idaho this year. The second winner has yet to be announced.

Those who knew Sauer said he deserved the award for his devotion and his ability to form relationships with the community and students.



Howard

"He's an outstanding educator and an outstanding 'human being,'" said Don Fowler, principal of Wendell High School. "He's just the kind of person that you want to be around."

Wendell Superintendent Bob Stearns said Sauer's ability to create working relationships with others is what contributes — in large part — to his success as a school principal.

"It's all about relationships, and he has the ability to develop them with the kids and the community," Stearns said. "He is just one of those special human beings that picked the right profession."

Sauer said he only tries to treat others how he would like to be treated.

In the end, everybody was surprised. Sauer was surprised by the award and \$25,000. Teachers and students were surprised that the assembly was definitely not about civics. And Howard, who announced Monday she will retire in 2007, was surprised when students and teachers thanked her for her service with flowers and a standing ovation.

Council

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Falls. He has served 12 years on City Council, was mayor in 2002-2003 and is now vice mayor. He also is second vice president of the Association of Idaho Cities. Glue was born in California, but has lived 29 years in Twin Falls. He and his wife, Dee Dee, have two daughters.

Bob Powers

Why running: "I just think it's time to get some common sense on the council and some blue-collar experience," Powers said. "I just feel like I can be representative of the Twin Falls people — which has been lacking."

Powers said the new large blue garbage cans were a bad idea. He's also concerned about water issues. "Water is going to be critical. They're asking us to save water — but are we saving water just so we can expand the community? I'm not against building — but I'm against asking people to save water and then just continue to build and build."

Crime-police protection: "I think we need more police officers," Powers said. "First, we've got to keep the officers we've got. I think their pay level could be increased. I think we need more officers in traffic control and more officers in drug control."

Blue Lakes: "I'm against raised medians — I think there are several other options we should look at," he said. "I think right-hand turns only would be

a good idea." He also thinks increased police patrols would improve the traffic situation.

Wal-Mart: Powers said he's against Wal-Mart locating in Twin Falls because "they hurt small businesses when they do that." He thinks the development plan for the North Haven Business Park should have been more specific. "They left it so wide-open, they didn't think that far ahead."

Background: Powers is the maintenance supervisor at Cherrywood Apartments. He also is a Twin Falls County reserve deputy. He also serves as the Twin Falls representative to Crime Stoppers. Powers retired from the U.S. Forest Service after 31 years with the agency in fire and law enforcement occupations. He has lived in Twin Falls for 30 years and twice ran for county commissioner. His wife is Barbara.



Boyfriend's business plans shock woman's father. Read Dear Abby on page B-5

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federal grants aren't as readily available because of budgets being slashed by Congress to pay for hurricanes Katrina and Wilma.

"You must show an economic picture that makes a compelling case," he said about the grants.

"The picture for federal funding for grants is not looking good."

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create more flexible repayment options.

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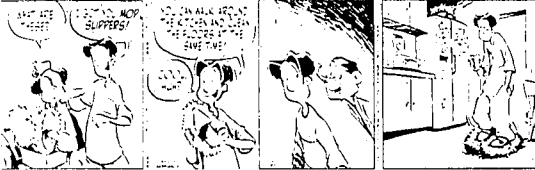
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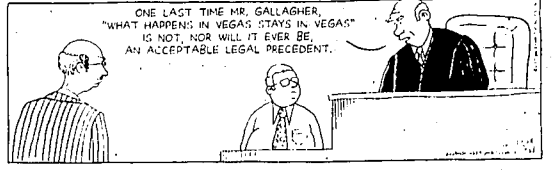
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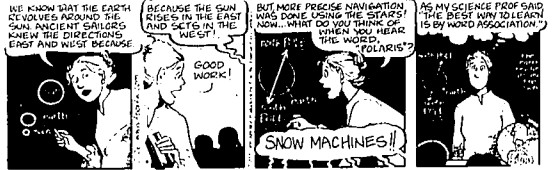
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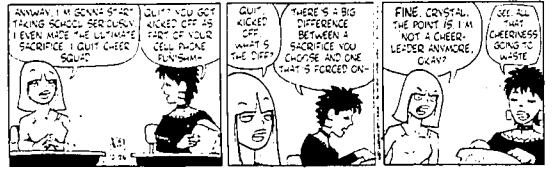
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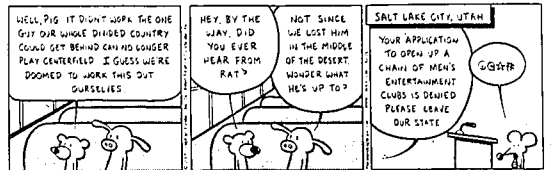
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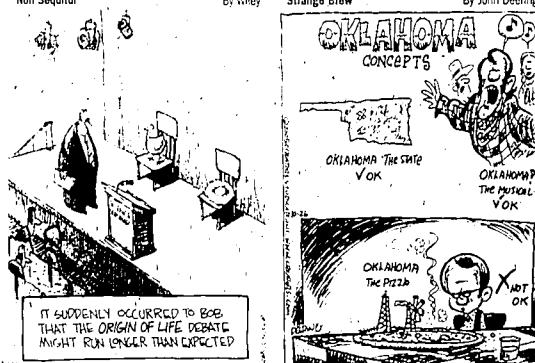


Non Sequitur

By Wiley

Strange Brew

By John Deering



It's time to prioritize, Aquarius

IF OCT. 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Jolly Jupiter will pass through your sector of the zodiac in the next few weeks and that is a good time to make plans for the future...

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Toe the line and stick to the rules. YOU MAY NEED TO WORK A LITTLE HARDER than usual...

COMICS

Boyfriend's big plans take woman's father by surprise



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Just before my daughter returned to college, my wife and I took her and her boyfriend, "Justin," out to dinner. It was the first time we'd met him, although they've been going out for about six months. They attend colleges a good distance apart, and see each other about once a month but talk daily.

As the dinner conversation progressed, I asked Justin what his major was and what he plans to do after college. He said he wants to be in the film industry. I asked what he plans to do if it doesn't work out. He responded, "Go into the family business." I asked what business Justin's family was in. He responded that his family didn't have a business, that he had meant our family business. Then he said, by the way, he would change how we were running it to produce more cash by slowing down our expansion plans.

My wife and I are in our 40s. We don't plan on retiring soon, or letting any of our own kids take over running the business. My wife says we should drop it. I think we should make it clear to Justin that our family business should not be his backup plan. If he did marry our daughter and wanted to come to work for the family business, he would be welcome. However, he certainly would not have the control he thinks he would. What are your thoughts on this matter, Abby?

— NOT READY TO RETIRE IN N.Y.
DEAR NOT READY: TO RETIRE: I'll say this for Justin, he's got an enthusiasm going for him; he speaks his mind and his contingency plan shows he has an eye to the future. Your wife is telling you to let it drop in the hope that the romance will go nowhere. However, on the chance that it will go forward, you'd be doing the young man a favor by bringing your business.

PS. If I were you, I'd think long and hard before deciding to welcome him into it.
DEAR ABBY: I am 19, and six months pregnant by a 28-year-old man. My pregnancy was a shock. At the time I became pregnant I had a job, but three months ago the business downsized and I was laid off. My boyfriend is in jail and, will be for the next two years. He has promised that we'll be together when he gets out, but I'm not sure if I believe him. He

has two other kids with two other women, and I didn't stay with either of them. My aunt has been paying my rent for me or I would be out on the street. I'm afraid, because I don't know how I can survive and support another living person. I had considered going to college, but how can I work, go to school and take care of a baby all by myself?

I don't want to have to depend on my aunt for everything. She says I should place my baby for adoption, but I'm not sure she's right, I took the responsibility of making this baby, so I believe it's my responsibility to face the consequences of raising it until the day I die. Can you help me decide what to do? I guess you could say my life is one big mess, and I don't know how to get out of it.

— IN THE MIDDLEY
DEAR SCARED: A baby is supposed to be a blessing, not a "consequence." You are an intelligent young woman, and you are asking the right questions. Your aunt may have the right idea. Sit down with a pencil and paper and ask yourself, "What can I give to this baby?" Then ask yourself what a couple who wants a child but is unable to have one of their own could do for it. It is possible that the most loving gift you could give your baby is a family who would love it and provide for it in a way that you cannot.

REMOTE-CONTROLLED HUMANS?

Sway this way and that, all against your will

By Yuri Kageyama Associated Press writer



Wearing a headset, Yuri Kageyama leans to her left as she is remote-controlled by a technology that Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp. is developing.

ATSUGI, Japan — We wield remote controls to turn things on and off, make them advance, make them halt. Ground-bound pilots use remotes to fly drone airplanes, soldiers to maneuver battlefield robots.

But manipulating humans? Prepare to be remotely controlled. I was just imagine being rendered the equal equivalent of a radio-controlled toy car. Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp., Japan's top telephone company, says it is developing the technology to perhaps make video games more realistic. But more sinister applications also come to mind.

I can envision it being added to militaries' arsenal of so-called "non-lethal" weapons. A special headset was placed on my cranium by my hosts during a recent demonstration at an MIT research center. It sent a very low voltage electric current from the back of my ears through my head — either from left to right or right to left, depending on which way the joystick on a remote-control was moved.

I found the experience unnerving and exhausting. I sought to step straight ahead but my earcencing jiggles messes me up. Those alternating currents literally threw me off. The technology is called galvanic vestibular stimulation — essentially, electricity messes with the delicate nerves inside the ear that help maintain balance. I felt a mysterious, irresistible

urge to start walking to the right whenever the researcher turned the switch to the right. I was convinced — mistakenly — that this was the only way to maintain my balance. The phenomenon is painless but dramatic. Your feet start to move before you know it. I could even remote-control myself by taking the switch into my own hands.

There's no proven-beyond-a-doubt explanation yet as to why people start veering when electricity hits their ear. But MIT researchers say they were able to make a person walk along a route in the shape of a giant pretzel using this technique.

It's a mesmerizing sensation similar to being drunk or melting into sleep under the influence of anesthesia. But it's not definitive, as though an invisible hand were reaching inside your brain. MIT says the feature may be used in video games and amusement park rides, although there are no plans so far for a commercial product.

Some people really enjoy the experience, researchers said

while acknowledging that others feel uncomfortable. I watched a simple racing-car game demonstration on a large screen while wearing a device programmed to synchronize the curves with galvanic vestibular stimulation. It accentuated the swaying as an imaginary racing car zipped through a virtual course, making me wobbly.

Another program had the electric current timed to music. My head was pulsating against my will, getting jerked around on my neck. I became so dizzy I could barely stand. I had to turn it off.

MIT researchers suggested this may be a reflection of my lack of musical abilities. People in tune with freely expressing themselves love the sensation, they said.

"We call this a virtual dance experience although some people have mentioned it's more like a virtual drug experience," said Tara Marsch, senior research scientist at MIT. "I'm really hopeful Apple Computer will be interested in this technology to offer it in their iPod."

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

MY HUSBAND AND I HAD A LONG TALK LAST NIGHT ABOUT OUR LIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

WE'RE SWITCHING JOBS THIS WEEK!

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

A COLLEGE FORTY-SEVEN YEAR OLD RECALON HOW NICE WE WERE THE FIRST TIME WE MET HOW TO PARTY HARDY

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN OUT OF COLLEGE? TWELVE YEARS

LIKE I SAID, WE DID PARTY HARDY! WE'RE PAYING FOR IT NOW, BUT WE SURE LOVED IT THEN!

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE DRINKING? IRISH COFFEE?

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE COFFEE!

WE WERE OUT OF COFFEE!

Garfield By Jim Davis

SORRY, IT JUST DOESN'T WORK. CAN YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC? WELL...

THE RUFFLES ARE ALL WRONG

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

CURLY JOHNSON! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE WE WERE TEENAGERS!

I'LL BE DARNED! IF IT ISN'T SKINNY HAGAR!

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT!

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

UH-OH, MY DIAPERS LEAKING!

I GUESS THAT PROVES THAT "SUPER ABSORBENT" DOESN'T WORK. I CAN POUR A WHOLE BIFOP CUP OF JUICE IN THEM!

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

THESE ARE PAMPHLETS ABOUT THE "GREAT PUMPKIN"

AND YOU WANT ME TO GO FROM DOOR TO DOOR AND GIVE THEM TO PEOPLE?

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The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

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THE GUARDS LAUGHED

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

FINDERS KEEPERS...

Garfield By Jim Davis

HEY, DAD, IF THE PRESIDENT LIVES IN THE WHITE HOUSE, WHAT COLOR IS THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S HOUSE?

"Oh, wait! This is already mine."

Candy bar came with a dose of radium

Anyone remember the Rejuvenator? It was a 1920s candy bar that was laced with a weak dose of radium. At the time, people believed that the dangerous, radioactive element would make you strong.

This day in history: After just 1 1/2 days of existence, the Pony Express stopped running on Oct. 26, 1861. The horse-driven rapid mail system never made money, and its doom was sealed on Oct. 24, when the transcontinental telegraph went on line.

If you've gotten close enough to care, a skunk's stench comes from a combination of six different sulfur compounds. Why doesn't washing work? Because only three of the sulfur compounds activate at first spray — the other three begin stinking when they're rubbed with water. There are still two golf balls on the moon. Both were hit by

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astronaut Alan Shepard, who didn't play them where they lay and didn't have a caddy to retrieve them.

The first wireless radio message transmitted was the Morse code for "S." It was 1901, and Italian physicist Guglielmo Marconi — whether he knew it or not — had just given birth to radio.

In ancient Babylon, you could be killed for giving false testimony.

A bird's eyes cover about 50 percent of its head; a human's, only about 5 percent.

Beginning with the Revolutionary War, the United States Army has lost well over 1,000 soldiers in war. Statistically, there has been an overall 1 in 38.5 chance of dying while serving in combat.

The worst war for American soldiers was the Civil War. Be said Tara Marsch, senior res. It's a logical choice: cutting along boundary lines to teach geography.

If you're in the village of Adamsville, B.I., look for a granite chicken monument. It marks the breeding site of the first Rhode Island Red.

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AFRAID TO SPEAK

Sexually harassed farmworkers are often unaware of their rights

LEMOORE, Calif. (AP) — It took Olivia Tamayo six years to sue her supervisor for rape and six weeks to tell her story in court. But when she was finished, it took the jury less than six hours to award the farmworker \$1 million in damages.

"My life was hell on earth," said Tamayo, her voice breaking as she described violence she claimed she endured at Harris Farms, one of California's largest farming operations. "When tried to say something about it, the company didn't believe me, didn't do anything to protect me."

A jury in Texas federal court in January found the company had not acted promptly to stop the harassment once it was reported and that it retaliated against Tamayo, forcing her to quit.

Company President John Harris said an internal investigation led him to believe that Tamayo's case was an affair gone bad, not rape. He said he planned to appeal the jury's verdict in U.S. District court.

Sexual harassment charges were rare in the case, but attorneys with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which brought Tamayo's case, said it is an example of how sexual harassment abuse can go unnoticed in the fields.

There is no way of knowing how many of the country's approximately 1 million farmhands and farmworkers face harassment, an industry that relies on undocumented migrants with little knowledge of English or their legal rights, chances are good that many cases never go to court, said William Tamayo, an EEOC attorney.

When William Tamayo, no relation to Olivia Tamayo, took charge of the office 10 years ago, farmworkers said sexual harassment was the most serious workplace problem they faced.

The EEOC took their complaints seriously, Agency Olivia Tamayo's case — and nine simi-



Farmworker Olivia Tamayo, shown in her home Friday, says it took six years to accuse her former employer of rape and a jury six hours to award her \$1 million in damages.

lar cases since 1999 — has been the agency's way of sending a message to the agricultural industry that it was representing some of the most vulnerable workers in California, said William Tamayo.

All recent San Francisco EEOC cases involving farmworker sexual harassment have led to settlements, except Olivia Tamayo's. The first one, against Tamamura & Antle, the nation's largest lettuce grower, was filed in 1998 and led to a nearly \$2 million award. The most recent was filed last month against Vasquez Brothers, produce packers in Seledid.

"Sexual harassment is very humiliating, very degrading. It's not easy to talk about it," said Evangelina Hernandez, another EEOC attorney.

Despite living in the U.S. for decades, Olivia Tamayo had few

opportunities to learn about life away from home and the fields where she worked.

She was 15 with a third-grade education when she left rural Mexico a pregnant teenager, for the farms of California where she raised five children and planted and harvested fruits and vegetables. By 1995, she and her husband were working for Harris Farms, lucky to have year-round jobs with housing and benefits in a seasonal industry.

"My world was my husband, my children, my work," she said. "I didn't know anything else."

She said she didn't know what to do, or where to go when her supervisor first raped her in 1994 in one of Harris Farms' almond groves. She couldn't bring herself to tell her husband. She says she was raped twice more.

Olivia Tamayo didn't know how other farmworkers might

react. Mexican immigrants, often rooted in conservative social traditions, sometimes blame women for their own harassment or rape, said Mily Trevino-Saucedo, a Mexican farmworker who now leads the female farmworkers' group 13 Hombres Campesinas.

Olivia Tamayo said things only got worse after she spoke out, forcing her and her husband to quit their jobs in 2001. She filed the federal civil suit in 2002.

Since the verdict, it's the thought that things have changed that brings Olivia Tamayo some peace on nights she can't sleep.

"I don't like talking about this, but I feel that I have to do it for the women who might be in the same situation," she said. "I have options. I didn't know I had rights. But I have options."

Man pleads innocent to charges in wolf poisoning

POCATELLO (AP) — An anti-wolf activist in central Idaho pleaded innocent Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Pocatello to charges that he tried to kill gray wolves on federal land with pesticide-laced meat.

Freddy B. Sandoz, 47, of Salmon is accused of using the pesticide aldicarb, marketed as Temik, to make poi-soned meal-balls that he placed near Wagnhammer Creek in the Salmon National Forest. He faces one count of attempting

to kill a threatened species and one count of placing a pesti-cide on U.S. Forest Service land without authorization, both misdemeanors.

If convicted at the trial set for Dec. 6, Sandoz — whose Web site offers instruction for wolf-poisoning — could spend up to six months in jail and pay \$100,000 in fines.

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Note: Mr. Wickel collected items for years and had his own personal museum as all of these things were housed in one of the original houses in Albion. The "Great Magnetic" kitchen stove is in good shape, it was the Wickel's own personal stove and is still scottie to the chimney and could be used today. There wasn't room to list every item that will be on the auction. Come and view or purchase parts of history that you don't have an opportunity to see every day.

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Section C

Cook up an old-style Halloween

As a kid, I always went trick or treating with one particular friend from a neighboring farm. One of our parents would transport us to town, drop us off in a neighborhood, then meet us at an appointed place a couple of hours later.

It didn't take long before we figured out which areas of town provided white candy bars and which houses had sun pickings. We would race from house to house, knocking on doors or ringing bells and showing our grocery bags out to catch the candy that followed. When the bags were overflowing we'd trade with other kids for our favorites and hoard our loot for days.



I always preferred popcorn balls wrapped in gaily colored cellophane to candy bars, although I never turned down a candy bar. One dentist in town always passed out toothbrushes and toothpaste instead of candy. We children thought that was a rip-off and avoided his house. We were typical, selfish little kids.

Then one year, at a particularly ranshackle house, a crippled old man dug through his cupboards and came up with some wormy apples to offer. When I saw what he was going to give us for a treat, I was shocked — but then realized that was all he had.

That realization brought me down to earth rather quickly. I felt guilty for my greed and tried to give him some of my candy. He refused, of course, but after he closed his door I laid one of my precious popcorn balls on his doorstep. I didn't run to the next house quite so quickly.

In this era of mistrust and terrorist threats, children should avoid anything that is not sealed in store wrapping, and popcorn balls are not a good candidate for every kid at your door. However, children you know personally — or the neighbor kid, a friend's child or some other special youngster — might enjoy an old-fashioned homemade popcorn ball or caramel apple.

Just make sure the child's parent knows you give the treats; otherwise, they might be thrown out.

CARAMEL APPLES

- 5 medium apples, washed and dried
- 1 (14-ounce) package caramels (about 50)
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 cup mixed nuts, chopped (optional)

Insert a wooden Popsicle stick into the stem end of each apple. Cover a large plate with wax paper; grease with butter and set aside. Place caramels and water in large saucepan; cook on medium-low heat until caramels are melted, stirring constantly.

Dip apples into melted caramel until evenly coated, spooning caramel over apples if necessary. Allow excess caramel to drip off. Scrape bottoms of apples. If desired, roll in chopped nuts spread on waxed paper.

Place apples on prepared plate. Refrigerate at least 1 hour or until ready to serve. Let stand at room temperature 15 minutes before serving. Store leftovers in refrigerator.

POPCORN BALLS

- 12 cups popped popcorn
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 (4-serving size) package Jell-O, any flavor
- 1 1/2 cups peanuts, coarsely chopped

Place popcorn in large bowl. Mix syrup and sugar in saucepan; bring to boil. Remove from heat. Add Jell-O; stir until dissolved.

Add peanuts. Pour over popcorn; mix well. Cool about 5 minutes. Shape into 18 balls, each about 3 inches in diameter.

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Fire smarts

Firefighter teaches youths how to react to smoke alarms

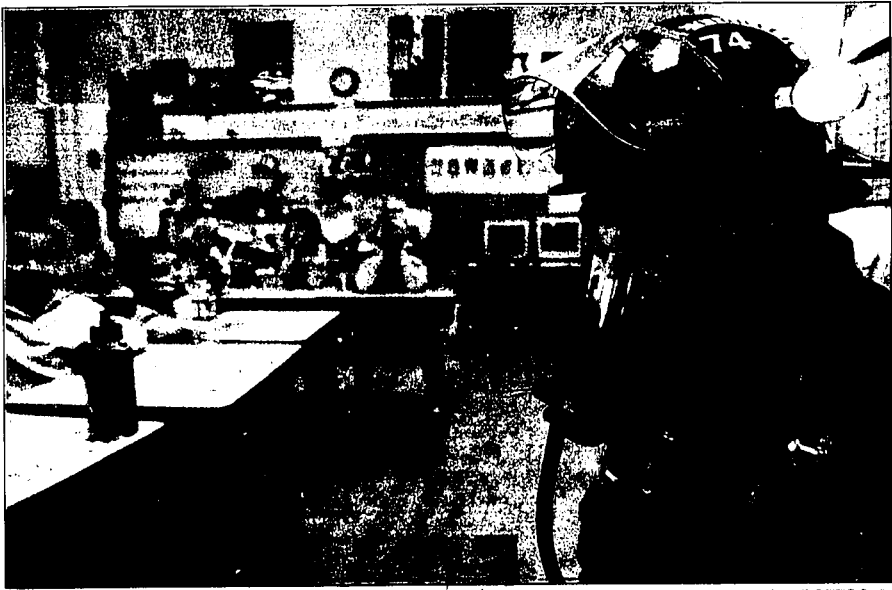
St. Edward's Catholic School second-grader Delaney Fitzgerald listens during a fire safety class led by Justin James.

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — There was an atmosphere of high excitement at St. Edward's Catholic School as second-graders were treated to an up-close and personal view of a real firefighter.

Twin Falls firefighter and fire prevention coordinator Justin James made the transition in front of their eyes from uniform to firefighter's protective gear — in the one minute it takes to be ready to roll to a fire.

The children giggled as he donned the pants, heavy jacket, helmet, gloves and air tank and, Please see FIREFIGHTER, Page C2



Twin Falls firefighter Justin James leads a fire safety class at St. Edward's Catholic School. James highlighted the importance of changing the batteries of smoke detectors in the house, knowing the stop-drop-and-roll routine, and establishing a safe meeting place near your home to meet family members.

Cool weather intensifies need for home fire prevention

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The heating season has arrived, and with it comes a greater chance for home fires.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, in 2001 there were an estimated 54,900 home-heating equipment fires in the United States, in which 1,129 people were injured and 220 killed.

Portable and fixed space heaters and related equipment accounted for 66 percent of home heating fires and 67 percent of associated deaths. These heaters pose a greater risk because they provide

chances for human error when in use.

In a telephone interview, Sharon Gamache, executive director for high risk outreach of NFPA, said that includes everything from wood stoves to electric heaters, propane and kerosene. Electric heaters purchased in the last couple of years are safer because manufacturers are now required to add an automatic shutoff that will kick in when the heater reaches a certain temperature or is tipped over.

In any case, she said, all electric heaters should be kept at least three feet from anything that can burn, such as bedclothes. Never leave one on

overnight, and unplug it before leaving home. And be sure to keep children away from them.

It's easy to plug in an electric heater but then forget about it and go to the store. Meanwhile, Twin Falls firefighter Justin James said, the little heater is getting pretty warm and can set fire to a nearby blanket or curtain.

"It heats up an element, maybe has a fan behind it," he said. "They're great heaters, but you really need to make sure you have it clear of anything that's combustible."

James said a furnace should be kept clean; it is a good idea to have a professional service to have any gas-burning applica-

ance, stove or water heater. And he said there can be wood-stove chimney fires this time of year if people haven't had chimneys cleaned.

"It also poses risks of carbon monoxide, which is a byproduct of combustion, and it usually is caused by improper ventilation," James said. "It's a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas, and it is always a threat."

For wood stoves, Gamache said it's important to use well-seasoned wood and never start a fire with kerosene, lighter fluid or gasoline. Instead, use kindling wood — which can be a softer variety such as fir or pine — and use hard wood to build a fire. She advised having

shorter, hot fires rather than ones that smolder for a long time.

A portable generator, James said, can be a monoxide threat when started up indoors.

"It just sucks the clean air out of the house and replaces it with the exhaust and that is what is so dangerous," he said. "I would say never operate a generator or any type of gas-powered equipment inside a house where there's no ventilation."

Gamache cautioned against using a kitchen range for supplemental heat.

Although candles are not

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BEWITCHIN' IN THE KITCHEN

Two treats to please your household spook

By Wgin Grogan
Knight Rider News Service

CRISPY GHOST POPS

Makes about 8 medium or 14 small pops

To turn the perennial party favorite of crispy rice treats into a spooky snack, you'll need some small (5-ounce or 3-ounce) paper cups and lollipop sticks or wooden tongue depressors.

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 4 cups miniature marshmallows
- 6 cups crisp rice cereal
- Baking spray

Paper cups, either the 5-ounce or 3-ounce size

Lollipop sticks or wooden tongue depressors

1 cup powdered sugar, sifted to remove any lumps

6 to 8 tablespoons milk



SPIDER CAKES

Makes 24 cupcakes

(Although this version is made with regular-size cupcakes, it would be just as easy to do in miniature by baking the cake mix in a mini-muffin pan and topping with the tiny version of Oreos.)

24 cupcakes made from your favorite flavor of cake mix

1 container prepared chocolate frosting

24 chocolate sandwich cookies

Black licorice laces

Miniature candy-coated chocolate pieces

Spread frosting on each of the cupcakes and top with one cookie. Cut licorice into about 2-inch lengths. Insert three licorice laces under one side of the cookie, then repeat with more laces on the other side to resemble spider legs.

Dip chocolate candies in icing and "glue" onto spiders for eyes.



Crispy ghost pops take a new tack on traditional crispy rice treats.

Scoop some of the cereal mixture and pack into each of the cups. Insert a stick. Set aside.

While the pops are setting up, in a small shallow bowl mix powdered sugar and 6 tablespoons of milk with a fork or whisk, adding extra milk until icing reaches desired consistency.

Remove the paper cups from the pops and roll in powdered sugar icing until evenly coated. Place ghost pops on wax or parchment paper until icing is

FOOD & HOME

Dark nights bring out the color in your poinsettia

No sooner do we see the Halloween stuff on the store shelves, but the next aisle over sports Christmas decorations. Sigh. Though it seems a little early, it really is time for early holiday preparations. Well, not, anyway.

If you saved last year's poinsettia, it's time to let it color up next year. Poinsettias don't really bloom so much — more about that later in time for Christmas.

With just a little extra tender, loving care, you can help your own, by now gigantic, poinsettia do its thing, besides. Think how impressed your friends will be.

Naturally grown poinsettias, those that grow big enough to be used as hedges in tropical



GREEN WITH IMPRINTS
Cathy Worth

climates, change to their holiday attire all by themselves after Oct. 1 because the nights start getting longer. When the period from sundown to sunup gets to be 14 hours, poinsettias begin to color. We want to imitate nature.

So we fool the plant into thinking it lives outside in, say, Guam. Move it to a room you don't use much. One where you

won't be turning on any lights after sunset.

In order for this to work, the poinsettia wants to be left to enjoy a 14-hour, completely dark night. Forty of them in a row, not like it would in nature. It would also like a little extra on its dinner menu, so step up the fertilizer now.

And as long as this plant is calling the shots, it would like its water tepid, never cold. Thank you.

Forty nights of non-stop snoozing in the dark will trigger the plant to color up the top-most bracts.

It will bloom, too, but only really look, the tiny yellow blooms on the very top are inconspicuous. The red leaves

we've always referred to as "blooms" are just leaves that have turned color.

Not everyone has a room that is heated to about 72 in the day, time and 60 at night and not used all evening. So use a closet for your poinsettia's long winter's nap.

If that doesn't work, try covering it up with a large brown paper bag. Remember: Flip the bag's hinge even once in the poinsettia's private suite during the next 40 nights and you will stop the coloring process.

DEAR CATHY: Either I have been blissfully ignorant for several years, or I had horders for the first time in my roses. I cut all the canes back below the

hedges, but one of them I left alone as I am not sure I would have any green left if I did that. Is it a complete loss? It still has green leaves on it, but only bloomed once, early in the summer. Has this been a bad summer for rose horders?

Signed, Blissful
DEAR BLISSFUL: It's so late in the year that you're fine. You've cut out the horder nests from most of your rose canes, and this year's family has blown

away from the one you left. Now you know the critters will be in the neighborhood, just remember to dab on a little Elmer's glue — the waterproof kind — next spring when you make cuts.

• Happy rose growing, and thanks for writing.
What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at cworth@twinn.com.

Fire

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burned as a heat source, they can cause fires if not used properly. Gamache said that deaths from candle fires have been going up, while those from other causes have been declining.

"It's unusual to see numbers going up on causes," she said. "It's fairly become candles are being used more and marketed more, and they are used more among younger adults."

James advised using a fire-proofed container to store only rags. They can self-combust.

"There's numerous fires every year from oily rags," he said. "Somebody's retained or variated their fancy roll-top desk or something, and just piled all the rags in a corner. And then their garage caught on fire."

Unattended cooking can be the cause of fire injury or death. Gamache said people should keep all combustibles away from stoves, including paper and pot holders not in use.

With a grease fire, James said, one of the common mistakes is to throw water on it. Water won't extinguish a burning grease fire, but just push it around.

"So you have a fire that's in a pan — you throw water on it thinking that's the right thing to do, and it spreads it out of the pan onto the carpet or counter, and then you have a fire everywhere," he said. "The best solution to that is baking soda, or just cover the pan with a lid to suppress the fire."

He said an ABC-type fire extinguisher works well for most kinds of fires a household may encounter — A, wood, paper and ordinary combustibles; B, flammable liquids; and C, energized, electrical, burning equipment.

"If you have a fire in your wastebasket or small fire and you have access to a fire extinguisher, and you think you can do it — great," he said. "If you think it's all over your head, the best thing to do is get out and call 911."

In the event of a fire, Gamache said, be sure to get out first, then call the fire department from a neighbor's house or use your cell phone. And she said if you smoke, it's better to smoke outside, and to use large, deep ashtrays anywhere you smoke. Wet cigarette butts and ashes before throwing them out. And never smoke in bed or when drowsy from alcohol or medication.

"Smoking material is the No. 1 cause of home fire deaths," she said.

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Firefighter

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sounding a lot like Darth Vader, spoke to them through his mask.

His goal was to familiarize students with this strange apparatus.

"I just don't want them to ever be scared of a firefighter," he said. "The last thing you want to have is kids hiding under their beds or being scared if there's an emergency or fire in their house and we're coming to rescue them."

James held up a smoke detector and gave the kids an assignment: Go home and count how many detectors are there. There should be at least one — but the more the better.

He asked: "When do smoke detectors not work? Are they always working?" The kids knew the answer: Check the batteries.

Do it with your parents, not by yourself, he stressed. If the battery does need replacing, be sure your parents put in the correct one.

"We're these burly firefighters that people think save a lot of lives. But the truth is smoke detectors save a lot more lives than firefighters ever did — just because they wake the people up and get them out of the fire," James said.

What should you do if the alarm does sound? He held the smoke detector in his hand, and pushed the button, setting off

second-grade chatter about the very loud noise it made.

"Should we be afraid of the noise?" he asked. "No, it's nothing to be scared about. It's just letting you know it's smelling smoke and you need to get outside. What you do is crawl low to your exit, because the smoke rises and all of the fresh air is going to be low."

With the shrill sound of the smoke detector as her cue, a volunteer got out of her desk to crawl low with James to the classroom door. He told the girl to feel the door with the back of her hand. If it's hot, chances are there's a fire right outside. If there is no heat on the door, it's OK to open it and go outside to a predetermined safe meeting place.

James told the students their parents need to help them make sure they can open their bedroom windows in case of fire.

The predetermined meeting place is important because firefighters, when they arrive, can tell that everybody is accounted for, he said. "There's nobody trapped inside, and we can just focus our efforts on extinguishing the fire and not having to rescue."

James asked the students what they would do if their house was on fire. "Do you stop to grab your favorite book, or do you stop to grab your Barbie or your Playstation?"

Easy question. The children shouted: "No!"

Don't stop to get a pet, either, James said. He said most of the time, pets will beat people out of the house. However, firefighters sometimes have to go in for pets and have rescued them successfully.

He gave the kids another assignment to do at home: Draw a diagram of your house with two ways out and post it on the refrigerator.

Home fire drills are a good idea, he told them. Along with their moms, dads, brothers and sisters, they can learn to respond appropriately to the practice sound of a smoke alarm or whistle.

James, a father, said his family has fire drills several times a year. A few kids raised their hands and said they have done drills in their homes, too.

The second-graders were reluctant to see James go. He promised he would be back to talk to them about other topics in December — "like how to call 911, and make sure you know your name, address and phone number."

He climbed into an auxiliary fire truck, called a water tender, parked outside of the school. The children were at the window when he waved at them from the truck, turned the lights on and hit the air horn.

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The apple of the public's eye: Honeycrisp

By Marla Kramer
The Washington Post

The Honeycrisp apple has been around commercially since 1991 but only recently is bursting onto the apple scene. Take one bite and you'll know why.

"It's a great apple ... a very exciting variety," says Shannon Schacter, spokesman for the U.S. Apple Association, a non-profit industry "trade association based in Vienna, Va. "It has a unique flavor and a unique crunch."

The Honeycrisp is sweet and fresh-tasting, tangy but not overly tart. Above all, it's juicy and crisp. It's fine for cooking but is most memorable when eaten out of hand.

"Many apples are dense, firm, hard — that's what gives them texture," says James J. Luby, a professor of horticultural science at the University of Minnesota who, with David S. Bedford, helped develop the Honeycrisp.

"The Honeycrisp is not so firm. The skin kind of fractures instead of being cleaved apart by the teeth, and it releases its juice with kind of an explosion, a crack."

The Honeycrisp's large cells are what make it so juicy. Minnesota horticulturists knew they were onto something when they took their first bite in their experimental orchard in the 1960s.

Records showed that the Honeycrisp was a cross between the Macoun and the Honeygold. But more recent DNA testing revealed it to be the offspring of the keepsake and an unidentified experimental species. "Groups of seeds could have been switched around," Luby says.

The Honeycrisp has a long way to go to break into the top-selling varieties. But it's now carried by supermarkets in addition to the specialty stores and farmers markets where it started out.



The Honeycrisp apple is bursting onto the apple scene. Honeycrisp apples, at right in the basket; Macoun, at left and below.

WALDORF SALAD

6 servings

Yogurt replaces mayonnaise in this version. Slice-to-brown Honeycrisp apples are well-suited. Adapted from "Healthy Homesite Cooking," by Evelyn Tribble (Rodale Press, 1994).

2 apples, preferably Honeycrisp, peeled, cored and chopped

1 1/2 teaspoons lime juice
1/3 cup chopped celery
1/4 cup raisins
3 tablespoons chopped walnuts
1/3 cup nonfat vanilla yogurt

3 to 4 tablespoons nonfat half-and-half
1/2 teaspoon grated lime zest
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
In a medium bowl, toss apples with lime juice. Add the celery, raisins and walnuts and mix.

In a small bowl, combine the yogurt and half-and-half, then fold in the lime zest and nutmeg. Spoon some of the dressing over the apple mixture and stir to blend, adding more as needed. Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate 1 hour.

NUTRITION FACTS

Apple

Serving	Calories
1 food, dried	209
1 medium w. peel	81
Appearance, unpeeled, 1/2 c.	105
Unpeeled, sliced, 8 oz.	117
Source: USDA	

July Stanley / The Everett Herald

Class at Twin Falls store highlights flavors of fall

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A Hagerman restaurant chef will teach "Fresh Fall Cooking" at a downtown Twin Falls store next week.

The class, with chef Martin Martin of Hagerman's Snake River Grill, is set for 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 24 at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise at 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$40.

Martin will teach students dishes to make for the holidays or anytime during harvest. The menu: wild mushroom soup, baked herb sausage and cheese-stuffed onions, roasted butternut squash and shrimp

pasta, turkey scaloppini Provençal on wild rice pilaf, cranberry and orange chutney, and roasted pumpkin-and-sweet potato cheese cake.

A third-generation chef, Martin grew up in the business. In 1993, he graduated from Le Cordon Bleu Cooking School in Ottawa, Ontario, returned to Idaho and bought the Snake River Grill. Martin is known for his wild-game dinners, prepared in classic French style. In 1999, he published a cookbook titled "Cooking on the Wild Side — Recipes from the Snake River Grill."

To sign up, call Rudy's at 733-5477.

Valley

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HONEY POPCORN BALLS

12 cups popped corn
3/4 cup honey
1 cup light corn syrup
1 tablespoon butter
1/2 table-spoon vinegar
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Place popcorn in large bowl. Place honey, corn syrup, butter, vinegar and salt in a saucepan and bring to a boil on low heat, stirring constantly until the mixture reaches 275 degrees on a

candy thermometer. Remove from heat and quickly add vanilla. Pour syrup mixture over popcorn and mix well. Shape into balls. Makes about 15 balls.

For variety, add 1 1/2 cup of mints, candy corn, chocolate chips, gumdrops, peanut butter chips, crushed candy bars, mini marshmallows, mixed nuts, shredded coconut, caramel bits or other treats to the mixture.

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Getting healthy lunches into the sack

Knight Ridder News Service

If you need ideas to make your children's lunches or snacks as healthy as possible, check out these tips provided by Ann Kutze, a Charleston wellness expert. Kutze suggests that a child's lunch should always include protein, at least one piece of produce, a calcium-rich food and something fun.

For protein, consider sandwiches made with deli ham, turkey, chicken or roast beef, egg salad made with omega-3 eggs; tuna salad; and peanut butter or other nut butters with spreadable fruit, instead of jelly.

Remember to use whole-grain breads, tortillas, bagels, pitas or English muffins!

For produce, the deeper the color, the more health power the produce has. Consider baby carrots, celery sticks, sweet bell-pepper strips, cherry tomatoes and broccoli florets. Dips such as hummus or a low-fat salad dressing are good companions. And in the fruit category, berries, cherries, plums, mangoes, kiwi, apples, cantaloupes and red grapes are especially beneficial. Cut into bite-size pieces and squirt with a bit of lemon juice to keep fresh.

In the calcium category, try low-fat varieties of cheese and yogurt, 2 percent or skim milk, calcium-fortified soy milk or calcium-fortified 100 percent orange juice.

For fun foods, try a small piece of dark chocolate, a small bag of trail mix, a granola bar, a small box of raisins or other dried fruit, a container of a favorite cereal or a small bag of Goldfish. Another way to add fun is to use interesting containers or to present food in intriguing ways such as fruit kabobs or wraps.

For more tips, go to healthy-sc.gov.

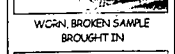
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Sensible Home
James Dudley

DIAR ROMAN: I have installed and tested every type of steel, wood, fiberglass and carbon fiber front door in my own home, and my preference is clearly an insulated steel door. I particularly liked the clean appearance, the airtight seals and the added security steel offers.

Even though steel doors conduct heat, insulated steel doors are one of the most efficient of all designs. The steel skins are thin, and there is an insulating thermal break between the in-door and out-door skins to block the direct flow of heat. The interior of the door is completely filled with insulating foam.

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New steel doors have more attractive, crisp detail design lines than older ones, but they still are not quite as crisp as real wood doors. Stainable steel doors which simulate real wood are also available. A stainable coating, with graining you can actually feel, is rolled onto the steel skins.

One of the primary factors in selecting quality and strength of a steel door is the thickness of the steel skins. Sheet steel thickness is designated by its gauge rating. When comparing steel doors, keep in mind a lower (24-gauge vs. 26-gauge) number indicates a thicker steel skin. You should be able to find this specification shown somewhere in their sales brochures.

I would recommend installing a matching steel door which includes the door frame and hinges. The frame will be

made properly for an airtight seal with the door. You will have several choices of hinges. If you can afford it, consider upgrading to ball-bearing hinges for smoother operation. Spring-loaded hinges, which slowly swing the door closed, are also available.

Clear or decorative glass in front doors is popular today. Some decorative glass panels can cost more than the door itself. Choose double-pane glass at the very least. Many of the decorative and security glass panels use a decorative sheet of tough plastic between two glass panes. This is secure, and it provides two insulating air gaps instead of just one.

If you have the space for a sidelight, consider installing one that swings open. It will provide an extra foot or so of width when moving large items in and out. Also, consider a triple-point latch for greatest security.

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What are those white spots on dark chocolate?

By Jane Snow Knight Rider News Service

Answer: Yes. The white stuff is called "bloom." It is fat that has solidified from the chocolate solids because of improper storage. Bloom is harmless. Chocolate should be stored at cool room temperature (about 60 to 70 degrees).

Question: The dark chocolates in an old Whitman's Sampler I found in my cupboard have a little bit of white on them. Are they safe to eat?

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Custom brick detailing, raised corner quoins and arched windows give a look of classical elegance to the Elmore, a large home with a caretaker's suite over the garage. This plan could be adapted for wheelchair accessibility.

Rooms and hallways are large throughout. Ceilings in most of the group living areas are a lofty nine feet, so the rooms feel even larger. Dining room and living room flank the entry. Both are brightened by street windows. Pocket doors in the living room allow full closure.

Tall windows flank the gas fireplace at the rear of the great room. While the rear wall of the nook is mostly glass, sliders open onto a large patio.

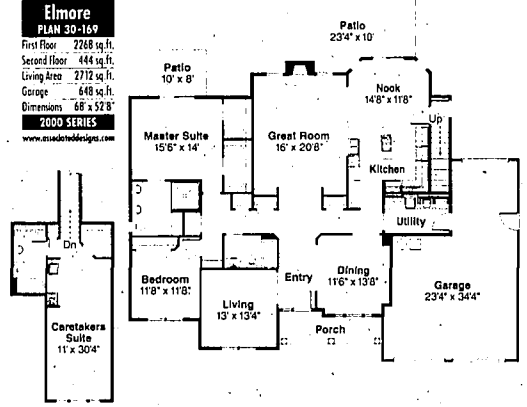
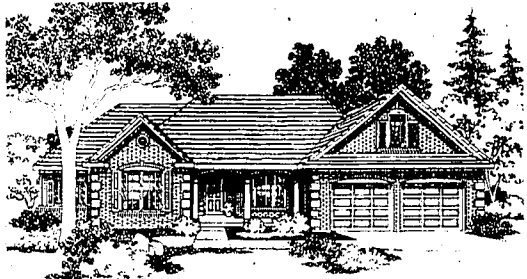
Cupboards and counters wrap around three sides of a kitchen with a large central work island. A roomy pantry fills nearly half of one wall. Standing at the kitchen sink, you can face into the great street or gaze out the rear windows.

A large utility room is close by, connected to the tandem three-car garage. This space also serves as a mud room. Muddy footwear can be taken off here, and muddy-pawed pets have a place to dry off a bit before entering the house.

The Elmore's well-appointed master suite boasts two walk-in closets, one larger than the other. Sliding glass doors open onto a private patio. Luxuries in the bathroom include twin basins, an oversized shower, and a sit-down vanity.

The caretaker's suite is entered through either the nook or an exterior door. This small apartment has two skylights, a large walk-in closet, compact kitchen and full bathroom.

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Room to move: Keeping a kid's space up to date

By Lisa Boone Los Angeles Times

Decorating a nursery is often a labor of love, but years later, parents fatigued by the pace of family life might feel less compelled to tackle thematic re-dos. How do you ensure a child is not sleeping in Bob the Builder sheets at 16? Start by creating a simple, classic, organized room, says interior designer Anne Kim of Beverly Hills, Calif. Respect kids' opinions, she says, but exercise parental control.

Setting the tone

"Kids know what they like and where they want to be, and their rooms should reflect that," Kim says. Parents should recognize that the mood of a room can affect kids and have an influence on important things such as homework. The room should "give them dreams," Kim says, by touching on what interests them. Wallpaper borders are an easy way to create such a theme.

Style that endures

Kim likes to create rooms that will last. Altering the accessories as children age, the designer says, will allow the room to work through high school.

Space savers

Making room to do homework involves getting organized. "Kids tend to be more academic in a room that is well-organized and not too busy," Kim says. She suggests using the space under the bed for storage. She also likes floating-to-ceiling shelves that save space and allow books to be stacked horizontally. Baskets and corner shelves also look great.

Colors

Gone are the days of pink for girls and blue for boys. Kim recommends neutral tones such as olive or taupe for boys and advises against dark or bright colors, which can look dated quickly. What if a child wants brightly purple walls? "Control it by saying, 'That's fine, but it's so vibrant. Let's tone it down a bit,'" Kim says.

White out

Kim advises against choosing white for a monochromatic look. "White is not a color," she says. "It's empty. It doesn't set any background at all." Color is what creates a lovely silhouette for furnishings.

Decorating together

A mural is a great way to

make a room more whimsical and to give parents and kids an activity to do together. "Every time the child looks at the wall, they will feel confident that they accomplished something," Kim says. Nervous parents can limit the art to one wall and refine it by adding color and definition.

With the mural as a focal point, the furniture, drapes and bedding should be neutral. Helpful tip: Coat the finished mural with polyurethane.

Shared rooms

Rooms shared by siblings should not be too thematic because each child might have

different interests. Kim suggests neutral tones for the wall and reminds parents that drapes help to set the tone. Forge lace curtains in favor of simple, roman shades.

Individuality, equality

Beds and bedding can be different for a brother and sister sharing a room. These items work, she says, because the rest of the setting is neutral. Siblings each can have a wall painted the color of their choice. Just make sure the value of the paint is the same. Otherwise, Kim warns, "the balance is broken."

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Decor has the raven quoting, 'Evermore' Pumpkin seeds are a Hallo-treat

By Clindy Hoedel
Knight Rider News Service

Halloween decorations are taking a turn toward the macabre: less Casper, the Friendly Ghost, more Edgar Allan Poe.

This year's go-to accessories are feathered ravens (still in favor since Martha Stewart first used them several years ago), black roses, fake life-size skeletons and anything adorned with spiders.

The color scheme this year is black, black and more black — with a dash of orange or silver as an accent. This month's Martha Stewart Living nails the dark look with black pumpkins, wreaths and lawn ornaments for outdoor displays. Indoors, black paper mice scurry up a wooden staircase and windows are dressed with funeral black paper "curtains."

Lifestyle diva Mary Carol Garrity, owner of Nell Hill's home decor emporium in

Atchison, Kan., says the popularity of her Halloween items the last couple of years has surprised her. At this rate, she says, "fall and Halloween is going to be as big as Christmas" for her company in a couple of years. Garrity thinks her customers are also responding to the new sophisticated Halloween accessories because they offer a fun, dark counterweight to the sweetness of Christmas.

This year Garrity and her staff came up with a new way to give Halloween a twist: "We took things we would normally think of using for Christmas, and we used them for Halloween. We used orange roses, fall put silver glitter on pumpkins and gourd."

If you consider yourself not creative, Marilee McGoldrick, deputy holiday editor of *Real Simple Living*, has a few suggestions to help you come up with fun ideas: Use a unifying color such as black in unexpected ways. The high-gloss spray paint or floral

spray on branches, vines, leaves, votive holders and candlesticks. Then pick an accent color such as bright orange, but use just a hint of it. That creates more drama than using two colors equally.

Think of a theme, such as a mad scientist's laboratory or a graveyard, and let that determine the objects you set out.

If decorating is difficult for you, concentrate on one small area like the entryway.

Go for a sophisticated eerie look rather than one that is so spooky it could scare young children.

At the Curious Sofa home furnishings boutique in Prairie Village this year's Halloween theme is "Grandmother's attic," says manager Heather Fraser. "This year we have some things more on the creepy side, old trunk things you'd find in the attic," Fraser said. Examples include vintage German bisque doll heads in black frames and glass jars filled with vintage bisque doll

body parts. Like Garrity, Fraser has also noticed a tremendous customer response in the last year or two for Halloween decor. "It's amazing. People tell us they never knew they could have so much fun decorating for Halloween."

The shop is sporting a black-and-white color scheme as an alternative to orange and black and is using yellow branches indoors and on the sheltered outdoor entry to display feathered crows.

Event food can get into the bewitching act. Martha Stewart Living paired a black plate of purple figs, grapes and plums with a bank of bright orange cheese on a black-and-white marble tray. For the kids, apothecary jars filled with black licorice, gumdrops and pastilles are labeled with fanciful names such as "Rotten Sweets" and "Dreadful Edibles."

"Anything that encourages people to celebrate the holiday is good," McGoldrick said.

By Ellen Kanner
Knight Rider News Service

Next week, my father and I will engage in a favorite tradition — the buying and carving of the Halloween pumpkin. We've been doing this for decades, but can design only one face: your classic jack-o'-lantern with triangle eyes, demonic eyebrows and straggled-toothed smile. Hey, it's tradition.

The division of labor is clear — my father carves, I eviscerate. Clawing through pumpkin innards is not for the faint-hearted, but sometimes you just have to get your hands in there. And the reward is worth it: pepitas.

Long beloved by Native Americans and Mexicans, pumpkin seeds have a slightly overt, nutty taste. They're larger and softer than sunflower seeds and, even after toasting, have a nice chewy thing going on. Just separate the seeds from the jack-o'-lantern gunk, rinse and spread on paper towels to dry overnight. Then toast those babies in a 300-degree oven for

half an hour with a drizzle of oil, toss with a little salt, add a pinch of curry powder if you want, and you've got a tasty autumnal treat with a nice nutritional wallop.

Pepitas contain outrageous amounts of manganese, magnesium, phosphorus and zinc for strong heart, bones and blood, and tryptophan, one of those bliss-you-out neurotransmitters. A quarter cup of these guys has only 100 calories.

Souls more patient than I can hull pepitas, toss out the shells and add the leaveny seeds to pumpkin bread. Crunchy shell and all, pumpkin seeds launch up roasted vegetables, soups and salads, and are delish all by themselves.

Pepitas, kept in an airtight container in the freezer, stay pretty much as long as you like.

DINNER IN MINUTES:

A fiery version of pork with beans

By Linda Gassenheimer
Knight Rider News Service

For a fiery version of this traditional meal, try this hot and spicy pork and beans dinner. Boneless butterflied pork chops can be found in the meat section of most markets. If they are unavailable, buy regular chops about 1 inch thick and cut them off the bone. Slice them nearly in half horizontally, leaving one edge intact. Open the chops like a book and flatten. The meat will be about 1/2 inch thick.

The pork takes only about 3 minutes to cook. My secret is to heat a foil-lined baking tray under the broiler before cooking the chops. They cook faster and need not be turned. The heated tray provides heat to the underside of the chops.

Cracked black pepper can be found in the spice section of your market. It adds a lot of fire to the chops. If you really like it hot, add another teaspoon to the marinade. Have plenty of cool drinks on hand if you do.

Tips: To help meat marinate quickly, poke holes in it with a skewer or knife. Broiling under high temperatures seals in the juices. Any type of hot pepper sauce or chopped hot pepper can be used.

HONEY MUSTARD BAKED BEANS

Makes 2 servings
1/4 cup canned crushed tomatoes
2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
Several drops hot pepper sauce
1 medium garlic clove, crushed
(1 1/2-ounce) can red kidney beans, rinsed well and drained (1 1/2 cups)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
In a small saucepan, mix tomatoes, honey, mustard, vinegar, hot pepper sauce and garlic together. Cook over medium heat for 5 minutes. Add the beans and simmer 2 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste.

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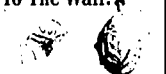
Makes 2 servings

2 5-ounce boneless butterflied pork chops
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
2 teaspoons olive oil
1/2 tablespoon cracked black pepper
1/2 medium tomato sliced, about 1 cup
2 drops hot pepper sauce
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat broiler. Cover a baking sheet with foil and place under broiler to heat through. Remove fat from the pork. Poke holes in it with a skewer or knife at varying intervals. Mix vinegar, oil and cracked pepper together in a small bowl or zipper bag. Add pork and let marinate 15 minutes. Meanwhile, toss tomato with hot pepper sauce, parsley and salt and pepper to taste in a small bowl. Remove baking tray from oven and place pork chops on it. Spoon any remaining marinade over chops, making sure cracked pepper is evenly distributed. Broil 5 to 6 inches from heat for 3 minutes. Serve on individual plates with tomatoes spooned over top.

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Eight tasteful lessons from stew school

By Stephanie Witt Sedgwick
Special to The Washington Post

Anyone who can cut up a carrot and turn on the stove can make a stew from scratch. Stews are satisfying to eat, gratifying to cook and forgiving of mistakes. Substitute ingredients are welcome. Knife skills are optional. The only real pitfall is oversalting and overcooking.

Stews make a delicious, well-flavored and comforting dinner. They don't need extensive side dishes. For the time-pressed, stews can be cooked hours, days or even weeks in advance. Perfectly portioned containers can be frozen, then revived as fast food at the end of a long day.



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For the time-pressed, stews can be cooked hours, days or even weeks in advance. Perfectly portioned containers can be frozen, then revived as fast food at the end of a long day. Here, mushroom, barley and beef stew.

MUSHROOM, BARLEY AND BEEF STEW

8 to 10 servings

- 4 to 5 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion (1/4 pound), finely diced
- 2 carrots, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- 2 stalks celery, cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- 1/2 pound white or button mushrooms, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon double-concentrated tomato paste or 3 tablespoons regular tomato paste
- 3 pounds stewing beef, preferably chuck, trimmed of visible fat and cut into bite-size pieces
- About 4 cups water
- 2 bay leaves
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 3 cups low-sodium beef broth
- 1 cup barley (not quick-cooking)

In a large pot over medium heat, heat 2 tablespoons of the oil. Add the onions and cook until they have softened and just start to brown, about 8 minutes. Add the carrots and celery and cook an additional 3 to 4 minutes. Increase the heat to medium-high, add the mushrooms and cook for 3 to 4 minutes, then add the tomato paste.

Meanwhile, in a large saute pan over medium-high heat, add 2 tablespoons of the oil. Add enough of the beef cubes to fill the pan comfortably without crowding the pieces. Brown the meat, turning at least once, 4 to 5 minutes total, then transfer to a large bowl. Set aside. Repeat with the remaining pieces, adding more oil if needed.

In the same pan used to brown the meat, increase the heat to high. Add 1 cup of the water to deglaze the pan, scraping up all the browned bits of meat stuck to the pan. Transfer this mixture, along with the remaining 3 cups of water to more than cover the meat. The mixture should look soupy. Bring the broth to a simmer. Reduce the heat to low and cook gently, uncovered, for 1 3/4 hours.

Add the barley, stirring to combine, until it is heated through. Let the stew cook, uncovered, until the meat is tender and the barley is cooked, 45 to 60 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Discard the bay leaves.

Serve hot, or let cool completely, then cover tightly and refrigerate for up to 3 days or freeze for up to 3 months. If reheating it may be necessary to thin the stew with some water.

NOTE: Double concentrated tomato paste is a great pantry item to keep on hand. It is sold in tubes, usually in the specialty section of the supermarket or any upscale food market. It keeps indefinitely in the refrigerator and can be added to soups, stews and marinades.

beans or peas, can be added in the last 10 minutes.

When it's done: The cooking time will vary, but 2 1/2 to 3 hours from when the stew starts to simmer is a good guideline. No thermometer is necessary. Just do a taste test: You'll know the stew is ready when the meat is soft and tender and will cut easily with a fork.

On your stew shopping list

- **Meat:** Beef chuck has the perfect combination of intramuscular fat and flavor. For pork, veal or lamb, look for cuts marked "shoulder." Chicken thighs take to braising well. In all cases, be sure to trim off large, visible pieces of fat.
- **Vegetables:** The one almost essential ingredient in any stew is onion, which provides the flavor base. Root vegetables are by far the best to add to stews along with mushrooms and celery; they all benefit from long cooking.
- **Avoid broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage**, because they will grow undesirably stronger in flavor as the stew sits in the refrigerator or freezer.
- **Broths:** Besides chicken, beef and vegetable broths, try adding apple cider, white and red wines, vegetable and fruit juices. Broths can be thinned or supplemented

- with water.
- **Spices and herbs:** Dried spices and herbs should be added to the vegetables before any additional liquid goes in the pot. If using fresh herbs, add them at the last minute.
- **Thickeners:** A basic method is to add flour to the pot before any liquid goes in. Starchy ingredients — pastas, grains, rice and potatoes — also will do the trick.
- **For more flavor:** Mustard, tomato products (pastes, sauces and juice), maple syrup, dried fruits, brown sugar, vinegars, spice blends and Asian sauces are among the many things that can be added to give a stew character.
- **Be imaginative,** but follow a simple main theme: Less is more. Add flavorings judiciously and sparingly. Look for a balance, not a hodgepodge, of flavors.

GINGERED BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND PORK STEW

- 8 servings
- 4 to 5 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion (1/4 pound), finely diced
- 1/2 pound butternut squash, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dice
- 1 medium or 2 small white or yellow turnips (1/4 pound), peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dice
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- About 2 cups apple cider
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 3 to 3 1/2 pounds boneless pork shoulder, butt or country-style spareribs, trimmed of visible fat and cut into bite-size pieces
- In a large pot over medium heat, heat 2 tablespoons of the oil. Add the onions and cook until they have softened and just start to brown, about 8 minutes. Add the diced squash and turnip and the ginger, cumin and cayenne pepper, stirring to combine. Add the flour and stir until blended, then add the chicken broth

and 4 cup of the apple cider. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Meanwhile, in a large saute pan over medium-high heat, add 2 tablespoons of the oil. Add enough of the pork cubes to fill the pan comfortably without crowding the pieces. Brown the meat, turning at least once, 4 to 5 minutes total, then transfer to a large bowl and set aside. Repeat with the remaining pieces, adding more oil to the pan if needed.

In the same pan used to brown the pork, increase the heat to high. Add the remaining 1 cup of apple cider, using it just to deglaze the pan, scraping up any browned bits of pork stuck to the pan. Transfer this mixture, along with the reserved pork and its accumulated juices, to the pot with the vegetables. The broth should cover the pork and vegetables; if it does not, add more apple cider or water. Bring the stew to a simmer. Reduce the heat to low and let the broth cook gently, uncovered, until the meat is tender, 2 1/2 to 3 hours, tasting and adjusting seasonings as needed after about 1 hour.

Serve hot, or let cool completely, then cover tightly and refrigerate for up to 3 days or freeze for up to 3 months.

potatoes are natural thickeners, and if you're using one of them, you can get away with less or no flour. Green vegetables, such as

Perhaps the best part is that there's no magic formula. The process is simple: Cut everything up, brown the meat, soften the vegetables, combine with broth, spices and flavorings, cook for a few hours over low heat, then eat.

Here's a syllabus for your own "stew school" — a step-by-step guide for meat-based stews. Follow the basics and make a stew your own by varying the seasonings, broth or vegetables.

- **Cut everything up!** Ideally, meat should be bite-size, meaning about a 3/4-inch cube, but that's a guideline, not an absolute. Dice the onion so it will fade into the background. If you're adding vegetables at the end, the pieces should be about the same size as for slightly smaller than the meat.
- **Brown the meat** and deglaze the pan: Browning the meat first in a bit of vegetable oil gives the stew such a flavor head start that it's almost criminal to skip this step. Adding about a cup of whatever liquid is being used in the broth to deglaze the pan provides another flavor booster. The liquid, with browned bits scraped from the pan, is added to the stew just before the long cooking begins.
- **Soften the vegetables:** In the stovetop, cook the onions briefly and then add the other vegetables. As you cook for a few minutes more, the process is about to sweeten and develop their flavors naturally.
- **Add spices and flour:** Spices and flour dissolve in fat, so they should be added before the broth.
- **Broth and everything else:** The most important rule here is that what's added cannot be taken away, so go easy on anything spicy or salty. Once the browned meat and its juices, vegetables, deglazing liquid and salt and pepper to taste have been added, think about the rest, which could include tomato paste, mustard, vinegar, sweeteners such as maple syrup or brown sugar that act as flavor enhancers, dried herbs and liquids such as soy sauce, chili paste and so on.
- **Liquid should be added** just to cover the meat and vegetables. If a starchy ingredient, such as rice, will be added later, add enough liquid to take that ingredient into account.
- **Apply slow heat:** Never let a stew boil. That makes the meat tough, turns the vegetables to mush and dries up the liquid. Instead, try to maintain slow, gentle cooking, adjusting the heat as necessary. Keep the cover off and maintain a low simmer, allowing the flavors to slowly meld.
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FOOD & HOME

French pancakes don't get fat

By Carole Kottlin
Knight Ridder News Service

Julia Child called crepes one of "the most versatile elements in 'cookery.'" Making these French classics may seem intimidating, but crepes are nothing more than thin pancakes. It may take a few tries, but you'll soon be turning them out by the stack.

In Jewish kitchens, crepes, with a slight variation, are called blintzes, and are often eaten to break the Yom Kippur day fast. While crepes are sauteed on both sides, blintzes are sauteed on one side and then filled.

The easiest way to make the batter is in a blender, but a bowl and whisk work, too. Once the batter is mixed, let it rest at least two hours (and up to two days) in the refrigerator. This step enables the flour to absorb the maximum amount of liquid, making for a smoother crepe.

Here are more tips:

- A nonstick saute pan with a 6- to 8-inch base is the key to easy crepe making.

- The secret to a perfectly thin and tender crepe is to use just enough batter to cover the bottom of the pan. With a 6-inch pan, that's about 2 tablespoons.

- As soon as the crepe sizes, pour in the batter, pull the pan off the heat and rotate it so the batter swirls over the bottom. If there's too much batter, pour the excess back into the bowl. If there is too little, add a touch more. If the batter doesn't swirl easily, thin it with water, a tablespoon at a time.

- Before the pan on the heat and cook the crepe 1 to 1 1/2 minutes, until the surface is set and the crepe moves slightly when you shake the pan.

- Use this trick to turn the crepe with your fingers (a spatula will tear it): Place your fingertips on an ice cube, then grab an edge of the crepe and flip it.

- Return the pan to the heat to cook the second side, which will take only about 30 seconds. (The second side will be paler.) Then invert a plate over the pan and flip it to turn out the crepe.

- Crepes should be rather pale and supple. Don't overcook them or they will be crisp and difficult to roll.

- Don't worry about turning out perfect-looking crepes; you're going to fold or roll, fill and sauce them anyway.

- If you are using the crepes right away, simply stack them on the plate. If making them ahead of time, put wax paper or plastic wrap between the crepes as you stack them and when they are cool, wrap them in aluminum foil and freeze.

- Allow two or three filled crepes per serving for a main course, two crepes per serving for an appetizer or dessert.

CHEESE BLINTZES

2 eggs
1 1/4 cups milk
Dash salt
2 teaspoons sugar
1 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoon butter, melted, plus more for frying

Filling:
2 cups farmer's cheese or dry, small curd cottage cheese
2 egg yolks
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons granulated sugar

Process the eggs, milk, salt, sugar, flour and 2 tablespoons melted butter in a blender until smooth. Refrigerate, covered, at least 2 hours and up to 2 days.

To cook blintzes, melt 1/2 teaspoon butter in a 6-inch nonstick pan over medium heat. Stir the batter, pour about 2 tablespoons into the pan. Immediately lift the pan off the heat and swirl the batter to coat the bottom. Cook until edges are light and center of blintz is dry, 1 to 1 1/2 minutes. Turn out onto a plate. Repeat with remaining batter, adding butter, 1/2 teaspoon at a time, as necessary to keep blintzes from sticking.

For filling, place farmer's cheese, 2 egg yolks, cinnamon, lemon juice and sugar in a bowl; stir until well blended. Place 1 blintz at a time, cooked side up, on a work surface, and place 1 tablespoon filling in the center. Fold up by tucking sides to center, bottom to center, then top to center.

When ready to cook blintzes, heat oven to 200 degrees. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a 10-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add 2 blintzes at a time, folded side down. Cook, turning once, until golden, about 5 minutes per side. Keep warm in oven while preparing remaining blintzes. Makes 12 blintzes (4 to 6 servings).

Fan-tastic advice from the government

Using ceiling fans can help you save energy and money

By Alan J. Heavens
Knight Ridder News Service

Question: I feel the direction of the blades in ceiling fans is opposite of what it should be. If cool air is near the floor in the

summer, when the air conditioning is on, wouldn't it make more sense to have the cooler air brought up from the floor rather than direct the warmer air down?

Answer: From the federal government's Energy Star program, word for word: "In the summer, use the ceiling fan in the counterclockwise direction. The airflow produced by the ceiling fan creates a wind-chill

effect, making you 'feel' cooler. In the winter, reverse the motor and operate the ceiling fan at low speed in the clockwise direction."

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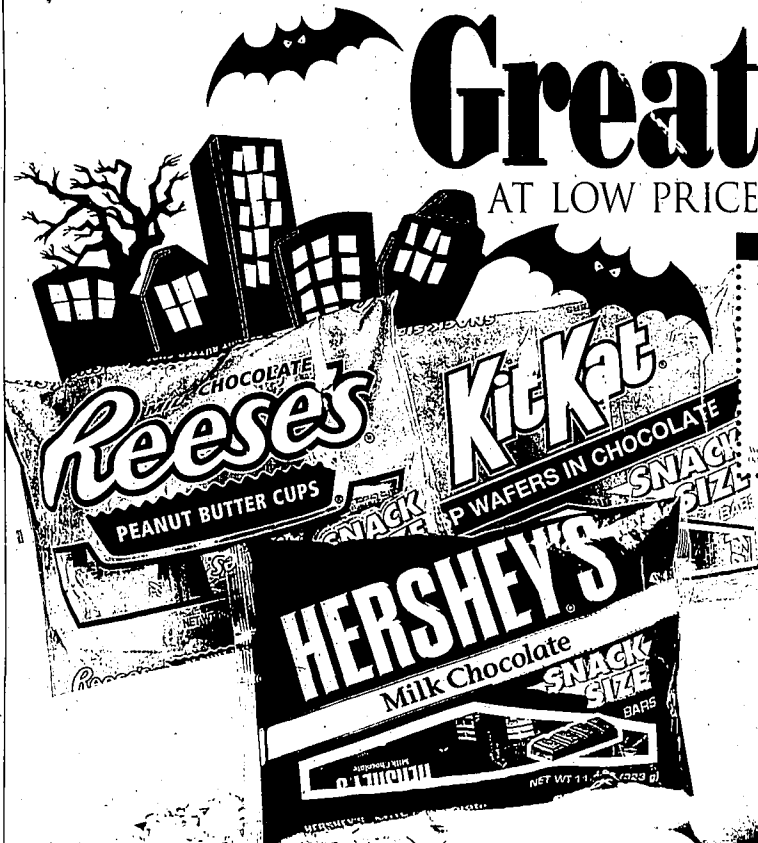
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SPORTS



Breeders' Cup Sprint entrant Lost in the Fog is worked out at Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y., Monday.

Lost in the Fog looks to dust off the field

By Gary West
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

ELMONT, N.Y. — Funny thing about a racehorse, you never know how good one is until he loses. And Greg Gilchrist hopes he never finds out just how good Lost in the Fog might be.

So far, the charismatic chunk of racehorse has been good enough to win all 10 of his races by an average margin of 6.67 lengths; good enough, too, to win nine consecutive stakes while traveling to eight race tracks from California to Florida to New York and good enough to be one of the stars of the Breeders' Cup show Saturday, when he also could prove himself good enough to become a champion, maybe even Horse of the Year.

"One of the great things about this Breeders' Cup," said Gilchrist, who trains the Breeders' Cup Sprint favorite, "is that

it's going to answer so many questions as far as the championships go. Everything is so wide open."

"Lost in the Fog wins Saturday. He at the very least is the year's champion sprinter. But depending on what happens in other Breeders' Cup races such as the Classic and the Mile, he also could receive considerable support for the sport's highest honor, the Golden Turf Award, symbolic of the Horse of the Year.

And Lost in the Fog has labored the entire year, starting with a stakes victory in January, without showing any signs of regression or weariness. Lost in the Fog, Gilchrist said, approaches his workouts and races with the same eagerness he had when the year began.

"He just loves his work," the trainer said. "And on race day, he smiles and calms down because this is what he's waiting on and

it's finally here."

During the Fog's streak of victories, there have been only two anxious moments. Gilchrist said, when defeat seemed even remotely possible. The first occurred in the Swale Stakes at Gulfstream, where, for the first time, Lost in the Fog faced a horse, specifically More Smoke, with comparable quickness.

Gilchrist instructed jockey Russell Baze to concede the early lead to More Smoke. Lost in the Fog, the trainer explained, would learn from the experience. And when the Fog won by nearly five lengths, Gilchrist learned that his speedster would rate behind another horse.

The Fog had his second auxiliary race at Belmont Park, in the Iliwa Ridge Stakes. The Fog shot to the lead, but horses challenged him repeatedly until mid-stretch, where he finally pulled clear.

Mara

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who sought out Mara. His advice also was invaluable to other college league officials, media and even fans.

"When Well Mara stood to speak at a league meeting, the room would become silent with anticipation because all of us knew we were going to hear profound insights born of eight decades of league experience," Tagliabue said.

Mara became a Giants' hall-of-fame member on Oct. 19, 1925 after his father, Timothy J. Mara, bought the team. He stayed fully involved in its operation for almost 80 years, except for three years while in the Navy during World War II. Until he became ill last spring, he attended most practices and every game.

In 1930, at 14, his father made him co-owner with older brother Jack, and he ran the club until several years ago when son John took over day-to-day operations.

But from 1979 on, while the team was run by general managers Gene Young and Ernie Accorsi, Mara had final say on football decisions. It was the one who decided to fire Jim Fassel after the 2003 season and replace him with Tom Coughlin.

"I never had more respect for anybody in this business, or in any business, or in any walk of life, than Wellington Mara," said Coughlin, an assistant on the Giants team. "To say Wellington Mara is one of a kind, I would endorse that wholeheartedly."

Before last Sunday's game against Denver, Coughlin told his players of Mara's condition. The Giants won on a touchdown pass from Eli Manning to Amani Toomer with 5 seconds left. In the locker room after the game, the players chanted

"Duke, Duke, Duke" — Mara's nickname.

Manning later said he had been told by one of Mara's grandsons that the owner awakened in time to see the winning play, then smiled and went back to sleep.

The players, current and past, all admired him.

"After games, you'd walk into the locker room and he'd be standing right there to shake your hand, win or lose," running back Tiki Barber said.

"That was one of the moving feelings about playing for the New York Giants, having your accountability given to you as soon as you walked into the locker room."

"Wellington Mara is the face of not only the New York Giants but the NFL," tight end Jeremy Shockey said. "He's a pioneer and the guy that everybody looks up to."

When former players became ill, Mara would find them doctors, pay their medical expenses and arrange help for their families. Many old-timers were on the payroll as scouts or advisers. Even in this era of sophisticated scouting, it wasn't unusual for Young or Accorsi to get a call from a former player recommending the Giants look at some prospect.

In most cases, the team was well aware of the prospect, but Mara never dropped any of those old "scouts" from the payroll.

Mara always considered himself a football man first, running the on-field operations through the 1950s until 1979 while Jack and then Jack's son Tim ran the business end. The team was successful during the '50s and early '60s with stars such as Frank Gifford, Y.A. Tittle, Sam Huff and Roosevelt Brown and a coaching staff that included

Tom Laundry and Vince Lombardi as assistants.

But after losing to Chicago in the 1963 NFL championship game, the Giants began a long slide, failing to make the playoffs again until 1981 as Wellington and Tim, by then the co-owner, faded.

In 1979, on the commissioner's recommendation, the Mara's agreed to hire Young as general manager and the team again became a power.

It won Super Bowls in 1986 and 1990 with Bill Parcells coaching a team that starred Lawrence Taylor and Phil Simms and stout defenses. The 1990 team featured one of the best coaching staffs assembled: future head coaches Coughlin, Bill Belichick, Al Groh, Charlie Weis, Romeo Crennel and Ray Handley.

Parcells left after that season and the Giants slipped into the middle of the pack.

Mara made the Super Bowl again after the 2000 season, losing to the Baltimore Ravens, owned by Art Modell, Mara's close friend and longtime partner in league matters. Mara never openly criticized Modell's move of a team that had been the Giants' chief on-field rival during the '50s and '60s, and they celebrated getting to the Super Bowl together.

In 1991, Tim Mara and his family sold their share of the team to Robert Tisch. Tisch and Mara were officially co-owners and Tisch ran much of the business affairs. But it was always clear this was Wellington's team — for many years they were known by New York headline writers as "the Marans."

Mara is survived by wife Ann, 11 children and 40 grandchildren.

There was no immediate word on funeral arrangements.

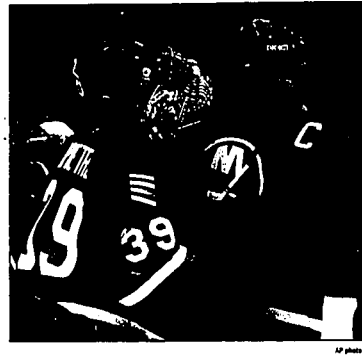
Yashin points streak continues against hapless Thrashers

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Alexei Yashin had two goals and an assist to extend his points streak to seven games in the New York Islanders' 4-3 victory over the Atlanta Thrashers on Tuesday night.

Miroslav Satan and Jason Blake also scored to help New York win for the third time in its last four games.

Satan has seven goals this season, five in his last four games. Rick DiPietro made 34 saves for his fourth victory of the season.

Ilya Kovalchuk had two power-play goals and Bobby Holik also scored with the man advantage for Atlanta, which has lost five of its last six. The Thrashers' Patrick Stueber netted on the penalty shot in the second period.



New York Islanders' Alexei Yashin embraces goalie Rick DiPietro after the Islanders 4-2 victory over the Atlanta Thrashers, Tuesday at Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y. Yashin scored two of the Islanders four goals.

Canadiens 3, Flyers 2, OT

MONTREAL — Mike Ribeiro scored his second goal of the game, 2:26 into overtime, to help Montreal improve to 2-2-0 with its third straight home victory.

Ribeiro also tied midway through the third, and Pierre Dagenais had a first-period goal for the Canadiens. Philadelphia rookie Mike Richards had a goal and assisted on Brian Savage's goal.

Predators 5, Blackhawks 3

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Paul Kariya had a goal and an assist, and Tomas Vokoun made a season-high 38 saves in Nashville's season-opening eighth straight victory.

Martin Erat and David Legwand also each had a goal and an assist. Steve Sullivan and Yanic Perreault added goals, and Scott Hartnell had three assists for the Predators in the final 17 seconds of the period that carried into the overtime, and Weis took advantage of it to score his first of the season.

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last 10 against Florida.

Nathan Horton and Martin Gelinas scored in the first period for the Panthers. Ryan Malone also scored for Pittsburgh.

Canucks 3, Wild 1

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Markus Naslund broke a tie early in the second period with his team-leading seventh goal to help Vancouver win its sixth straight game.

The Canucks are 81-1, matching the best record after 10 games in team history. Their only regulation loss came on Oct. 12 when Minnesota won 6-0 in St. Paul.

Naslund gave the Canucks a 2-1 lead, taking a pass from Todd Bertuzzi on a 2-on-1 break and banking a low shot off goalie Manny Fernandez's right arm.

Jarkko Ruutu and Henrik Selin also scored for the Canucks, and Alex Auld made 27 saves to improve to 3-0-0. Alexandre Daigle scored for Minnesota.

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Penguins owner-captain Mario Lemieux then drew a disputed interference penalty in the final 17 seconds of the period that carried into the overtime, and Weis took advantage of it to score his first of the season.

Pittsburgh is 0-4-5, the longest season-opening stretch in the 58-season history without a winning, and his dropped it

Group seeks to stem violence by athletes

NEW YORK (AP) — A leading advocate for victims' rights said Tuesday that major colleges are overlooking a national policy on the reputations of their athletic programs that in investigating cases of alleged rape and other violent acts by players.

"We are growing weary of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's reluctance to establish any sort of policy against athlete violence," said Kathy Redmond, founder of the National Coalition Against Violent Athletes.

She urged Congress to investigate the NCAA's finances and called on the governing body to establish a national policy on violence by athletes. She added that her Littleton, Colo., group has created a lobbying wing to pressure lawmakers into following its recommendations.

"We want the NCAA to adopt athlete violence policies," she said. "Right now, they're not even touching it; they refuse to touch it."

NCAA spokesman Bob Williams insists his group does not have a tax attitude.

"If an athlete commits a violent act, they should be prosecuted just like any other citizen," Williams said. "This is a law enforcement issue and should be handled by law enforcement."

He added there are 360,000 athletes who compete in NCAA sports, and the vast majority do so in a manner keeping with acceptable behavior in society.

Redmond founded her organization in the late 1990s after saying she had been raped by a lineman while attending Nebraska. Although the player was

never charged, she received a \$50,000 settlement in 1997 from the university in her lawsuit.

Redmond was joined at a news conference by several women who shared their stories of violent encounters with athletes. They contended the athletes were protected by both the college administration and law enforcement authorities, who were more interested in caring for the athletes than their victims.

One woman, Julia Meyers, said her sister and brother were attacked by a football player in the parking lot of a bar after the player made a lewd comment at the woman. She said that when she tried to pursue the matter, a university official warned her against taking action, saying "football players are celebrities."

Central Washington sets scoring record

By Tim Booth
Associated Press writer

Central Washington set an NCAA scoring record with 27 points in 79 seconds in a top-sided win over Western Oregon last weekend.

The NCAA statistical service confirmed Tuesday that the Division II Wildcats' scoring blitz was a record for all NCAA divisions.

The previous all-divisions record for most points scored in the shortest amount of time was held by Division II Mount Union, which scored 21 points in 33 seconds on Sept. 14, 1996, against Defiance.

The Division I record is held by Colorado State, which scored 20 points in 55 seconds against

San Jose State in 1997. Kent State scored 21 points in 1:04 against Akron in 1996.

Pittsburg State held the previous Division II mark, scoring 21 points in 50 seconds against Michigan-Bella last year.

Central Washington (6-2) led Western Oregon by eight points early in the second quarter when the onslaught began. Mike Reilly threw a TD pass to Nate Brokerson, and two plays later cornerback Brandon Kennedy returned an interception 36 yards for another score.

On the second play of the next drive, Josh Chance scooped up a fumble and returned it 12 yards for a touchdown, and Kennedy closed out the scoring surge by returning another interception.

30 yards for a score.

The Wildcats won the game 61-33.

"You're almost in disbelief," Central Washington coach John Zamberlin told The Associated Press in a phone interview on Tuesday night. "It was pretty exciting for the defense to score like that and demoralizing for the other team."

"It was kind of like an avalanche, just bang, bang, bang. We were kind of in shock on our sidelines too, but it was a good shock."

The Wildcats' 34 points in the second quarter and 55 in the opening half were also school records.

Central Washington plays at Western Washington on Saturday.

Air Force looking into comments by longtime coach

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — The Air Force Academy is looking into comments made by longtime football coach Fisher DeBerry, who said black athletes "run very, very well" and that the program lacks minority athletes.

The 67-year-old DeBerry, in his 22nd year at Air Force, first mentioned the academy's lack of minority players compared to other schools on Monday.

"We were looking at things, like you don't see many minority athletes in our program," DeBerry was quoted as saying in The

Gazette of Colorado Springs.

DeBerry elaborated on his comments during his weekly luncheon Tuesday.

"It just seems to be that way, that Afro-American kids can run very, very well. That doesn't mean that Caucasian kids and other descents can't run, but it's very obvious to me they run extremely well," DeBerry said in a radio broadcast Tuesday night by Denver television station KWGN.

Academy officials released a statement Tuesday, saying they were aware of the remarks.

"We cannot comment further until we have a chance to review all the reports, the coach's actual statements and to speak with the coach personally," academy spokesman Lt. Col. Laurent Fox said.

DeBerry is the winningest coach in service academy history with a record of 161-94-1. He has had 17 winning seasons and won 12 bowl games.

This season, the Falcons are struggling. The team lost 48-10 to No. 20 TCU on Saturday, dropping to 3-5 overall and 2-4 in the Mountain West Conference.

WORLD

Electricity returns to Havana

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

HAVANA — Residents laid damp shies along balcony rails and squished their feet out of old mattresses Tuesday, salvaging what little they could from Wáma's devastating storm surge.

But his lawyer asserts, indignities suffered by Shehri, 21, did not end there. Shehri told attorney Julia Larver this month that U.S. forces — not doctors or nurses — have brutally inserted and removed feeding tubes, and on one occasion yanked a bloody tube out of one prisoner and put it up the nose and into the stomach of another, in the U.S. military effort to keep captives from starving themselves.

Guantanamo inmate says guard feeding tubes up his nose

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — In his on-again, off-again hunger strike at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Saudi captive Yousef al-Shehri says U.S. troops forced feeding tubes up his nose and into his stomach to keep him from starving himself.

The Bush administration flatly denies the assertions and says 75 of so suspected terrorists housed at Guantanamo get top-notch medical care.

But the Saudi's assertions are by far the most graphic allegations of abuse to emerge from the detention center as the U.S. military struggles to control protests that have bedeviled the prison since summer-time hunger strikes.

"These are baseless allegations," said Army Lt. Col. Bill Castello, spokesman at the Southern Command in Miami, on Friday, adding that no independent investigation of the alleged mistreatment is planned.

Also Tuesday, the attorney for Kuwait captive Fawza al-Oldeh, 28, told The Associated Press that his client wants a court to order the military to remove his feeding tube and let him die.

Wilder describes his client's condition as deteriorating prison camp spokesmen say all of the two dozen or so hunger-strikers are stable.

Medical staff at the camp have described the tube-feeding as a medical necessity. Doctors and nurses have said they ethically cannot stand by and permit a patient to commit suicide.

In a declaration filed by Larver in U.S. District Court in a habeas corpus petition seeking the release of 10 Saudi captives, she portrays a zealous guard force on the eve of the Ramadan holiday in late September or early October mistreating prisoners on feeding tubes.

The commander of medical treatment there disputes the allegations in a U.S. affidavit.

Doctors and registered nurses carefully and continuously evaluate the health of all detainees being tube-fed," said Navy Capt. John Edmondson, who oversees medical care for captives as well as sailors, soldiers, contractors and their families.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Insurance, finance advisers will meet

TWIN FALLS — The National Association of Insurance and Finance Advisers from the Idaho (formerly Life Underwriters) will meet Nov. 1 at the Loong Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road.

The program, "Long Term Care Symposium 2005," will be presented by various professionals in the industry. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m., and the presentation will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$35 for Southern Idaho NAIFA members or \$45 for nonmembers. The price includes a Chicago-Memphis and three Idaho continuing education credits.

Please RSVP by 5 p.m. Thursday to Jo Cluff at 324-0044 or jo@hallasassociates.com.

Woman will retire from Commerce and Labor

TWIN FALLS — Pam Petersen is retiring Monday after 31 years with the Magic Valley office of Idaho Commerce and Labor.

Petersen has been manager at the Twin Falls office for the past 12 1/2 years. She has promoted business and employment growth and development throughout south-central Idaho, and her work has contributed to bringing new businesses to the Magic Valley area. She has been actively involved in community outreach and various business organizations.

An open house to celebrate Petersen's retirement will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday at the Idaho Commerce and Labor office, 771 North College Road.

Workshop teaches workplace transitions

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a workshop to help employees handle transitions in the workplace such as new policies, management and laws; downsizing; mergers and layoffs; and new equipment, technologies and job descriptions.

"WorkSmart: Navigating Change" will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 1 through 15.

Participants will begin by identifying their learning style to determine how it affects their reactions to change, then practice techniques to apply this new knowledge to solve problems and make decisions. They also will develop skills to improve availability and enhance their learning style so that change is welcomed rather than feared.

One credit is offered. Cost is \$95, plus \$2.50 for materials. Reservations have been received through the Center for New Directions. Registration deadline is Friday.

For more information, call 732-6680 or (800) 680-0274, ext. 6680.

Career-planning event set for Nov. 1 and 3

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho's Center for New Directions is offering a career-planning workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. Nov. 1 and 3.

Those who want to begin an education and explore jobs of the future in a technical-professional career are welcome. Participants will investigate different technical careers and a new plan for success. A professional staff member will assist with identifying interests and other tools for career exploration.

Inclusion is free; career tests are included. Deadline to register is Monday.

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— compiled from staff and wire reports

Bernanke a safe pick for White House

By Jonathan Weisman
The Washington Post

Analysis

he had the opportunity to bridge the partisan divide by nominating Internal Fed candidates highly regarded by retiring Chairman Alan Greenspan who happened to be either Democratic or politically independent. But the uproar that followed Bush's nomination of White House counsel Harriet Miers to the Supreme Court limited Bush's options, former White House economists said. The president could not antagonize his conservative base with a nominee far from the Republi-



Bernanke

can camp but he had to be careful not to inflame other opponents with a choice deemed too ideologically wedded to the White House. Above all, they said, Bush did not want another confirmation battle on his hands.

"I don't think there's any question that (the Miers fight) had a lot to do with" the Bernanke choice, said Bruce

Bartlett, a conservative economic commentator. "It made them go with the safe appointment rather than take any risks."

"This one does thread all those needles," said Phillip Swagel, a former chief of staff at Bush's Council of Economic Advisers.

If Miers' defenders have dismissed her critics as elitists, they showed no reticence Monday in extolling Bernanke's elite credentials. Bush boosted Bernanke's Harvard University record, his doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his chairman-

ship of the Princeton University Economics Department. In his paragraph announcement, the president was almost dismissive of Bernanke's White House experience, mentioning only in passing. "Since June he has served as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers."

When Bernanke joined the White House in June, his appointment as a top Bush economic adviser was seen as something of a ruyou to succeed Greenspan at the Fed. But in recent months, strong competition had emerged.

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Homes not just for anybody



Mary Ebens, 69, and her husband Richard Ebens, 75, stand on the porch of their home Aug. 22 at The Villages at Quail Run, an age-restricted housing community for people age 55 and over, in Hudson, Mass.

More housing projects cater to the 55-and-older

The Associated Press

HUDSON, Mass. — The condominium that retires Richard and Mary Jean Ebens bought three years ago for \$305,000 has some nice amenities: 2,000 square feet of living space, a garage, a basement, a deck looking over the garden, and a reasonable 45-minute drive to Boston.

But the social benefits are what make it special to Richard, 75, a former Episcopal pastor, and Mary Jean, the 69-year-old former operations manager for a computer company. That's because The Villages at Quail Run, the 150-unit "active adult community" the Ebens call home, is only for people 55 and older.

Age-restricted developments — which typically lack the medi-

cal care and services available in nursing homes and assisted living facilities — expanded in the 1990s in Sun Belt retirement havens after Congress granted developers exemptions from federal housing anti-discrimination statutes.

Thanks to accommodating local zoning rules and officials' desire to attract older residents who aren't a drain on the tax base, the projects are becoming increasingly common outside the Sun Belt, particularly in expensive housing markets in the Northeast. But some housing advocates claim it's edging out young families and others out of the housing market.

"Now you're seeing a boom going on all around the country," said Jeff Jenkins, assistant director of 50-plus housing for

the National Association of Home Builders. About 60 percent of such developments are now outside the Sun Belt, with the growth in northerly states driven in part by many buyers' wishes to stay closer to family and the communities where they spent their working lives, he said.

The number of projects has grown over the past decade to about 1,250 in 44 states, according to a private database, the National Directory of Lifestyle Communities. More than six times as many new projects were opened for sale in 2004 (98) compared with 1995 (15), with 74 percent of the communities built last year constructed outside the 13 Sun Belt states.

Developers are responding to the aging of the 78 million baby

boomers born from 1946 to 1964. Active adult housing accounted for one-third of the 38,612 homes built across the nation last year by Palte Homes, compared with one-quarter of its home production in 2001.

"We don't see any end to the active adult boom in sight," said Richard Dugas, chief executive of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.-based Palte, the nation's largest builder of active adult housing.

But some affordable housing advocates in high-cost areas question whether age-restricted housing is growing too fast to meet market demand and taking up too great a share of new construction.

Although Richard Ebens embraces the trend, he worries the

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McDonald's packaging will display health info

Firm aims to improve its image

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — McDonald's Corp. announced Tuesday that it will display nutrition information on the packaging for most of its menu items next year.

The world's largest restaurant company, like other fast-food chains, already has detailed nutrition information posted on its Web site, and a list of menu items and their content was available at many outlets when consumers requested it.

But the chain had resisted calls to post calories and fat content prominently in its restaurants or on its packaging.

The new packaging will be introduced in McDonald's restaurants in North America, Europe, Asia and Latin America starting in the first half of 2006. The Oak Brook, Ill.-based company said it expects to have the packaging available in more than 20,000 of its 30,000-plus restaurants worldwide by the end

of the year.

In announcing the latest push to improve its image on health issues, McDonald's said it demonstrates its commitment to promoting balanced, active lifestyles.

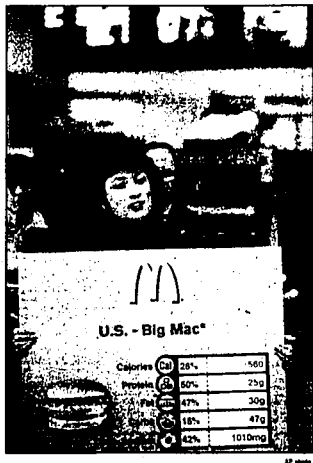
"This initiative makes it easier than ever to understand the quality that goes into our food," CEO Jim Skinner said. "We're very confident that the more information people have, the more they will like what they see at McDonald's."

McDonald's has been a magnet for complaints that fast food is unhealthy.

It was targeted by the 2003 documentary "Supersize Me," which focused on the health risks of an all fast-food diet, and hit with a lawsuit blaming the company for the obesity of teenage customers, although that suit was dismissed.

The company has long maintained that its food can be part of an active, balanced lifestyle.

The packaging information will consist of icons and bar charts displaying how McDonald's menu items relate to daily recommendations for calories, protein, fat, carbohydrates and sodium.



Cathy Kapcia, director of nutrition for Oak Brook, Ill.-based McDonald's Corp., displays a sample of a new nutrition label the company announced it will put on the packaging for most of its menu items next year.

Crooks target funds for college

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — When John Christensen signed up for classes at a small community college in Arizona, he wasn't worried about his final grade, or any grade at all. He could only fail if he didn't hold on long enough to collect thousands of dollars in fraudulent student loans and grants.

"The object I had was not to be dropped out of the course for the first 30 days. If I didn't drop out and the instructor didn't drop me out, I was going to get the money," said Christensen, an identity thief who collected more than \$316,000 in federal college aid with 43 stolen identities until he was caught in September 2003.

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MONEY

Consumer confidence unexpectedly falls

NEW YORK (AP) — The outlook for the holiday shopping season darkened Wednesday as the latest consumer confidence reading showed Americans even more pessimistic about the economy during October.

"Much of the decline in confidence over the past two months can be attributed to the impact of hurricanes, (gas) pump shock and a weakening labor market," Lynn Franco, director of the private research group's Consumer Research Center, said in a statement.

She said the "degree of pessimism, in conjunction with the anticipation of much higher home heating bills this winter, may take some cheer out of the upcoming holiday season."

The drop in confidence contributed to a decline on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones industrial average fell 7.13 points, or 0.07 percent, to 10,377.87, having lost more than 60 points earlier in the session.

Meanwhile, the National Association of Realtors said sales of previously owned homes were unchanged in September

at the second-highest level on record. However, the Realtors said sales would have fallen without an increase in demand among people left homeless by Hurricane Katrina.

The latest snapshot on consumer confidence comes at a challenging time for the U.S. economy. There are worries about rising prices across the economy and Federal Reserve officials have said more interest rate hikes are in the offing to curb inflation in check. And while the national job market did not suffer as devastating a blow from hurricanes Katrina and Rita as economists feared, it still shows momentum.

Retailers are already preparing for a difficult holiday season. Although gasoline prices have slipped back from recent weeks, they are still quite high, and home heating costs

are expected to soar this fall and winter, forcing many consumers to budget carefully for the holidays.

"Consumers are fairly worried about the economy... I think the holiday season is going to be a bit of a struggle," Vincer, senior economist with Wachovia Securities in Charlotte, N.C.

Patrick Featon, senior economist at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc., believes all the political uncertainty is also taking a toll on consumers' confidence.

"There is certainly more single than just hurricanes getting on the minds of consumers and resulting spike in gasoline prices," said Featon. He noted President Bush's drop in approval ratings, political unrest in the Middle East and concerns about the Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers "could weigh on people's attitudes."

Housing

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elderly housing to affordable housing for families not yet fully established in any way about the need to decrease the amount of that type of housing," Green said.

But the pressure is already being felt in Massachusetts, where housing prices have seen the steepest price increase in the nation over the past 25 years, rising 516 percent from 1980 to 2004, according to federal data.

Already, several age-restricted projects in the state remain partially vacant — in some cases leading developers to ask that age restrictions be lifted.

A report issued in June by the Citizens' Housing and Planning Association, a Boston-based nonprofit that represents a variety of housing interests including developers, identified

more than 150 "active adult" developments in Massachusetts, either existing or under construction.

CIAPAs study found the state's supply of age-restricted housing "exceeds what is likely to be absorbed in the near-term, even under the most optimistic assumptions."

Local governments are eager to sign off on housing for those at risk of becoming homeless after demographic because they don't come with school-aged children and the related drain on schools.

"We're getting blocked out of the marketplace for non-age-restricted housing," said Jeff Bluhdus of Symes Associates, a Beverly, Mass. developer of non-traditional housing projects.

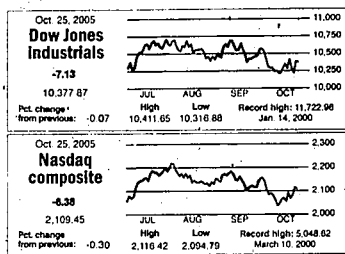
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CIAPA found that 70 Massachusetts communities have zoning provisions that encourage age-restricted developments, and many have granted special permits for such housing that would not otherwise be allowed.

Because of their locations or density, "The problem is we need families and kids to keep the state competitive," said Clark Ziegler, executive director of the Massachusetts Housing Partnership, a state agency that promotes affordable housing.

"If we're just building age-restricted housing, we'll still have an affordability problem for people in the marketplace."



Wall Street holds on after consumer confidence news

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street closed lower in profit-taking Tuesday after the previous session's big gain, but the market held on reasonably well despite a surprising drop in consumer confidence and a disappointing forecast from Texas Instruments Inc.

The market indexes were down for much of the day, then recovered most of their losses in late trading. Still, the market's gain and loss reflected the uncertainty of investors' confidence.

Wall Street remained gratified by the nomination of Bush administration economist Ben Bernanke to succeed Alan Greenspan as head of the Federal Reserve Board, but also continued to worry about inflation in the face of slow economic growth and warnings of declining fourth-quarter sales or profits from major companies like Intel and Microsoft.

Stocks were further pressured as the Conference Board reported that its consumer confidence index fell to 85 in October, down from 86.6 in September and less than the 88 reading economists had expected. The unexpected drop raised new concerns about consumer spending this month before the start of the holiday shopping season.

"We're in a market that is clearly in a little short-term decision box," said Rod Smyth, chief investment strategist at Wachovia Securities. "It's the debate whether core inflation remains low, which allows the Fed to stop raising rates, or whether core inflation is not able to be contained. We'll get a progression of data and numbers that will help resolve this somewhat, but until then, we're in the box."

The Dow fell 7.13, or 0.07 percent, to 10,377.87, having lost more than 60 points earlier in the session. The Dow shot up 169 points on Monday.

Broader stock indices were modestly lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 2.84, or 0.24 percent, to 1,196.54, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 6.38, or 0.3 percent, to 2,109.45.

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Vioux judge amends ruling

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — A day after refusing to admit a U.S. Food and Drug Administration memo into evidence, the judge presiding over the Vioux trial has changed his ruling, allowing attorneys for both sides to discuss its key conclusions but not show it to jurors.

In an unexpected twist, state Superior Court Judge Carl E. Huber ruled Tuesday that an expert cardiologist testifying for attorney Merck & Co. could be questioned about the memo. He said other anti-inflammatory drugs also carry risk of heart attack, stroke and death.

Bernanke

Continued from E1
Glenn Hubbard, a professor at Berkman's at the Council on Economic Advisors, has been seen as a candidate for the Fed job, but as Bernanke's star rose, so did the voices of Hubbard advocates, who saw him as a stronger conservative.

Then came Miers' Oct. 3 nomination. Angry conservatives denounced her as an unelected appointee to their cabinet, while politicians from both major political parties questioned the Supreme Court credentials of a nominee who had never served as a judge or worked as a lawyer on constitutional issues.

In July, Marc Stuetgen, who worked with Lindsey at the White House and later joined Lindsey's consulting firm, penned an opinion piece in the Wall Street Journal, writing about the naming of Fed chairman who would adopt strict rules to determine when inflation is looming.

The conservative National Review published a piece on Aug. 14 warning of "the scary side of Ben Bernanke."
If such sentiments pushed him into the White House, Lindsey and Hubbard, who worked together for three former White House officials, senior voices at the Fed — including Greenspan — were once again being pushed to the side.

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REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

Citizen-soldiers have paid dearly

Two years into Iraq war, National Guard deaths silenced a state

By Russ Byrum and Elliott Minor
Associated Press writers

THOMSON, Ga. — During his 18 years in the Georgia National Guard, James Kinlow settled into a peaceful, small-town life focused more on being a citizen than a soldier. Kinlow had married his high-school sweetheart and rarely missed the Lincoln County Red Devils' home football games. He worked in a lumber yard and drove a freight truck. The citizen-soldiers he trained with every month included family friends and former teachers. He cracked them up with his imitations of the officers.

Then, late last year, he got the news. He was going to war. So, between Christmas and New Year's, he tore off two sheets of notebook paper and wrote out his life in summary, with a blank for the newspapers to fill in later, beginning with the end.

"Mr. James O. Kinlow, 35, of Holt St. died in Iraq."

Nearly seven months later, the sentence was completed. He died on July 24. He did not die alone; three of his comrades died as well. All together, 11 soldiers in the Georgia-based 48th Infantry Brigade have fallen since their arrival in Iraq in June, said examples of the bloody price paid by U.S. citizen-soldiers in this war.

Since the March 2003 invasion, at least 497 National Guard or Reserve troops have died in Iraq, nearly 1 in 4 U.S. casualties. These are not professional soldiers. These are the people who sell us insurance, drive our trucks, fix our cars.

"The Guard is different in the respect that these folks are seen around town every day, driving a deputy sheriff's patrol car or working at the 7-11 or teaching high school," said U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga. "These are everyday folks who have been commanded to go to war."

Folks like James Kinlow, who survived just six weeks in that hostile land. His journal from those weeks depicts a combat unit quickly coming to grips with unmissable dangers.

He encounters his first roadside bomb during his third mission June 10. "We heard this big bang and saw black smoke. We immediately sped up and blocked off the road. We went looking for the suspects but never found anyone. Today I was really scared."

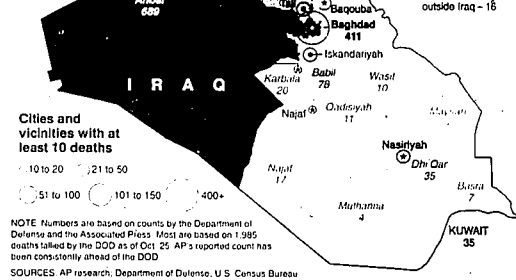
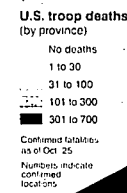
On June 13, he frets over orders to raid a house and take detainees. "I really didn't want to do this. They said that there would probably be a lot of shooting. But the Lord answered my prayers and it was called off. The bad part is that we have to do this tonight at 2400 hrs."

On June 26: "We had a crew to get hit tonight. Steed, Williams, Haggin, Jones, Hosenfeld. They were all injured



Daphane Kinlow, widow of Sgt. James Kinlow, looks at a funeral program for her husband as she goes through some memorabilia at her home in Thomson, Ga., on Oct. 13. Kinlow, a member of the Georgia National Guard, died last July 24, the victim of a roadside bomb in Iraq.

2,000 fallen soldiers



Cities and vicinities with at least 10 deaths

- 10 to 20
- 21 to 50
- 51 to 100
- 101 to 150
- 400+

NOTE: Numbers are based on counts by the Department of Defense and the Associated Press. Most are based on 1,985 deaths tallied by the DOD as of Oct. 25. AP's reported count has been consistently ahead of the DOD.

SOURCES: AP research, Department of Defense, U.S. Census Bureau

After more than two and a half years in Iraq, 2,000 U.S. troops lost their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom. As diverse as our nation, they came from all corners of the country, representing all races and ethnic groups.

Gov. Sonny Perdue wept openly at a news conference. From the statehouse to office buildings, factories and school classrooms, the entire state paused for a moment of silence Aug. 18.

As each death was reported, surviving comrades struggled to keep their composure. Sgt. David R. Jones had been a deputy at the Richmond County Jail for seven years, and he fell back on the gallows humor of the jailhouse when his comrades died.

When Kinlow's crew was killed in Baghdad, Jones wrote to his wife in Augusta: "This is a test of the David Stabilization System."

Jones, 45, had volunteered to deploy to fill a vacancy in the 48th Brigade. His father's wage didn't always cover the bills, and Jones hoped hazard pay from Iraq would help his family's financial struggles.

But no pay could compensate for these hazards. The June 26 explosion that jolted Kinlow left Jones with a scratched cornea. Then, a few weeks later, came Kinlow's death.

"I got really down after Kinlow's accident. It took him a while to bounce back up," said his wife, Karen Jones. "He put in one of his letters that that was the good part about ADD (attention deficit disorder) — you couldn't put your mind to one topic for too long."

Jones had just six days to grieve. On July 30, his patrol struck another roadside bomb. He and three others died.

A closer look at military death statistics in Iraq

By Jeff Donn
Associated Press writer

Who are the dead of Operation Iraqi Freedom? How did they die? Like the rest of America, they are a diverse group. A numerical portrait of U.S. military members who have died so far in the war in Iraq:

- Number who died since major combat ended April 30, 2003: 1,846.
- Percent who died since major combat ended: 93.
- Number lost in November 2004, the month with the most deaths: 137.
- Percent of the dead who were in the Army: 68.
- Percent in the Air Force: 1.
- Percent in the National Guard or Reserves: 25.
- Percent who died in three Iraqi provinces with mostly Sunni Muslims, the branch of Islam to which Saddam Hussein belongs: 53.
- Percent who died outside military action: 23.
- Percent who died in accidents on land: 12.
- Number who died of illness: 9.
- Number of friendly fire deaths confirmed by the Department of Defense: 4.
- Number killed in rifle and grenade attack by fellow soldier at Camp Permythylia in Kuwait: 2.
- Number of commanders killed in so-called frugging attack — by a soldier on a superior — at a camp outside Baghdad: 2.
- Percent who were officers: 10.
- Number older than 45 years: 30.
- Number who were age 18 to 20: 20.
- Number of women: 44.
- Percent of the dead who were women: 2.
- Percent who were Hispanic: 11.
- Percent who belonged to a minority group: 25.
- Number from California, the most of any state: 215.
- Number from Alaska, least of any state: 4.
- Number from Texas: 174.
- Number from New York state: 92.
- Number from Puerto Rico: 16.
- Percent from the South: 38.
- Percent from the Northeast: 16.
- Number of foreign citizens: 76.
- Number from Mexico, the country with the most foreign citizens: 27.
- Number identified by the Defense Department who were awarded posthumous citizenship: 24.
- Number who died after five years or more in military service: 568.
- Number who died within first three months of their tour of duty: 525.
- Percent of total dead who were married: 40.
- Percent with children: 30.

Note: The numbers are based on counts by the Department of Defense and Associated Press.

but none life threatening. This is the first time people from our Co. were injured. This Really Hit Home Tonight.

Kinlow's final entry, July 23, ends on a happier note — "Got my leave." He could look forward to two weeks at home in mid-August.

The next day, the unseen bomb ripped through the armor of Kinlow's Humvee. He was at the wheel. Sgt. Carl Fuller led the patrol squad. Spc. Gas Brunson manned the machine gun, and Spc. John Frank Thomas sat ready with his rifle in the back. None survived.

They were the first combat casualties for the 48th Brigade since World War II. And the carnage continued with shocking swiftness. Another roadside bomb killed four more 48th soldiers July 30. On Aug. 3, three more died when a suicide car bomber hit their checkpoint.

Eleven died in 11 days. In Georgia, a state that's home to 13 military bases and has de-

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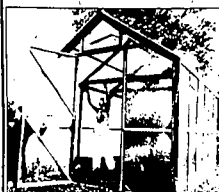
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