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## GOOD MORNING

### WEATHER

Today: Cloudy and breezy with a few afternoon showers. High 59, low 38.

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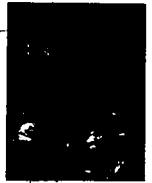
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Your favorite holiday potato recipe might win a prize.

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Federal Reserve raises key interest rate a quarter point.

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Incumbent Clow delivers know-how to city voters in Twin Falls, today's editorial says.

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#### Fire Into fall

How summer's wildfire season hastened the fall foliage.

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## Jerome County OKs Sempra weather station

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — An energy company that intends to build a coal-fired power plant in Jerome County cleared its first hurdle with the county on Tuesday, but may face further obstacles in court.

Jerome County Commissioners upheld a decision allowing Sempra Generation to build and operate a meteorological station at the site of its proposed 600-megawatt facility northeast of Jerome. Information collected at the station will be used when Sempra applies for state air quality permits for its coal-fired plant. Resident Lee Halper had appealed the

matter to the board asserting that the county Planning and Zoning Commission violated public process rules when it initially approved the station in June. Commission Chairwoman Veronica Lierman noted that the appeal did bring a procedural problem to light but felt the way the board handled the appeal resolved the issues.

"I think this is the best process in regard to due process for both sides," Lierman said. "I think we're on the right track."

Halper did not attend Tuesday's meeting. However, in an interview with *The Times-News*, Halper conveyed his dismay at the commissioners' decision.

After reviewing the meeting transcript, Halper will decide how to proceed. "More than likely there will be a lawsuit filed," he said.

In early October, the board had agreed with Halper and voted to have their attorney draft a memorandum reminding the appeal back to Planning and Zoning. In the meantime, Sempra — acting under the subsidiary of Idaho Valley LLC — submitted an objection to the county. The company's objection reminds commissioners of Idaho's "takings" law — a rule that requires local officials to analyze property devaluation resulting from government decisions to regulate activity on private properties.

Last week, after consulting with an attorney, commissioners decided to clarify Planning and Zoning members to clarify a few points at their meeting Monday evening. On Tuesday, Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown reported that all the board members agreed that they would still have reached the same conclusion and granted Sempra's request despite procedural problems. "I agree with our attorney that a remand was not necessary in this particular case," Lierman said.

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## BEST IN STATE



Andy Jones, a kindergartner at Oregon Trail Elementary School, looks out a bus window Tuesday afternoon. The school won a state award for excellence.

## Oregon Trail Elementary recognized for excellence

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Most students agree: Math stinks. But teachers at Oregon Trail Elementary have helped their students think otherwise, and the state of Idaho has noticed.

Oregon Trail Elementary was the only school in the state to receive the Distinguished School Award for helping its students meet federal math proficiency requirements. Not only did the majority of the students fill in the achievement gap — something that most schools in Idaho have struggled to do — but the school also helped ethnic minority students meet the standards as well.

Students, teachers and administrators gathered in the gymnasium before school was released Tuesday afternoon, so

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that Oregon Trail Elementary Principal Ted Poppewell could present banners of recognition to the school.

"You all are a part of this award," Poppewell said to the students and staff. "And I'm as proud as I've ever been to work with all these great people."

The Idaho State Board of Education gave the school two

banners in recognition of its success. In the assembly, students held the banners that read, "You reached for the stars and all became winners," and "Congratulations, you did a doggone good job."

The board of education looked at all 673 schools in the state before making the decision that Oregon Trail had made the most progress in student proficiency.

"There are more schools than there are people in this room by about 100," Poppewell said. "And Oregon Trail was the one."

Neither teachers, nor administrators wanted to take credit for the award. But Twin Falls School District Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said the credit belonged to both.

"Oregon Trail is indicative of what this district does," Dobbs said. "The credit really goes to the teachers and staff who

raised student achievement levels, and those are levels they can be proud of."

Teachers said relationships between other teachers, students and the administration at the school were crucial to Oregon Trail's success. They said Poppewell set high standards for the school as well as for himself, but he also emphasized positive attitudes.

"I think with all the expectations, it's like being in a pressure cooker," said Dana Morfin, a reading specialist. "And I think that's something we do very well. I feel really protected because I know what the goals and limits are."

Mary Jo Gardner, a special education instructor, said she feels like the staff and students are family — something that most of the teachers agreed is essen-

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## Bush outlines bird flu strategy

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush outlined a \$7.1 billion strategy Tuesday to prepare for a possible worldwide super-flu outbreak, aiming to overhaul the vaccine industry so eventually every American could be inoculated within six months of a pandemic's beginning.

Such a huge change would take years to implement — Bush's goal is 2010 — and his plan drew immediate fire from critics who said it wouldn't provide enough protection in the meantime. States, too, got an unpleasant surprise: ordered to purchase millions of doses of an anti-flu drug with their own money.

The long-awaited strategy also stresses expanded attention to detect and contain the next super-flu before it reaches the United States, with particular attention to parts of Asia that are influenza incubators. A global focus that Bush specialists have insisted the government adopt.

"Early detection is our first line of defense," Bush said in a speech at the National Institute of Health. He called on other countries to admit when super-flu strains occur within their borders. "No nation can afford to ignore this threat," he said.

At the same time, Bush sought to reassure a public jittery over the spread of bird flu, called H5N1, which has killed at least 62 people in Asia since 2003 and caused the death or destruction of tens of millions of birds.

There is no evidence that a huge super-flu is about to hit any other super-strain, is about

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## Idaho teachers' union will launch ballot initiative

The Associated Press

**BOISE** — With little confidence that Idaho lawmakers are willing to spend more on education next year, the state's largest teachers' union wants to take the matter straight to the people.

The Idaho Education Association is launching a ballot initiative that would ask voters to spend more on taxes to get more from their schools.

Sherry Wood, IEA's president, thinks the voters will say yes. "Educators have waited for quite a long time for the Legislature to live up to their constitutional jobs, and they haven't done that," Wood said Tuesday as lawmakers met in the Capitol to discuss property taxes.

"Polling shows a pretty high percentage of the public is willing to fund public schools and they're also willing to pay their teachers more."

Most legislation in Idaho, as in other states, is enacted by lawmakers. But some states also

permit citizens or groups to offer binding ballot initiatives that are voted on at election time.

To get its question on the ballot, a group must collect signatures from 6 percent of the state's voters — at least 47,881 people.

But first, the group has to come up with a question — something the IEA hasn't done yet. Union leaders are working on that now, Wood said.

One option for raising money is to restore a penny sales tax increase that expired last summer. The temporary one-cent sales tax hike — on top of Idaho's 5-cent sales tax — would raise about \$180 million in revenue next year, Wood said.

That's the only option Wood could come up with Tuesday after the IEA unveiled its new plan. She said the group will talk with others, such as the Idaho Parent-Teacher Association, the Idaho Association of School Administrators and the Idaho School Boards Association, to see if they have any ideas.

## Idaho aims to fill caviar void

### Aquaculture industry looks at opportunity

By Rebecca Boone  
Associated Press writer

**BOISE** — With the federal government's ban on beluga caviar from the Black Sea basin taking effect just before the busy holiday season, all eyes are turning to — Idaho.

The state's burgeoning aquaculture industry is hoping its farm-raised white sturgeon caviar will help fill the gap left by beluga on upscale menus. Several Idaho caviar farmers are starting their first commercial harvest this week.

"It really comes at a good time for us," said Linda Lemmon, secretary of the Idaho Aquaculture Association and owner of Blind Canyon Aquaranch, a trout and sturgeon farm near Hagerman. "We are really getting our first



Leo Ray and Lynn Bobington hold an 80-pound female sturgeon at Fish Breeders of Idaho in Hagerman. In this 2004 file photo, Ray says that he expects to harvest about 700 pounds of caviar a year for the next few years.

caviars on the market, so this will hopefully be a positive step for us." U.S. Fish and Wildlife officials

have listed beluga sturgeon populations as threatened. Please see **CAVIAR**, Page A2



### TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy skies and breezy with scattered afternoon showers. High up to 50s.  
 Tonight: Cloudy and breezy with scattered showers. Lows in the upper 30s.  
 Tomorrow: Cooler and cloudy with scattered showers. Highs in the lower 50s.

### TWIN FALLS FIVE DAY FORECAST

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### PUBLIC RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and mild with breezy afternoon conditions and a few showers. Highs near 50.  
 Tonight: Cloudy and breezy with scattered showers. Lows in the upper 30s.  
 Tomorrow: Cooler and breezy with scattered showers. Highs in the lower 50s.

### IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Valley locations will see rain and snow showers for today through Saturday. Small accumulations are possible overnight. Mountain areas will see snow and it could be heavy at times.

BOISE Cloudy skies and scattered showers for today. Scattered showers are likely for tonight and scattered showers will continue for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It will be breezy.

NORTHERN UTAH Mostly dry and windy today. Cooler, breezy to windy and scattered showers for Thursday through Saturday.

### ALMANAC TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's Low: 48	Month to Date: 0.07"	Yesterday's Maximum: 52%	Yesterday: 29.94 in.	Thursday: Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 1:34 PM
Record High: 73 in 1988	Year to Date: 0.37"	Today's Minimum: 46%	Saturday: Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 1:33 PM	

### MOON PHASES

Nov 2 New Moon  
 Nov 9 First Quarter  
 Nov 18 Full Moon  
 Nov 23 Last Quarter

### MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Thursday: Moonrise: 6:17 AM Moonset: 6:16 PM

### REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Donner Ferry	43	31	46
Challis	49	26	37
Elba, IDV	57	32	48
Hagerman	61	38	56
Idaho Falls	52	34	46
Jerome	50	35	44
Lowell	45	33	42
Mesa	43	30	40
Portland, OR	54	33	43
Rathburn	50	32	44
Rogerson	59	38	49
Salt Lake City, UT	64	34	54
Starbuck	47	32	41
Thermopylae, MT	43	30	38

### NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Albany	65	49	51
Anchorage	64	48	51
Atlanta	64	48	51
Boston	55	40	43
Chicago	51	35	41
Denver	51	35	41
Detroit	48	32	38
Houston	57	43	35
Los Angeles	77	61	64
Madison	51	35	41
Memphis	51	35	41
Minneapolis	51	35	41
New York	61	45	48
Phoenix	57	43	35
Portland	64	48	51
San Francisco	64	48	51
Seattle	64	48	51
Washington DC	64	48	51
Wichita	51	35	41

### U.V. INDEX

Low Moderate High  
 The higher the index the more sun protection needed.

### WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
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### TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

Legend: F (Frost), W (Warm), S (Stationary), O (Occluded)

### BREKID BROOKDALE'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I'm proud to be a part of the community and to see everyone coming together to make a difference."

## Idaho legislators back property tax-cut proposal that would increase sales taxes

The plan emerged at the end of a seven-hour session at the Statehouse where the lawmaker panel also voted to recommend eliminating a loophole developers have used to save millions in taxes.

The committee has more than a dozen times since early this session in Idaho across the state to address homeowner outrage over skyrocketing property tax bills. In Kootenai County, for instance, property values increased some 29 percent in 2004. One group that claims such spikes have resulted in unfair taxes has launched a proposed voter initiative that would slash homeowner payments.

"Residential property taxpayers were knocking on our door, asking us to reduce their property taxes," said Sen. David Latta, D-Boise, one of 10 lawmakers at the session that backed the \$125 million proposal. "We're here because the

little guy, the owner of residential property, was getting hurt."

According to state estimates, residential property owners including those with vacation homes — would get some \$110 million in tax relief from the proposal, with businesses, farmers and ranchers and utilities receiving significantly less relief — around \$12 million.

In addition to increasing the homeowner's exemption, the panel is recommending moving half of the so-called maintenance and operating levy that property owners now shoulder for schools to the state general fund.

That would total about \$125 million in fiscal year 2006, and lawmakers suggested the state could come up with the money by increasing the sales tax. Boosting the 5 percent sales tax by a half a percent could produce about that same revenue, according to state estimates.

when the ban was announced, and had to cancel her trip.

"The price for everything has gone up," Sherrow said. "In fact, our cost has doubled. The market price for Black Sea beluga last Christmas was \$98 an ounce, and this Christmas it will probably be close to \$200."

Sherrow, the biggest seller in osetra caviar, the roe that white sturgeon is most commonly compared to Sherrow and her husband, Dale Sherrow, have been meeting regularly with Idaho fish farmers in hopes of buying any and all of the caviar available.

Breaking into the industry is no small feat. It takes anywhere from 8 to 12 years for a sturgeon to mature sufficiently to produce the prized eggs, so would-be caviar growers must spend a decade caring for the creatures

before they have any chance at a profit, said Leo Ray, the owner of Fish Breeders of Idaho.

Beluga sets the standard for all caviars, and white sturgeon comes in a class right below it," Ray said. "It's possibly the second-best in the world, and there is a chance that being the best in the world could make it the best."

Ultimately, Lemmon said, shéd like to see Idaho caviar become a brand sought after by consumers as well as industry gourmets, much like the state's more-famous spuds.

"We joke a bit: Are we the only state that can do surf and turf? And pairing Idaho caviar on a boiled red potato is one way people like to serve it, or on homegrown Idaho wheat bread," Lemmon said.

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strains — by learning to manufacture them in easier-to-handle cell cultures, instead of today's slow method that relies on millions of chicken eggs.

- \$251 million for international preparations, including improved early warning systems to spot human infections with novel flu strains.
- \$100 million for state preparations, including determining how to deliver stockpiled medicines directly to patients.
- \$56 million to test poultry and wild birds for H5N1 or other novel flu strains entering the U.S. bird population.

Bush's announcement came after his administration was battered by criticism over its lethargic response to Hurricane Katrina.

Public health specialists, briefed on the strategy but awaiting details, called it a good start.

"Clearly this is the No. 1 public health issue on the radar screen," said Michael Osterholm of the University of Minnesota, who advises the government on infectious disease threats.

But it's not strong enough, said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who helped lead Senate passage of early warning in emergency funding for pandemic preparations last month.

"Stockpiles alone aren't enough without the capacity to make use of them," he said, calling for steps to help states, cities and hospitals prepare for a flood of panicked patients.

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each other know what needs to be done to help students who may be struggling. But the teachers said the most important communication is between them and the students.

Julie Della, a fifth grade teacher at Oregon Trail, said they set the expectations together with the students.

"They know what the expectations are," Della said. "They are really involved, so they know when they are succeeding and when they need help."

Flu

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Still, there have been three flu pandemics in the last century and the world is overdue for another. Concern is growing that the bird flu could provide the spark if it one day mutates so that it can spread easily, from person to person.

"Our country has been given fair warning of this danger to our homeland, and time to prepare," Bush said.

Topping Bush's strategy:

- \$1.2 billion to stockpile enough vaccine against the current H5N1 flu strain to protect 20 million Americans, the estimated number of health workers and other first-responders involved in a pandemic.

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NATION

# God and drugs? Court debates tea case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court debated Tuesday whether to let a small congregation in New Mexico worship with hallucinogenic tea, the first religious freedom dispute under Chief Justice John Roberts.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor seemed skeptical of the Bush administration's claim that the tea can be banned, but she may not be around to vote in the case.

About 130 members of a Bruzi-based church have been in a long-running dispute with federal agents who seized their tea in 1999. The hoasca tea, which contains an illegal drug known as DMET, is considered sacred to members of O Centro

Espírita Beneditino Uniao do Vegetal.

The Bush administration contends the tea is not only illegal but potentially dangerous.

The Supreme Court has dealt with religious drug cases before.

Justices ruled 15 years ago that states could criminalize the use of peyote by American Indians. But Congress changed the law to allow the sacramental use in tribal services of peyote, a bitter-tasting cactus that includes the hallucinogenic mescaleline.

O'Connor pointed out during Tuesday's argument that Congress changed the rules. She interrupted the Bush administration lawyer in his opening statement and peppered him with difficult questions.

Other justices also seemed concerned by the government's claim that an exception could be made for peyote, but not for hoasca tea.

"That is a rather rough problem under the First Amendment," said Justice Stephen Breyer.

Justice Antonin Scalia, who wrote the 1990 peyote opinion, said tribes have been using peyote — a desert cactus you can make an exception without the sky falling.

The man nominated to replace the retiring O'Connor, Samuel Alito, has dealt with a variety of religion cases as an appeals court judge. He wrote a 1999 opinion allowing Muslim police officers to keep their

beards and voted that year to permit a government holiday display containing a crèche, a menorah, a banner celebrating diversity and secular symbols of the season.

Alito also called on to vote in the religious tea case with a new argument session. If justices are divided 4-4 when O'Connor leaves the court, her vote's only count in cases decided while she is still on the bench. This case could take months to decide.

"It's not clear how he would rule," said Anthony Picarello, president of The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. "Normally, religious freedom cases are tricky to predict. This one is especially tricky."

## Democrats force GOP into closed session

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a day of political drama, Democrats forced the Republican-controlled Senate into an unusual closed session Tuesday, questioning intelligence that President Bush used in the run-up to the war in Iraq and accusing Republicans of ignoring the issue.

"They have repeatedly chosen to protect the Republican administration rather than get to the bottom of what happened and why," Democratic leader Harry Reid said.

The afternoon halt in Senate business let Democrats steer the spotlight to the war in Iraq, an issue on which the president is doing badly in public opinion polls.

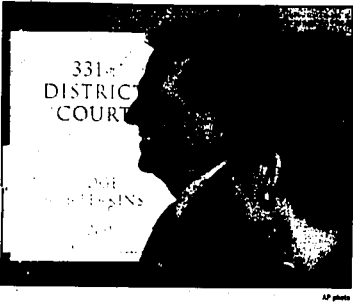
Taken by surprise, Republicans denied the move as a political stunt but agreed two hours later to a bipartisan review of the Senate Intelligence Committee's investigation into prewar intelligence.

"The United States Senate has been hijacked by the Democratic leadership," said Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee. The Republican leader also said President Bush's decision to nominate Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court had "set the Democrats back on their heels... This may just be a reaction to that."

Democrats sought assurances that intelligence Committee Chairman Pat Roberts of Kansas would complete the second phase of an investigation of the administration's prewar intelligence. A

six-member task force — three members from each party — was appointed to review the intelligence Committee's work and report to their respective leaders by Nov. 14.

Roberts' committee produced a 511-page report in 2004 on flaws in an Iraq intelligence estimate assembled by the country's top analysts in October 2002, and he promised a second phase would look at issues that couldn't be finished in the first year of work.



U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay and his wife, Christine, leave the courtroom of Judge Bob Perkins on Tuesday in Austin, Texas. The motion by his attorneys to have Judge Bob Perkins recused from his criminal case was granted by a visiting judge.

## Courtroom victory for DeLay: Judge removed

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — In a courtroom victory for Rep. Tom DeLay, the judge in the campaign-finance case against the former House Republican leader was removed Tuesday because of his donations to Democratic candidates and causes.

A semi-retired judge who was called in to hear the dispute, C.W. Bud Duncan, ruled in DeLay's favor without comment. Duncan ordered the appointment of a new judge to preside over the case.

The ruling came after a hearing in which DeLay's attorneys argued that state District Judge Bob Perkins' political donations created the appearance of bias. Perkins, a Democrat, has contributed to candidates such as John Kerry and the liberal advocacy group MoveOn.org.

"The public perception of Judge Perkins' activities shows him to be on opposite sides of the political fence than Tom DeLay," defense attorney Dick DeGuerin argued.

Perkins had declined to withdraw from the case, and prosecutor Rick Reed argued at the hearing that DeLay had to prove that a member of the public would have a "reasonable doubt" that the judge is impartial before Perkins could be removed.

"Judges are presumed to be impartial," Reed said. Perkins did not attend the hearing and did not immediately return a call for comment.

DeLay had no comment as he left the courthouse. Throughout the proceedings, he sat in the front row behind his attorneys with his wife and aides. He often smiled, and occasionally chuckled when Democrats said negative things about him in their testimony.

DeLay's lawyers are also seeking to have the trial moved out

of Austin, citing the media attention and noting that Austin, widely perceived as a liberal college town, is "one of the last enclaves of the Democratic Party in Texas."

Judges are elected in Texas and are free to contribute to candidates and political parties. DeLay's lawyers repeatedly said during the hearing that they were not accusing Perkins of doing anything wrong, but that there should not be a public perception of partiality in the case.

The issue came up for Perkins before. He voluntarily stepped aside in a 1994 case against Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. Perkins had made a \$300 contribution to Hutchison's opponent, Hutchison, who was also represented by DeGuerin, was ultimately acquitted of misconduct charges.

DeLay was forced to step down as House majority leader after being charged with funneling corporate campaign contributions to GOP candidates for the Texas Legislature. Texas law forbids the direct use of corporate money for campaigning.

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## Suspect's murder trial postponed

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — The attempted murder trial of a man under investigation for the death and disappearance of at least four women in the Pacific Northwest has been delayed a seventh time.

Michael John Braae, 46, an aspiring country western singer and songwriter known as "Cowboy Mike," lost his bid for a new lawyer Monday, but Superior Court Judge James C. Lusk granted a motion by his appointed counsel, Rick Santilli, to

postpone the trial from Nov. 14 to sometime after the winter holidays.

Court records show there have been six previous delays in the trial of Braae, who is charged with attempted murder in an attack which left Michelle Morgan, now 52, of Yelm, lying nearly dead of a gunshot wound in the head beside a road south of Union Gap on July 14, 2001.

A week later Braae was arrested following a high-speed chase along Interstate 84.

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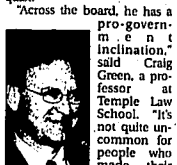
NATION

# Alito typically sided with government

WASHINGTON (AP) — Don't look for a bumper sticker saying "Question Authority" on Samuel Alito's car.

President Bush's choice for the Supreme Court typically sided with the government during his 15 years as an appellate judge on the bench or the civil rights or workers' rights according to legal academics and lawyers who watch the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit.

Supreme Court justice — the late Chief Justice William Rehnquist.



Alito

"Across the board, he has a pro-government, conservative inclination," said Craig Green, a professor at Temple Law School. "It's not quite uncommon for people who made their careers in government to be more favorable to a government hack."

Green, who also worked in the Justice Department and with the Solicitor General's office, was the strongest add, but it's the steepest of them.

Consider some of Alito's dissents on cases where workers or inmates have turned to the courts.

—In *Sheridan v. DuPont*, Alito was the lone vote in a 12-1 decision on a case of sex discrimination. The plaintiff in the 1996 case had claimed discrimination after a demotion and sexual harassment. Alito wrote that a plaintiff in such a case should not be able to avoid

having a judge summarily dismiss the case just by casting doubt on an employer's version of the story. The full 3rd Circuit ruled that the case should be reconsidered for a new trial.

—In *Bray v. Mariott Hotels*, Alito sought to throw out the hiring-discrimination case of a black hotel housekeeper who was denied a promotion and saw the job go to a white woman. A three-judge panel of the 3rd Circuit ruled in 1997 that she could take her case before a jury, overturning a lower court decision that she had not made a strong enough case for that.

—In *Rompiella v. Horn*, Alito upheld a 17-year-old death penalty of Ronald Rompiella, who alleged that his public defender failed to review records showing mitigating evidence of mental retardation and traumatic upbringing, even after prosecutors gave warning they planned to use the documents against him. The Supreme Court decided 5-4 to order a new penalty trial, warning state courts that shoddy defense work won't be tolerated.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor cast the deciding vote.

The 3rd Circuit, which encompasses Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and the Virgin Islands, hasn't han-

dled as many death penalty cases as some of the other appellate courts such as the Richmond-based 4th Circuit or the New Orleans-based 5th Circuit.

But on several cases of habeas corpus — constitutional challenges brought by inmates who argue that their convictions or sentences violated their basic rights — Alito tended to side with either the federal or state government.

—In the 2001 case of *Riley v. Telford*, Alito dissented in the case of a black death row inmate who argued that the prosecution improperly challenged black jurors. The defendant had used statistical evidence, and Alito wrote, "suppose we ask our 'amateur with a pocket calculator' whether the American people take right- or left-handedness into account in choosing their presidents."

The racial composition of juries has been a major issue for the 3rd Circuit amid questions about whether prosecutors in Philadelphia in the 1980s were encouraged to exclude blacks from juries on the theory that they were more likely to acquit.

## Part of Wal-Mart lawsuit dismissed

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (AP) — An Arkansas judge Tuesday dismissed a large part of Wal-Mart's multimillion-dollar lawsuit against former Vice Chairman Tom Coughlin, saying the parties had agreed not to sue one another over any events that happened during Coughlin's tenure.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said it would amend its lawsuit and try again to void Coughlin's retirement package. The world's largest retailer said Coughlin

negotiated a lavish deal last year knowing he had misused \$500,000 in Wal-Mart cash and property.

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## Home economics classes attract men

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — University of Georgia student Brandon Esco has faced his share of razzing for being a nutrition science major in a field traditionally dominated by women. "You're only in that major because of the girls," is the most common teasing he's heard.

But at the school's College of Family and Consumer Sciences, Esco is part of a growing trend. Five years ago, only about 10 percent of the college's students were men. Last year, nearly one-third of the 1,700 students — and roughly 40 percent of the tenure-track faculty — were men.



Talia DeLuca, left, and Alan Gilmer, right, both Furnishings and Interiors majors in the College of Food and Consumer Sciences at the University of Georgia, work on a project for a residential design class on Wednesday in Athens, Ga.

Those changes — shared by other schools nationwide — are helping to undermine the stereotypes long associated with home economic programs, often sneeringly chided as a "Mrs." degree.

Experts say even the moniker "home ec" itself is outdated. Many schools have changed their program titles to terms such as "human sciences" to reflect a broader nature.

"Our students graduate to become designers, loan counselors, directors of day care, dietitians," said Sharon Nicklans, dean of UGA's College of Family and Consumer Sciences. "We just don't know their major because they don't say, 'I'm a family and

consumer scientist."

The cookie-baking classes and pop quizzes on laundry essentials that once dominated some home ec courses in junior high have broadened into courses geared toward "life skills," including tips for budgeting, and basic knowledge of supply and demand.

Those changes have drawn more male students, said Don Bower, president of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, once called the American Home Economics Association.

"Today's the golden age of home ec," said Dennis Saviano, the dean of Purdue University's College of Consumer and Family Sciences. "We're directing all the same issues — family, food and finance — in a much broader, societal way. These are issues that transcend the home and reflect society in every way."

In the 1950s, Americans recovering from World War II re-emphasized the value of working in the home for women. By the 1970s, programs began to branch out more into niche topics as child development, marriage counseling and family therapy became separate programs at many schools.

Within the last decade, that pace has quickened. It's not uncommon to find schools offering specialized degrees that focus on property management or courses that tackle nutrition and fitness through a neuroscience lens.

Those increasingly specialized programs have helped draw more women and men.

Florida State University's College of Human Sciences, for instance, has taken an athletic training program under its umbrella while expanding its offering into more subspecialties. Dean Penny Ralston said that's helped the school almost triple in size in seven years and attract more males.

But there's still the persistent question of how to broaden the appeal of female-friendly programs to males.

"Men need nutrition, counseling and health classes just as much as women," said University of Georgia professor Mary Ann Johnson.

On a trip designed to underline trans-Atlantic ties, Charles paid tribute to victims of terrorism and said the attacks in New York in 2001 and in London on July 7 helped strengthen the bond.

# Prince Charles, Camilla start U.S. tour

NEW YORK (AP) — Under unusually balmy November sunshine, small but enthusiastic crowds greeted Prince Charles and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, as the couple began their first joint trip to the United States by paying tribute Tuesday to victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

It wasn't exactly the frenzied that welcomed Charles 20 years

ago on a U.S. tour that saw his late, radiant wife, Princess Diana, dancing with John Travolta at a White House dinner.

But several hundred onlookers who gathered at ground zero to see the royal couple, who died the knot in April, were supportive.

"He really does care about people, but a lot of people think

"Oh, he's a prince, what does he know about us, what does he care?" said Nancy Hodl, a 59-year-old retired secretary from New Jersey.

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NATION/WORLD

# U.S. withdraws from Saddam's hometown

The Washington Post

**TIKRIT, Iraq** — Under a cloudless autumn sky in the heart of Saddam Hussein's home region, commanders of the U.S. Army's 42nd Infantry Division withdrew Tuesday from a sprawling 10-palace compound that has been a U.S. base since 2003.

They called the move a step toward reducing the visibility of U.S. troops and eventually withdrawing them altogether. In Baghdad, meanwhile, the military reported that a roadside bomb killed an American soldier in central Iraq on Monday, bringing the number of U.S. troops killed in October to at least 93.

The scenic, hilly campus straddling the Tigris River, an enduring symbol of Hussein's rule and largesse, stands just a few miles from the village where the former dictator was born

and the earthen pit where U.S. forces captured him last year. By Monday morning, the cold stone halls were mostly empty, a command center that once buzzed with computer screens and communications equipment reduced to some plywood tables and sleeping bags for the few remaining troops.

Known to the Americans as Forward Operating Base Danger, it will be formally turned over to the provincial government on Nov. 22 after three weeks of logistical preparations, said Maj. Gen. Joseph Taluto, commander of the 42nd infantry, which is leaving Iraq this month. For now, an American artillery battalion is all that remains.

"Soon this place that was once for only an elite few will be a place for the Iraqi people," Taluto told a crowd of Iraqi politicians and tribal leaders and fellow generals gathered for

a ceremony transferring control of the region north of Baghdad to the Army's 101st Airborne Division, which recently arrived for its second tour in Iraq and will be headquartered at a U.S. base a few miles outside Tikrit.

"Instead of representing how one man used Iraq's wealth, it will represent how Iraq's wealth can be used for its people," Taluto said.

Grandiose even by Hussein's notably gaudy standards — its 157 buildings are adorned with inlaid brass and kitschy chandeliers, their walls covered in a veneer of marble — the complex was built after the 1991 Persian Gulf War for Hussein's relatives and political patrons.

One of its palaces has a waterfall running through it. A tributary of the Tigris, teeming with three-foot-long carp, flows underground another.

The palace complex will be the 30th U.S. base turned over to Iraqis this year, said Brig. Gen. Donald Alston, a top U.S. spokesman in Iraq, who joined generals George Casay, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, and John Vines, commander of the multinational corps, at Tuesday's ceremony.

The purpose of such transfers is to reduce the footprint of the U.S. presence in Iraq, both to discourage attacks and to pave the way for eventual reduction of American troops, Taluto said.

## Hearing held for soldier accused of killing superiors

**CAMP ARIFIAN, Kuwait (AP)** — A U.S. soldier could face the death penalty after an Army probe recommended Tuesday he be court-martialed in the Iraq war's first case of alleged "fraggings," slang for the murder of superior officers.

Staff Sgt. Alberto B. Martinez of Troy, N.Y., had a "personal vendetta" against one of two higher-ranked officers who died in an explosion June 7 on a U.S. base near Tikrit, north of Baghdad, military investigator Col. Patrick Reiner said at the end of a two-day hearing in Kuwait.

Reiner said he found "reasonable cause" to believe that Martinez, 37, planned and detonated an anti-personnel mine in the window of a room used by Capt. Philip Esposito, 36, of Sulfern, N.Y., and Lt. Louis E. Allen,



Martinez

34 of Millard, Pa., in a former palace of Saddam Hussein.

Three hand grenades were also allegedly used in the attack that killed the officers.

Reiner recommended that Martinez face a court-martial hearing and said he found aggravating factors that could allow for capital punishment if the case goes to a military tribunal.

Lt. Gen. John Vines, the commander of the Multi-National Force Iraq, will decide whether there will be a court-martial and where it would be held.

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## Syria stays mute on probe

**DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)** — President Bashar Assad's regime, facing a last chance to cooperate in the probe of a former Lebanese prime minister's assassination, quietly weighed its next moves Tuesday as the chief U.N. investigator returned to the Middle East, where he is expected to demand that the Syrian leader and some close relatives submit to questioning.

Significantly, the increasingly isolated regime ordered no big street demonstration in support of Assad's rule, and the state-run

media reacted with moderation to Monday's U.N. resolution demanding that Damascus cooperate fully with a U.N. inquiry into the killing of Rafik Hariri on Feb. 14 in Beirut.

Syria will cooperate to the utmost limit with the international organization and its various committees, said the Tishrin newspaper, which reflects government thinking. That was the hope of many Syrians, who worry that punitive U.N. measures and further isolation would have a direct impact on their lives.

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## EDITORIAL

### Stick with Clow's solid experience on council

There's 28 years of experience leaving the Twin Falls City Council at the end of the year. That's a lot of know-how to lose.

Which is one reason why we're recommending that the one in five seeking reelection, Lance Clow, be retained by voters.

#### Election 2005

##### About this race

Bob Powers and Tony Ash are competing incumbent candidates for Seat 1 on the Twin Falls City Council. The Times-News offers its endorsement as a service to readers. We welcome opposing viewpoints.

The business of local government is increasingly complex, and it matters that members of the City Council know the law and do their homework.

Clow, who's been on the council for 12 years, is a good problem solver and works hard at finding out how the actions of city government affect individual citizens.

During his tenure as mayor in 2002-2003, he was instrumental in getting the city out of the Southern Idaho Regional Communication Center and setting up his own dispatch center. He was heavily involved in the tax override election that made a new building for the Twin Falls Senior Citizens

Center possible and in negotiating that led to the construction of the new animal shelter.

His opponents, Bob Powers and Tony Ash, have some good ideas about making city government better and more responsive.

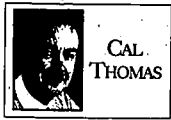
Powers, who is also a Twin Falls County reserve deputy, makes a compelling argument that the city needs more police on the beat — and needs to pay them better in order to retain

quality officers. And he's correct that blue-collar residents and Democratic-leaning voters are underrepresented on the council.

But we think Twin Falls would best be served by Clow's experience and knowledge of the job, especially since the city is facing uncertainties over its water supply and daunting challenges to its transportation infrastructure.

In this race, the incumbent's track record should be the deciding factor, and Clow's is solid.

The same beliefs that register extreme opposition to the nomination of Harriet Miers to the Supreme Court are overjoyed by President Bush's selection of Samuel A. Alito Jr. to replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.



CAL THOMAS

Manuel Miranda, chair of the Third Branch of the Senate, who, along with former Bush speechwriter David Frum, was among the first to openly criticize Miers, calls Alito "immensely well-qualified" and "a constitutionalist who has weathered one of the more liberal federal circuit courts in the country." Miranda likened the nomination to that of now Chief Justice John Roberts, calling the Alito selection "a grand slam."

Other reactions from conservatives were similarly ecstatic. Americans for a Better Justice, which opposed the Miers nomination, issued a statement that said, "Judge Alito possesses both the brilliance and humility necessary in a Supreme Court justice."

Unlike the Miers pick, Alito's qualifications are beyond question. The debate will center on his judicial philosophy, which positions conservatives for the ideological fight they've been seeking. That battle will be fought on two main issues: abortion and religious freedom.

Liberal Democrats and some Republicans will want to know the reasoning behind Judge Alito's disagreement with the Third Circuit majority in Planned Parenthood v. Casey. In that ruling, as the Supreme Court was likely to uphold Pennsylvania's informed consent, parental consent and reporting and public disclosure requirements. The Supreme



Court later affirmed his court's majority decision.

In another highly charged abortion case, Judge Alito voted in favor of spousal notification prior to an abortion. He based his decision on the "undue burden" standard articulated by Justice O'Connor in Supreme Court cases Webster v. Reproductive Services and Hodgson v. Minnesota. The giving Alito upheld fell short of giving husbands veto power over their wives' decision to have an abortion.

While pro-choicers are already attacking that ruling, it is important to note that spousal notification was not Judge Alito's idea. Pennsylvania voters enacted it with four

safeguards allowing a woman to have an abortion without telling her husband: (1) if the woman believed the husband was not the father; (2) if the husband could not be found after diligent effort; (3) if the pregnancy was the result of a spousal sexual assault that was reported to the authorities; and (4) if the woman believed the husband was likely to injure her. Judge Alito's role was to decide whether Penn-

sylvania voters had violated the Constitution by enacting such a statute.

Judge Alito does not appear to be a judicial maverick. In an affirmation of precedent, he voted to strike down New Jersey's ban on partial-birth abortion because of an earlier Supreme Court ruling that struck similar Nebraska law was unconstitutional. He emphasized the "responsibility" of judges "to follow and apply controlling Supreme Court precedent."

On religious freedom questions, Judge Alito's rulings appear to side with conservatives who favor free religious expression in public places, rather than with liberals who mostly favor a public square devoid of religious speech.

In 1990, the Senate Democrat majority unanimously approved his nomination by President George H.W. Bush to the federal Court of Appeals. He won plaudits from several liberal senators, including Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, who said Alito is "the kind of judge the public deserves" — one who is impartial, thoughtful and fair. Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey backed Alito "100 per-

cent" and said he would "make a contribution that will sound the test of time."

Even Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts liked Alito, saying he has a "distinguished record ... (we) look forward to supporting you." Sen. Arlen Specter, Pennsylvania Republican, was chair of the Judiciary Committee, said Alito's 1990 nomination to the Appeals Court deserved "clear sailing."

Having enthusiastically backed Judge Alito then, it will be difficult for liberal Democrats to claim he is unqualified for the Supreme Court now. But they will cry with their usual claims that someone who might overturn what previous activist judges have imposed on the country is "out of the mainstream."

Conservatives have been itching for an ideological battle over the Constitution and the direction of the Court. Depending on the views of liberal opposition, they may get one. If Judge Alito turns out the way his record and judicial philosophy indicate he might, conservatives will be thanking President Bush for decades to come.

## The Times-News

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

### Ramos' warnings are coming true at ISDB

If the state of Idaho decides to close the campus of Idaho State for the Deaf and Blind in Gooding, then at least close it for the right reason.

Dr. Angel Ramos, the former superintendent, made it very clear to the staff at ISDB that the school would have to change or risk losing its funding.

This position by Dr. Ramos caused such a wave of mass hysteria within the coefficient status quo group that it was decided by the middle management and its so-called "neutral" allies to resort to massive slander, lies and outright betrayal to protect their kingdom.

This was later revealed when the hearing officer found, not once but twice, that Dr. Ramos had done nothing wrong and should be reinstated. It is a wonder that the hearing officer did not add to his report that someone must have hit their head on a branch when they fell into the stupid tree to believe the lies that were cooked up against Dr. Ramos and his vision.

Should ISDB be closed because the numbers are dropping? If anyone asked why the numbers have been dropping? Could it be that literacy comes at a high price for students at ISDB? It is \$80,000 a year for a student to maintain a third-grade reading level for the general population of deaf and hard-of-hearing students at ISDB?

On sure, there are a few students who have excelled. But in most cases, they excelled when they were sent to a Gooding public school with support services for their academic education. Many of us who worked at ISDB know this is a token number compared to the general population of deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

### Deadline for letters

Election Day is next Tuesday, Nov. 8, for city council seats around the valley. The Times-News welcomes your letters on the issues and candidates. All submissions must be made by the Thursday, Nov. 3 deadline, at 12 p.m. Remember to keep all letters

pus at ISDB. For those of you who supported the progressive changes that Superintendent Ramos tried to implement, be aware that Dr. Ramos is the superintendent of two charter deaf education programs in Arizona. And there are plans to open two more schools. Pssst! "Neutral staff" need not apply. RICK HARTWELL Happen

### Lanting has fortitude to get work done

I have known Greg Lanting all his adult life. I have labored beside him as he earned his college education funds.

I was with him when we gathered for Uncle Sam as proud members of the 116th A.C. We were sent to the College of Southern Idaho for leadership training, where he was at the top of the class.

We were sent to the largest forest fire the South Hills has ever had. His work effort was outstanding. Steve comes from a great gene pool, makes sound decisions and is concerned for the well-being of the public. He has devoted his life to the education of our children.

Join me in voting for Greg Lanting for City Council Seat 5 so he can "git er done!" PERRIE FREESTONE Twin Falls

### Frank casts serious doubts on proposed growth

I got to know a little bit about the candidate for city council, Sherry Olsen-Frank, when we both served on the city planning and zoning commission. It seemed to me that she was certainly against growth of almost any kind, but she has that right. What struck me the most

### work directly with him for the past three years as part of the Filser School District administrative team.

Mr. Lanting is always prepared and does his research. He is always ready to be made, he listens to all sides of an issue before making a decision, and when he does make a decision, he always has the best interests of the students in mind.

Mr. Lanting would bring these same skills to the City Council of Twin Falls. He and his wife, Lori, have lived in Twin Falls for 29 years and know the needs of the community. Mr. Lanting believes in public service and has served as a volunteer on both the advisory board for the Healthy Kids Network and Status Offenders.

I encourage everyone to vote on Nov. 8, and I recommend Greg Lanting as a City Council Seat 5 candidate. JOHN GRAHAM Twin Falls

### Frank pursues public's best ideas for government

Here are some reasons why I think Sherry Olsen-Frank is the best person to fill the soon-to-be-vacated Seat 5 for the Twin Falls City Council. Sherry has an intense desire to serve the better citizens. This desire is not a spur-of-the-moment thing. For years, she has worked on various groups and committees for the betterment of our community. This involves hundreds if not thousands of hours of work. Sherry doesn't get involved with anything that she doesn't put her full effort into.

She has made her decision to run, Sherry has been actively seeking input and ideas from all areas of Twin Falls. In the past several weeks, she has been taking ride-alongs with the Twin Falls Police Department to see some of the issues that they face firsthand.

It has also been an opportunity to discuss those issues along with possible solutions from the folks who deal with things firsthand. In addition, Sherry has been in contact

### with city staffers to inquire about the issues each city department is facing.

And finally, Sherry has been on the streets talking to her voters, about your concerns and hopes. In whose hands the future of our community resides.

In short, Sherry has been doing, as she always does, her homework. The upside for the community is a council member who is truly involved, informed and knows the issues. Sherry will be a council person who, when the vote is called, has done the research and has tried to get all of the information and facts.

I encourage you to vote Nov. 8 for Sherry Olsen-Frank for Twin Falls City Council Seat 5. JOHN HANK Twin Falls

### Expect Lanting to weigh decisions carefully

We live in the Twin Falls city impact zone. That means the city has some control over us but we have no control over the city.

My nephew, Greg Lanting, is running for election to the Twin Falls City Council. Greg came up the hard way, working his way through college to earning a master's degree and then continued to advance to becoming principal of the Filser Middle School after teaching in the public schools for 16 years.

He is beholden to no one but his own business or special interests. He will make his decisions on the merit of the case and to the best interests of the city residents.

We would like to vote for Greg but can't for the reason stated above. Please do me and yourself a favor. Vote for Greg Lanting on Nov. 8. DWIGHT SHAW Twin Falls

### Hall and Johnson both exhibit strong leadership

I am so proud to see two good candidates on the ballot for Twin Falls City Council whom I know personally. David Johnson has been selected as general manager of two car dealerships by two of our good friends, Roy Ray-

### mond and Con Paulose. Their confidence in David's ability proves his business negotiations have been successful in both dealerships.

David is experienced in all aspects of large business. He has served on several community boards as a volunteer. He cares about Twin Falls and his heart is in this community. He would be a good asset to the Twin Falls City Council.

Don Hall's background in the police department and the Boys and Girls Club proved his abilities and dedication to our community.

Don is always available to talk and to listen. Don is qualified and would make a good Twin Falls city councilman.

Besides that, he was our neighbor and Don and Jennifer have a wonderful family. What better compliment can you say than "he is a good neighbor."

If you will be gone on voting day, Tuesday, Nov. 8, vote to City Hall on Second Avenue East and observe. It only takes a minute, and you'll be glad you voted. Be sure to vote for David Johnson and Don Hall. DEANNA WOLLMER Twin Falls

### 'Music Man' production displays wonderful talent

I would encourage everyone in the Twin Falls area to attend a performance of the musical, "The Music Man," at the King Fine Arts Center. Two more performances are scheduled, Friday, Nov. 4, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m.

Mr. Call and all the people who help him are miracle workers.

Call is able to take a group of students, mix a few creative sparks, and top it all off with the Snake River Flats to astound the audience. One person was even heard exclaiming, "Where did these talented kids come from?" Come and support the local arts in our area. Come and support our schools and our drama department. Come and laugh and applaud the talented actors and actresses in our community! They are truly deserving. RUBY GEBHART Burley



LETTERS

**Jerome bond proposal brought out the best**

Our most fervent and heartfelt appreciation belongs with the many citizens of Jerome County who came to the polls and voted yes for two new schools for our kids!

You have said yes to the importance of education as well as the children of Jerome. What joy and hope you have brought to your community by your willingness to make this sacrifice for the future.

You are the true heroes. We're grateful for our fellow committee chairmen, Chris Bragg, Bob Whitchurch, Jerry Crozier and Bryan Craig for all their time and effort.

Kudos go to the hundreds of individuals and groups who have given their time, endorsement, money and prayers to ensure the successful passage of this school bond.

We appreciate the *The Times-News* editorial staff and journalists for taking the time to tour our schools, to really see the plight of Jerome's students and to help make this information available to the public.

Your positive editorial endorsing the passage of both bonds was an invaluable service to our effort and truly enhances the idea that the Magic Valley is one community.

It is almost overwhelming to try to express our gratitude for the outpouring of support we have had as co-chairmen of the Jerome Citizens Committee for Better Schools.

"We know that there will be

challenges ahead for all of us as we strive to improve our schools and the lives of our children, but we are so inspired that so many of you came to the polls and told your children loud and clear, "We care!"

In the words of our own children, "Jerome rocks!" **BETTY SUGDEN ILLI CROZIER Jerome** (Editor's note: Betty Sugden and Jill Crozier served as co-chairmen of the Jerome Citizens for Better Schools Committee for the recent school bond election.)

**Candidate's experience will help Filer City Council**

I am writing as a candidate for the Filer City Council. My name is Bob Parent. I would like to add and make connections to information presented by *The Times-News* on Friday, Oct. 28's report.

I moved to Filer in 1977 after graduating from Minnesota State University of Moorhead. I have taught 28 years in the Filer School District. My wife, Susan, and I have raised two sons.

Tyson and his wife, Charlene, and two children reside in Filer. Dusty lives in Challis.

I have been involved in Filer community organizations in various roles — teaching in the Filer School District 28 years, coaching at the middle school and high school level for 20 years, Filer Recreation director for 18 years, Filer Library Board for four years, Filer Planning and Zoning Board for two years, Filer Community Pool director for two years.

Two four-year terms as a council member round out my commitment to the Filer area. The chance to be involved in various forms of city and area governments has given me valuable perspectives.

I know that we can maximize productivity by all tax-based entities working together to improve the community of Filer.

The Filer City Council has accomplished many goals in the last eight years.

These improvements include the addition of a 1 million gallon water tank and update of all aspects of the water delivery system, two updated ambulances, two updated police vehicles, a new fire truck, a new street sweeper, sidewalks on both sides of Stevens Street from Main to Highway 30, acquisition of additional property to improve city services in the future.

My goals for future improvements include update of waste disposal system, expanded sidewalks and paths, expansion and improvements of parks, recreation and library systems.

Filer is experiencing rapid residential growth. I would like to be involved and contribute my experience with various organizations to coordinate Filer's expansion. I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election.

**BOB PARENT Filer**

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- Develop additional water supplies and seek solutions for future treatment.
- Council should continue support for regional transportation solutions.

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## The dirty lowdown on my laundry

I recently moved into an apartment, and for the first time since my college days I have to rely on coin-operated washers and dryers.

The laundry room in my building accepts only quarters. So on laundry day (Who am I kidding? I wash clothes only when I have to and then usually at midnight.) I'm scrounging under the couch cushions, looking for pennies and nickels ever fall.

The last resort at that hour, I've found, is finding a vending machine that accepts dimes and buying enough bags of Cheetos to secure enough change to finish the laundry.

But that's embarrassing, so I betook myself to the bank the other day and bought myself a roll of quarters.

This was on a Monday, shortly after I'd done my laundry, buying a week's worth of Diet Coke from the vending machine at work and some stamps at the post office. I was down to 50 cents by the next Sunday night and facing the specter of having to wear my socks inside out.

Well, I discovered my shortage of change only after I'd dumped the laundry into the washing machine and doused the dirty clothes with detergent. And the washers require 75 cents.

The only potential source of another quarter I could think of was my car, perhaps dropped under the seat when I was fishing for change to buy my morning coffee.

My apartment building has an underground garage. The batteries in my flashlight were dead, so, apart from the dim dome light inside my car, my only source of illumination was a cigarette lighter.

So there I was, standing on my head inside the car, fishing for quarters — the flame from the penlight illuminating the burning fumes. I reached under the dashboard hoping to find change and inadvertently jiggled a wire.

It was connected to the car alarm.

Being in a parking garage when a car alarm goes off must be a little awkward. Besides, the sound system for Metallica. It probably took me 20 seconds to disable that alarm, but by that time, everybody in the apartment building above was awake.

I had ringing in my ears ever since. But it got me to thinking about creative alternatives to doing my own laundry.

One of my roommates in college would save up dirty laundry until about two weeks before the end of the semester and then mail it home. C.O.D. Clever, but I don't have any relatives who would accept delivery.

So I had an uncle who bought all-Orlon shirts. Orlon is the plastic of fabrics, so you can wash it in the sink, hang it up to dry in the shower curtain rod and be good to go in 10 minutes. Besides, the all-Orlon wardrobe is out of fashion these days.

I pondered my options for a week or so until I became inspired. So I gathered up my dirty clothes and rundled down to the laundry room. There I went through my pockets and found only a key.

It was just at the point of going out to buy more Cheetos when I happened to look inside the washer. There at the bottom lay three quarters, obviously fallen out of somebody's pockets when he or she washed jeans.

So my problem is solved. If I can find the source of those quarters, I'll just wait and do my laundry after that person does.

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## Grand Oasis scraps eatery plans

By Terry Smith  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Entrepreneur Dan Willie has decided not to build his Grand Oasis restaurant at the location on Blue Lakes Boulevard North that formerly housed Deseret Industries.

"We decided to back off on that land and try something else," Willie said Tuesday. "It's

not a dead issue, but it's not going to be at that location."

Willie said the main reason for scrapping the location was because it would be too expensive to modify the existing building to meet the conceptual design of the proposed restaurant. The upcoming construction project on Blue Lakes Boulevard, and the possibility that raised medians will be added, contributed to his decision, he said.

Willie said opposition from some of the would-be neighbors was not a factor.

The proposed restaurant was the subject of two public hearings before the city Planning and Zoning Commission, which twice granted Willie a variance to serve alcohol within 300 feet of residential areas. The second hearing was required because some of the neighbors

were not notified of the first one.

Lincoln Street resident Helen Doherty appealed the decision and a public hearing on her request was scheduled for Monday before the City Council. That hearing was canceled after Willie notified City Hall that he was abandoning the proposed restaurant site.

"We're looking on the north end of town now," he said.

## Jerome gets ready for new schools

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — Only days after citizens of Jerome voted in support of the entire \$26.5 million bond election, the school district is moving forward to carry out the long and tedious process of creating two new school buildings.

Unlike the construction of a residential building, the Jerome School District must work through a complex series of checks and balances, and they must do it as quickly as possible because unlike static school funding, construction costs throughout the state are rising fast.

"We have to go through a process to design the schools," said Mike Gibson, business manager for the Jerome School District. "We didn't have any money to pay for an architect before the bond passed, and so now we will go through the process with engineers and architects to design the building."

Gibson said the district is currently working with architects on a building design, as well as meeting with staff at Central Elementary and Jerome Middle schools to see how the district can meet current and future needs. The district plans to visit other school districts in Idaho — such as Kuna and Meridian, which have recently worked with Leathers Architects and Ocker Architects (LKV) — the contracted architect for the Jerome School District. The district hopes to learn about the challenges other districts have faced, and how it can prepare the planning process.

The district does not yet have the \$26.5 million in bond money. It must wait a minimum of 60 days for public challenges, if any, to be heard on the election outcome and as mandated by state law. However, once the election can begin plans for the design and construction of the school buildings.

In the meantime we are meeting with construction crews and working with our financial planner," Gibson said.

City approval of modern school utility connections is one of the district's greatest concerns. Because the elementary will be built on an undeveloped location, the city will need to install adequate utility connections.

The district plans to put the construction project up for bid by this spring, but before it can go out to bid, it will work with (LKV) to create a design for the new school buildings.

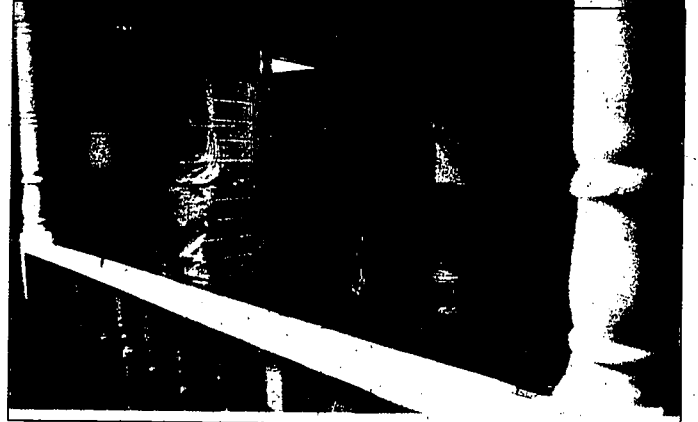
Although the district is still in the planning stages of the project, it will be the district opening the doors to the new schools by fall of 2007.

"We're real excited," Gibson said. "This is one of the largest projects in the community and it will be a challenge, but I think it's a challenge we're ready for."

### News Tracker

- **Last we knew:** Voters approved school bonds totaling \$26.5 million to pay for new elementary and middle school buildings.
- **The latest:** The Jerome School District and School Board are gathering information for the design of the new buildings. Citizens of Jerome have 60 days to contest the election result. The district is beginning the planning process.
- **What's next:** After collaborating with an architect on the designs, it will be presented to the city and state for approval.

## TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE



Freddy Gonzalez, left, owner of Quality Painting, and Steve Hendricks, owner of SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls. The center is having a grand opening Thursday to show off five new theme rooms to make their facility feel more like home for the residents.

## Residents with Alzheimer's remember the good ol' days

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — They might not remember what they ate for breakfast or where their room is.

But they do remember the smell of fresh bread baking. They remember that the school bus drops the kids off at 3 in the afternoon. They remember their weekly appointment at the downtown beauty shop or working under the hood of a 1948 Oldsmobile sedan.

People with Alzheimer's disease often lose their short-term memory, but keep some of their long-term memory, said Dawn Meyer, program director of the Alzheimer's unit at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center. They might not remember what happened five minutes ago, but they do remember clearly things that happened 50 years ago. So in many ways, residents with Alzheimer's are living back in the 1940s, '50s and '60s, back when they were young and full of life with memories that are crystal-clear.

So when SunBridge decided to expand and renovate its Alzheimer's unit, it decided to take its residents on a trip down memory lane.

One key in programming is to keep them busy with things that give them back quality of life," Meyer said.

A nursing station has been turned into a front porch with a little white fence, a screen door and a gliding rocking chair.

### Open House

SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center wants the community to come celebrate the expansion and renovation of its Alzheimer's Care Center.

An open house will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the facility, 640 W. Filer Ave.

For more information, call Dawn Meyer at 734-8645.

### About Alzheimer's disease

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys a person's memory and ability to learn, reason, make judgments, communicate and carry out daily activities, according to the Alzheimer's Association. It has no known single cause, but scientists have discovered a gene that increases risk for late-onset disease.

Although there is no cure for Alzheimer's, new treatments are on the horizon as a result of accelerating insight into the biology of the disease. Some preliminary evidence suggests that strategies for general healthy aging may help reduce the risk

of developing Alzheimer's. These measures include controlling blood pressure, weight and cholesterol levels, exercising both body and mind and staying socially active.

### Support Groups for families

• SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center offers a support group for families of loved ones with Alzheimer's disease. The support group meets at 10:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the facility at 640 W. Filer Ave. in Twin Falls. For more information, call Steve Jones or Dawn McCoy at 734-8645.

• Holy Homes offers a support group for families of loved ones with Alzheimer's disease at 1 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Philo House, 525 16th Ave. E. in Jerome. For more information, call Carey Crist at 324-8524.

• The College of Southern Idaho Area Office on Aging offers support groups for caregivers at 1 a.m. the first Monday of each month at its office on the CSI campus at 998 Washington St. N. For more information, call Sherry Cahn at the office at 736-2122.

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One of the new "theme rooms" is a beauty boutique with a beauty salon chair where residents can have their hair done by a volunteer once a week. There's a bright assortment of hats to top off a new

coif and a drawer in an old-fashioned dresser full of purses to match.

Another room has been turned into a garage stocked with tools and a tackle box

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## Flags will fly at half-staff today to honor civil rights pioneer

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has ordered flags at the state Capitol and at all state buildings and facilities to be flown at half-staff today to honor civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks on the day of her interment.

Parks was a 42-year-old tailor's assistant in Montgomery, Ala., when she refused to give up her seat in the front of a segregated public bus to a white man.

Her arrest sparked the civil

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rights movement of the 1960s. This astonishing woman's act sparked our nation's most soul-searching transformation of the '20th century," Kempthorne said. "Her legacy of pride, respect, and freedom will live forever as a triumph of the spirit over the hateful ignorance of bigotry."

President Bush has given a

similar order for all federal buildings and installations.

**Veterans Park meeting will be Monday in Wendell** — The South Central Idaho Veterans Park meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Wendell City Hall.

Final plans for the Veterans Park dedication to be held at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 11 will be discussed.

For more information, call Jim Benson at 536-5140.

**City Council candidates will speak at forum** — TWIN FALLS — People can hear what City Council candidates have to say about preserving downtown Twin Falls at a forum Thursday evening.

Sponsored by the Historic Downtown Business District, the event is scheduled to start

at 6 p.m. at City Council Chambers, 305 3rd Ave. East.

District Vice President Ryan Horsley said questions to the candidates will mainly focus on downtown.

"There's a lot of issues happening downtown that we need to see their input on," he said. "The forum is open to the public.

Ten citizens are running for three council positions. The election is Tuesday.

— compiled from staff reports

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## Parma science teacher named teacher of the year

PARMA (AP) — A Parma High School science teacher is Idaho's teacher of the year.

John "Mick" Sharkey was chosen by a state committee from a pool of about 20 nominees for his experience, enthusiasm, and philosophy.

Allison Westfall, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Education, said

Tuesday after an awards ceremony at Parma High School.

"It's very impressive what he's been able to do out here in Parma, working with the kids, giving them access to leading-edge science and DNA and biotech," Westfall said.

Sharkey, who turns 49 on Wednesday, is a 1989 Boise State University graduate who

has taught at Parma High School for 18 years.

In some states, the teacher of the year gets a year off to travel and learn. Not in Idaho. Sharkey's award brings him \$1,000 from the state, some computer equipment, and a chance to win the national teacher of the year award in the spring.

Connie Green of Hazelton, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Hazelton LDS Church; viewing one hour before the service at the church (White Mortuary).

Anna Bolton of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the United Methodist Church in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

W. E. "Bill" Whitton of Sagle and formerly of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St., Rupert; friends may call from 1 to 1:35 p.m. today at the church. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the New Plymouth Cemetery (Payne Mortuary).

Bessie Allen, formerly of Rupert, burial at 1 p.m. today in the Rupert Cemetery (Bidwell Funeral Home).

Marie Rebecca McGuire of Hansen, service of remembrance at 11 a.m. today at Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, with a reception to follow at the Parker's Magic Valley Fellowship Facility.

Norma Evelyn McAdams of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary; visitation one hour before the service.

Joan Frances Hess of Burley, gathering at 1 p.m. Thursday at 1941 Grandview Lane in Burley (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Leonhard Anton Fischer of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Thursday at Immanuel

## SERVICES

Lutheran Church, 2055 Filor Ave. E. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Vivian Brittain of Huntington Beach, Calif., and longtime resident of Twin Falls, funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Edwards Catholic Church; prayer vigil with rosary at 7 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E.

Ervin Rast of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1128 Poplar, Buhl; viewing from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Buhl.

Florence B. Jones of Rupert, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

## OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is [obit@magicvalley.com](mailto:obit@magicvalley.com). Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to [www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com) and click on "Obituaries."

### Freeman Lee Yingst



BUHL — Freeman Lee Yingst, 90, of Buhl, passed away Monday, Oct. 31, 2005, at Snake River Health & Living Center in Buhl from complications to Parkinson's disease.

Freeman was born July 10, 1915, at Huntsville, Ark., the first child of Logan A. Yingst and Flora Wadley Yingst. He married Goldie Smith, Aug. 15, 1933.

They were married 56 years before her passing in 1989. Freeman and Goldie moved to Idaho in 1941 and farmed in and around Castleford-Buhl area. In 1956, they purchased a farm near King Hill.

They returned to Buhl in 1967, on May 6, 1990, Freeman married Joyce Walker of Buhl.

Freeman was an accomplished finish carpenter and, along with his father, con-

structed several homes in the Buhl - Twin Falls region. He was also a founding member of the Free Will Baptist Church in Buhl.

Freeman is survived by his wife, Joyce; three stepchildren; a sister, Ina McRoberts; two sisters-in-law, Imogene Yingst and Myra Yingst, all of Buhl; and several nieces and nephews located in Idaho, Arkansas, Washington, Oregon, Alaska and California.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, O.W. Yingst and Clarence Yingst; and brother-in-law, Earl McRoberts, all of Buhl.

A funeral will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005, at the Free Will Baptist Church, Truck Lane and North 14th Avenue, Buhl. Interment to follow in the family plot at West End Cemetery, Buhl.

A viewing will be 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Buhl. Memorials may be made to: Gideon Memorial Bible, Chairman, P.O. Box 871, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

### Mary Wasko Sturgis



BOISE — Mary Wasko Sturgis of Boise, Idaho, died Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005, in her sleep.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005, at St. John's Cathedral, Boise. A second Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, 2005, at Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Boise. Burial in Buhl, Idaho, with viewing beginning at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow at West End Cemetery, Buhl. Services are under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home.

Mary was born Oct. 31, 1906, to Frank Wasko and Mary Chantos in Georgetown, Ill., and was the fourth child of 10 children, those children including: Andrew, Mary, Louis, Frank, Julie, Mary Joseph, Margaret, Carl, Joseph, Magdalene, Andrew, Victoria, Francis, Izzy, Gregory, George, Arnie, Ted and Steve. After eight children were born, the Waskos homesteaded in Arkansas. Mary Chantos Wasko went by train with the eight children to meet her husband in Madison County in Arkansas.

The wooden house that the Waskos lived on the homestead was burned down twice. Mary Sturgis had then built the house with stones so that it could not be burned down again.

Mary and her siblings walked to the one-room schoolhouse that went as far as the eighth grade. Mary went as far as the third grade, and there was no education for the rest of her life. The children were the laborers on the farm. There was no electricity or refrigeration so they smoked their meat to preserve it through the summer and dehydrated the fruit.

For the last 25 years, Mary lived at Bannock Arms in Boise. She made many friends and many people cared for her over the years. She would get tenants haircuts and permanents.

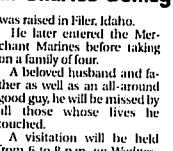
She loved to play pinocle and bingo. At one time she belonged to a bowling league. Mary loved to croquet, knit and sew. She knitted several bonnets and booties for the premature babies at St. Luke Hospital and knitted hats for the chemo children that lost their hair at the cancer clinic at St. Luke's Cancer Care Unit.

Mary Sturgis was a member of St. John's Cathedral's parish for over 30 years. Mary has done many types of jobs over her lifetime. A few of the jobs were factory worker, cook in a convent, seamstress and housekeeper.

She is survived by her son, Frank (Nig) of Las Vegas, Nev.; and four siblings, Joseph L. Wasko (Shirley), Ted Wasko, Liz Wasko Reinke (Joe) and Francis Wasko Juszyk (Joel).

She had one grandson, Jon Nig, that preceded her in death.

### Irwin Charles Comegys



Irwin Charles Comegys, 83, passed away on Oct. 29, 2005.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Joyce, son, Rick; daughters, Peggy and Gaylene; grandsons, Bill, Mike and Chris; sister, Barbara; sister-in-law, Carol and many nieces and nephews.

Irwin was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on Aug. 25, 1922, and

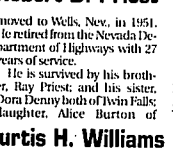
was raised in Idaho. He later entered the Merchant Marines before taking on a family of four.

A beloved husband and father as well as an all-around good guy he will be missed by all those whose lives he touched.

A visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005, at Phoenix Memorial Park & Mortuary, 200 W. Beardsley Road, Phoenix, Ariz., with a graveside service at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005, at the same address.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Irwin's name to the Hospice of the Valley.

### Robert D. Priest



Robert D. Priest died on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005.

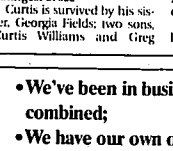
He was born in Kimberly, Idaho, on Sept. 16, 1923. Robert was a WWII Navy veteran. He served as a gunner mate on mine sweepers at Pearl Harbor and in the South Pacific. He

moved to Wells, Nev., in 1951. He retired from the Nevada Department of Highways with 27 years of service.

He is survived by his brother, Erv Priest; and his sister, Dona Denny both of Twin Falls; daughter, Alice Burton of Farmington, Utah; son, Duane Priest of Deary, Idaho; and son, David Priest of Wendover, Nev.

A memorial service will be held at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

### Curtis H. Williams



HASKEL, TEXAS — Curtis H. Williams, 60, of Buhl, Idaho, died Sunday evening, Oct. 30, 2005, at the VA Hospital in Boise, Idaho. He was born Jan. 5, 1945, in

Williams; daughter, Veronica McKean and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will not be a service by his request.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Blake F. Grant**  
HAGERMAN — Blake F. Grant, 70, a resident of Hagerman, died Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005, at his home in Hagerman. No public funeral services are scheduled. Cremation arrangements under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service in Gooding.

**L. 'Bill' Claiborne**  
HAGERMAN — L. "Bill" Claiborne, age 77, of Hagerman, died Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005, at the Gooding Rehab. and Living Center.

A memorial service will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005, at the Hagerman Valley Christian Center. Interment will be in Hagerman Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding.

**Ursula 'Sue' DeVries**  
TWIN FALLS — Ursula "Sue" DeVries, 79, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died suddenly early Tuesday morning, Nov. 1, 2005, at her home in Twin Falls.

A celebration of Sue's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, with Pastor Al Fry of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

The family suggests memorials be given in Sue's name to the Ladies of the Ek's. Contributions may be given to the funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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

**Raymond Duane Bartlett**  
JEROME — Raymond Duane Bartlett, 49, died Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2005, at his home in Jerome. Arrangements will be made by Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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## Five children die in truck crash

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A head-on collision between two pickup trucks killed five children Tuesday in north Spokane County, the State Patrol said.

The children were all riding in one of the pickups. State Patrol Lt. Steve Turcott said.

One of the pickups crossed the median on U.S. Highway 395, Turcott said. The trucks collided in the southbound lane.

One driver was taken by helicopter to Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane while the other was transported by ambulance. Trooper Jeff Sevigny said the drivers' injuries did not appear life threatening but there was no immediate word on their condition.

The cause of the crash was under investigation. Sevigny said there was no immediate indication drugs or alcohol were involved.

## Alzheimer's

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full of fishing accessories. It's where residents will be able to volunteer to put wagons and bicycles together for needy children this Christmas.

"Their minds tend to wander, but they still have the desire to be needed, to contribute," Meyer said.

A resident kitchen features bright pink tile, popular back in the '50s, and a retro metal kitchen table and chairs. There's a stove, a washer and dryer, a sluk, a clothesline and, oh yes, a breadmaker. Meyer explained that back when these residents were young, the gender roles were very defined.

"Women of that generation cooked and they still want to do that," said Meyer, who added that residents using the kitchen will be supervised. "Some of them can't feed themselves, but they can tip a teaspoon."

Meyer said the unit currently has 34 residents. The youngest are in their late 60s and the oldest resident is 99. Meyer said SunBridges also has a number of long-term employees. And that's especially important when working with people with Alzheimer's, said Steve Jones, SunBridges' social worker.

"The most important things they need are consistency and a routine," Jones said. "Their short-term memory is poor and seeing a familiar face helps put them in their comfort zone."

Most nursing homes and assisted living facilities offer special programs for residents with Alzheimer's at some level, whether it be direct care or support groups or help with resources, said Sherry Cann.

public information contracts manager for the local Area Office on Aging.

Meyer said the secret of working with people with Alzheimer's is to often let them lead the way.

"We never bring them back to reality," Meyer said. "We go to their reality to manage their care. We're on their time schedule."

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

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## Hagerman woman's trial will be postponed

GOODING — A jury trial for a Hagerman woman accused of solicitation to commit murder has been rescheduled following notice by the woman's attorney that a mental defense will be used.

Trial was originally scheduled to start Tuesday in Gooding County 5th District Court for Kathleen Marie Allen. According to a criminal complaint filed by the Gooding County prosecutor's office, Allen is accused of trying to convince health care workers to give a patient in her care a

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lethal dose of medication.

Jack Reed, the patient in question; was living with Allen in Hagerman prior to charges being filed in 2004.

Prosecuting Attorney Calvin H. Campbell requested the continuance Monday.

According to a motion filed by Campbell, his office was notified last week that defense attorney Keith Roark of Halley, Idaho, raised the defense of

mental condition.

A 90-day continuance will give the prosecution time to review expert findings and prepare rebuttal evidence, the motion said.

The trial is now scheduled to begin Jan. 31.

### Twin Falls Democrats will meet on Friday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County Democrats will meet at 6 p.m. Friday at the Twin Falls Senior Center, 530

Shoshone St. Co. Democrat candidate for representative of District 2, and Jerry Brady, Democrat candidate for governor, are scheduled to attend.

Anyone interested is encouraged to come visit with Rick and the candidates.

A light supper of chili and cornbread will be served.

For more information, call 543-4319.

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**Support Groups** Many support groups are available at MVRMC and in our community. For information, call Community Connection at 737-2065 or visit www.mvrmc.org

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# COMICS

**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

A PICTURE IS WORTH... A THOUSAND PIXELS.

WISE SAYINGS

**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

CHANGING YOUR FINGERS IN THE CAR DOOR!

ZOE, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? CAN YOU MOVE YOUR FINGERS?

ZOE? ZOE? CAN SOMETHING!

AAAAAGH!

**Baldo** By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

YOU PROBABLY DON'T WANT MY ADVICE...

BUT YOU SHOULD SPEND MORE TIME AT THE LIBRARY.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

YOU'RE GOING TO THE LIBRARY?

I DON'T WANT YOUR ADVICE.

**Brevity** By Guy & Rodd

"YES, YES I KNOW I CAN SEE THAT WITH MY EYEBALLS."

**Dibbert** By Scott Adams

FLASHY, DO YOU MIND IF I TURN UP THE THERMOSTAT A FEW DEGREES?

YES, IT'S BOILING IN HERE.

WOULD YOU MIND IF WE BUILT A DEVICE THAT WOULD REDIRECT THE RADIANT HEAT FROM YOUR BODY?

OKAY, TINY.

I SHOULD HAVE ASKED MORE QUESTIONS.

**Doonesbury** By Gary Trudeau

AND JUNIOR WILL MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A JOB OF COURSE...

I BEG YOUR PARDON?

YOU HAVE DONE NOTHING TO HELP YOUR DAD'S NEW...

SHOULDN'T YOU BE GOING TO WORK? HE'S NOT GOING TO WORK. HE'S JUST GOING TO BE A...

**The Elderberries** By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

YES, IT WAS AROUND THIS DAY IN 1896 THAT THE DONNER PARTY BEGAN ITS FATEFUL TRIP INTO THE SIERRA MOUNTAINS.

DUSTY, DO YOU MIND?

CHUCK, SORRY.

I AM TRYING TO EAT MY LUNCH, NEED TO HEAR AN OLD WEST STORY ABOUT STARVATION AND CANNIBALISM!

I SEE YOU ORDERED THE SPARE RIBS.

WHAT? WHAT?

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

WE'VE GOT COFFEE AND HOT CHOCOLATE... YOU GET OUT THE TELESCOPE AND LET ME SEE THE STARS...

I SEE THE STARS...

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thayer

PERSONNEL! IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR WORK HISTORY HAS A LOT OF GEOGRAPHY IN IT.

**Luann** By Greg Evans

YOU TOOK LITTLE THINGS LIKE YOU DID OFF...

WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?

OUTSIDE THE FRONT DOOR...

**Mallard Filmore** By Bruce Tinsley

LAND HERES WHAT BILL BENNETT SAID ON HIS RIGHTING RADIO SHOW EARLIER TODAY...

I USUALLY BEAT MY WIFE.

I FIND IT CAN BE VERY RELAXING AFTER A HARD DAY...

I DON'T THINK THIS IS GONNA DO MUCH FOR THE SALES OF ALL THOSE 'VIRTUES' BOOKS.

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU PIG?

I GOT A NEW BALLOON...

WHY'D YOU GIVE HIM A CAT?

BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT HE WANTED...

BAD NEWS... TIMMY HAD AN ADVERSE REACTION TO THE SCAPULA.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

WELL, I DID IT.

TODAY AT OUR RED HAT LUNCHEON I CONFESSED THAT I WASN'T REALLY ON THE 1956 OLYMPIC SYNCHRONIZED SWIM TEAM.

THAT'S GOOD, OPAL...

I TOLD YOU I WAS SORRY I FIBBED BUT THAT CREATING A FALSE IDENTITY IS JUST PART OF MY TRAINING AS A FORMER CIA AGENT.

**Rose is Rose** By Pat Brady

ATTENTION! THIS HAD BETTER BE THE LAST LEAF IN MY GUTTER THIS YEAR.

WON'T MORE LEAVES FALL TONIGHT, PADDY?

I TRY TO ANTICIPATE WHEN I CAN.

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

HERE I'VE GOT TO BE...

I DON'T CARE IF SHE IS...

THAT...

NOW YOU'VE GOT ME...

BACK OFF, SIDESHOW FANTASY.

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

YES, IT CERTAINLY IS THE MOST...

STRANGE BREW: TELL YOU WHAT THE PROBLEM IS...

## Proof is in the pudding, Gemini

IF NOV. 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Take good care of your health and get plenty of rest as the next six weeks could be exceedingly busy and require much resilience. Start nothing new, but comply with rules and work diligently to meet obligations. From the beginning of the year, the dynamism energy of Uranus will help you to shine in public and foster much needed changes. March could present a crucial turning point and you must be very careful to make the right decisions, so ask for advice. In May and August you will intuitively make the right choice when a helpful hand is offered.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Prioritize. Scattering energies too widely could leave you open for censure — especially if deadlines are not met or critical tasks are overlooked. Hone in on what is essential to meet business criteria.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Don't tamper with the tried and true. Hair-trigger tempers could collide. Let harsh and condemnations bounce off your tough emotional hide, even if others accuse you of being a dinosaur.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): The proof is in the pudding. Work as hard as you can and ignore the lure of dazzling lame excuses or get to work late.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): History often repeats itself. That is why history teaches us valuable lessons. Keep an eagle eye peeled for familiar situations that could sour you and you in a mire of sticky details.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Hard work will pay off, even if the light at the end of the tunnel seems nowhere and you in a mire of sticky details.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): All that ambition and nowhere to go. Provide a model of efficiency for others to emulate, even if it feels as though you are not making headway. The strength of your convictions may be tested.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take care of necessary tasks, but don't begin new ones. Those in close connection could test your patience or prowess. Stay on your toes and avoid associations that could harm a reputation.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Remain on your best behavior and know to the power of that be. A minor upset could get blown out of proportion. Don't get tangled up in anything that isn't completely on the up-and-up.

**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeraldine Saunders

daydreams. You may have set yourself an ambitious goal, but if you honor the rules you will achieve it.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Misunderstandings could occur, so remain as gentle and sympathetic as possible. A small difference of opinion may lead to long term enmity; don't get into squabbles over minor issues.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You know the old saying, "Those who can, do; those who can't, teach." If your inadequacies are pointed out, or your ambitions are frustrated, become a student and learn everything you can.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): On some levels communication with others is perfect. But if there is a clash over a minor detail, it could get under someone's skin. Put off signing important contracts or making commitments.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pretty is as pretty does. Keep a low profile and take care of routine and duties without fail. This isn't the time to take an impromptu vacation, make

# Former sweetheart baits husband to make a switch



**DEAR ABBY:**  
Jeanne Phillips

My husband and I offered to loan them the down payment for a home, under the condition that Faith gets a job and shares some of the financial responsibility. With all three children in school, we see no reason why she can't work.

Abby, they both blew a gasket! Dale told us he doesn't want his wife to work, and she confirmed it. He said he will provide a home for his family when he is able.

We have left phone messages, but they do not return them. We were trying to be helpful and are very hurt by their blind pride and stubbornness. Our grandchildren deserve and need a decent place to live. Were we wrong? What can we do?

**NEW YORK READER**  
**DEAR READER:** You may have meant well, but by touching your offer in terms that were critical of the way your son and his wife have arranged their marriage, you emasculated him and implied that you disapprove of her lifestyle. Your next move should be to write them a note of apology, explaining that you weren't trying to meddle, and wanted only what you thought was best for them. After that, the next move is theirs.

**CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS FROM INDIA: A Happy New Year to all of you!**

Dale works a full-time job during the week, plus another one most weekends. They have three children, the youngest having just started school. Faith does not work outside the home and hasn't since she was six months pregnant with their firstborn. They live about 50 miles from us in a large apartment complex that's completely unsuitable for a young family.

## QUITE A FRIGHT



With her husband Tim looking on, Tammy Flaharty covers the eyes of her frightened 4-year-old daughter Emma, as Mike Stambaugh walks by in a scary costume during the Halloween parade in Red Lion, Pa., on Monday.

**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

Panel 1: Beetle Bailey says, "I HAD SO MANY THINGS TO DO THIS MORNING, I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO START!"

Panel 2: Beetle Bailey says, "SO I DIDN'T."

Panel 3: A woman says, "GEE, I NEVER LAUGH."

**Blonde** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

Panel 1: Blonde asks, "WOULD YOU LIKE THIS DRAMATICK MONEY?"

Panel 2: Blonde says, "YES, BUT TO ALSO LIKE IT FOR A LATE-NIGHT SNACK."

Panel 3: Blonde says, "NOT TO WORRY, DEAR. I PUT ASIDE SEVERAL PRICES FOR YOU TO HAVE LATER."

Panel 4: Blonde asks, "DO YOU THINK OTHER MARRIED COUPLES ACT LIKE THAT?"

Panel 5: Blonde says, "NOW... KISS."

**The Born Loser** By Art Sansom & Chip

Panel 1: Born Loser says, "HOW MODERN TECHNOLOGY HAS CHANGED PHONES!"

Panel 2: Born Loser says, "I CAN REMEMBER WHEN A MOBILE PHONE MEANT..."

Panel 3: Born Loser says, "A PHONE WITH A REALLY LONG CORD!"

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

Panel 1: Garfield says, "YOU CAN'T FOOL ME." What?

Panel 2: Garfield says, "YOU'RE UP TO SOMETHING!"

Panel 3: Garfield says, "NO, I'M NOT!"

Panel 4: Garfield says, "BUT NOW I FEEL OBLIGATED." KICK.

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

Panel 1: Hagar says, "I'M PUTTING YOU ON THE FAT DRINKING MAN'S DIET!"

Panel 2: Hagar says, "GREAT! IS THAT THE ONE WHERE YOU DRINK NOTHING BUT WHISKEY ALL DAY LONG?"

Panel 3: Hagar says, "NO, IT'S THE ONE WHERE YOU DRINK NOTHING BUT WATER ALL DAY LONG."

**Hi and Lo** By Chance Browne

Panel 1: Hi and Lo says, "GUNBEAMS TO GET UP!"

Panel 2: Hi and Lo says, "IT'S THE LAST TIME I FEEL LIKE DOING ANYTHING EVERYONE'S COMING ON ME!"

Panel 3: Hi and Lo says, "WAAH!"

Panel 4: Hi and Lo says, "I'M SURE THERE'S A THING OR TWO ABOUT THE GUNBEAM."

**Classic Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

Panel 1: Woodstock says, "OH, YEAH? WELL, YOU ALWAYS..."

Panel 2: Woodstock says, "DON'T SAY 'ALWAYS'! NOTHING IN THIS LIFE IS FOR 'ALWAYS'!"

Panel 3: Woodstock says, "EVERY NOW AND THEN, ONCE IN A WHILE, YOU DRIVE ME CRAZY!"

**The Wizard of Id** By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

Panel 1: Wizard says, "I'M HERE FOR MY ANNUAL PHYSICAL."

Panel 2: Wizard says, "DO YOU HAVE FULL INSURANCE?"

Panel 3: Wizard says, "WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THAT MAKE?"

Panel 4: Wizard says, "IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT, DON'T BOTHER TAKING YOUR CLOTHES OFF."

**Denise the Menace** By Hank Ketchum

Panel 1: Denise says, "I GUESS THAT'S JUST THE WAY THE COOKIES TASTE CRUMBLIES, RIGHT, MOM?"

Panel 2: Denise says, "THE FAMILY CIRCUS"

Panel 3: Denise says, "I wasn't lying. I was just usin' my imagination."

**DEAR ABBY:** Homer and I have been married for more than 40 years. Last year he started sneaking around with "Mary," his girlfriend from high school who lives out of town. She came into town for a visit last year. This year, on the very same weekend, he went there.

Last year Mary told Homer he should divorce me and marry her. (She has buried two husbands already.) I spoke with Mary, and she told me that what the two of them have is "Un-touchable! No one can touch it!" But he's still living here.

Homer keeps saying he's going to leave because Mary is a Christian woman. Abby, Homer doesn't even go to church. I do! It doesn't seem Christian to me to run around with a married man. Mary is promising him a lot of material things, like a big-screen TV, a recliner and two cars. He keeps coming home with things Mary has bought him: a watch, cuff links, a pair of shoes, a wallet, sweater and pants.

Is she trying to buy his love?

—**LOYAL WIFE,**  
MIAMI GARDENS, FLA.

It certainly appears that way. It's not so much that every day is Valentine's Day with Mary. It's more like every day is Christmas. "Good Christian women" obey the 10 Commandments. Your husband's girlfriend has broken

## Barbara Cartland was prolific writer



And, arguably, much of the United States. As flu season approaches, did you ever wonder where the word "diarther" came from? It's Greek for "bow through."

Barbara Cartland might have been the most prolific writer of all times. Before her death in 2000, she had churned out 623 romance novels.

This day in history: On Nov. 4, 1825, the Seneca Chief arrived in New York City, becoming the first barge to travel the entire length of the Erie Canal, nine days after leaving Buffalo, N.Y.

A study found that 38 percent of the time people called in sick for work, they really were sick.

Francis Scott Key borrowed the melody of what became our National Anthem from a British drinking club called the Anacronistic Society. The original lyrics glorified drinking wine, women and song.

According to a Cornell University professor, it would take 14,286,000,000 fireflies to generate

the visible brightness of the sun as seen from the earth.

That said, the best-selling novelist of all time is Agatha Christie, whose 78 mysteries have sold more than 2 billion copies.

If a 6-foot man had the proportionate abilities of a flea, he would be able to jump a distance of about 120 feet.

There are still cat-worshipping communities in China, Burma, India and Thailand.

According to a study, the average man makes 396 friends over his lifetime but keeps only 33 of them along the way.

My-ye you baby is a dolphin. Scientists recently discovered that newborn dolphins and orcas don't sleep during the first few months of their lives.

Being called a dingbat isn't technically so bad. It's the name typesetters use for various non-letter symbols.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factmatters@mingo-barrett.com.

## Online dating site is for farmers only

### Odds & Ends

**BEACHWOOD, Ohio** — Big-city girl looking for small-town love? Hardworking farmer with too little time to find that special someone?

An Ohio man may have the answer for your dating needs. His online dating service, [farmersonly.com](http://farmersonly.com), has profiles of more than 1,000 people from around the nation.

"Single farmers need to find someone who can relate to what they do. Those people are out there. They just need to meet 'em," said the site's owner, Jerry Miller, 52, who lives in the Cleveland suburb of Beachwood.

Miller created the site in May after listening to a divorced farmer speak of her dating woes. She tried other online dating sites but couldn't find a Mr. Right who understood her rural lifestyle.

Miller isn't a farmer but his day job as an advertising man for clients including the Alpaca Owners & Breeders Association takes him to plenty of farms.

Nick Miller, who is not related to Jerry Miller, is a 35-year-old divorced farmer from Portage County who said he's just looking for companionship. He raises beef cattle and grows 300 acres of crops in Rotoatun while working full time as an electrical engineer.

He said that leaves little time for meeting women, and those he does meet usually aren't thrilled with his long hours and sometimes messy — and smelly — farm work.

"It turns a lot of people off," he said. "Compatibility is tough."

**Governor candidate gets donkey from her brother**

**FARGO, N.D.** — Former attorney general and governor candidate Heidi Heitkamp, a well-known Democrat, got a surprise birthday present from her brother: a real live donkey.

Heitkamp said she woke up Saturday morning to find a young donkey in her yard, a 50th birthday present from her brother, Joel. The donkey is the classic symbol of the Democratic Party.

"It's just about the cutest thing you ever want to see," Heitkamp said. "My biggest problem is, I can't figure out how to warm up a two-quart bottle."

Heitkamp said the young donkey is well-behaved, but has a habit of braying loudly when trains pass near her home.

— compiled from wire reports

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GO FETCH



Teresa Knuckey tosses one of many snowballs to her daughter's dog, Sunny, Tuesday in Stevens Pass, Wash.

Boise teenager pleads guilty to manslaughter in cousin's death

BOISE — A Boise teenager said he was just trying to discipline his two-year-old relative for saying "No" when he bit her head on a wall, killing her.

Anthony Jorgensen, 17, pleaded guilty Monday to voluntary manslaughter in the Feb. 13 death of Larissa Soto, his second cousin. Jorgensen was originally charged with first-degree murder but prosecutors amended the charge in exchange for his guilty plea.

"I didn't do it on purpose ... it was an accident," Jorgensen told 4th District Judge Thomas Neville.

Jorgensen was baby-sitting the child when she was killed. He told Neville he put the toddler over his shoulder and spun her around in an attempt to discipline her when he lost his balance and the toddler hit her head on the wall. Jorgensen also said that when he set the child down, she fell and hit her head again on a table.

The girl's mother arrived a few minutes later and called paramedics. Larissa was struggling to breathe and having seizures when emergency workers arrived, police said, and she died four days later from the blunt force trauma injury to her head.

Man pleads guilty to shaking son to death

COEUR D'ALENE — A northern Idaho man accused in the January death of his 15-month-old son entered a modified

Idaho in brief

guilty plea, admitting no wrongdoing but acknowledging that prosecutors have enough evidence for a conviction.

Barry L. McAdoo, 30, entered the plea Monday to a reduced charge of second-degree murder in 1st District Court and agreed to a life sentence and the requirement that he serve 15 years before becoming eligible for parole.

"I have a chance of getting a worse sentence if I don't plead," McAdoo, 30, told Judge Charles Hosack. McAdoo showed no emotion during the hearing, but hung his head, the Coeur d'Alene Press reported.

Brandon McAdoo died at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane on Jan. 16. Doctors attributed his death to "shaken-baby syndrome."

Police responded on Jan. 14 to the small travel trailer in Coeur d'Alene where McAdoo, his pregnant wife and the 15-month-old toddler, Brandon, were living. When police arrived, Barry McAdoo was gone. After the boy's mother, Angela Cowles, called for help, authorities said McAdoo took 50 sleeping pills and rat poison and wandered out in the snow. When he didn't die, he used the name Damon Swent to admit himself into the hospital with frozen feet.

— compiled from wire reports

Fire season closes after 8.2 million acres burned

By Christopher Smith  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — More than 8.2 million acres of state and federal lands were scorched across the country during the 2005 wildfire season, the most since the record year of 2000 and nearly double the average fire year.

"But it wasn't really a bad fire season per se," said Terry Marsha, a U.S. Department of Interior fire weather analyst in Portland, Ore. "This could be characterized as a gross-fire and rangeland fire year throughout the West rather than a timber fire year."

The season-ending "National Wildland Fire Outlook" report, issued Tuesday by state and federal fire forecasters in the interagency National Predictive Services Group, headquartered here, found the 56,850 fires reported in the 2005 season was 81 percent of average while the more than 12,700 square miles burned was 177 percent of average. The report covers wildfire activity on state and federal land across the United States, although a majority of the burning occurs in the western U.S. and Alaska.

In the West this season, heavy spring rains spurred record growth of grassy fuels in rangelands while a cool summer in the higher elevations kept timber stands moist.

"Often this season, we saw

fires that started in the grass, then went out as soon as they got into timber," Marsha said.

More than half the acreage burned this season was in Alaska, where 4.4 million acres had burned through Oct. 30, compared to an annual average of 1.4 million but short of the historical high of 6.6 million acres in 2002. The western Great Basin region of eastern Nevada, western Utah and southern Idaho accounted for more than 1 million acres burned this year, compared to the annual average of 379,000 acres.

"Nevada as a state was way higher than normal," said Anne Jeffrey of the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise. "There were areas in Nevada that traditionally had 500 pounds per acre of fine, grassy fuels that were showing 2,000 to 3,000 pounds of grass per acre this season."

Federal agencies are still calculating 2005 suppression costs, but the Department of Interior's running tally Tuesday was \$258 million, not counting the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Figures from the Forest Service, part of the Department of Agriculture, were not immediately available.

Marsha said most officials anticipate that the final firefighting price tag for 2005 will be low in contrast to the acreage burned.

"Something like a 20,000- to 25,000-acre fire in southeastern Oregon doesn't cost as much as

a 50-acre fire on the west slope of the Cascades in Washington," he said. "It's a huge discrepancy in cost when you have fire in a high-value resource like timber near where people live."

In the 2000 wildfire season, 8.4 million acres burned and federal agencies' share of the suppression cost was \$1.5 billion. Last year, federal agencies spent \$890 million to fight fires that burned a total of 4.8 million acres.

Although the 2005 fire season

was not marked by large swaths of burned-over timber, environmentalists are bracing for a battle with Congress over forthcoming legislation to step up "salvage logging" sales on blackened national forests. The Bush administration and timber industry leaders maintain that removing commercially valuable timber from burned stands will speed forest rejuvenation, discourage insect infestation and reduce fuel levels for future fires.

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## Cook a spud, win a prize

### Potato promoters launch recipe contest for real Idaho-grown potatoes

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — Anne Chojnacky, mother of three, can't go wrong with twice-baked potatoes — a staple of school day suppers, rich with cheese and bacon, and relished by the Chojnacky youngsters.

"If I'll make them they'll eat them and they're in seventh heaven," she said.

Of course, Anne and her husband, Gerald Chojnacky, know how to handle a spud.

The Jerome couple grows about 60 acres of Russets a year and holds a mass harvesting with five other spud-growing Chojnacky families.

Anne and Gerald depend on potatoes from their own fields year-round — setting aside the largest ones for homemade french fries — and they resorted to store-bought spuds only once in the past 17 years. Mashed potatoes loaded with cream cheese are a holiday tradition in their household. Gerald turns out scalloped potatoes that make even Anne afraid to compete. And Anne's spud soup is cause for pride.

"If they're having soup at church they call us and ask us to bring over our potato soup," Anne said.

But the Idaho Potato Commission is inviting cooks everywhere to give the Chojnackys some lively competition for spud supremacy.

The commission this week began accepting entries in its national recipe contest, soliciting home chefs' favorite holiday dishes that use fresh, frozen or dehydrated potatoes.

"While we encourage consumers to keep their pantries well stocked with Idaho Potatoes throughout the year we recognize that America's most beloved potato dishes are particularly popular this time of year," said Frank Muir, president and chief executive of the potato commission.

That's Potato with a capital P. Capitalizing on the Gem State's reputation for premium spuds, "Idaho Potatoes" and "Grown in Idaho" are federally registered certification marks that belong to the Idaho Potato Commission. The commission, funded by a tax levied on all Idaho-grown potatoes, promotes the state's spuds and seeks ways to expand markets for the commodity.

The commission hopes the contest will, of course, remind grocery shoppers to favor the "Grown in Idaho" seal. But it also will augment the commission's inventory of special spud recipes.

The contest promotes a local agricultural commodity that has struggled with devastatingly low prices, overproduction, low-carbohydrate diets and competition from other markets. But there's also big money in store for a few home chefs. Top prize, \$7,500.

What's it take to win? Recipe judges will use these criteria: taste, originality, visual appearance — and consumer-friendly "acceptability." So don't aim for originality at the expense of other considerations.

To qualify, a recipe must use at least 4 ounces of potatoes per serving.

Cheese and bacon are optional.



Anne Chojnacky relishes the 'Kansas Meatballs' — meatballs prepared from a family recipe — while her daughter Almee enjoys her meal Thursday night of twice-baked potatoes, Kansas meatballs and, later, apple cake. Anne and her husband, Gerald Chojnacky, are potato farmers on the outskirts of Jerome. Spuds are not only a staple food for the Chojnackys, they are a favorite family meal any way Anne or Gerald prepares them.

### Attempting the potato prize

Striving for spud supremacy? The Idaho Potato Commission this week launched its holiday recipe contest for home chefs with potato expertise.

The rules for the commission's national recipe competition:

- **Big money** — The grand prize winner gets \$7,500. First and second prize winners receive \$1,500 and \$500, respectively.

- **What to enter** — Send your favorite holiday recipe using Idaho potatoes (or as many recipes as you like) on an 8 1/2 by 11-inch sheet of plain paper.

- **Include a full list of ingredients** and the preparation instructions, as well as your name, mailing address, e-mail address (if you have one) and telephone numbers.

- **One more thing** — They really do have to be Idaho potatoes. With your entry, you've got to send a "Grown in Idaho" seal or label from a bag or box of spuds — fresh, frozen or dehydrated.
- **Mail it all** — To IPC "Grown in Idaho" Recipe Contest c/o Evans Hardy+Young, 829 De La Vina St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

- **Deadline** — Entries must be postmarked by Jan. 15.

- **For more on the rules** — Log onto [www.idahopotato.com](http://www.idahopotato.com) and click on the contest icon.

Sources: Idaho Potato Commission

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## Toy, parade spread U.S. potato industry's nutrition message

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — The potato industry has lined up a re-ignited toy and parade campaign and a healthy-recipe campaign to lure nutrition-conscious consumers back to the spud.

Throughout several years of rebuffs by low-carbohydrate dieters, potato growers have steadfastly touted the nutritional benefits of the natural spud — plentiful vitamin C, potassium and fiber, with no fat, cholesterol, or sodium.

In Idaho, industry leaders enlisted TV fitness personality Denise Austin to spread the spud-nutrition message. And this fall, their national counterparts at the U.S. Potato Board have partnered with toymaker Hasbro Inc. to introduce the exclusive "Healthy Mr. Potato Head" — a 53-year-old toy now reinvented with running shoes, baseball cap and winter bontie — as the industry's newest spokespotato.

Healthy Mr. Potato Head is part of a three-year program to promote the potato as part of balanced diets and healthy lifestyles. The character, under license from Hasbro's intellectual property development arm, is scheduled to make his debut — as a balloon — in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

During the main day that day, 104 million average-sized potatoes will be consumed, according to NPD Group's National Eating Trends data. Before then, pota-

### Get the recipes

The U.S. Potato Board is offering a new, colorful brochure of health-conscious potato recipes. The brochure also includes nutrition information and exercise tips to drive home the good-for-you message.

For a free copy of the brochure, send a self-addressed, business-sized, stamped envelope to: Healthy Mr. Potato Head Recipes, 5105 E. 41st Ave., Denver, CO 80226.

### Get the toy

To buy Healthy Mr. Potato Head, send two UPC codes from fresh potato products along with your name, address and a check or money order made payable to 24/7 Incentives Inc. for \$7.50 (includes postage, shipping and handling).

Send them to Healthy Mr. Potato Head, P.O. Box 481814, Aurora, CO 80046-1614. Allow eight weeks for delivery.

### Playing with food

Since his introduction, over 50 million Mr. Potato Head toys have been sold. Some highlights of his history:

**1952:** The new Mr. Potato Head is the first toy advertised on network TV. This first version contained only parts (eyes, ears, noses, mouths, etc.) — parents supply children with real potatoes for the bodies.

**1953:** Mr. Potato Head meets and marries Mrs. Potato Head — also introduced as a set of parts. The couple eventually has a crop of over a dozen small fries.

**1964:** New Mr. Potato Head toys come with a hard plastic body that holds the pieces inside.

**1986:** Mr. Potato Head is nominated for mayor of Boise.

**1987:** Mr. Potato Head surrenders his pipe to the U.S. surgeon general and becomes the spokespotato for the American Cancer Society's annual Great American Smokeout.

**1992:** Mr. Potato Head gives up his couch potato status, receiving a Presidential Sports Award from the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. Arnold Schwarzenegger presents the award on the White House lawn.

**1996:** With a performance in the film "Toy Story," Mr. Potato Head sees his popularity soar at toy stores.

to promoters aim to make sure spuds are on your Thanksgiving table, too.

"Potatoes don't have to be laden in high-fat accompaniments to taste delicious and be served during special occasions," said Linda McCashion, vice president of public relations for the U.S. Potato Board. "By smashing butternut squash or chipotle peppers into potatoes for a unique potato side dish this Thanksgiving,

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Photo courtesy of U.S. Potato Board

**1996:** Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head join the League of Women Voters to promote a "Head for the Polls" campaign.

**1998:** Mr. Potato Head stars in a puppetry TV series on the Fox Kids' Network.

**2000:** Following their appearance in the 1999 "Toy Story 2," Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head attend the Oscars. Also, Mr. Potato Head throws out the first pitch at a Cubs game at Wrigley Field.

**2001:** Mr. Potato Head debuts as the star of a daily comic strip.

**2008:** As the new spokespotato for the U.S. Potato Board, he becomes Healthy Mr. Potato Head to educate consumers about the benefits of potatoes.

Sources: Hasbro Inc.

FOOD & HOME

# Combat those gnats plaguing indoor plants

Sooner or later, if you grow indoor plants, you'll also hatch a litter or two of fungus gnats.

You've seen them: About an eighth of an inch long and dark gray. They flit around your houseplants, your fruit bowl and your face.

It's no slight to your housekeeping, but these beasts are attracted by — you guessed it — fungus. That white fuzzy stuff on top of the potting soil.

Fungus appears when we provide high humidity and wet soil. Fungus gnats follow. They like the weather conditions, as well as fresh potting soil, which often contains some fresh compost. The gnats flock to newly planted pots with damp soil to lay their 200-some eggs. The larvae feed on the soil fungi in 10 to 14 days. Conventional wisdom says the adults just hang around making nuisances of themselves. They don't hurt the plants much, but they do like to land on your coffee cup just when you're about to take a sip.

New research points to fungus gnats as plant disease carriers, though, Mary Harris, a doctoral candidate at the University of Georgia in Athens, says she's proven that adult fungus gnats occasionally transmit black root rot disease and Pythium wilt. She suspects they might carry more plant diseases, but so far she hasn't been able to pin it on them.

Prevention goes a long way in the battle against these pests.

Don't overwater your plants if you don't want fungus gnats, Harris says. Especially young plants, which aren't strong enough to withstand an occasional gnat nibble.

Potting mixes make a difference, too, Harris said. Fresh potting mix, with a high percentage of compost, is more attractive to fungus gnats. Bruce Steward, integrated pest



GREEN THUMBPRINTS  
**Cathy Walworth**

management coordinator at Longwood Gardens in Kennet Square, Penn., says he overcomes that problem with sand. When he pots bulbs indoors, he adds a half-inch layer of sand to the tops of the pots.

"It really works," Steward said. "The eggs probably dried out, or perhaps the adults couldn't emerge."

For routine fungus gnat control, Steward drenches pots with Gnastrol (Bacillus thuringiensis #1-14), applying it weekly for two to three weeks. The more common Bt strain, israelensis, which is used for mosquito and black fly control, is also effective. But not immediate.

Bacillus thuringiensis only works on larva. "You've just got to keep at it," Steward said. Harris agreed that it takes time to control gnats with Bt, and suggested using it to prevent infestations rather than cure them.

Another good gnat attacker is Azadirachtin, an extract from neem tree seeds. Trouble with these three controls is that they're often hard to find in local stores. Organic gardening catalogs are usually the best sources for Bt and neem products.

And, finally, some say that a sprinkle of tobacco over the top of the soil kills the beasts.

In the meantime, make sure you let indoor plants dry out before you water them again.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy at [cwalworth@msn.com](mailto:cwalworth@msn.com).

# Spuds

Continued from C2

The plastic toy version of Healthy Mr. Potato Head comes with two sets of muscular arms bearing a water-bottle and sports watch, handfield weight and portable MP3 player, and he can sport a baseball cap or sweatband, running shoes or in-line skates.

Get the message? The U.S. Potato Board, a Denver-based commodity group

that represents more than 6,000 potato growers and handlers, across the country, certainly hopes so.

Reinforcing the spud-nutrition idea, two healthy potato recipes accompany the board's promotional materials for the toy. One combines spuds and squash for a two-in-one side dish, and another converts a comfort-food favorite from fried to baked.



**BAKED FRIES WITH SALSA**

Makes 4 servings (about 3 ounces each).

3 medium russet potatoes, uniform in size (5 to 6 ounces each)

1 tablespoon canola or other vegetable oil

1 teaspoon dried Italian herb seasoning

1/4 teaspoon salt, or to taste

Salsa, optional

Heat oven to 450 degrees. Slice potatoes lengthwise 3/4



**BROWNED BUTTER SMASHED POTATOES WITH BUTTERNUT SQUASH**

Makes 4 servings (about 4 cups).

Each serving contains 1,046 mg potassium.

1 pound (3 medium) yellow-flesh potatoes, cut into 3/4-inch chunks

1 small butternut squash (about 1 pound), peeled, seeded and cut into 1-inch chunks

Salt

3 tablespoons butter, divided

8-10 fresh (2 to 3-inch) sage leaves, stacked and cut across into 1/4-inch strips

1/2 cup 1 percent milk (approximate)

Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

In 3-quart saucepan, cover potatoes and squash with water; add 1 teaspoon salt. Bring to boil

over high heat; reduce heat, cover and cook until tender, 12 to 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, add 2 tablespoons of the butter and the sage to small skillet or saucepan over medium heat. Tilt pan and watching closely, cook about 3 minutes, until butter foams and begins to brown; keep warm.

Thoroughly drain potatoes and squash, return to pan and shake 1 to 2 minutes over low heat. Roughly mash with hand masher, leaving mixture chunky.

Over low heat, gently mix in remaining tablespoon butter and enough milk for consistency desired. Season with salt and pepper.

Spoon into serving bowl and drizzle with brown butter and sage.

Photo courtesy of U.S. Potato Board

# Dreaming of champagne and caviar?

**The Times-News**  
TWIN FALLS — Chef Tyler Gresson and Parry Johnson of Clear Springs Foods, and Josh Thome of Magic Valley Distributing, will teach a deliciously titled class, "Champagne Wishes and Caviar Dreams," next week.

It's set for 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 9 at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, at 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$40.

Organizers promise elegant and bold entertaining ideas. Students will learn about champagne and sparkling wines, and how to distinguish the good from the not so good. They'll learn how caviar and smoked trout are processed and how to discern good quality. And they'll experience the pairing of champagnes with appetizers or small bites, Rudy's said.

On the menu are classic presentations: caviar sampler with blinis and traditional garnishes; and a smoked trout sampler. The small plates and creative presentations: avocado, smoked trout and grapefruit

salad with caviar; and apples, smoked trout, fingerling potatoes and frisee salad. The canapes: smoked trout spreads; cucumber, smoked trout and caviar sushi; and foot-long smoked trout. And, finally, the savory ending: smoked trout

"cheesecake" with caviar garnish.

To sign up, call Rudy's at 732-5477. Clear Springs Foods and Rudy's will each donate \$10 per student enrolled in the class to the United Way of South Central Idaho.

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# Stirring up the autumn flavors of Piedmont

By S. Inesa Viblita  
Los Angeles Times

It's a place where women still make glorious egg-yolk-rich "tagliatelle," put up jars of peppers and peaches and, in some villages, bake bread in the communal bread oven.

Piedmont, the fabled wine region of northwest Italy, has its special dishes each season, but my favorite time is for when the "nebbia," or fog, that gives the Nebbiolo grape its name shrouds the steeply canted vineyards, and the leaves have changed to crimson and gold. Wood smoke scents the air and, at night, on the lonely country roads, headlights pick up the occasional truffle hunter and his dog heading off into the forest.

On days the fog is so thick you can't even see your hand, hilltop villages are wrapped in silence. That's why the women make nourishing pots of soup, leaving them to simmer on wood-burning stoves that doze away each season.

Over the years, I've spent weeks at a time in the hills around Barbaresco and Barolo, poking into the kitchens of chefs, winemakers and home cooks, chopping vegetables alongside grandmothers as I listened to stories and recipes that were passed down from generation to generation.

Back home in Los Angeles, I find myself returning to these recipes again and again. When the light takes on a certain clarity and the leaves begin to drop from my pecan trees, I'm compelled to stay in on a Saturday or Sunday, cooking soup.

I love the way a simmering stock scents the whole house, the idea that it goes on for hours, the ritual of getting up from my book to stir the pot. And, of course, I love that I can



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Minestra di fagioli e maltagliate (bean soup with pasta).

have a taste of Piedmont in my own kitchen.

Each region in northern Italy has its own version of "pasta e fagioli," the hearty bean and pasta soup in Piedmont, typically it's made with "borlotti" beans.

Clara Rivetti, wife of wine producer Giorgio Rivetti, freezes the marbled burgundy-and-white beans straight from her garden. In a pinch, you can use dried borlotti or cranberry beans, even cannellini beans.

The pasta is "maltagliate," which means "badly cut," namely the scraps left over from making "agnolotti" or tagliatelle — and adds to the earthy appeal of the soup. Of course, you can also make a small batch of fresh egg pasta just for the soup, or use good-quality dried egg noodles.

If the soup is made a day or two ahead, it will have more flavor. In this case, wait to cook the pasta until just before serving.

Another memorable Piedmontese soup, also made with borlotti, as well as chickpeas and wheat berries, comes from Locanda Borgo Antico, a sweet little restaurant in the center of Barolo where I've had some wonderful meals over the years.

When chef-owner Massimo Camia served this soup one fall, he told me that it is a dish from the Cinque Terre (a remote part of the Ligurian coast).

"But it also is found in our region," he said. "My father used to always taste us, and call it animal feed, because we raised our veal calves on dried beans

and grains. But by changing a few components, it became a great "minestra."

The rustic flavors of this bean and grain soup are heightened by a generous dose of black pepper and fragrant green olive oil stirred into the steaming soup just before serving. It's infinitely better than the particular combination of ingredients sounds at first take.

Like many such soups, it's actually better the next day. "Really," Camia said, "it's even better in three days. The more it rests, the more flavor it seems to acquire."

It has the heartiness of a stew. In contrast with a Piedmontese chicken noodle soup that's traditionally made in summer but served in cooler weather, too.

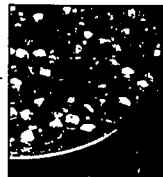
The chicken soup recipe comes from Giuliana Clerico, wife of Barolo wine producer Domenico Clerico. Domenico's mother would make the hand-made pasta the night before for the "minestra di bata il grano" — the wheat harvester's soup.

"They call it the soup of beating the grain" because in those days when they did this work, it was very hot," Giuliana Clerico explained, "usually John, and neighbors would come to help each other out."

For the wives of the farmers

## CHICKPEA, BORLOTTI AND WHEAT BERRY SOUP ("MESCIUVA")

- Servings: 12
- 2 cups dried chickpeas, organic if possible
  - 2 cups dried borlotti (cranberry) beans
  - 1 1/4 cups wheat berries
  - Salt
  - 3 sprigs rosemary
  - 5 sage leaves
  - 3 bay leaves
  - Freshly ground black peppercorns
  - Olive oil, preferably from Liguria



Chickpea, borlotti and wheat berry soup (mesciuva).

The night before, soak the chickpeas, borlotti beans and wheat berries separately in abundant cold water.

The next morning, cook them in separate pots with just the soaking water and a big pinch of salt, skimming the foam from the top occasionally. The cooking time of the beans varies, but it's usually several hours until they're really tender. (The wheat berries should take about 2 hours.)

Once the chickpeas, borlotti beans and wheat berries are cooked, remove from heat and let cool in their cooking liquid.

Combine the chickpeas, bor-

lotti beans and wheat berries (including all the liquid) in a large pot. Make an herb bouquet of the rosemary sage and bay leaves, tying them with string. Bring to a boil, turn down the heat and simmer for 1 hour or so to meld the flavors.

Remove from heat, add lots of freshly ground black pepper and stir in 3 tablespoons of olive oil.

Serve in warmed-shallow soup bowls. Drizzle a little more olive oil over each serving, if desired.

## MINESTRA DI FAGIOLI E MALTAGLIATE (BEAN SOUP WITH PASTA)

- Servings: 8
- 2 cups dried borlotti (cranberry) beans
  - 1 carrot, finely chopped
  - 1 stalk celery, finely chopped
  - 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
  - 1 onion, finely chopped
  - 2 potatoes, peeled and diced
  - 1/4 cup olive oil, plus more for serving
  - 1 tomato, peeled and diced
  - 8 sprigs parsley, leaves only, chopped
  - 8 to 10 basil leaves, torn
  - Half a dried hot red pepper, chopped
  - 1/2 pound fresh egg tagliatelle pasta or dried egg pasta

- cut or broken into 2-inch lengths.
- Freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano
- The night before, soak the beans in 12 cups of cold water. The next day, drain the beans and reserve the soaking water.
- In a large, heavy pot, saute the carrot, celery, garlic, onion and potatoes in the olive oil until the onions are soft, about 15 to 20 minutes. Add the beans and 8 cups of the reserved water. Stir in the tomato, parsley, basil, dried red pepper and a big pinch of salt, about 1 teaspoon or to taste.
- Bring the mixture to a

- boil, then reduce to a simmer and cook gently until the beans are tender, about 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Remove a cup or so of the beans and puree or mash, then add back into the soup. Thin the soup with a little water, if necessary. Taste for salt.
- Cook the pasta in abundant salted boiling water (less than a minute for fresh pasta; 10 to 10 minutes for dried).
- Reheat the soup and stir in the cooked pasta. Serve in wide soup bowls. Pass a crust of olive oil, the pepper grinder and a little freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano.

## WHEAT HARVESTER'S SOUP (MINESTRA DI BATA IL GRANA)

- Servings: 6
- 1 (4 1/2-pound) chicken, rinsed and cut into half, excess fat removed
  - 1 large carrot, cut into 3-inch pieces
  - 2 stalks of celery, cut into 3-inch pieces
  - 1 large onion, peeled quartered
  - 8 peppercorns
  - 3 sprigs of parsley
  - 2 sprigs of thyme
  - 1 bay leaf
  - 1 tablespoon olive oil
  - 1/3 pound fresh chicken livers, trimmed and cut in 1/2-inch dice
  - 1 spring sweet basil
  - 1/2 tomato, peeled, seeded and chopped fine
  - 1/3 pound fresh tagliatelle

- or fettuccine pasta or egg noodles broken into 2-inch pieces
- Parsley leaves
- Place the chicken, carrot, celery, onion, peppercorns, parsley, thyme and bay leaf into a large pot.
- Add 10 cups of water. Bring to a boil, then turn down the heat to a low simmer (the water should be barely bubbling). Simmer uncovered for 2 to 2 1/2 hours, occasionally skimming off the fat and impurities that rise to the surface.
- Carefully remove the chicken to a bowl. Strain the stock through a fine-mesh strainer. Discard the solids.
- When the chicken is cool

- enough to handle, remove the skin and the bones and discard. Shred the dark meat and set aside. Reserve the white meat for another use.
- In a small skillet, heat the olive oil and quickly saute the chicken livers until pink inside, about 2 to 3 minutes.
- Place the strained stock in a large saucepan. Bring it to a boil and turn down to a simmer. Add the basil sprig, chopped tomato and fresh tagliatelle. Cook until the pasta is done, 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in the livers and shredded chicken.
- Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve in warmed, shallow soup bowls. Garnish with parsley leaves.

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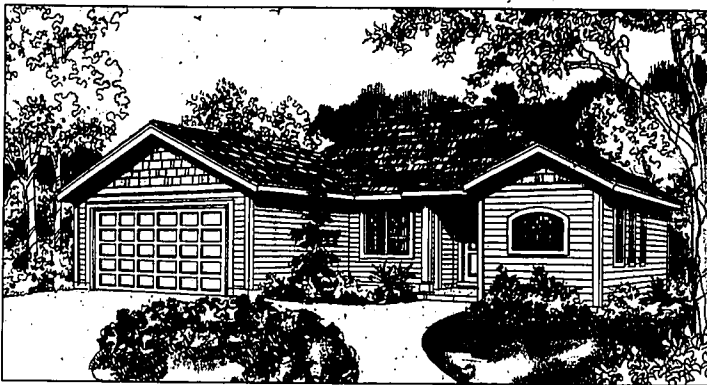
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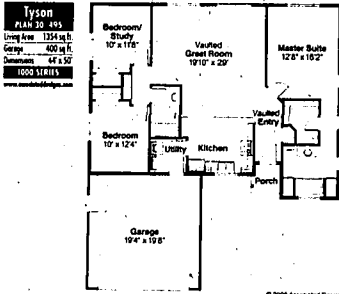
Compact Tyson highlights great rear view

A handsome wooden post highlights the Tyson's front porch. Two gabled windows, one of them arched, also add visual interest to this clean-lined, compact plan.

Wider windows sparkle across its rear, where you can look out over the raised deck. The plan is designed for construction on a lot that slopes down to the rear. That combination makes it ideal suited for use as a vacation home with a stunning rear view. Possibilities include a lake, river, canyon or ocean.

On the other hand, the home fits well in a suburban neighborhood, too, and with minimal changes could be built on a flat parcel of land. This plan can also be easily adapted for wheelchair accessibility.

A vaulted entry leads directly into the wide-open, vaulted great room that fills the center. This room offers the most generous view of the landscape behind the house. You can take it all in from the kitchen as well, which also has a view of the



street. Seated at the long eating bar that bounds the two spaces, family and friends can chat with kitchen workers, or swivel around to watch the waves, sail boats, bird feeders, or whatever

comes into view. Kitchen counter space is well supplied. Cupboards are well supplied. The Tyson's master suite boasts a roomy walk-in closet, tub & shower, and dual towel cabinet for storage. It, too, has a great rear view. Two more bedrooms, or one bedroom and a home office/study, are on the left where they share a bathroom.

Secondary bedrooms are well-separated from the master suite. The Tyson's master suite boasts a roomy walk-in closet, tub & shower, and dual towel cabinet for storage. It, too, has a great rear view. Two more bedrooms, or one bedroom and a home office/study, are on the left where they share a bathroom. For a review plan, including sealed floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Dept. W, Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Tyson 30-435 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring more than 550 home plans is available for \$15. For more information, call (800) 634-9123, or visit our website at [www.associatedesigns.com](http://www.associatedesigns.com).

Salmon swims in maple-wine syrup

By Linda Gassenheimer Knight Ridder News Service

Maple syrup and wine add a savory-sweet flavor to pan-roasted salmon. Roasting in the oven intensifies the flavor of the ingredients, but takes much longer than sauteing. Pan-roasting is a great compromise. The salmon fillet is sauteed and then roasted in a covered skillet for 7 to 8 minutes for a 3/4-inch fillet. The rule for cooking fish is to measure the fillet at its thickest section and cook 10 minutes per inch. Fish continues to cook once it is removed from the heat, so to prevent overcooking, I shave that to 8 minutes. Sweet potatoes and broccoli make a colorful autumn side dish to complete this dinner.

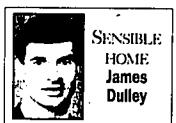
**SWEET POTATOES AND BROCCOLI**  
Makes 2 servings.  
3/4 pound sweet potatoes  
1/4 pound broccoli florets  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
Salt and freshly ground pepper  
Peel potatoes and cut into 1-inch pieces. Place in a large saucepan, and add cold water to cover. Cover with a lid and bring to a boil. Boil 3 minutes. Add broccoli and continue to boil 2 minutes. Drain. Add olive oil and pepper to taste. Toss well.

**PAN-ROASTED MAPLE SALMON**  
Makes 2 servings.  
1 1/4 cup dry white wine (Apple juice can be substituted for the white wine. The flavor will be different.)  
1 tablespoon real maple syrup  
Olive oil spray  
3/4 pound salmon fillet  
Salt and freshly ground pepper  
2 tablespoons chopped parsley (optional)  
Mix the wine and maple syrup; set aside. Spray a medium nonstick skillet with olive oil. Heat over medium. Add the salmon, skin side up. Cover and saute 4 minutes. Turn and add salt and pepper to taste to the cooked side. Cover and cook 2 minutes. Spoon sauce over salmon, cover and cook 1 minute. Remove to 2 plates and sprinkle with parsley.

Low-flow showerheads offer energy savings

DEAR JIM: I have three daughters who take long showers. I want to install some lower-flow showerheads to save hot water and lower my utility bills. What options do I have, and are those new shower towers very effective?

—Val M.



SENSIBLE HOME James Dulley

DEAR VAL: Heating water for showers is one of the major energy consumers in most homes. If your three daughters are taking long showers and you still have old high-flow showerheads, switching to lower-flow ones can easily save \$100 per year or more on your utility bills. By law, new showerheads must be designed to flow no more than 2 1/2 gpm (gallons per minute) at a water pressure of 80 psi (pounds per square inch). Many older showerheads flow nearly twice as much water, so any model you install should cut your water heating costs by about half.

The four basic design options you have are adjustable, rain, shower, fixed and shower tower. Adjustable showerheads are still the most popular. These allow you to adjust the water force from a heavy, slow shower to a more invigorating spray. The more expensive ones also often include a pulsating massage setting. When selecting an adjustable showerhead, pay attention to the adjustment method. With wet, soapy fingers, some can be difficult to



This is a shower tower. It is mounted on the wall and attached to the existing shower arm for easy installation.

adjust. Ones with levers are generally the easiest to operate. Hand-held adjustable showerheads are effective, particularly for rinsing hair. If a showerhead is more convenient to use, your daughters can take shorter showers. Rainshowers are becoming more popular. These are large round, usually nonadjustable, showerheads that extend further out from the wall. The water flows down over your head and body. They look styl-

ish, but they do not provide an invigorating spray. They also make it difficult to shower without getting your hair wet. Inexpensive, super-low-flow fixed showerheads are available which use much less water. These often provide a needle-like spray which some people prefer. Many of them also have a push-button lather valve which allows you to stop the water flow while lathering for even more hot water savings. Shower towers have multiple

showerheads built into a tall vertical fixture. These usually have a standard showerhead at the top with several body spray heads located beneath it. Each head is allowed to flow 2 to 2 1/2 gpm maximum, so shower towers can use a lot of hot water very quickly. I don't recommend them for your children's showers.

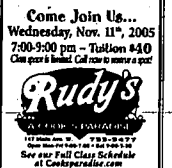
Do-it-yourself shower tower models require no additional plumbing behind the wall. Everything is housed in the add-on fixture which is attached to the wall. These range in price from about \$70 to more than \$1,000. If you are going to install one in your master bathroom, the more expensive models provide a more satisfying showering experience.

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# Couscous in all its glory

By Charles Perry,  
Los Angeles Times

Couscous is one of the world's most extraordinary foods, more delicate than any grain, light as a snowdrift.

It's also terribly misunderstood. More than just the stuff that comes out of a box, couscous is a whole world of wonderful dishes: sublime stews spooned over the ethereal granules. They can be as luscious as "papardelle" with rabbit "ragù" or as carefully harmonic as a great pesto. But they also have exotic allure. It might be long-simmered lamb and pumpkin with ginger and saffron, or "loup de mer" with quince, or perhaps veal and chicken with zucchini and almonds. Chickpeas frequently make an appearance, as do raisins, almond dates and spices such as cinnamon and coriander.

"You can push the parameters of couscous the same way you can push pasta," says Wolfgang Puck, author of "Couscous and Other Good Food From Morocco." The difference is the couscous grain. Pasta can't compare with it in delicacy.

A man who's keenly sensitive to the possibilities of couscous is Adel Chagar of Chameau restaurant, probably Los Angeles' leading Moroccan chef. On these days, most Moroccan restaurants stick to tried-and-true favorites, but he has an inventive, contemporary take on the cuisine he inherits. He puts fashionable duck in his otherwise hyper-traditional "bestial" (he makes that savory pie with "warqa," the crispier hand-made North African cousin of flour). He turns preserved lemons into a dip, serves merguez sausage with chickpea fries and offers almond beignets with lemon cream and honey ice cream for dessert.

His menu is seasonal. At the moment, one of Chagar's most impressive dishes is an aromatic lamb shoulder tagine that serves over delicate vegetable couscous.

Alongside his couscous entrees, he also has side-dishes of various couscous flavors with raisins or pearl onions, none of which is traditional.

In North Africa, couscous is the centerpiece of the traditional Friday family lunch. It's always the last thing served at a banquet or a party, where it occupies the place of dessert, the course that makes sure every guest's appetite is completely satisfied.

And in some parts of Morocco, it's even more basic than that. The local word for couscous uses places like "tamaz" which literally means "food."

As a culinary region, North Africa is a mosaic of regional styles that don't always fit neatly into national borders. But Morocco is the only Arab country that was never absorbed by the Ottoman Empire, so for centuries it has continued to have its own kings, who have sponsored an impressive cuisine. As a result, Moroccan couscous tends to be served with rich stews aromatic with multiple spices. Saffron is the most glorious, but ginger, cinnamon, coriander and turmeric add their fragrance.

Algeria is an agricultural country with a rich couscous cuisine, and the stews that accompany it are typically less refined than in Morocco. During the 1980s, there was a craze for Algerian restaurants in Paris, and as a result, people who have fallen in love with couscous in France expect the Algerian hot sauce "harissa" with North African food, even at Moroccan restaurants. The practice of serving couscous, stewed meat and broth in separate bowls, rather than on a single plate, is also Algerian. As for Tunisia, it has the richest fishing grounds of any Arab country, so it makes a specialty of fish couscous dishes.

If we saw couscous in this setting, as the fluffy, ethereal accompaniment to a stew, we'd have loved North African stews, we'd treat it with proper respect. Unfortunately, we've come to think of it as a convenience food — a



Servings: 8

Note: From Adel Chagar of Chameau

- Raisin garnish
- 2 tablespoons (1/4 stick) butter
- 1 cup golden raisins
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 star anise
- 1 (3-inch) cinnamon stick
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1. Melt the butter in a medium saucepan over low heat. Add the raisins. Stir to coat with the butter. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- 2. Add the honey, lemon juice, chicken stock, star anise, cinnamon stick and salt. Cook slowly over low heat until almost all of the liquid has evaporated and the raisins are plump, about 20 minutes. Set aside.

## LAMB TAGINE

- Lamb and assembly
- 1 pounds lamb shoulder
- Sea salt, pepper
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon saffron
- Moroccan spice mixture (1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/8 teaspoon ground coriander, 1/8 teaspoon saffron, 1/4 teaspoon white pepper, 1/4 teaspoon turmeric)
- 2 celery stalks, sliced into 2-inch pieces
- 2 carrots, peeled and sliced into 2-inch pieces
- 1/2 pound canned whole tomatoes, crushed
- 8 sprigs parsley, tied with kitchen twine
- 8 sprigs cilantro, tied with kitchen twine
- 1 1/2 cinnamon sticks
- 10 cups chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 recipe steamed couscous

- Raisin garnish
- Harissa, optional
- 1. Cut the lamb into 3-inch pieces and season with salt and pepper. Refrigerate overnight.
- 2. Put the oils in a large Dutch oven, bring to high heat, add the lamb chunks in bunches and brown. Remove the lamb, reduce heat to medium, add the onions and garlic and saute until tender.
- 3. Add the saffron, spice mixture, celery and carrots and cook 10 minutes.
- 4. Add the tomatoes, parsley, cilantro, cinnamon, chicken stock and tomato paste and bring to a boil. Add the lamb back into the pot.
- 5. Cover the pot, put in a 350-degree oven and cook until the lamb is completely cooked, about 1 1/2 hours. Serve with couscous, raisin garnish and harissa, if desired.

pre-cooked grain that you pour from the box into a bowl and just add hot water. The result is edible, but it's a pale shadow of real couscous.

The essential thing about real couscous is that it is steamed. Not soaked in hot water, as the recipe on the couscous package tells you to do. Steaming makes all the difference.

Why is couscous steamed? Because of the way it's made, by sprinkling drops of water into a bowl of durum semolina and stirring it until granules form. It's not kneaded at any point, so the granules are not held together by gluten, the way pasta is.

This means couscous can't be boiled without turning into mush, but it's also the reason for its delicacy. The couscous granules have none of the rugged texture that comes from gluten and, when they're steamed, they can swell much more than pasta ever could.

"I can get 16 to 18 cups of cooked couscous out of a pound of dry by steaming," says Wolffert. "But following the box instruction — just leaving the couscous to soak in hot water — I get only six cups."

Six cups vs. 16. That's the difference between something

that's merely edible and something that has passed the ordinary bounds of food, becoming supernaturally light and fluffy.

During the 19th century, a company in colonial Algeria took the fateful step of marketing something called "couscous rapide." Cooks had always dried their own couscous for using later, but for this new product the granules were steamed before drying, so that the starch in the semolina was already cooked, as in bulgur wheat.

Still, if the cook steamed "couscous rapide" properly, it produced a good, fluffy result, so it became a pantry staple in North African households. And restaurants, for that matter.

But they don't soak it in hot

water. They begin by moistening the granules with cold water. "The couscous grains should never touch hot water," Chagar says. "That makes it soggy."

Then they steam it. In North Africa, this is done in a special pot called a "couscoussier," where the couscous cooks in a perforated pot set over the stew that it will be served with.

Steaming over the stew is done in North Africa because it saves on firewood, a crucial consideration in the local economy. Some people say the couscous also picks up a subtle flavor from the stew, but Wolffert dismisses this.

"I no longer believe in steaming over the stew," she says. "You have much better control over your ingredients if you can

## STEAMED COUSCOUS

Serves 8 (about 13 cups)

Note: From "The Greatest Dishes Around the World in 80 Recipes" by Anya von Bremzen

- 4 cups (1 1/2 pounds) fine or medium couscous
- Mild olive oil
- 2 to 3 cups water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 to 3 tablespoons unsalted butter (1/4 to 3/8 stick) cut into small pieces

1. Place the couscous in a sieve fine enough to hold all the grains. Place the sieve under cold running water and wet the couscous thoroughly. Spread it out in a thick layer on a large floured baking sheet (ideally 16 to 18 inches wide) or in a huge wooden salad bowl. Let it stand for 10 to 15 minutes to absorb the moisture.

2. Evenly sprinkle about 2 tablespoons of oil over the couscous and work the oil into the grains with your fingers. Take a small handful of grains and rub them between your thumb and two middle fingers to get rid of all the little lumps. As you work, the grains will dry and you will let them drop back into the sheet. Alternatively, work over another large bowl to keep track of what's been worked over. Repeat with all the couscous.

3. Oil the perforated top of a "couscoussier" or a large wide steamer. In the couscoussier, bring 4 to 5 inches of water to a rolling boil. If there is a lot of



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steam escaping through the seam between the two parts, seal it with foil. When you see a good deal of steam rising up, transfer the couscous to the top part and steam uncovered for 15 to 18 minutes.

4. Return the couscous to the baking sheet and spread it out again, breaking the lumps with a fork, and let cool until just malleable. In a measuring cup, combine 2 cups water and salt, and sprinkle evenly and gradually over the couscous, working the water in with your fingers. Spread it out again and let stand for another 10 to 15 minutes.

5. Oil your hands and repeat the procedure in Step 4. Steam again as in previous step for about 15 minutes. By now, the grains will be fluffy and separate and slightly dente. If not planning to steam couscous for a third time (instructions for a third time are given about 20 to 30 minutes until tender).

6. If steaming for a third time, return the couscous to the baking sheet, work in 1 more cup of water, spread it out again and let stand until ready for the final steaming. Before steaming, rub it again to remove lumps and steam one final time, 12 to 15 minutes.

6. Turn off the heat and leave the couscous in the steamer. Carefully stir in the butter, using a fork to break up any lumps that might have formed.

with them as they cook." From a cooking standpoint, it's better to cook the stew in one pot and steam the couscous over water in another.

It's easy to improvise a "couscoussier" by fitting a colander or Chinese steamer over a spaghetti pot. Remember that the couscous should never touch hot water, so be sure there's at least half an inch of space between the colander and the water's surface.

The two parts of a metal "couscoussier" fit tightly, but if you use a colander you may have to create a seal, as Moroccans do when they use clay "couscoussiers." In the "Times" Test Kitchen, we got a steamer basket to fit quite snugly without help. It's not a good fit, take a strip of cheesecloth, moisten it, sprinkle it generously with flour and shake it off. Fit this around the rim of the pot and seal your colander on top of it. The steam will turn the flour into a paste that makes an effective seal.

Before steaming, the couscous granules are moistened with cold water and allowed to rest, then rubbed between the fingers to break up any lumps and moistened with a little oil or butter so they'll stay separate as they cook. When steam starts coming out of the colander,

transfer the couscous into it and steam for 20 minutes.

Then take the couscous out and, when it's cool enough to handle, repeat the process of moistening and separating. Steam the couscous again at least once. "Cook it as much as you can without it becoming soggy," says Chagar. "At Chameau, we steam it three times."

After steaming it the last time, moisten it with broth and let it sit 10 minutes before you serve it.

Obviously, this takes longer than pouring the package into hot water. But it's not really that much more time, and the result will be much more enjoyable. (Speaking of enjoyment, Moroccans say that under-steamed couscous — and this would go double for pour-it-into-hot-water couscous — swells up in your stomach. "Think about it," Wolffert says. "That grain could have swelled to 16 or 18 cups. It's got room to grow, so it's going to grow somewhere. It's going to grow in your stomach.")

If the idea of two or three 20-minute steamings with a little work in between sounds daunting, cookbook author Anya von Bremzen suggests that you please see COUSCOUS, Page C6

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FOOD & HOME

# Smart mirror placement reflects your home's decor

By Stacy Downs  
Knight Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Sun, tearing down walls is one option for changing a home. But adding a mirror is a much simpler, more elegant solution.

"Placing mirrors across from each other, Richelle Cline produced an infinity effect in her apartment. "It creates the illusion of a never-ending room," said Cline, an interior designer.

"It visually enlarges the space and reflects natural light and lamp light."

"Mirrors are functional artworks when used properly, and they can be inexpensive. For about \$60, Cline dramatically altered her home using 1-foot-square, beveled mirrors purchased from a home-building supply store. She glued a grid of 25 mirrors to the wall of her dining room. The mirrors frame a round mirror in her living room, resting in a large, simple and dimension for the space.

"Before placing a mirror, pay attention to what it will reflect. That's the biggest rule with mirrors," said Benjamin Sundermeyer, a space planner and interior designer in Kansas City. "It seems obvious, but you don't want to double the image of something in a room."

"The prime example is hanging a mirror above a fireplace, something many people do to fill the blank space above the mantel. The problem is, the mirror usually reflects the popcorn ceiling and the light fixture you meant to replace years ago. That picard can be solved by angling the mirror down and putting a little slack in the hanging wire. The mirror then will show off the chic mantel decor instead.

"Other areas in which to avoid irritating mirrors are skinny hallways (they're full of doors) and bedrooms (so you don't mistake the reflection of your spouse for an intruder in the

## Three unexpected spots for a mirror

- **Inside the fireplace:** Candles will burn twice as nice in front of a mirror. It also expands the room, shows off nice furniture legs and allows people to check out their clothes.
- **Underneath windows:** A mirror hung below a window can make it appear that the window extends to the floor. This looks especially good with tall windows, such as those in lofts.
- **Dining room ceiling:** This room often doesn't have interesting architecture. But it does have chandeliers and beautiful china that are worth seeing twice.

middle of the night).

More people are using mirrors as kitchen backslashes, but this has its pitfalls. "It creates twice the number of dirty dishes," says Cline, who has used mirrors in a kitchen. "It looks really sharp when it's cleaned, but it doesn't function well." Plus, it reflects kitchen appliances, which aren't always pretty.

The bigger the mirror, the more space Sundermeyer, owner of High Cotton, a home furnishings store. For example, a 4- or 5-foot-tall mirror on a chest of drawers gives a grander feel to a space. Doorway-height mirrors impressively increase the sense of volume in a room. Tall, skinny mirrors make people look better than wide ones and should be placed so they don't visually cut off the top of the head of the tallest person in the household.

Mirrors should be situated so they don't cause glare. They can be problematic if they're placed across from a window with a southern or western exposure. Still, a mirror is good for adding light to a dark room. Position a

Although mirrors are popular in design, it's best to use them sparingly.

mirror in front of attractive lamps and light fixtures and windows that let in soft light.

Mirrors should be displayed with special care because they are heavy and can break into dangerous shards. If they are hung on a wall, make sure the hanger is strong and is anchored into a wall stud. Open mirrors are hefty enough that it's best to lean them against the wall. Some of the larger mirrors come with wheels on the bottom so they're easier to move.

The design of the mirror also affects the space. More dimension is reflected in a thicker glass mirror, says Sondra Kasseman, who restores mirrors at Keepsake Furniture Restoration in Kansas City. She also has been asked to "desilver" mirrors, giving them a distressed, vintage look. She receives orders from all over the country. "They usually want an old mirror to look good as a new mirror to look bad."

Smoked mirrors and color-tinted glass are seen in bars and restaurants are becoming more popular, giving a space an urban, chic look. Designers are using vintage etched mirrors when they are furnished brown spots where the silver has worn off, creating a distorted and softened image. "It becomes more about the light reflection than what is in the reflection," Sundermeyer says.

Although mirrors are popular in design, it's best to use them sparingly. "You don't want mirror glare in your home," Cline says. "You lose the impact if you use too much of it."

# Couscous

Continued from C5 could make the stew the day before — it would even improve overnight, as steews tend to. Because couscous tends to be a complete meal, with meat and vegetables, that leaves nothing

but the couscous to do the next day.

When the couscous is done, arrange it on the serving plate, moisten with a bit of flavorful broth and arrange the meat and/or vegetables in

the middle. You'll be able to enjoy one of the great delicacies: a perfume-steamed accompaniment by an elegant "sound of ethereal granules that seem to drift in your mouth on their own."



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## COUSCOUS WITH SEVEN VEGETABLES

- Servings: 8
- Note: From "The Greatest Dishes Around the World in 80 Recipes" by Anya von Bremzen
- 2 tablespoons butter
  - 1 tablespoon mild olive oil
  - 2 large onions, quartered and sliced
  - 2 pounds skinless chicken thighs
  - 2 pounds veal or lamb shanks, hacked into 3/4- to 1-inch sections, or meaty lamb neck
  - 1 1/2 quarts water
  - 2 large tomatoes, peeled, seeded and quartered (about 2 cups)
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
  - 2 (3-inch) cinnamon sticks
  - 1 teaspoon mild olive oil
  - Large pinch cayenne, or more to taste
  - Large pinch saffron threads, soaked and pulverized in a mortar
  - 10 sprigs each parsley and cilantro, tied into a cheesecloth bag
  - 1 tablespoon salt
  - 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
  - 2 fat carrots, scraped, quartered and cut into 2-inch lengths
  - 3 medium turnips or boiling potatoes, peeled and quartered
  - 3 fat celery ribs, cut into 2-inch sections, or 1 medium french bulb with a little of the stalk, cut into large chunks (scrape the outer layer of the fennel bulb if it's tough)
  - 2 large zucchini, halved and cut into 2-inch sections
  - 1 pound butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 3-inch pieces
  - 3 cups canned chickpeas, drained
  - 1 recipe steamed couscous
  - Harissa or another pure chile paste
  - In a heavy stockpot, heat the butter with the oil over medium heat and saute the onions, stirring, for 5 minutes.
  - Add the chicken and the veal or lamb and cook, turning the meats, until they are opaque, about 5 minutes per side.
  - Add the water, tomatoes, ginger, cinnamon sticks, paprika, cayenne, saffron, the bag of parsley and cilantro, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, skim off the foam, cover and simmer over low heat until the chicken is tender, 45 to 50 minutes.
  - Moisten with about 1 cup of the chicken's broth so it doesn't overcook. Cover and keep warm.
  - Continue cooking the broth until the veal or lamb is tender, about 1 hour longer. (While the meat is cooking, start preparing the couscous.)
  - Remove the meat.
  - Add the carrots, turnips and celery to the broth. Raise the heat until it comes to a simmer, then lower the heat and cook for 15 minutes.
  - Add the zucchini, squash and chickpeas; raise the heat again until the liquid returns to a simmer. Lower the heat and cook until the vegetables are tender but not mushy; about 20 minutes more. As vegetables are done, remove them to a bowl.
  - Return the chicken and meat to the pot until warmed through and adjust seasonings to taste. Discard the cheesecloth bag. (The broth and vegetables can be prepared a day ahead.)
  - If necessary, reheat the broth, meats and vegetables. Moisten the steamed couscous on a large platter. Make a big pile in the middle and pile some of the vegetables into it. Arrange the meat and chicken around the couscous and scatter chickpeas around it.
  - Moisten with about 1 cup of the broth. If you like, mix 1 cup broth with 1 1/2 to 2 tablespoons harissa to serve on the side. Serve the rest of the vegetables and broth in a large, deep bowl, accompanied by the harissa.

# New White House chef makes her official debut feeding British royals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The temperature is rising in Cristine Comerford's basement kitchen. After two months on the job and plenty of meals served behind the scenes, the first female White House chef makes her official culinary debut in a very public way today: preparing lunch and three dinner courses for Britain's Prince Charles and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall.

It's the couple's first visit to the United States since tying the knot in April.



In this photograph provided by the White House, Chef Cristine 'Chris' Comerford prepares a meal inside the White House kitchen on July 17, 2002.

But if pleasing the royal couple isn't pressure enough, next on Comerford's plate is the December holiday season. That's when President George W. Bush and wife Laura throw open the White House doors to some 6,500 guests for five through 25 parties in search of some of the finest food and drink in town.

Other cooks may wilt like spinach under the stress, but Comerford is no stranger to the heat of the White House kitchen. She has been slicing and dicing there for 10 years, assembling meals big and small as an assistant to former chef Walter Scheib III, who hired her as a part-timer in 1995.

In fact, Comerford gets credit for two recent White House dinners.

One menu of chilled sorghum soup with lemon, cream, pan-roasted halibut, ginger-carrot butter, balsamic ope with pistachio nuts, and currants,

and herbed summer vegetables was served to 134 guests at an official dinner in July in honor of India's prime minister.

It helped her clinch the promotion.

Roland Mesnier, a former White House pastry chef, said Comerford was "extremely knowledgeable" about the cuisines of different cultures. "That helps tremendously when you're the chef of the White House" and "feeding many foreign visitors, he said.

Comerford, 43, is a naturalized U.S. citizen from the Philippines who studied French cooking in Vienna, Austria, and

specializes in ethnic and American cuisine.

The appointment of a woman was strongly encouraged by Women Chefs and Restaurateurs, an advocacy group. Women represent half of all food service workers, but just 7 percent of executive chefs, said president Bonnie Moore. Even fewer women hold the "clout" jobs, such as White House chef.

Comerford's appointment "is exactly what young women thinking of a career in the culinary arts need set as an example before them," Moore said in an interview.

## Panel recommends tax simplification.

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**FOOD & HOME**

**Know your nails**

By Alan J. Heavens  
Knight Ridder News Service

Do you know your way around the nail aisle at the local home center, or do you feel lost amid all those little drawers? Get your bearings: Nails are not interchangeable. There are general-purpose nails used primarily in woodworking, and specialty nails used with concrete and masonry.

**A glossary:**

• Common nails are thick and heavy-duty, with large flat heads, and are used in framing carpentry and other rough work.

• Finish nails are used to fasten trim and cabinets, when you don't want the heads to show; carpenters put a steel tool called a nailset into the nail's cupped head to hammer the head below the surface of the wood. Wood filler masks the hole.

• Casing nails are like finishing nails, usually no more than an inch long, and are thinner too.

• Brads are very small finishing nails, usually no more than an inch long, and are thinner too.

• Cut flooring nails are rectangular with blunt tips that won't split the wood as they go through the edges.

• Roofing nails used to hold roofing felt, shingles, shakes, etc., have large heads and ringed shanks so the material won't come away from the sheathing easily.

• Masonry or concrete nails are made of thick, hardened steel with a grooved or fluted shank that can be round, flat or square.

• Gutter spikes are 6- to 8-inch nails used to secure gutters.

• Drywall nails have large heads and ringed shanks for attaching drywall to studs. Most professionals use them; most do-it-yourselfers use drywall screws.

• Duplex or scaffold nails have two heads — one that is driven against the material to hold in place, the second for easy removal. These are usually used to fasten work temporarily.

• Tacks have short shanks and are used to fasten upholstery or carpet.

**Need to know:**

Most nails are made from steel or stainless steel. Nail length is measured in inches or designated by the word "penny," which once referred to their price per hundred. A 10-penny nail (known as a 10d) is 3 inches long, a two-penny is 1 1/2 inches long, a 6d is 6 inches long. Nail diameter typically increases with length.

Be sure to ask Are the nails galvanized, to prevent them from rusting? That's important if you're doing an outdoor project, such as building a roof or deck. Galvanized nails are coated with zinc either through electroplating, which makes them shiny, or hot dipping, which leaves a dull finish.

Don't do this: Don't try to use a nail for purposes it wasn't intended. For example, don't use barbed or ringed nails if you plan to remove them; their sharp-edged ridges are designed to lock into the wood, and if you try pulling them out, you'll do damage.

Bad advice: "Drive nails through thicker pieces of wood into thinner ones." Actually, it's the other way around. The nail should be three times as long as the thickness of the thin piece, so that two-thirds of the nail will be in the thicker piece to hold it better.

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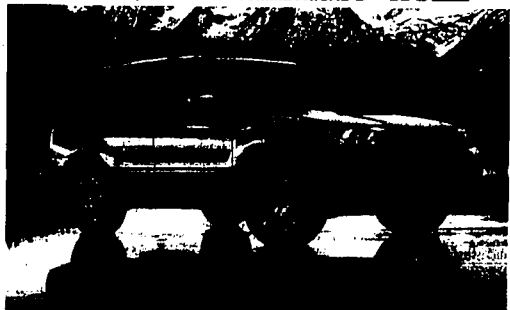
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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“A better penalty would be to let him line up against the Steelers' defense for a couple of days in practice.”

— Bob Cooney of the Philadelphia Inquirer. Pittsburgh-area resident Brian Jackson was sentenced this week to 30 days in jail and ordered to pay \$300 after pleading guilty to disorderly conduct. The charge: passing himself off as Steeler quarterbacks Ben Roethlisberger and Brian St. Pierre in order to meet women

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School VOLLEYBALL District IV Showcase, Twin Falls HS, 6 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### CSI stays atop NJCAA poll

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team held on to the No. 1 ranking in the most recent National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Volleyball Poll, released Monday. Despite Friday's 42-2 after Saturday's five-game loss to the North Idaho College Cardinals, the Golden Eagles still carried all three first-place votes.

Western Nebraska Community College remains No. 2 at 47-1, while Miami-Dade Community College (Fla.) holds the No. 3 spot at 26-2. With Saturday's win over CSI, NIC moved up one spot to No. 4 in the nation and hold a 27-4 record. Missouri State University-West Plains jumped three spots to No. 5 with wins over No. 8 Hutchinson Community College (Kan.) and No. 12 Indian Hills Community College-Ottumwa (Iowa). Hutchinson fell four spots from No. 4. Scenic West Athletic Conference contender Salt Lake Community College fell from No. 18 to a tie for No. 20 with Florida Community College. The Golden Eagles wrap up their regular season with Thursday's home match against Dixie State College and Friday's home contest against SLCC.

#### BSU offers wrestling clinic in Burley

BURLEY — The Boise State Wrestling Clinic will be held this Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Burley High School gym. The clinic is co-sponsored by Boise State's assistant coach Chris Owen, a two-time NCAA All-American at Oklahoma State. All junior high and high school wrestlers are welcome. Cost is \$25 per person. Registration is from 8-8:45 a.m. Session I runs from 9-noon with Session II from 1-3 p.m. Wrestlers must provide their own lunch and wear appropriate attire. Call Clint Milliron at 670-0327 for more information.

#### Volleyball all-star showcase is tonight

TWIN FALLS — The District IV Volleyball All-Stars Showcase will be held Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. at Twin Falls High School. Players from throughout the central Idaho area will be featured in the round-robin format. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for students. A full list of the competitors was published in Monday's Times-News.

#### Gooding gamers 3A sportsmanship award

GOODING — The Gooding Senators won the sportsmanship plaque at the state 3A volleyball tournament for the second year in a row this past weekend. Compiled from staff reports

## 2005-06 CSI MEN'S BASKETBALL

# CSI's conscience



College of Southern Idaho head men's basketball coach Barret Peery watches over the Golden Eagles' practice Monday.

## Winning not enough for first-year coach Peery

By Eric Larson Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The black slicked-back hair catches the eye first.

It's not quite Pat Riley, but there's a tinge of the NBA coaching great there, and that goes with it. There's Magic and Showtime and the Forum. Then there's a wry smile and the confidence of a young, 34-year old career coach and

former collegiate player who looks like he knows he can still light you up — just give him the ball. It's almost expected he'd be too slick, too confident, even too cocky to like.

Then Barret Peery opens his mouth, and he's anything but what you'd expect.

The truth is, the new head coach of the winningest program in junior college history is about more than what the College of Southern Idaho is

nationally revered for. He's not Riley, nor is he Al Davis. Just win, baby, doesn't cut it. As he takes the floor and the clipboard for his head-coaching debut Thursday night — make no mistake — Peery is all about winning in that two-hour span. It is, however, the Barret Peery that shows up the day's other 22 hours that defines CSI's 14th men's head coach.

“For me, I think the biggest thing was I wanted to make sure we put a product on the floor that people could be proud of,” Peery said. “Winning's as important to me as anyone, but I wanted to make sure we act correctly both on the floor and in the community. I want us to be good students and good teammates, and good citizens.”

“I feel very lucky that I have this job. It's a great place to have your first head coaching job. But with that said, there's a lot of responsibility. You have to be a good student and a good teammate, and good citizens.”

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## Men out to prove they're championship material

By Eric Larson Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A ham sandwich might have received a warmer reception. The third-place trophy from last year's National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Tournament wasn't lifted over many heads. It wasn't treated to any wild post-game celebrations or ticker tape parades down Main Street. In fact, it spent most of its time in Hutchinson, Kan., tucked under a black and gold-clad arm, waiting to someday be stashed in a trophy case.

It's not that the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team wasn't proud of its No. 3 finish at nationals and 33-3 record during the 2004-05 season. The icy reception to the trophy was just a byproduct of this — the Golden Eagles had higher expectations. As a new season nears, it's a new cast of players and a new coaching staff that will shoulder the burdens of those expectations. The Eagles are No. 4 in the NJCAA preseason poll, the early favorite to rule over the Scenic West Athletic Conference, and the odds-on favorite to represent Region 18 in the NJCAA National Tournament.

High expectations, pressure to perform, targets on their backs? The Eagles wouldn't have it any other way.

### Renaissance men

A big part of the reason why the winningest program in junior college history is poised for another banner year is the development of its three returning sophomores. From outside scoring,



College of Southern Idaho freshman Leon Henry, left, and sophomore Micah Rollin battle for a rebound Monday during practice at the CSI Gymnasium.

rebounding, and leadership, the versatile trio of Zaryyon Ferrell, Travis Gabbidon, and Reggie Larry will be instrumental cogs in first-year head coach Barret Peery's basketball machine.

Ferrell, a sharp-shooting guard from New South Wales, Australia, averaged 9.6 points per game in 26 appearances last year, connecting on nearly 43-percent of his three-point attempts. The 6-foot-4 swingman returns stronger and with an improved inside game. Gabbidon returns after averaging 9.1 points and 5 rebounds

### Season opener

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per contest last season. The two will likely see the bulk of the Eagles' perimeter shot attempts, especially when game come down to the wire.

While Ferrell and Gabbidon are increasingly dangerous thanks to improved inside games, the 6-6, 225-pound Larry has turned into a force through tireless work on his outside shooting. In 32 appearances last season, Larry averaged 6.5 points and 3.5 rebounds per game. While he connected on nearly 59-percent of his field goal attempts, he finished 0-for-11 from behind the arc. That type of futility isn't likely this year.

“I worked a lot this summer on his perimeter shot and he's more of a threat now,” Peery said. “Reggie's going to have a good year for us, and for us to have a good year, Reggie has to have a good year.”

Equally important to their statistical production will be the on-court leadership the three provide, while still feeling out their new roles, each has done his part to assimilate CSI's new talent into the team.

“We have captains on this team, but at the same time, we have a lot of guys that are leaders,” Peery said. “We have guys that push the rest of our team to go better.”

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## Spurs opens title defense with win over Nuggets

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs celebrated last season's success and started their title defense. Tony Parker scored 14 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter and newcomer Michael Finley added 11 points in the period for the Spurs, who defeated Denver.

Before the game, San Antonio unveiled its third championship banner in the rafters of the SBC Center, and NBA commissioner David Stern was on hand for the team's returning players to receive their diamond-studded title rings.

San Antonio trailed most of the second half until Finley hit a

19-footer to put the Spurs up 79-76 with about nine minutes remaining in the game.

Finley, who finished with 16 points, then hit another jumper followed by a 3-pointer.

The Spurs went 13-for-16 from the field in the fourth quarter.

Tim Duncan had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Spurs and Manu Ginobili added 10 points.

Carmelo Anthony led Denver with 23 points, while Kenyon Martin added 19, Eduardo Najera scored 14 and Earl Boykins 13.

### Hornets 93, Kings 67

OKLAHOMA CITY — J.R. Smith scored 19 points and had two electrifying dunks as New Orleans beat Sacramento, which marked the first of 35 Hornets home games in Oklahoma City.

El Brown finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds, Speedy Claxton added 17 and Chris Paul, the team's No. 1 pick in this year's draft, added 13.

Peja Stojakovic scored 18 and Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 14 for the Kings.

### Bucks 117,

### Sixers 108, OT

PHILADELPHIA — Michael Redd hit the tying 3-

pointer in regulation and scored 30 points to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to a 117-106 overtime win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday night in the season opener.

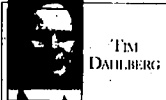
Redd's 3-point shot, a 16-second shot, left the Bucks up 102-101, brought the Bucks back from seven point minutes left and made Terry Stotts a winner in his Milwaukee coaching debut.

T.J. Ford scored 15 points and had 14 assists in his first game after cervical spine surgery cost him all of last season. Andrew Bogut, the NBA's No. 1 draft pick who was college player of the year at Utah last season, started for the Bucks and added 13 points and nine rebounds.

## Bruschi's return still unsettling

There are tough guys, and then there are tough guys. No one doubts Tedy Bruschi is one tough guy.

It's also a great story, something ESPN's fawning announcers never let you forget for a moment the other night even as he and the other 21 players on the field in Foxborough, Mass., tried to play a game.



TIM DALLBERG

At one point, Mike Patrick, Joe Theismann and Paul Maguire seemed so overwhelmed by the emotions of the whole thing that you expected them to share a group hug and maybe shed a tear or two.

But, hey, they were talking about a guy who just eight months ago could hardly see, much less walk. It's a guy who then underwent surgery after that to repair a hole in his heart that doctors believed triggered the stroke.

This is also a guy who seems almost embarrassed that people are making such a big deal out of the whole thing. They did Sunday night because most had never seen anything like this. Bruschi had no business being on a football field this season, but here he was in the seventh game of the season flying around the field like he didn't have a care in the world.

Many of the 68,756 on hand weren't so sure. They cheered wildly every time Bruschi's name was announced. But they also held their breath every time he collided with an offensive lineman 100 pounds bigger.

In the stands, Rick Stimeser was a blue No. 54 Bruschi jersey that wasn't big enough to cover his conflicted feelings.

“It's bittersweet. It's great for the fans, but I don't think he's making the right decision,” Stimeser said. “As much as I like to see him out there, I'd like to see him healthy.”

Bruschi, of course, insists he's healthy. He says every doctor he has seen has cleared him, confident that it was the heart problem that caused the stroke. He's a football player, probably underpaid at \$50,000 a year, but that's what he does. A guy's got to make a living and, besides, NFL careers are notoriously short-lived.

“Sometimes you just got to pick yourself up off the ground and get back to living your life, and that is all I am trying to do,” he says.

Unfortunately, doctors aren't always right. He's had to guess a lot about this — his mind, even if he's been “cleared.”

Bruschi's statement is saying he's healthy and that there's more to worry about in a 32-year-old player in a violent world. Always has to worry about.

The doctors are experts in their field and they certainly wouldn't knowingly do anything to put him at risk. Then again, there isn't a large pool of football players who try to come back after suffering a stroke to learn from.

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## 2005-06 COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO MEN'S BASKETBALL

### The coaches

**BARRET PEERY**  
Head coach



First year  
Age: 34  
Career highlights: Helped CSI to the NCAAA national tournament last two seasons as an assistant. Led CSI to a 2-1 record last year when filling in during then head coach Gib Arnold's suspensions. Peery is the 14th head coach in program history. Assistant at Portland (Ore.) State in 2002-03, was an assistant at Southern Utah University from 1990-2001; assistant at Snow College (Ephraim, Utah) for the 1996-97 season; and assistant at Utah Valley State College in 1997-98. Played collegiate ball at Snow and Southern Utah in the mid-1990s. Native of Payson, Utah.

**STEVE GOSAR**  
Assistant coach



First year  
Age: 35  
Career highlights: Known as a top level recruiter. Spent last three seasons as an assistant at Portland (Ore.) State, where he helped the Vikings go from 5-22 in 2002-03 to 19-9 in 2004-05. Also served as a graduate assistant at the University of Wyoming and assistant at Pinedale High School in his native Pinedale, Wyo. A 1994 graduate of the University of Wyoming. Gosar played for the Cowboys from 1969-1973.

Coach Barret Peery says: "He's a guy I trust and a good friend. Good with kids. Hard, hard worker. We're lucky to have him. He's a guy that has Division I experience and to have him at the junior college level is real nice."

**JEFF RENEGAR**  
Assistant coach



First year  
Age: 28  
Career highlights: Last served as an assistant coach under former NBA player Brooks Thompson at Yavapai College (Ariz.) from 2002-04. Late addition to the coaching staff will fill the vacancy left by assistant Steve Flint's family leave. Served as an assistant coach at Tulsa Metro High School (Okla.) prior to his stint at Yavapai. Played college hoops at St. Gregory's Junior College (Okla.) and Southwest Kansas College.

Compiled by  
Times-News  
writer Eric  
Larsen

Coach Barret Peery says: "I like the fact that he's gone to Hutch and has that winning attitude and understanding of what it takes to get there. He's great with the kids — tremendous worker — very intelligent, and we're real lucky to have him."

### The Players

No. 2  
**TRAVIS GABBIDON**



(F) Sophomore  
Height: 6-7  
Weight: 210  
Hometown: Phoenix, Ariz.  
Career highlights: Averaged 9.1 points per game with CSI last season. Scored a career-high 26 points in 108-85 win over Mesa State Community College last year. Nominated as a McDonald's All-American as a senior at Desert Vista High School, averaging 18 points and 8 rebounds while leading his team to a second-place state tournament finish. Named first team all-state as a senior.  
Intangibles: Accurate outside shooter can cause matchup problems for other teams either on the perimeter or off the dribble. Will use his size when getting to the basket, and has a nice touch floater to get buckets over opposing big men.

Coach Barret Peery says: "Travis has a chance to have a real good year. We expect him to shoot the ball real well on the perimeter, defend, get on the glass on both ends of the floor, and also be a good leader."

No. 3  
**JERMAINE CALVIN**



(G) Sophomore  
Height: 5-11  
Weight: 180  
Hometown: Tempe, Ariz.  
Career highlights: Averaged 12 assists per game, 0.9 points per game last season with the University of Utah. Averaged 20 points, 9.1 assists, and 6.5 rebounds as a senior at McClintock High School, leading his team to a 22-6 record.

Intangibles: Steady distributor. A pass-first player in the CSI offense, Calvin will run the offense from the top effectively. Good court vision and ball control in traffic. Won't be called upon for much scoring, but can contribute.  
Coach Barret Peery says: "Tremendous on-ball defender, good playmaker, makes good plays for teammates, and has some toughness. He's a pass-first type of guy and shares it really well."

No. 5  
**BRUCE BRUNSON**



(G) Freshman  
Height: 6-3  
Weight: 180  
Hometown: Sandy, Utah  
Career highlights: Named to

Class 5A All-state third team by the Salt Lake City's Desert Morning News as a senior. Helped the Hillcrest High School Huskies to a state tournament berth as a senior before losing to perennial power Skyline in the first round.

Intangibles: Another accurate outside shooter on the CSI roster. Tireless worker on both ends of the court. A gym rat. Steady reserve with good mix of size and speed. Will win the hustle points.

Coach Barret Peery says: "His work ethic is second to none and he's a team guy all the way."

No. 11  
**ZARRVON FERETI**



(G) Sophomore  
Height: 6-4  
Weight: 205  
Hometown: New South Wales, Australia

Career highlights: Averaged 9.6 points per game last year with CSI. Shot .425 from beyond the three-point arc. Scored a career-high 22 points in CSI's 87-74 road win over North Idaho College last year. Shot only .594 from the free-throw line last season, but returns as the Eagles' best man at the charity stripe.

Intangibles: Leadership and confidence. Has all the tools to blossom into an elite NJCAA shooting guard. Great shooting range and unflappable confidence from beyond the arc. Solid build, plays bigger than he is.

Coach Barret Peery says: "He's improved himself a lot defensively. He's in tremendous shape, and again, he's a guy who can be a real good leader for us because of his experience."

No. 12  
**LEON HENRY**



(F) Freshman  
Height: 6-7  
Weight: 220  
Hometown: Auckland, New Zealand

Career highlights: Played for New Zealand at the national level in FIBA (Federation International de Basketball Amateur) play. Scored 25 points in New Zealand's 86-74 win over Australia for the FIBA Oceania Youth Tournament 2004 championship.  
Intangibles: Long and lean, can do a bit of everything from the wing. Nice touch from outside and midrange, improving on defense and transition offense. Will present matchup problems for more plodding power forwards.

Coach Barret Peery says: "Being new and being a freshman from another country, there's a learning curve there. But he has a good attitude and he's a very good kid. He has a bright future."

No. 20  
**DEREK LORENZEN**



(G) Freshman  
Height: 6-4  
Weight: 190  
Hometown: Reno, Nev.

Career highlights: Named to All-Greater Nevada boys basketball first team as a senior, leading the Galena High School Grizzlies to a state tournament berth.

Intangibles: Shameless — and accurate — three-point shooter. Very nice stroke along with solid guard size. Deceptive athleticism will help him improve as a defender and all-around scorer.

Coach Barret Peery says: "He's improved his quickness and his body and his athleticism to where he can guard a little bit better, but he's here because he can shoot."

No. 21  
**STEVE NEAL**



(G) Sophomore  
Height: 6-5  
Weight: 190  
Hometown: Minneapolis, Minn.

Career highlights: Transfer from Northeastern Junior College (Colo.) played high school basketball at regional powerhouse Patrick Henry High School in Minneapolis, Minn. Patriots won fourth consecutive Class AAA championship during Neal's junior season. Patriots finished 13-16 during Neal's four years, while Neal scored over 1,000 points and was named a Mr. Basketball finalist.

Intangibles: Highlight-reel leaping ability to go along with steady shooting touch. Will wow fans as a finisher in transition and on back screen alley-ops. Always improving, but not many holes in his game. Good body, has room to get stronger.

Coach Barret Peery says: "I like Steve's a winner. He's very competitive and he's a guy we want to be able to plug in and play in different places on different nights."

No. 22  
**DARRELL JENKINS**



(G) Sophomore  
Height: 5-11  
Weight: 170  
Hometown: Las Vegas, Nev.

Career highlights: Transferred to the University of Nevada Las Vegas as a walk-on during the 2003-04 season before transferring to Santa Ana College (Calif.) during the 2004-05 season. Started all 26 games at SAC, averaging 10.8 points, 3.8 rebounds, 3.2 assists, and 1.1 steals per game. Played high school basketball at Lassiter High School in Marietta, Ga., earning honorable mention All-American honors in 2002.

Intangibles: Lightning-fast with the ball. Can break open opposing full-court presses on the dribble, if need be. Fearless slasher, not afraid of contact. Runs the break well and is a heavy distributor in the half court game.

Coach Barret Peery says: "He understands what I want and is learning more and more every day. He's important to us to play fast up and down the floor with how he handles it."

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No. 24  
**REGGIE LARRY**



(F) Sophomore  
Height: 6-6  
Weight: 225  
Hometown: Newark, New Jersey

Career highlights: Averaged 6.5 points, 3.5 rebounds per game last year with the Golden Eagles. Played best game at CSI against Dixie State, scoring 19 points and grabbing 13 rebounds in 89-73 win. Averaged 20.5 points, 11 rebounds, and 3 blocks per game as a senior at Barringer High School, garnering all-city and all-county honors. Led his team to state tournament berths as a senior and sophomore.

Intangibles: Multi-dimensional player can be a force anywhere on the court, from shooting the three-pointer to crashing the boards. Stepping into a leadership role as a sophomore, leads by example and hard work on defense. Has all the tools to blossom into a major force in the SWAC level this season.

Coach Barret Peery says: "He worked a lot this summer on his perimeter shot and he's more of a threat on the perimeter now. He can get on the glass, run the floor and finish."

No. 25  
**JOEL NIEVES**



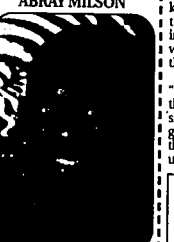
(G) Freshman  
Height: 6-4  
Weight: 180  
Hometown: Yabucoa, Puerto Rico

Career highlights: A four-time high school starter, sat out last season as a redshirt player with CSI. Averaged 23 points, 8 rebounds, and 6 assists as a high school senior.

Intangibles: An all-around talent with solid work habits in practice. "Papi" Nieves is a multi-tool player. Good shooter and ball-handler. Sees floor well from the wing and has a knack for finding open teammates. Mix of size and strength will lend to his growth as a versatile player at the collegiate level.

Coach Barret Peery says: "Joel is one of our most talented offensive players. He can really shoot the ball. As his confidence gets better and better, he'll play better and better."

No. 32  
**ABRAY MOLON**



(C) Sophomore  
Height: 6-9  
Weight: 235  
Hometown: Lafayette, La.

Career highlights: Transfer from Utah Valley State College was a redshirt last season. Ended his high school career averaging 14 points, 9 rebounds, and 3 blocks per game. Improved physically last year while practicing with Abdoulaye Ndlaye and Mo-

hamed Kone.  
Intangibles: Solid athlete for his size, is steadily improving as a physical presence in the post. Good worker with a good attitude. Best runner of the CSI big men. Has finishing ability around the hoop with both hands.

Coach Barret Peery says: "He redshirted last year, so he's been here and understands what it's all about. He practiced against a lot of good players last year and understands what he needs to do to be good."

No. 34  
**RONNEL RAMSEY**



(C) Freshman  
Height: 6-10  
Weight: 290  
Hometown: Los Angeles, Calif.

Career highlights: An important cog in Los Angeles' Taft High School's season as a senior. Helped the Toradors to a 22-6 overall record and a 9-1 mark in the West Valley League, averaging 8 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 blocks per game. Also a football standout at Taft, helping his team to a league championship as a senior.

Intangibles: Steadily working into game shape. Came in with the right attitude and benefits are showing in practice. Has to grow as a solid rebounder and low-post scorer. CSI's youngest post with a big upside.

Coach Barret Peery says: "He probably understands what we want to do on both ends of the floor better than the other two bigs. He really is intelligent and understands what we're trying to do."

No. 44  
**MICAH ROLLIN**



(C) Sophomore  
Height: 6-10  
Weight: 285  
Hometown: Long Beach, Calif.

Career highlights: Well-improved pivot ended up in Twin Falls after stints at Arkansas State University and Fullerton Junior College (Calif.). Did not play at Fullerton after a preseason injury sidelined him. Attended Lakewood High School in California.

Intangibles: A bruiser with a certified mean streak. Could dominate the post with improved touch on turnaround moves. Good rebounder, keeps himself in good position. Conditioning is vastly improved. Broad player who will be hard to outmuscle in the post.

Coach Barret Peery says: "He's a big, dominant figure in the middle and a guy we think should be a bruiser for us. A guy that will take up space in the paint and do real well for us."

The 2005-06  
CSI women's  
basketball  
roster will  
run in next  
week's  
Times-News.

Suzuki, Hunter, Chavez win Gold Gloves

NEW YORK (AP) — Seattle right fielder Ichiro Suzuki, Minnesota center fielder Torii Hunter and Oakland third baseman Eric Chavez won the straight Gold Gloves on Tuesday...

solid, sound defense is one of them. Varitek took over at catcher from Detroit's Ivan Rodriguez. I have to say been the pitchers to help them be the best that they can be," Varitek said.

Hudson was surprised he beat out Baltimore's Brian Roberts. "I would have bet anything that he was going to win," Hudson said, "This has always been a goal of mine. So I'm excited."

Boston catcher Jason Varitek, Texas first baseman Mark Teixeira and Toronto starting pitcher closer Orlando Hudson were the first winners, while New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter and Atlanta first outfielder Vernon Wells won for the second straight season.

Chavez, Suzuki and Varitek each earned \$100,000 bonuses. Wells and Jeter each earned \$50,000 apiece and Hunter \$25,000.

Chavez, who struggled to throw to first base in June because of inflammation behind his right shoulder, though he finished one of my goals early."

Woman umpire back for another season

NEW YORK (AP) — The only woman umpire in pro baseball can still hope to someday break into the big leagues.

After six years in the minors, she has been judged by several evaluators against other umpires at her level. Major League Baseball does not interfere in it's choices.

Corteso was rated in the middle third of the 47 Double-A umpires in the Southern, Texas and Eastern leagues.

Peery

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Munday afternoon, with a man-to-man defense to work offensive sets to stempen and games just around the corner to win. Peery spoke freely about his vision of how he as a coach and his players should conduct themselves.

as much as a coach that defense and offense.

I'd hope that's a complimentary. I have a vision of how things need to look and I'm just as worried and concerned that I coach our players to be good people, just as much as a coach assistant.

The business of building young men — the secondary mantle of so many high school programs — is of interest in it.

One of my biggest goals is trying to make them realize that, without wins and losses, it's all about where they go next and different things like that, but 10, 15 years from now, I care about who they are as a person.

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Basketball: 6 p.m. at Pistons, ESPN. 8:30 p.m. Lakers at Nuggets, ESPN, 8:30 p.m. Football: UConn at West Virginia, ESPN2, 5:30 p.m. Soccer: UEFA Champions League, LIGA vs. Manchester United, ESPN2, 12:30 p.m.

NFL

Table with 4 columns: Week 10, AFC East, AFC North, AFC South, AFC West. Lists teams and scores.

NFL

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used to improve. We're really excited about it and what this season holds for him."

Mighty wingmen

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Calvin, a sophomore who played last year for the University of Utah, is a prototypical NFL wide receiver.

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Where's the beef?

The biggest change for this year's Eagles is that this season, they're big. The pro trio of sophomores A'Brayn Milson and Henry Ralston is the key in the type of upfront transition game that Peery continues to preach.

Peery said, "You can't hide it. So we work on it on trying to make sure we have a good one."

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Pro Rodeo Leaders

Table with 4 columns: All-around, Bareback riding, Bull riding, Steer roping. Lists names and earnings.

College Football Standings

Table with 4 columns: Division I-A, Division I-AA, Division II, Division III. Lists teams and records.

Smooch, Jermale, and Bryce

For all the excitement about the CSI wins, question marks have abounded about how the Eagles will replace last year's point guard duo of Jermal Brown and Stiaan Davis.

At 6-4, 180, Nieves is possibly the most well-rounded of CSI's freshmen. Equally adept at shooting and distributing the ball, he has already become a major factor.

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Gregg Middlekauff's Factory advertisement for Honda cars. Includes images of a 2002 Accord EX-VL, 2003 Accord LX, and 2004 Accord. Features 'MIDDELKAUFF HONDA' logo and contact information: 208.733.7700, 1.800.548.6280.

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Power Engineers looks to expand

**HAILEY** — Power Engineers, an international design engineering and consulting firm headquartered in Hailey, is expanding to include a new \$3 million, 26,000-square-foot building at its current location. The new building will allow Power to consolidate its operations currently housed in four separate structures into two primary buildings and one support structure. The new facility is slated to open in May or June 2006.

Power Engineers was established in 1976 in Pocatello primarily to serve rural electric accounts in Idaho. In 1978, the founders moved headquarters to Hailey for closer airport access and the quality of life in Idaho. Today, Power has 14 United States and international offices and employs some 700 people, 200 of which are in Hailey. The second largest office in Boise expanded three years ago.

Power Engineers currently occupies the original 30,000-square-foot building built in 1980. Since then, it has added a temporary 8,000-square-foot modular structure adjacent to the building and has leased two additional buildings nearby as growth continued.

"This expansion will allow us to house part of our business office in the current building and the remainder of operations in the new facility," said Frank Halverson, chief operations officer at Power Engineers. The modular building will be used for storage, employee training and conference rooms.

"With the new building, we will have the ability to further expand our Hailey office over the next several years," Halverson said. "We're currently looking for 20 to 30 transmission, substation engineers to support our Hailey operation and about 40 additional staff for our other U.S. offices."

### Jury in Vlox case begins deliberations

**ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.** — A state court jury in a closely watched Vlox product liability case began deliberations Tuesday afternoon, capping a seven-week trial in which drug manufacturer Merck & Co. was accused of knowingly misrepresenting the safety risks of its blockbuster arthritis drug.

The six-woman, three-man panel on Tuesday heard the closing argument of a lawyer for Merck. The lawyer was blaming Vlox for his heart attack. Lawyer Chris Seeger called Merck a "monster" and told jurors that their verdict will send a message about what is acceptable when marketing drugs.

The jurors got the case after Superior Court Judge Carol E. Highte, finished instructing them on the issues in the case of Frederick "Mike" Humston. Jurors will have hundreds of documents and testimony from 21 witnesses — enough to fill 157 pages of trial transcript — to consider.

Humston, 60, of Boise, took the drug for about two months before suffering a non-fatal heart attack in September 2001.

### Quest settles class-action lawsuits

**DENVER** — Quest Communications International Inc., the primary local telephone provider in 14 mostly Western states, announced a tentative \$400 million settlement Tuesday of shareholder lawsuits stemming from an accounting scandal that forced it to restate billions of dollars of revenue. Quest reported separately it lost less money in the July-September period than it had a year ago.

The proposed settlement, which is subject to court approval among other conditions, would resolve claims against the company, says one former executive. Its board of directors — but not former Chief Executive Joseph Nacchio and former Chief Financial Officer Robert Woodruff.

It would cover shareholders who purchased Quest securities between May 24, 1999, and July 20, 2002.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

# Panel recommends tax simplification

## Most deductions, credits would be dropped

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Declaring the income tax system "has become a running joke," a presidential panel on Tuesday recommended rewriting the nation's tax laws by eliminating virtually every deduction and credit and replacing them with simpler benefits for more taxpayers.

Treasury Secretary John Snow said he would study the report, issued by the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform, and hoped to present formal recommendations to President Bush later this year.

"These are bold recommendations," Snow said. "These are recommendations that will challenge orthodoxy in a lot of ways on tax policy."

The nine members of the commission said their recommendations would be unpopular.

"Many standard waiting to defend their breaks, deductions and loopholes, and to defend our efforts," the group said in a letter to Snow.

Marginal tax rates would be lower for individuals and businesses under two alternative tax systems endorsed by the panel.

Both would eliminate most deductions and credits in an effort to simplify tremendously

complicated calculations. The second of the two tax systems aims to reduce taxes on savings and investments made by businesses and families.

In place of current tax breaks, the panel would create a few tax credits and three savings accounts that they said would encourage homeownership, charitable giving and saving while also supporting lower income workers and their families.

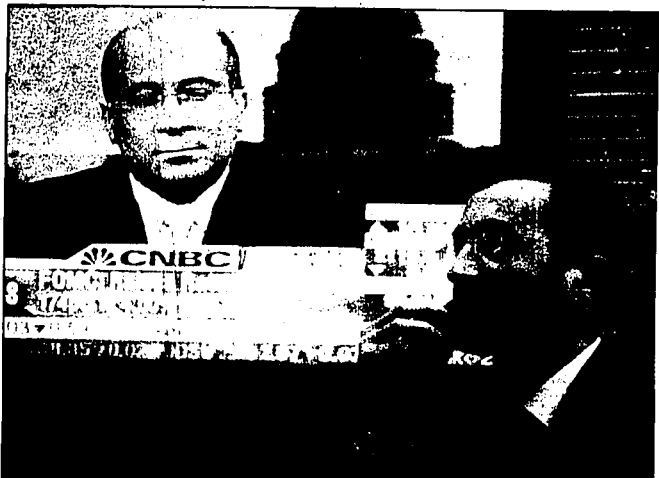
The panel sharply criticized lawmakers' tendency to use the tax code to promote their policy agendas, noting there had been 15,000 changes in tax laws since 1980.

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Treasury Secretary John Snow presents the report by the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform on Tuesday at the Department of the Treasury in Washington.

# Fed boosts key interest rate



Kevin's Ron Insana is seen on television announcing that the Federal Reserve had raised a key interest rate, while a trader with CNBC Execution Services talks on the phone on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday. The Federal Reserve, still concerned about inflation, raised the interest rate to the highest level in more than four years.

## More hikes may be on the way in effort to slow inflation

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — The Federal Reserve raised interest rates on Tuesday to the highest level in more than four years and indicated that more increases were likely in an effort to keep a lid on inflation.

Outgoing Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues voted unanimously to boost the rate banks charge each other by a quarter-point, to 4 percent. It was the 12th increase of that size since the Fed began tightening credit in June 2004.

In response, commercial banks began increasing their prime lending rate by a corresponding amount, to 7 percent. These rates are used for many short-term consumer loans, in-

cluding certain credit cards and popular home equity lines of credit.

Wall Street shrugged — the Dow Jones Industrials closed down 33.30 points.

"The cumulative rise in energy and other costs have the potential to add to inflation pressures," the Fed said in a brief statement after the meeting.

Fed policy-makers suggested that they are more concerned about the prospects of an inflation flare-up than the economy suffering a serious slowdown from the hurricanes that ravaged the Gulf Coast.

"Elevated energy prices and hurricane-related disruptions in economic activity have temporarily depressed" production

and employment, the Fed said. But "planned rebuilding in the hurricane-affected areas" will likely help energize the economy going forward, it said.

"I think the Fed made pretty clear that Katrina and Rita won't have long-lasting negative consequences," said James Fesper, economics professor at Dartmouth College.

Looking ahead, additional rate increases can proceed "at a pace that is likely to be measured," the Fed said. Analysts view this as meaning further quarter-point increases can be expected.

The message is that they are not done. They still feel the threat of potential inflation is out there in the economy, and that means they have more

work to do," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group.

With the Fed slowly making it more expensive to borrow, Americans' appetites for big-ticket goods like cars and homes could be moderated so that overall economic activity can move ahead at a pace that won't aggravate inflation pressures.

Many economists are predicting the Fed will boost rates at its next session, on Dec. 13, as well as on Jan. 31, which will be Greenspan's last meeting. Some analysts also are calling for another rate increase on March 28, which would be the first presided over by Ben Bernanke. President Bush's choice to replace Greenspan.

# Microsoft to roll out online versions of Windows

The Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Microsoft Corp. on Tuesday announced online versions of its Windows operating system and other popular software programs, hoping to defuse a growing threat from Google Inc. and other fast-moving challengers.

With a new Web site called "Windows Live," Microsoft hopes to create a new platform

that will unfuse some of its applications from a computer hard drive.

"The change reflects Microsoft's recognition of the growing demand for applications and services that can be used from any place, at any time, as the lines between the home and office blur and portable computing devices become more powerful."

"It's a revolution in how we think about software," Microsoft

Chairman Bill Gates told reporters and industry analysts Tuesday. "This is a big change for every part of the ecosystem."

In many cases, Windows Live — available at Live.com — will offer souped-up versions of services like online mapping and instant messaging that have long been available on Microsoft's MSN.com, a heavily trafficked site that will continue to operate.

Gates emphasized that nei-

ther Windows Live nor another service called Windows Office will replace the operating system or other popular applications, such as word processing and spreadsheets, s-td on disks that are installed on individual hard drives.

Microsoft also plans to continue to operate MSN.com, a heavily trafficked Web site that inspired many of the features included in the Windows Live Web site.

# Direct marketers dress up their pitches to look more official

The Washington Post

**WASHINGTON** — Some direct marketers are pushing the envelope.

Mailboxes are being filled with increasingly urgent, seemingly official messages from the government or banks.

But they're not. They're from marketers who are simply trying to get a consumer's attention in the daily clutter of bills, catalogues and adver-

tisements.

There's the envelope with the logo of a house, similar to one used by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, alerting the recipient of a "rate overpayment notification," inside is a refinancing solicitation.

Or there's the yellow letter that on the outside looks like a U.S. Treasury symbol and the words "United States of America" in Gothic print — similar to

a check issued by the U.S. Treasury. Inside, it's just another refinancing bid.

"We are seeing more than we'd like to see" of these misleading envelopes, said Patricia Kachura, senior vice president of ethics and consumer affairs for the Direct Marketing Association.

Some envelopes make it appear that the marketer is a notice about an existing financial account, she said. Others

make it seem as if they are from a government agency, and many make it appear that what's inside "is much more urgent than it actually is," Kachura said.

"From a consumer perspective, when a mailing misleads consumers as to who sent it and why it was sent, then it could be considered deceptive," she said.

Some organizations' ethics committee reviews at least three questionable envelopes month-

## It's the image Companies fight negative perceptions

The Baltimore Sun

One minute, you're one of the most profitable companies in the country, riding a wave of success. The next, you're the face of corporate misdeed.

The attention that comes to dog Wal-Mart Stores Inc. over its labor practices and McDonald's Corp. over nutrition reflects the predicament of a handful of the most famous companies face when their names, once synonymous with business success, become shorthand misbehavior and fodder for late-night TV comedians.

"Once you perceive a culture in a certain way, people don't change their perceptions very quickly," said Eugene Fran, a marketing professor at the Rochester Institute of Technology College of Business.

From Alan D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Co. to "Big Tobacco" to Microsoft Corp., many iconic brands over the decades have faced and sought to counter such public-enemy perceptions, whose origins are at times self-inflicted. The Internet has heightened the ability of critics to cast a company as evil — and of companies to counter the portrayals.

Some of these companies have mounted successful efforts to counter criticism. It's not a coincidence that the attempts often coincide with a sharp rise in the bottom line. Marketing experts say companies are wise to confront such situations head-on. Some image problems persist in spite of responses; others seem to fade with time.

"At the end of the day, reputation management is the most important thing that a company can engage in," said Sandy Hillman, who heads the public relations practice at Trahan, Burden & Charles Inc.

"There's nothing more important than to protect your reputation."

Wal-Mart acknowledged its negative view this year when it began what for it was an unprecedented public relations blitz. The world's largest retailer opened its Arkansas headquarters on a made-to-order lot available to the media after a succession of damaging reports describing accusations of discrimination and the chain's use of illegal immigrant workers. Early last week, Lee Scott, Wal-Mart's chief executive officer,

often asking for corrections. So far, she said, all challenged envelopes have been changed or the mailing has been halted.

Especially concerned about solicitations that appear to come from the government, the Federal Trade Commission plans to post a consumer alert about one particular scam that has prompted several consumers, especially senior citizens, to send thousands of dollars to scammers.

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Dialing overseas.
"We are seeing people trying to use the government's good name to get consumers to part with their money," said Flynn, an assistant director in the FTC's consumer protection bureau.

Under the latest scams, consumers have received mailings using phone calls from agents posing to be from "the national consumer protection agency," the "national sweepstakes bureau" (a nonexistent agency) or "the national security" commission (also nonexistent), the FTC or the De-

partment of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) in an attempt to sell the export of sensitive goods and technologies), government officials say. To enhance their credibility, many of these telemarketers used Internet technology to make it appear that the phone calls come from a Washington number with the 202 area code.

As part of the current scam, the crooks also falsely claim to be agents of Lloyd's and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, sending faxes with fake lettershead demanding payment, usually for insurance, before the winnings can be delivered.

Similar letterheads and verifications prompted Utah resident Josephine Smith, 85, to wire approximately \$45,000 to a foreign bank account — in several different transactions — to claim \$4.5 million. After Smith was told she could money her own Clair Smith, a former verification from the official and the

company. He initially received a fax from the "sweepstakes security" commission, claiming to be from Lloyd's and the "customs office" in Costa Rica. Customs and Border Protection has no field offices in Costa Rica, and the official-looking material," Clair Smith said.

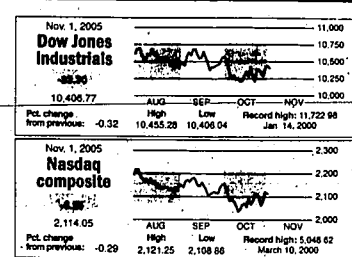
The FTC's Flynn declined to say how many complaints the agency has received. He said it is its mission policy not to confirm or deny pending investigations or to comment on them. However, she said, "It is illegal for anyone to be on an affidavit of endorsement by a government agency or well-known organization."

Misleading mail solicitations are not new. In 1988, Congress enacted a law to combat deceptive mailings aimed at seniors by barring the misuse of any symbols, emblems or references to the federal government to convey the false impression

that the letter was approved, endorsed or authorized by the government. The current mailings designed to look as if they come from banks and government agencies stem from a simple business principle, said Zachary, the director of small trade association. "If you want consumers to open the envelope, you have to give them some incentive, and obviously this is one way to do it."

Florida-based Wall-StreetList.com, a direct-mail firm that recently sent out the yellow letter with the Statue of Liberty and Coast Guard letter on the outside, said there is no way consumers would mistake the solicitation for a check from the U.S. Treasury.

"An government check comes in a brown envelope," Chief Executive Patrick English said. "It's a different color scheme completely," he said. The Statue of Liberty is "to remind you that you own property in America."



Stocks fall on earnings warning from Dell

NEW YORK (AP)—Stocks fell slightly Tuesday after the Federal Reserve raised interest rates as expected, exacerbating traders' ill humor following a disappointing profit forecast from Dell Inc.

The Fed's quarter percentage hike in the nation's benchmark interest rate, pushing it to 4 percent, was widely anticipated. The Fed also signaled it would continue gradually raising rates, but noted that inflation has had relatively little effect on the economy in recent months.

Stocks may be falling because of sentiment on the Street that the hikes are warranted. The increase and the one or two expected to follow may simply serve to give Ben Bernanke, who has been nominated as the next Fed chairman, wiggle room to cut rates as a stimulus in the future, said Chris Johnson, manager of quantitative analysis at Schaeffer's Investment Research in Cincinnati.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 33.30, or 0.32 percent, to 10,496.77. Broader stock indicators also dropped. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 1.25, or 0.35 percent, to 1,202.76, while the Nasdaq composite index was dragged down by Dell slipping 6.25, or 0.29 percent, to 2,114.05.

slow economy came from PC maker Dell, which trimmed its sales and income targets for the current quarter after a close of regular trading Monday. saying sales in the United States and Britain were weak. The company also said it would take a third-quarter charge of \$450 million to restructure its consumer unit and replace some faulty PC circuits.

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Bonds were lower, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.58 percent from 4.55 percent late Monday. The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies in European trading. Dollar prices were lower.

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encouraged Congress to adopt a higher minimum wage, and the company announced new operational standards and better accessibility to its worker health plan.

But the company's image was tarnished early by midweek internal company memo that criticized its cut health care costs, including discouraging older people from working there, was publicized by The New York Times. Practicality, the company's efforts to be viewed as a good corporate citizen were dismissed as talk.

A Wal-Mart executive said its strategies weren't adopted with bad publicity or pressure from outside groups in mind.

"These are things that are good for our customer and our business," said Andy Ruben, a vice president at Wal-Mart responsible for implementing changes with operational standards. "Our image will be what our image will be."

Others say organized campaigns can pressure change. "We think this is a definite sign that our campaign is working," said Nu Weder, a spokesman for Wal-Mart Watch, a Washington nonprofit affiliated with organized public attention to Wal-Mart whose workers are not unionized. "We're skeptical, but the environmental piece in particular is a step in the right direction."

McDonald's has faced a similar challenge. After sagging sales,

it launched a new image-building campaign in 2003 with a new slogan and customer service improvements, such as assuring clean restrooms and getting back to basics that were linked to the franchise's early success. A stale image and a public perception that it was partly responsible for the country's growing obesity problem created a double whammy. In 2004 documentary film, "Super Size Me," about filmmaker Morgan Spurlock's ill-health effects after eating McDonald's daily for a month, solidified the perception.

Last week, the company announced it will put nutrition labels on its products. It promoted the move as an advance but also rekindled discussion about its role in fattening America.

"I think if the climate were not so hyperactive about food companies taking responsibility for feeding their consumers healthier food, it probably wouldn't have happened," said Ron Paul, president of Technomic, a Chicago food-consulting company. But, he said, "I don't think its coming from a large outcry from consumers."

Sometimes the negative image is more in the minds of interest groups, politicians and the media than the larger, consuming public. Regulatory pursuit of Bill Gates' Microsoft Corp. did little to hurt the company's long-term profitability, although it generated negative headlines for years about a threatened breakup.

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MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Includes Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Indexes.

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Table listing various NASDAQ stocks and their performance.

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Table listing local stocks like Albertson's, American States, etc.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 800 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Market Status is 1:15 PM Eastern. Stocks in bold changed price or more in price.

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Table listing American Stock Exchange stocks and their performance.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for commodities like soybeans, corn, wheat, and livestock.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock prices including cattle, hogs, and sheep.

POCATELLO (API) - Idaho Farm Bureau

Table of Pocatello market prices for various agricultural products.

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Table of New York market prices for commodities.

Computer problem delays trading on Tokyo exchange

Knights Rider News Service TOKYO - A system malfunction that delayed the opening of the Tokyo Stock Exchange on Tuesday caused the bourse and securities companies to receive a flood of complaints from investors who said they could not make online trading.

BEANS

Table of bean prices for various types like soybeans and pinto beans.

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Table of cheese prices for different varieties.

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BURL nice 1 bdrm, \$365, some appls, water & sewer. Call 212-4443

FILER 3 bdrm, 2 bath with garage, large wood stove, wood floor, \$700 mo + \$500 dep. Call 206-423-3333

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12x12 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-72.

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