

GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Chance of fog, but otherwise good travel weather. High 56, low 24. Page A2



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'Combatant' will get day in court

U.S. citizen has spent past three years in a brig without charges

By Andrew Zajac
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — After holding accused "dirty bomber" Jose Padilla without charges for more than three years, the Justice Department Tuesday gave the one-time Chicago gang member a day in court by charging him with conspiracy to commit terrorist acts overseas.

The charges, coming just days before a key deadline in Padilla's appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court challenging his indefinite imprisonment, include conspiring to "murder, kidnap and maim" people in a foreign country and providing material support to terrorists. If convicted, he faces life in prison.

But none of the charges covers the activity in the United



Padilla

States that the government used to justify Padilla's status as an "enemy combatant," including his alleged plans to "blow up a part of a building and desire to detonate a radioactive bomb."

Padilla's indictment "demonstrates that we will use every tool at our disposal in fighting the war on terrorism," Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said

at a briefing to explain the charges.

But Padilla's lawyers also claimed the charges as a victory. They said last summer that the government should "put up or shut up" by charging their client or setting him free.

"It's always nice when the government returns to the Constitution," said Andrew Patel, one of Padilla's attorneys. "I think they're looking to avoid going to the Supreme Court."

But Patel said Padilla's legal team would continue to ask the high court to take up the case and set ground rules for how President Bush and future pres-

idents can detain suspects captured in the war on terror. "We really do think it's important for the Supreme Court to resolve this," Patel said.

Padilla was charged in an alleged conspiracy stretching from 1983 to 2001 and involving four other men who comprised a "North American support cell ... for the purpose of fighting violent jihad," according to an indictment handed up last Thursday by a grand jury in Miami.

Padilla had been an admitted co-conspirator in an ongoing, year-old case involving Adham Aminia Hassan, a Lebanese. Page A2

FOR THE FISH



Idaho Fish and Game's American Falls Hatchery manager Steve Wingert, left, and Region 5 fisheries biologist Dick Scully hold up one of the 92 white sturgeon stocked below the American Falls Dam.

State works to preserve giant sturgeon

By Bill Schaefer
The Idaho State Journal

POCAHELLO — Maybe you've heard big fish tales before and like many fish stories, you'll shake your head in disbelief, but this is the story of the biggest fish and it's no tale. It's all true.

Oh, man, are they big. In the right habitat they can grow to more than 10 feet in length and weigh more than 1,000 pounds. This is the story of the white sturgeon, *Acipenser transmontanus* in ichthyology parlance, and the efforts of Idaho Fish and Game, the College of Southern Idaho and the Idaho Aquaculture Association to halt its declining numbers here in Idaho, specifically in the Snake River.

There are a variety of sturgeon throughout the world and they all share certain characteristics. They are the largest freshwater fish in the world. Of the 29 species of sturgeon, white sturgeon can be found in the Columbia River basin from the mouth upstream into Canada, from the Snake River upstream to Shoshone Falls and the Kootenai River to Kootenai Falls.

In 1956, Glenn Howard caught the largest white sturgeon in Idaho in the Snake River on a rod and reel at 391 pounds. There are anecdotal reports of sturgeon more than 1,500 pounds being pulled out of the Snake River at the beginning of the 20th century.

They are one of the oldest animals in the world. They were swimming these waters back when dinosaurs were walking the Earth. 150-250 million years ago. They are cartilaginous fish that is, they have no skeleton. They can live to be 100 years old and they don't reach sexual maturity until they are at least 10 years old.

They are a bottom-dwelling fish



Idaho Fish and Game's Ken Taylor, left, hands a net with two white sturgeon to Steve Wingert for stocking below the American Falls Dam on Oct. 24 in American Falls.

whose diet includes fish, crayfish and mussels. And the number of sturgeon worldwide is rapidly declining due to changes in their habitat.

Dams and water impoundment have played a large role in their low numbers. Like many fish, sturgeon rely on good stream flow and water temperatures for spawning. The 12 dams along the Snake River create

less than ideal spawning conditions for white sturgeon, resulting in declining sturgeon populations.

Here in Idaho a cooperative venture began in 1987 between Idaho Fish and Game, CSM and commercial fisheries has sought to remedy this situation. Wild sturgeon taken from the Snake River in 1987 were spawned in 1988.

One third of the brood stock was

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Study hints at possible treatment for meth addiction

Los Angeles Times

A common antidepressant, bupropion, can reduce the craving for methamphetamine, providing the possibility of a drug treatment for the powerfully addictive stimulant, according to a study to be published today.

Dr. Thomas E. Newton, a psychiatrist at the University of California, Los Angeles, who led the study, found that subjects who were given bupropion, reported a lesser high after treatment as

well as a less-intense craving after watching a video of actors favorably portraying meth use.

Although the four-week study involved only 20 patients, its results were encouraging because there is no available drug treatment for methamphetamine addiction.

Bupropion, sold under the trade name Wellbutrin, has long been used as an antidepressant and treatment to stop smoking. The study is provocative and potentially promising, said Dr. Eric Cullinan, a psychiatry profes-

sor and drug expert at Columbia University who was not involved in the research.

A related study, involving 120 patients, will be presented next month at a National Institute for Drug Abuse conference in Hawaii, said the study's lead author, UCLA psychiatry professor Richard A. Rossouw.

The new and larger trial may be the real test of the treatment, Cullinan said. Most addicts are now treated with counseling, and recovery rates are low — about 20 per-

cent, experts say.

The drug, which is crafted from easily accessible cold medicines such as ephedrine and pseudoephedrine, reduces sexual arousal and reduces inhibitions, often leading to risky sexual behavior.

Nearly one in three gay and bisexual men who tested positive for HIV at a major Los Angeles clinic in 2004 acknowledged using meth, almost triple the rate three years earlier, according to officials at the L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center.

The bupropion study published in the journal *Neuropsychopharmacology*, included 20 active meth users, aged 18 to 45, into two groups, both of which spent several days withdrawing from methamphetamine.

Both groups were then injected with 45 milligrams of the stimulant — less than what is typically used by street addicts — to equate levels of the drug.

The first group was then given two intravenous doses of bupropion, while the second re-

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Twin Falls settles with dismissed officers

By Terry Smith
Times-News writer

THE FALLS — The Twin Falls Police Department reached a settlement Tuesday afternoon with three officers who had been dismissed earlier this month after they received job offers from the Boise Police Department.

The out-of-court settlement halved legal proceedings earlier Tuesday in 5th District Court in Jerome.

According to the settlement, officers Cory Blumert, Thomas Fleming and Brad Wickhammer will be on paid administrative leave from Nov. 10 until Friday. After that, the officers will be on unpaid administrative leave until they submit formal resignations on Dec. 2. They start with the Boise Police Department on Dec. 12.

The Twin Falls Police Department ended the employment of Blumert, Fleming and Wickhammer on Nov. 10, the same day the three received written job offers from Boise. The three officers were put on administrative leave on Friday after a temporary restraining order was issued by 5th District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

That order prohibited the city of Twin Falls from terminating or enforcing termination against the officers. The case was transferred Friday to Jerome County 5th District Court Judge John K. Butler after Hohnhorst disqualified himself following a motion filed by Twin Falls City Attorney Fritz Mandel.

In court action Tuesday, Butler dissolved the temporary restraining order, saying that the officers had failed to demonstrate that "irreparable harm" had occurred in the dismissals. Butler explained that irreparable harm refers to damages, such as loss of reputation, that cannot be remedied by a court of law.

Butler said the Twin Falls Police Department had not terminated Blumert, Fleming and Wickhammer for disciplinary reasons, and that the three officers by their own admissions had already accepted jobs in Boise.

Proceedings were started for a preliminary injunction on behalf of the officers, legal action that would have had the same, but more permanent, effect as the temporary restraining order.

During the proceedings, Twin Falls Police Capt. Brian Pike testified that the officers were hired because of "administrative leave" that started on Oct. 27, when the officers, apparently, received conditional job offers from Boise.

They would depart upon plaintiffs to present to meet the needs and obligations of the department," Pike testified.

The settlement came following a meeting that had not been scheduled to restart today.

A point statement was issued following the settlement that said the parties in the lawsuit "have resolved the issue to their mutual satisfaction."

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Today: Despite some foggy periods, good overall weather is expected. Highs 50s. Tonight: Mostly clear and chilly. Lows 20s. Tomorrow: A lovely Thanksgiving Day. Highs 50s.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Today: Partly cloudy and nice overall. Some areas of patchy fog likely. Highs low 50s. Tonight: A fair and dry night expected. Some late night fog may surface. Lows low 20s. Tomorrow: A terrific Thanksgiving day expected. Some morning fog possible. Highs low to middle 50s.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Today: Partly cloudy and nice overall. Some areas of patchy fog likely. Highs low 50s. Tonight: A fair and dry night expected. Some late night fog may surface. Lows low 20s. Tomorrow: A terrific Thanksgiving day expected. Some morning fog possible. Highs low to middle 50s.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Today: Partly cloudy and nice overall. Some areas of patchy fog likely. Highs low 50s. Tonight: A fair and dry night expected. Some late night fog may surface. Lows low 20s. Tomorrow: A terrific Thanksgiving day expected. Some morning fog possible. Highs low to middle 50s.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Today: Partly cloudy and nice overall. Some areas of patchy fog likely. Highs low 50s. Tonight: A fair and dry night expected. Some late night fog may surface. Lows low 20s. Tomorrow: A terrific Thanksgiving day expected. Some morning fog possible. Highs low to middle 50s.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Today: Partly cloudy and nice overall. Some areas of patchy fog likely. Highs low 50s. Tonight: A fair and dry night expected. Some late night fog may surface. Lows low 20s. Tomorrow: A terrific Thanksgiving day expected. Some morning fog possible. Highs low to middle 50s.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Today: Partly cloudy and nice overall. Some areas of patchy fog likely. Highs low 50s. Tonight: A fair and dry night expected. Some late night fog may surface. Lows low 20s. Tomorrow: A terrific Thanksgiving day expected. Some morning fog possible. Highs low to middle 50s.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Today: Partly cloudy and nice overall. Some areas of patchy fog likely. Highs low 50s. Tonight: A fair and dry night expected. Some late night fog may surface. Lows low 20s. Tomorrow: A terrific Thanksgiving day expected. Some morning fog possible. Highs low to middle 50s.

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Table showing weather forecasts for Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with icons for sun, moon, and clouds.

WEEKEND CHINESE FORECAST

Table showing temperature, precipitation, and humidity for Saturday and Sunday.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases (New Moon, First Quarter, Full Moon) for November 2006.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table showing weather forecasts for various cities across the United States.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table showing weather forecasts for various cities in Canada.

Bestair's Healthy

Table showing Bestair's Healthy program details for various cities.

Advertisement for Sun Valley, Surrounding Mts., Boise, and Northern Utah, featuring scenic images and text about weather and travel.

Quote of the day by Gregg Middlekauff: "People of character don't allow the environment to dictate their style."

Sunrise and Sunset

Table showing sunrise and sunset times for various cities.

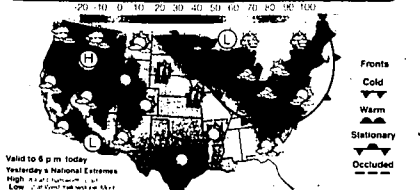
U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. Index levels for various cities.

WORLD FORECAST

Table showing weather forecasts for various cities around the world.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



The Times-News Publisher, Brad Hurd, contact information, advertising rates, and subscription details.

Sturgeon

Continued from A1: The first big hole below the dam is the prime spot to find sturgeon. - Dick Scully, biologist. Successful spawning is unlikely but CS's Terry Patterson, professor of aquaculture and agriculture Department chairman, finds the potential for successful spawning under the right conditions.

'Combatant' charged

U.S. citizen Jose Padilla, held for two years without a charge, was indicted on terrorism-related charges on Tuesday. The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered Padilla to be released from military custody within 30 days if the government chose, tried in civilian courts.



Undated photo of Padilla

The legal battle

March 2002: Al-Qaida operational planner suggested Padilla target high-rise buildings that use natural gas. Dec. 4, 2002: U.S. District Judge Michael Mukasey rules that a federal court has charges that he decided whether Padilla was properly detained as an enemy combatant.

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Continued from A2: intian computer programmer, and Khalil Wael Iyoussef, a former school administrator in Washington and Detroit, and Mohamed Yousef. A fourth man, Kaveem Dagher, a Canadian citizen, was named with Padilla in last week's indictment. Dagher is facing criminal charges. Lebanon, but officials were not certain if he is in custody. Yousef is in prison in Egypt and Iyoussef and Iyoussef are in custody in South Florida.

Meth

Continued from A2: Newton speculated that the antidepressant worked by limiting the ability of brain cells to absorb dopamine, one of the key neurotransmitters that meth releases. Collins, however, cautioned that "dopamine is a lot more complicated than other brain chemicals." "You can mess with it without affecting other parts of the brain," he said.

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CORRECTION: Twin Falls woman was 72 years old. Virginia Morgan was 72 years old when she died. The Times-News regrets the error.

Investigator seeks info on alleged prisons

Lawmaker checks into suspect planes



Dick Marty, a Swiss senator leading a European probe into alleged secret CIA prisons in eastern Europe, presents a first report on his work at a closed meeting of the human rights watchdog's legal affairs committee Tuesday in Paris.

PARIS (AP) — The head of an investigation into alleged secret CIA prisons in Eastern Europe said Tuesday he was checking 31 suspect planes that landed in Europe in recent years and was trying to acquire past satellite images of sites in Romania and Poland.

If the European probe uncovers evidence of covert facilities, the potential impact ranges from major embarrassment for the United States to political turmoil in countries that might have participated, even unwittingly. Countries found housing secret detention centers also could be suspended or expelled from the 40-member Council of Europe, a human rights watchdog organization.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Swiss senator Dick Marty said the Council of Europe, on whose behalf he was investigating, had a "moral obli-

gation" to look into claims the CIA set up secret prisons on the continent to interrogate "al-Qaida suspects."

He said that despite lack of proof, there were "many hints, such as suspicious moving patterns of aircraft, that have to be investigated."

But given the limited powers of the Strasbourg-based council, Marty's chances of uncovering explosive state secrets seemed unclear.

The U.S. government has neither confirmed nor denied the existence of such facilities.

Allegations the CIA had and interrogated key al-Qaida suspects at Soviet-era compounds

in Eastern Europe were first reported in The Washington Post on Nov. 2. The paper did not name the countries involved.

A day later, Human Rights Watch said it had evidence indicating the CIA transported suspected terrorists captured in Afghanistan to Poland and Romania.

The New York-based group identified the Kogalniceanu military airfield in Romania and Poland's Szczepin-Szymany airport as possible sites for secret detention centers, saying it based its conclusion on flight logs of CIA aircraft from 2001 to 2004 that it had obtained.

In a report presented in Paris on Tuesday to the legal affairs committee of the Council of Europe's parliamentary assembly, Marty said other airports that might have been used by CIA aircraft in some capacity are Palma de Mallorca in Spain, Larnaca in Cyprus and Shannon in Ireland.

Marty's report — a copy of which was obtained by the AP — contends the aircraft are "alleged to belong to entities with direct or indirect links to the CIA."

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Hiker finds murder victim's skull

SEATTLE (AP) — A weekend hiker found the skull of one of the 48 women Green River serial killer Gary Ridgway admitted murdering in his 2003 plea bargain with King County prosecutors.

The skull of Tracy Winston, who was 19 when she disappeared from Northgate Mall on Sept. 12, 1982, was found Sunday by a man hiking in a wooded area near Highway 16 near Issaquah, southeast of Seattle.

The sheriff's office used dental records to identify the skull, which Detective Michael McNabb said had been placed along a dirt road sometime within the past two weeks. No other bones were found at the site.

Investigators are asking whoever moved the skull and placed it where it was found to call the sheriff's department.

Sheriff Sue Lahn said there are no plans to file any criminal charges and that detectives believe additional information

could reveal important clues about other killings.

"Gary Ridgway had so many victims, and there are so many things we still don't know — about what he did with the bodies, how he treated his victims," Lahn said at a news conference in her office.

Lahn said the sheriff's office has no reason to believe the 45-year-old hiker who found the skull was the one who moved it.

"Our assumption is that a hiker or a hunter found it and by whatever reason didn't want to call the police and set it alongside the dirt road so somebody else could report it," McNabb said.

Lahn, McNabb and Detective Tom Jensen disclosed few details about the location where the skull was found, saying that doing so might compromise the investigation.

"It's quite some distance from any area where we found any other remains, and nowhere near where he took us," McNabb said, referring to guidance Ridgway gave the sheriff's office as part of his plea to avoid the death penalty.

Detectives believe some of Winston's remains — a dozen or so bones — were found in 1986 at the base of a tree in Cottonwood Park in Kent, south of Seattle. Ridgway admitted killing the woman whose remains were found there, but was "unable or unwilling to account for those parts of Tracy's skeleton that were not found," the sheriff's office said in a statement.

Cottonwood Park is near the Green River, about a quarter mile from Peck's Bridge, where the body of Wendy Colfield, Ridgway's second known victim, was found in July 1982. It is also within a quarter mile of where six other Green River victims were found.

Ridgway admitted killing 48 women from 1982 through 1998. He's serving 48 consecutive life sentences.

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School fires unwell teacher after pregnancy

Knight Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — An unmarried rookie teacher at a Queens public school confessed to her principal she was pregnant and was promptly fired for violating "Catholic morality."

Now 26-year-old Michelle McCusker is suing, saying she was unfairly bounced just a month into her first full-time job as a pre-kindergarten teacher at St. Rose of Lima.

"I don't understand how a religion that preaches all forgiving and on valuing life could terminate me because I'm pregnant and choosing to have this baby," said McCusker in between sobs with her parents by her side.

The New York Civil Liberties Union filed a federal discrimination complaint on the matter to her behalf against the Roman Catholic school and the Diocese of Brooklyn on Monday, charging McCusker was wrongly removed and that the church's policy unfairly targets women.

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NATION/WORLD

Mortar round disrupts ceremony

Scare sends guards scrambling

By Liz Sly
Chicago Tribune

BAHRA, Iraq — The dignitaries were seated on the steps of one of Saddam Hussein's many palaces, the ceremony marking the return of the palace to the Iraqi government was well under way, and an American colonel had just begun a speech about the significance of the event.

Then came the unmistakable clump of a mortar being launched nearby, followed by the whoosh of incoming ordnance.

Gen. George Casey, the commander of coalition forces in Iraq, threw himself onto the American ambassador, Zalmay Khalilzad, U.S. soldiers guarding the event dropped to the ground, putting their fingers in their ears in anticipation of an explosion. Guests scrambled out of the palace, opening plastic chairs and dropping their belongings in a mad dash for safety.

The mortar landed nearby, but didn't explode.

"I think it was some kind of snafu," Khalilzad said after he had been hustled inside by his bodyguards, his suit looking a little tumbled. "It's an unfortunate interruption."

It was an interruption that spoke volumes about the state of Iraq as the U.S. military, under mounting pressure to create its withdrawal from Iraq, begins to hand factories and other facilities to the Iraqi government.

"We are still in a war zone, and we should be ready to sacrifice," said the local Iraqi master of ceremonies, encouraging guests to return to their seats. "We remind our visitors that this is the daily reality of Iraq."



U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad, center, is escorted by armed guards soon after insurgents fired a mortar at a U.S. ceremony Tuesday. Top officials were there to hand over a presidential palace in Saddam Hussein's hometown to local Iraqi authorities.

The failed attack, which appeared to signal that insurgents were aware of the timing and location of the ceremony, underscored the peril ahead as the American military seeks to balance demands in the United States and Iraq for a swift reduction of troops with the reality that insurgents still can attack at will in the Sunni heartland where the insurgency rages.

The return to Iraqi control of Saddam's vast complex of luxury palaces, 130 in all, built across a 1,000-acre stretch of prime land along the Tigris River in Saddam's hometown of

Tikrit, was heralded as a sign of the progress toward reducing the U.S. presence in Iraq.

"We want to help Iraq stand on its own feet. As they build their capacity in their security forces, ours will draw down," Khalilzad said in a written statement. "Today's event marks another step in this process."

Known to U.S. forces as Forward Operating Base Danger, the compound is the 20th base to be handed back to Iraqi control this year. But the expense of large, luxury villas used by Saddam as his summer residence is

by far the biggest, and most symbolically significant, slice of territory yet to be returned.

"You could not even turn your head to look at it, or you would face the consequences," said Lt. Gen. Abdul Aziz al-Maliki, the Iraqi general now in control of the compound, a Kurd who said he served in Saddam's army but never was allowed near the palaces. "And now, thank God, any person can come here to see it."

The Iraqi government plans to turn the palaces into a tourism site, a place where Iraqis can come and witness the profligacy of their former regime.

"People will see how Saddam spent their money only on himself, and how he used to live his life," said Maliki, who insisted he was the only person not to budge from his chair when the mortar sailed overhead.

Others at the ceremony saw a different significance, however. Hamed Hammond al-Shehri, the governor of Salahuddin province, told the visiting American officials that the mortar represented the aspiration of Iraqi people to see "the day when all multinational forces will be able to leave Iraq."

"The second aspiration is to convince the court of world opinion that the people of Iraq are able to manage their issues independently," he added in a speech delivered before the mortar was fired.

Soon after the attack, the guests crept back to their chairs, the speeches resumed and the governor received possession of a large symbolic key to the palaces.

Gen. Edward Loomis, a spokesman for the departing U.S. forces, took comfort from the fact that the mortar not only had failed to explode but also had missed its target by a couple of hundred yards.

"Fortunately enough, they're not that good shots," he said.

Lawmaker tries to explain remark

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Rep. Jean Schmidt flung the word "snafu" at a decorated war veteran from Pennsylvania last week, but the Ohio Republican's comments landed a split in her own Cincinnati district, where some supporters are backing away as she attempts to explain what she meant.

Judging by her words Tuesday — the first after avoiding the public for three days — Schmidt doesn't understand what the fuss is about, and sees herself only as a mouthpiece. "I am amazed at what a national story this has become," she said in a statement. "I have been attacked very, personally, continuously, since I took my seat."

Many people are unsympathetic. NBC's "Saturday Night Live" lampooned her, the Cincinnati Enquirer's editorial page, which endorsed her, commented she had "said she was 'out of line,'" and the friend she claimed to be quoting on the floor last week declared Tuesday he had said nothing.

Schmidt, Congress' newest member, vaulted from obscurity with inflammatory comments during a House debate over whether to promptly withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq, as has been proposed by Democratic Rep. John Murtha, Penn. Murtha is a U.S. Marine veteran and longtime military aide who fought in Vietnam and Korea as a Marine. Schmidt said in her brief speech, "A few minutes ago I received a call from Colonel Danny Bulup. He asked me to send Congress a message. Not the course. He asked me to send Congress a message that conveys cut and run. 'James never do.'"

The chamber exploded in raucous and catcalls from conservatives, and within minutes Schmidt had withdrawn her words and sent a note of apology to Murtha. But waters were still muddy as she presented a bill today to start a two-week congressional recess.

Schmidt stayed largely out of sight until Tuesday, when she issued her statement and spoke



Schmidt

belated that U.S. troops must stay in Iraq until their mission is completed, she said.

Noting that criticism has poured in from phone calls, e-mails, TV reports and e-mails, she said in her statement: "I am quite willing to suffer those attacks in the end, that policy so strongly opposed is expressed as unmitigated first and foremost I support the troops. They dodge bullets and bombs while I duck only hateful words."

Bulup, a GOP state legislator and Marine Corps Reserve officer who had campaigned for Schmidt, put out his own statement Tuesday. "The comments and concerns I shared with Congresswoman Schmidt were never meant as a personal reference to Mr. Murtha. We never discussed anyone by name and there was no intent to ever disparage the congressman or his distinguished record of service for our nation," Bulup through a spokeswoman declined an interview request.

Schmidt recalls their Friday phone conversation somewhat differently. "I wrote down what he was saying," she said in the interview. "He did ask me to send a message to Congress, and he also said send a message to 'that congressman.' He did not know that congressman's name, but I did. Neither one of us knew he was a Marine."

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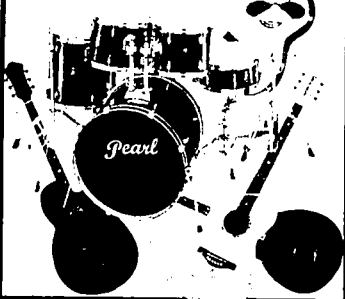
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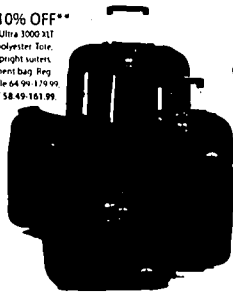


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Start changing policy now to wean ourselves from oil

Who in their right mind would have expected to be grateful for gasoline at \$2.25 a gallon? Three years ago, those prices would have caused a heart attack. This week, they brought out warm smiles and willing debit cards from Idaho drivers...

They were hesitant about exploring for oil on this pristine area. Alaska's successful oil pipeline projects from previous decades illustrate how the resources can be excavated with little or no threat to wildlife.

It's worth noting that no oil is expected to come from this area for 10 years. Peak production won't hit until 2025.

Our view: With more supply and research and less demand, America can rid itself of a foreign oil dependence. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

But a message needs to be sent to the Wahabists of Saudi Arabia, the mullahs of Iran and the South American dictators, that we don't want their oil. And then we can...

Start developing — The ANWR oil supply will not last forever — nor should it. In this latest gas crisis, American consumers used less and demanded fuel-efficient cars. Is Congress listening? Is Detroit and the worldwide car industry listening? Compact and hybrids are climbing in popularity.

But why stop there? If we can land on Mars, we can certainly develop efficient hydrogen fuel cell technology for our cars, trucks, and buses. Until that happens we'll have to...

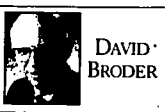
Keep on conserving — Not paying \$3 a gallon is good, but paying \$2 and a quarter for unleaded isn't much better. If you've noticed higher prices in groceries, building supplies, clothes and other products, you can blame it on prices at the pump.

Yes, America is a nation of shoppers and movers. But the less you use, the less you need. The less you drive, the less you spend.

On Sept. 11, 2001, the price of gasoline in Idaho was around \$1.45 a gallon. Four years, two battlefronts, several hurricanes and many tanks of gas later, that price isn't going to come back again. Americans are ready for action; now's the time to make it happen.

Democrats move first on tax reform

A friend who works for the Service Employees International Union called the other day to alert me to a Web site her union has launched with the intriguing name "SinceSildedBroad.com." The union, which recently broke away from the AFL-CIO to pursue its own liberal agenda, has invited the public to submit ideas for innovations in policy that might fuel productive political debate.



DAVID BRODER

As this column was being written, the Web site had logged 9,053 entries. After a Dec. 5 deadline, a panel of judges will pick 21 finalists and then the public will be invited to vote on the one it likes best. Next Feb. 1, the winner of the "best idea since sliced bread" will be given a \$100,000 prize.

As I scanned the entries, the one I was struck by the frequency with which certain topics were mentioned. Schemes to keep jobs in the United States, to improve access to health care and to stimulate energy conservation and save the environment were very popular.

But perhaps the favorite category involved ideas for making the tax system simpler and fairer. As it happened, earlier this week I heard Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon argue that his party had better be prepared to enter the debate on exactly that topic — or else cede vital political ground to President Bush.

Wyden has introduced what he calls the "Fair Tax Act of 2005," as the starting point for what he expects to be a major debate next year on tax reform. "I think it is a certainty that Bush will put this issue on the agenda in his State of the Union address," Wyden told me in an interview, "and the De-



MIKE LIZIKO

Democrats have to be prepared to offer an alternative that makes sense.

Wyden sees 2006 as offering a replay of 1996, when President Ronald Reagan signaled his interest in tax reform and Democrats who then controlled the House but were a minority in the Senate seized the initiative from him. Bill Bradley, a Democratic senator from New Jersey, teamed with Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri to shape the bill that Reagan signed.

Bradley has encouraged Wyden to adapt the same formula that proved successful 20 years ago: Major loophole-closers combined with sharp reductions of income tax rates. The commission Bush appointed has offered modest steps in that direction in the re-

visions that he submitted this month, but Wyden says the Democrats can do better. Like the plan from Bush's commission, Wyden would eliminate the need for the alternative minimum tax, a device that was originally designed to nail tax-avoiders but

which is forcing millions of upper-middle- and middle-class families to make separate computations and additional IRS payments.

But unlike the plan submitted to Bush, which continues to provide special benefits through lower tax rates for those with dividend and capital gains and interest income, Wyden urges Democrats to treat those sources of income the same as wages and salaries — and tax them all at the same rates.

— They will collapse the current six income tax rates to three brackets of 15, 25 and 35 percent. And he would provide all taxpayers a refundable credit for 10 percent of their state and local income, sales and property taxes — a windfall for the 70 percent of families who do not itemize their deductions.

Wyden's plan preserves the most popular deductions — for home mortgage interest, charities and children — and keeps the earned income tax credit, Savings for medical expenses, retirement funds and higher education would still be tax-ad-

vantaged. But many other loopholes and specialized tax breaks for both corporations and high-income individuals would disappear, just as they did (for a time) in the 1980 tax reform.

The net effect, according to a Congressional Research Service report to Wyden, is that taxes would be reduced for most families. Those wages and salary income was anywhere up to \$150,000 a year. And it would provide enough revenue to reduce the federal budget deficit by approximately \$100 billion over the next five years.

All of these claims will be tested when the Finance Committee, on which Wyden serves, begins working on tax reform next year. But his basic point is right: The Democrats, who conspicuously lack an agenda for the midterm election year, better be ready to offer more than criticism when it comes time to fix the tax system. Maybe they can come up with something as good as sliced bread.

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LETTERS

Editorial on county offices left wrong impression

As a retired employee of Minidoka County, I take exception to The Times-News editorial board setting itself up as judge and jury of the floating holiday given Minidoka County employees.

attend to the public's business and/or concerns. To my knowledge, no department was ever left totally unattended. I would also like to know exactly what Twin Falls County Commissioner Tom Mikselek knows about the day-to-day operations of Minidoka County that might qualify him to pass judgment.

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broader tax base has possibility for U.S. The haggles over tax cuts continues — 100 many benefits for the rich versus too little for the poor! And the few class is always left holding the bag.

Bush leaves deadly stain on global peace

My mother told me that any one could grow up and become president. Now I believe it.

Bush won — America lost. In Bush we trusted — now we're brother cousins the votes. The only weapon of mass destruction found so far is George W. Bush's testosterone level.

We're creating enemies faster than we can kill them. Old soldiers never die — young ones do. How many lives per gallon will it cost us? No one died when Clinton lied. We can no longer trust him when we can win a earthquake.

We're in big trouble when our bombs are smarter than our president. War doesn't determine who's right. It determines who's left. Killing one person is murder, killing 100,000 is foreign policy.

Osama bin Ferguten! Do you feel safer now? This is what insanity looks like. We learn from history that we don't learn anything from history. Please stand by — our democracy is experiencing technical difficulties. I'm proud to be an American but ashamed of my government. Support our troops, bring them home now. Support our troops — impeach Bush but impeach Cheney first.

The obvious escapes many. If you're not outraged, you're not paying attention. Who's gonna clean up this mess? KEN WHITE Twin Falls

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rebellion that would the whole tax code.

That's about what would happen, particularly to the economy, if the so-called "fair tax" which Jim Leuze wrote about in your Wednesday paper were enacted.

That book he referred to calls for a 23 percent national sales tax. It does not sound too bad to pay it on a dollar loaf of bread, but imagine what would happen on the purchase of a \$20,000 automobile: "Oh, sorry, Sir. There's also the \$4,600 national sales tax on the car that you have to pay."

Think about April 15 rebellion! Talk about it on a daily basis! Their idea also includes detailed exceptions and exemptions that agency will there be to monitor and rule on those?

There is another idea published just recently titled, "Common Sense Tax Reform" by David Lawley, a local retired certified public accountant, that calls for three basic changes: Broaden the tax base to all transactions, lower the rate to 1 percent (or less) and collect it by the bank when deposits are made.

No exceptions except government entities, no forms to file, no withholding, no invasion of privacy, no major bureaucracy (read Internal Revenue Service), just a muddish economy unshackled from the burden and threat of taxation. (The book is available at www.common-sense-tax.com.)

What could be better than that for tax reform? Or just keep on patching, twisting and complicating the old code.

GENE LAWLEY Twin Falls

Come pick up your dog, and the tab for his care.

Some weeks ago while driving into town, I noticed a large truck stopped in the road with his horn blowing. In front of the truck was a young lab jumping and barking. I guess he thought it was a game. I pulled up and opened my door. What a mistake. It was to learn later. He jumped into my

truck and started licking my face.

Since the morons who owned him didn't have a collar, or a tag, he was most likely dumped. You could tell he had not gotten much to eat as I could count his ribs.

Anyway, I spent the next few hours trying to locate where he came from with no luck. I just couldn't dump him like his owners did, so he came home with me. Needless to say, the wife was not so pleased as we had two lads and a golden.

Tux, as we call him, is a very young lab mix. It is owners need this and would like this hellion back, the following monies will be due the writer: \$400 for new door to the garage that he tried to eat through; \$1,000 for new front door that he also tried to eat through; \$250 for three pair of glasses he chewed up; \$500 to repair one chair and one couch that he chewed the arms off of.

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Conservation must come with Sempra opposition

I was one of the first people to voice concern and opposition to the proposed Sempra coal plant.

stepped forward on the issue. It is, however, not enough to be supportive to Sempra's proposal, because it justifies its project on people's consumption of electricity.

That consumption is, for the most part, wasteful and inefficient. Every time we flip on a switch, we are not just using electricity, we are demanding production and justifying the impacts of that production be it air and ground pollution, water use, diminished fisheries.

Our role as consumers is much larger than just using electricity and paying the bill. In my written testimony to the Jerome County Planning and Zoning, I asked what had Sempra done in the area of energy efficiency and conservation and renewable energy production?

What about the cities that would use the energy Sempra's plant produces? Are we to subsidize wasteful consumption of energy somewhere else for our health and quality of life?

In studies done for the Northwest Energy Coalition, thousands of megawatts of efficiency and renewables have been identified. When we were putting together the Solar for Schools project, the first requirement of the funder was that the school be using energy as efficiently as possible. It makes sense: why invest money in energy production if that energy is going to be wasted. Taking that further, why adversely impact our health and quality of life to produce energy that we are wastefully consuming?

With the debate about Sempra going on in our own backyard and around the state in regard to other proposed generating facilities around the state, we have the opportunity to really think about energy and impacts.

It is time to step out of the old model of consuming all we can produce and producing all we can consume and damn the impacts — they are very real and cut across the spectra of our social, health, economic and environmental activity. BILL CHISHOLM Buhl

LETTERS

Gooding is still the best location for ISDB

I learned a few things about schools working 37 years as a high school and a junior high school principal. I also learned a little about Gooding State School during my deaf granddaughter's attendance from age 4 until graduation, followed by her graduation from Utah State University. Her parents and I and my wife and I were at the school many times during these many years and were more than pleased with the dedication and commitment by the teachers who seemed to work beyond the call of duty. We always found teacher and student morale very high.

Webster defines morale as enthusiasm, confidence, loyalty and sense of common purpose. Peterson and Condie (The Times-News, Nov. 2) refer to the "well done" report by the Office of Performance Evaluation" on ISDB and state that the report "does not make Mr. Ramos prophet." I fully agree with this report.

What studies did Mr. Ramos make to determine that ISDB was not already an "academic institution"? Why did he alienate previous teachers and administration by trying to "fix" something that was not "broke"? This is when morale started to decline and student enrollment began to drop off.

Enough about Mr. Ramos. Here are a few suggestions I submit to the State Board of Education: (1) Keep ISDB in its present "rural" setting in the middle of the state. An urban location would only make these already disadvantaged young students more accessible to big city sexual predators and criminals. (2) The State Board may be responsible to oversee the school, but delegate authority and responsibility for day-to-day operation to an entity accessible to local citizens. (3) The school does not need a high salaried administrator with a Ph.D. (titled higher and deeper). It only needs one with common sense and proven successful experience with these students.

If you believe the cost per student is high at ISDB, compare it to the cost of our Title I students in the public schools, who receive millions of dollars in federal funds. This is due to the fact that these students need considerable one-on-one

instruction. Finally, if we believe "literacy" is costly, then we should try illiteracy. Hopefully, all these students shall someday move from "tax receivers" to "taxpayers."
LOVELL TURNER
Declo

Kimberly candidate didn't cast a vote

I would like to apologize to Lee McKinlay for being one of the Kimberly citizens who didn't vote on Nov. 8. I made a mistake and took a job which led me out of state.

My apologies extend to the city of Kimberly because I was, not only a missing voter but a missing candidate for City Council. I penned my name in and, at the last minute, took the job out of state.

I don't know how many votes I would have gotten or how well I would have done had I been voted in, but I would have given it my best shot.

I'm back home now, looking for employment and waiting for the holidays.

By the way, don't be surprised to see my name on the next ballot.
TOM MENDOZA
Kimberly

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Panel: Japanese women should be able to take throne

Opposition is expected

The Yomiuri Shimbun

TOKYO — Proposals submitted by a government panel that decided Monday in favor of allowing females and their descendants to ascend the imperial throne are likely to face a tough ride after they are finalized.

The 10-member panel headed by former Tokyo University President Hiroaki Yoshikawa will submit a final report based on the outline Thursday to Prime

Minister Junichiro Koizumi to pave the way for revising the Imperial House Law.

The two key points of the recommendations, submitted in an effort to avert an expected succession crisis, are:

- The firstborn child of an emperor, regardless of gender, should be given priority in the order of succession.

- A female Imperial family member should be allowed to set up royal families, in place of the existing system under the Imperial House Law that requires such a person to leave the Imperial household when marrying a commoner.

The panel's recommendations would clear the way for a 3-year-

old Princess Aiko, the only child of Crown Prince Naruhito, to become the first female monarch since the 19th century. The recommendations would lead to a fundamental change in the imperial system, since the new proposals would mean an end to the tradition of giving priority to a male direct descendant.

The panel was split into two camps — those who favored the succession of the emperor's firstborn child regardless of gender, and those who favored priority for a direct male descendant.

Some panel members said the idea of placing priority on a firstborn regardless of gender was "remote from the historical

institution."

But the panel eventually favored the firstborn-child principle mainly because it would be easy for the public to understand.

The recommendations to allow a female to become emperor and other female Imperial family members to retain Imperial status even if they marry commoners would lead to a large increase in the number of Imperial family members and cost the public more money to look after them.

"Although it is necessary to increase the number of Imperial family members for the purpose of ensuring a stable succession, there will be problems if the

number becomes too large," a source close to the panel said. But some experts on Imperial affairs and even members of the Imperial family are opposed to the proposed changes.

Prince Tomohito of Mikasa, in a recent issue of a periodical published by a social welfare volunteer group he chairs, said the male lineage-based Imperial system should be maintained.

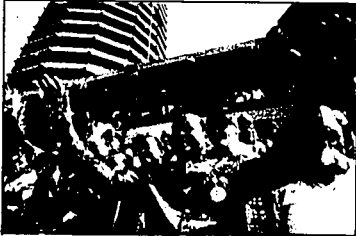
The Imperial system, which dates back to the 5th century, has persistently preserved the tradition of "unbroken male line-dominated" Imperial suc-

cession, he noted.

Females have become emperor on eight occasions, between the 6th and 18th centuries, with two of them reigning twice.

None of these female emperors, however, had married nor had been widowed, and the throne always reverted to the male line.

Allowing women and their descendants to ascend the throne would mean the discontinuance of an unbroken bloodline for more than 2,000 years in handing the throne to heirs who have emperors on their father's side.



Raila Odinga, Kenya's minister for roads who was opposed to the proposed constitution, addresses supporters in Nairobi on Tuesday after Kenyans rejected a draft constitution.

Kenyans reject constitution

NAIROBI, Kenya — President Mwai Kibaki conceded defeat Tuesday in Kenya's first constitutional referendum since independence, a setback to a leader many believe broke his promises to root out the corruption and autocracy that has plagued this east African nation for decades.

Kenyans rejected the proposed constitution by 57 percent to 43 percent in voting Monday, said Samuel Kiakiti, chairman of the Electoral Commission of Kenya. Because a third of adult Kenyans cannot read, voters cast ballots marked with a banana meaning "yes" and an orange meaning "no."

"Many people rejected the proposed constitution. Kibaki said in an address to the nation. "My government will respect the verdict of the people."

Final results will be published Friday.

Germany's first female chancellor takes power

BERLIN — Conservative Angela Merkel took power Tuesday as Germany's first female chancellor and its first leader to grow up behind the Iron Curtain, saying the public was eager for the government to get to work after six months of political turmoil.

But the 51-year-old former scientist will have a tough job turning around Europe's biggest economy after years of stagnation in a potential sign of trouble ahead, more than 50 members of Merkel's unwieldy 448-lawmaker coalition voted against her Tuesday. Still, the strength of her party's alliance with the left-wing Social Democrats allowed her to win easily in the lower house, or Bundestag.

"Expectations are very high

World in brief

among people in this country that problems get solved, policies made and decisions taken," Merkel said as she ceremoniously took over the imposing chancellery across from the Reichstag parliament building.

In an interview for ARD public television, she said the "no" votes did not bother her.

Vatican: Active gays unwelcome as priests

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican is toughening its stand against gay candidates for the priesthood, specifying in a new document that even men with "transitory" homosexual tendencies must overcome their urges for at least three years before entering the clergy.

A long-awaited "instruction," due to be released next week, was posted Tuesday on the Internet by the Italian Catholic news agency Adista. A church official who has read the document confirmed its authenticity; he asked that his name not be used because the piece has not been published by the Vatican.

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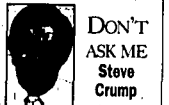
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We don't burn; we carbonize

For those of you who have not yet purchased your Thanksgiving turkey let me explain the difference between "burnt" and "blackened." "Blackened" is a cooking technique invented by chef Paul Prudhomme in which a meat or fish is seasoned by a Cajun spice mixture and then cooked in a cast-iron skillet that has been heated almost red hot. "Burnt" is what's going to happen to your turkey Thursday afternoon. It's a straightforward distinction, really, but quite a subtle one here in Idaho.



For hereabouts it's considered rude to point out to a cook that his or her dinner has been ruined by excessive carbon deposits. If you're a guest, it's just not your place.

This is chiefly because of our cherished tradition in Idaho of fried potatoes.

Fried potatoes are fiendishly difficult to cook without burning, especially when you throw in some onions. You can simmer them for hours without the spuds turning slightly brown or without the starches they're made of melting one iota.

As a consequence, well-tended fried spuds come out of the pan looking like a regrettable incident in freshman welding class. They're in a tough, overcooked pork chop and singed cornbread muffins, and you've got a meal fit for a firefighter.

The meat is tough because it's been cooked too much and the spuds are tough because they've been cooked too little. That's neat culinary irony, don't you think?

And *burnt* is a tacit admission of failure here in Idaho: It's a celebration of perseverance. Especially, I think, on Thanksgiving.

Idaho is a place where deep fat turkey fryers lie thick on the ground. And when you stick a turkey into boiling oil, six or seven different things can happen — and none of them is good.

The most likely scenario, of course, is that the turkey will come out of the pan crispier than a November day in Havre, Mont.

Now cast your mind forward to dinner later that afternoon, when Aunt Eunice lovingly lifts that fowl out of the oil and slices it deftly with a chain saw. You can figure on lots of seconds on white meat.

But is this turkey burned? It is not. It is "done."

"Done" is the highest compliment that a man with dentures can make, as long as he has access to a blender. "Done" means he doesn't have to subsist on Grandma Juanita's marshmallow-squash on Thanksgiving. Or is it squashed marshmallows? Nobody remembers — or especially wants to find out again.

So if your hostess tells you that that plain front of yours contains "blackened green beans," please inform her that this is a woman at home on the range.

"Blackened green beans" will, of course, also contain carbonized onions and the residue of whatever Cousin Dora fixed

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of avg.	% of norm.
Salmon	124%	19%
Big Wood	114%	18%
Little Lost	82%	11%
Big Lost	100%	15%
Little Lost	92%	15%
Henry's Fork/Teton	113%	17%
Upper Snake/Basin	104%	17%
Oakley	100%	15%
Salmon Falls	79%	10%

As of Nov. 22

A comparison of basin snowpack to

Explosion, fire hit INL

Incident halts cleanup

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — Work has been halted in an excavation pit at the Idaho National Laboratory in eastern Idaho after a 55-gallon drum of hazardous waste exploded and started a small fire. No one was hurt in the explosion and no contamination spread outside a containment structure where drums of re-entrained excavated waste were being stored, officials said. The explosion occurred Monday at the highly secure compound northwest of Idaho Falls, site of CH2M-WG Idaho, the U.S. Department of Energy contractor responsible for the Idaho Cleanup Project, did not announce the accident until Tuesday. Officials said some of the material being excavated from the waste burial site known as "Pit 4" may catch fire when it's exposed to air.

"We don't quite yet know what the cause of this incident was, but we suspect it had something to do with the waste that was in the drum," said Army Lt. Col. Gary Lantz. "We are taking this very seriously because there are a lot of drums in the retrieval area." A preliminary investigation found that the explosion occurred in one drum and spread fire to an adjacent drum that had been placed in a "cold area" of the Accelerated Retrieval Project, where buried hazardous waste from Cold War-era nuclear weapons production and other defense programs is being dug up and placed inside drums for disposal.

The fire was extinguished quickly because equipment operators in the storage area had been trained to deal with "pyrophoric" chemicals, which can ignite spontaneously in air when they reach a certain temperature. "Our inventory records do indicate there are materials buried that may have a tendency to ignite when exposed to air, so we knew it was there, we planned for it and the operator took action immediately," Lantz said. Less than a dozen workers were in the containment structure when the explosion occurred and Lantz said all were evacuated. The operation has been halted until the cause of the fire is determined, she said. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency also were notified.

This is the second accident this month that has required evacuation at the 177-acre Radioactive Waste Management Complex on the INL site. Early on Nov. 9, approximately 650 people in the complex were evacuated and later sent home after a leaky propane line was discovered and could not quickly be fixed. Crews eventually managed to stop the leak of flammable gas in the buildings space heating system and the facility resumed normal operations the next day.

Filer chief keeps quiet about cause of blaze

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

FILER — The Fire Department is done with its investigation of the Nov. 15 house fire that killed two children, but the fire chief isn't ready to talk about details or conclusions.

El Davis, 4, and Kael Davis, 2, were killed in the fire at 2160 E. 3950 N. Their parents, Justin and Angela Davis, escaped. But they had been renting the house, and the fire also destroyed all their possessions.

A student, a sergeant

Jerome schools pay tribute to fallen soldier

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Science teacher Mike Pate has seen hundreds of different faces staring back at him from the desks in his classroom at Jerome Middle School.

In 1996, Ivan Alarcon sat at one of those desks. "I remember he was kind of small in stature," Pate said Tuesday. "He always had a smile. He liked to read. He always had a book with him."



Mike Pate, a science teacher at Jerome Middle School, works at his computer Tuesday afternoon. Pate taught U.S. Army Sgt. Ivan Alarcon, who died last week in a motor vehicle accident while serving in Iraq. Students and teachers at the school wore red, white and blue ribbons on Tuesday in memory of Alarcon.

Remembering a soldier

A roary and vigil for Sgt. Ivan Alarcon of Jerome will begin at 7 p.m. Friday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, followed by a military service with honor guard at the Jerome Cemetery.

Fundraiser

Friends and neighbors of the Alarcon family are raising money to buy a plaque dedicated to Sgt. Ivan Alarcon to place at Jerome High School. Those interested can call Bev Macfee at 324-7198.

Alarcon would grow up to be a sergeant with the Army's 473rd Quartermaster Company. He was killed Thursday in Tal Afar, Iraq, when the Humvee he was riding in rolled during combat operations. He was two weeks and two days shy of his 24th birthday.

There are all kinds of emotions that hit you all at once," Pate said about hearing the news of what happened to his former student. "You think about him sitting at one of these tables and not knowing what the future actually held for him."

Alarcon's youngest sister, Melissa, now occupies the desk her five older brothers and older sister once did. She was excused from classes Tuesday, but her school paid tribute to her big brother by holding "Red, White and Blue Day." Students and teachers wore the

patriotic colors and flags flew at half-staff. The school day began with a moment of silence.

"They need to continually be aware that these are real people in a real war," said Norma Odiaga, the school's librarian and media specialist. Odiaga said one of the parents had suggested the special tribute. Odiaga and her fellow teachers went to work, cutting out red, white and blue ribbons for all to wear.

Students at Jerome Middle School begin each day with a 15-minute advisory class. Odiaga began her class on Monday by reading the article in the

paper about Alarcon's death. Then, she and her students talked about the difficult subject.

"They listened. They didn't just sit there with appropriate faces," Odiaga said. "We don't even know how to address death. It's not the kind of thing you plan for."

Odiaga's students wanted advice on how to comfort their grieving classmates.

I told them the best thing is to say 'I'll' and 'I love' are yours and not go on and on," she said.

Some of Melissa's schoolmates sat at round tables in

Gayla Otto's eighth-grade English class Tuesday making Thanksgiving poem posters out of words they'd clipped from old magazines. They reflected on what it must be like for Melissa and her family.

"You never think something like that would happen, but it just happens," said Kaela Hunt with wisdom beyond her 13 years. "It makes you appreciate your family more."

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

To help the Davis family

To donate items to the Davis family, call Heritage Alliance Church in Twin Falls at 733-9330. Cash donations to the Davis family can be made at any Magic Valley branch of First Federal Savings Bank.

"We aren't ready to discuss the results of our investigation until the insurance company is finished with theirs," said Filer Fire Chief Bud Compher.

He explained that although the investigations are separate, keeping tight-lipped is both a courtesy to the insurance company as well as an opportunity to see the fire from a different angle if the company reaches a different conclusion.

"We want to do it right," Compher said. "You have to keep an open mind."

Greg Murray, Farm Bureau Insurance claims adjuster from Pocatello, explained that his company's investigation might not be complete for a couple of weeks.

"Sometimes you never know exactly why a fire starts," Murray said. "Right now there are no final conclusions, except that this was a terrible tragedy."

Brackett to fill Jones' spot at Legislature

The Times-News

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has selected Three Creek area rancher Ben Brackett to fill a vacancy in the state House of Representatives.

Ben's history of service to his profession, community and state give him a perspective that will be of great benefit to his constituents and make him a leader among his colleagues in the House chambers," Kempthorne said on Tuesday. "His devotion to Idaho is immeasurable and his insight will be invaluable."

A fourth-generation rancher, Brackett is chairman of the Idaho RangeLand Resource Commission and has been a member of the Three Creek School Board for 14 years. A few of Brackett's accomplishments include terms as president of both the Idaho Cattlemen's Association and the University of Idaho College of Ag Consulting Council.

Raised in Three Creek, Brackett graduated from Hagerman High School in 1982 and his University of Idaho in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in animal science. Brackett was a member of the Idaho National Guards' 116th Cavalry Brigade. Please see BRACKETT, Page B3

Frozen few earn shot at coveted Xbox 360 game consoles

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — All the Xbox 360s in Twin Falls sold out before they even went on sale.

On Monday evening, hopeful buyers began forming lines outside places such as Best Buy, Targets and Fry's. They brought tents, sleeping bags and propane heaters to survive

the overnight low of 20 degrees. Many were young men risking absences in their classes at the College of Southern Idaho, but it was parents who stood at the head of the lines.

At Best Buy, Vera — who didn't want her full name published because she was buying the Xbox as a Christmas gift — was one of the first in line to buy one of the gaming con-

sules. She set up a small campsite with her family and friends — who were also buying the Xbox as Christmas gifts — at \$150 and Nintendo GameCube at \$100. But the hefty price tag didn't slow demand.

"Yeah, we thought for sure that the price would keep some of the people away," Vera said, looking back at the more than 40 people lined up behind her.

At \$400, the Xbox 360 gaming console is the most expensive on the market — compared with the Sony PlayStation 2 at \$150 and Nintendo GameCube at \$100. But the hefty price tag didn't slow demand.

"Yeah, we thought for sure that the price would keep some of the people away," Vera said, looking back at the more than 40 people lined up behind her.

"But I guess that didn't stop them."

According to Xbox Chat — a blog site devoted to fans of the game console — lines formed in front of retail stores nationwide. While East Coast retail stores began selling the console at midnight on Monday, there were some who managed to buy the gaming system before

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Doctor pleads innocent to bank-robbery charges

REXBURG — A doctor facing negligent homicide and drug charges in a Montana plea deal has pleaded innocent to bank-robbery charges in Idaho. James Stephen Bischoff, 47, entered the plea Monday in 7th District Court to charges of burglary and robbery with a weapons enhancement. He is accused of robbing the U.S. Bank in Rexburg on March 16, wearing ski goggles and brandishing a gun.

Prosecutors say Bischoff robbed the bank while he was free on bail on the Montana charges. He's being held on a \$750,000 bond in Madison County with a Feb. 1 trial date. If convicted, Bischoff faces a maximum term of life in prison.

In Montana, Bischoff pleaded guilty in September to negligent homicide and a drug charge for administering medication to Kathryn Dvarishkis, 85, that apparently caused her fatal heart attack in 2000.

He also pleaded guilty to fraudulently obtaining thousands of doses of amphetamine for himself. Bischoff, who had been treating Dvarishkis at Madison Valley Hospital in Ennis, Mont., is scheduled for sentencing in that case Jan. 9. He would serve

Idaho in brief

2.5 years of a recommended 20-year sentence under terms of a plea deal with prosecutors, which still must be approved by a judge.

Salmon officials push for a de-junked city

SALMON — City leaders want residents to keep their junk off yards and out of sight. Mayor Tommie George Milley is pushing to enforce a city code that prohibits people from storing junked vehicles in public view.

"It's nothing as attractive as a town that's well-maintained," Milley said. "He's trying to strike a deal with local towing services to remove the vehicles for free."

"We don't really want to come in and tow them away, but we want people to know that they can't keep piling on the junk," Milley said.

For those who want to keep their rusted-out Camaros and Datsun street-side, Milley says there will be consequences. City code allows Salmon officials to remove any abandoned,

wrecked, dismantled, inoperative or otherwise junked vehicle at the owner's expense if it is on public property. The city can also investigate junkers left on private property and ordered them removed within 30 days. If the owner fails to act, the city can have them towed at owner's expense.

Man sentenced for manslaughter in Idaho

SANDPOINT — A Bonner County man has been sentenced to up to 15 years in prison for manslaughter and leaving the scene of a fatal accident.

Paul James Cavanaugh was convicted of striking Sarah Marie Jones, 18, as she walked along a county road in Blanchard on March 10, out of fleeing the scene afterward. Prosecutors said he was drunk at the time.

First District Judge Steve Verby said Cavanaugh must serve at least eight years before he is eligible for parole.

"All I have left now is Sarah's memory and my love for her that was in my heart," Jones' step-father, Kevin Bauman, wrote the court in a victim's statement.

— compiled from wire reports

New hospital will help fill region's medical gap

POST FALLS (AP) — A hospital scheduled to open in February in this northern Idaho town will fill a medical gap in the inland Northwest by providing long-term care for patients whose average stay is about a month.

"We will have an intense level of care," Rick Richards, CEO of Northern Idaho Advanced Care Hospital, told The Spokesman-Review newspaper in Spokane, Wash.

The \$15 million hospital is designed to treat patients with multiple trauma, people in comas and with brain injuries, patients on ventilators, stroke patients and others with severe medical problems. It's owned by Albuquerque, N.M.-based Ernest Health Care. It will be to that next level, which could be rehabilitation or home," said Chad Hutson, hospital marketing director.

Area residents who need such care and have previously been sent to long-term care facilities in Seattle or Denver, are kept in acute-care hospitals like Kootenai Medical Center or sent to nursing homes.

St. Luke's Rehabilitation Insti-

tute in Spokane provides long-term rehabilitation for patients, but only those who are medically stable.

"It's our view that this is a very positive addition to our regional mix," said St. Luke's spokesman Steve Becker. "The kinds of patients they care for are unique and different than those we care for at St. Luke's."

Ernest Health Care was calling the facility a rehabilitation hospital, but Richards said that didn't accurately describe it. The hospital does have a 4-foot-deep exercise pool, a gym with exercise equipment and rooms for occupational therapists and speech therapists. It also has a room where patients can practice household tasks such as cooking and laundry.

Northern Idaho Advanced Care Hospital isn't expected to compete with acute-care hospitals in the region by luring away revenue-generating patients.

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Polygamist's wife fights for legal resident status

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Ten years ago, Edith Barlow migrated north from Utah to Bountiful, British Columbia, to marry Winston Blackmore, the leader of a Canadian polygamist sect. She gave birth to five kids and put down roots, weaving a tight emotional bond with her family of sister-wives and their numerous children.

Today that settled life is in jeopardy. Barlow's application to extend her visitor's visa and for permanent residency in Canada — under a humanitarian and compassionate status exemption — has been denied and she's been ordered out of

the country. A letter to Barlow dated Nov. 3 states that in reaching its decision, Citizenship and Immigration Canada considered Barlow's ties to the country, including employment, family and financial matters.

"You are a person in Canada without legal status and as such are required to leave Canada immediately," the letter says. Barlow, 28, has no plans to obey.

"I have two options. Leave the country and leave my kids, or I could take my kids, take them away from their home, their family and their country," she

said in a telephone interview with CANADA. "What is the humane and compassionate option here?"

Barlow says she's been told her case has been referred to enforcement officers. "I'm pretty much very illegal," she said. "I don't know how else to see it. And yes, I do have the fear that they will come and enforce this, but what can I do?"

Amandeep Sangha, a senior communications officer for Citizenship and Immigration Canada, said she was aware of Barlow's case but couldn't discuss it specifically without a signed release from Barlow.

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DEATH NOTICES

Sgt. Ivan Alarcon

JEROME — Sgt. Ivan Alarcon, 23, of Jerome, died Nov. 17, 2005, in Iraq.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome, with Father Ron Wekerle presiding. A vigil will be conducted beginning at 7 p.m. Friday evening, Nov. 25, 2005, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Southwick, age 44, of Dietrich, died Monday, Nov. 21, 2005. Arrangements will be made by Demary's Funeral Chapel.

Billie Louise Strickland

GOODING — Billie Louise Strickland, age 78, formerly of Gooding, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, at Magic Valley Re-

gional Medical Center. Arrangements will be made by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Kenneth O. Johansen

JEROME — Kenneth O. Johansen, 91, of Jerome, died Nov. 22, 2005, at his home.

Arrangements will be made by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Lucille Shelter

MOUNTAIN HOME — Lucille Shelter, 85, of Mountain Home, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, at her home.

Arrangements will be made by Rust Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel.

Kyle Funk

MURTAUGH — Kyle Darrell Funk, a 24-year-old resident of Murtaugh, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, at UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles, Calif.

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

Aaron P. Southwick

DIETRICH — Aaron P.

SERVICES

John Franklin Molyneux of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Alan Schwendman at Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 324 E. 18th St., Rupert. Visitation from 10 until 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen funeral Home).

Jeanne Kincheloe of Jerome, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filer Ave. E., Twin Falls. Visitation one hour before the service at the church (Farnsworth

Mortuary).

Juana G. Estrella of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at St. Edward's Catholic Church.

Charles Raymond Reis of Burley, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Francis H. 'Bob' Walker of Heyburn, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert Cemetery.

Peggy Lynn Willman (Zelmer) of Shoshone, memorial service and celebration of life at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Shoshone Senior Center.

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Candice Anne Furgason Nielson



RUPERT — Candice Anne Furgason Nielson, 43, of Rupert, passed away Sunday, Nov. 20, 2005, in Kerns, Utah. She was born Dec. 24, 2005, in Rupert, Idaho, to Elaine and Jerry Furgason. Candice worked as a waitress and cook for Arnett Cafe in Rupert until she retired in 2000. She loved to crochet and loved her dog, Elvis, and enjoyed all little children.

She is survived by her mother, Elaine Thomas; one brother, Scott; her companion, Chris Motley; two sons, Marty and Josh; two stepsons, Alan and Jason; and numerous

adopted children, along with six grandchildren. Candice was preceded in death by her father and her paternal and maternal grandparents.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, 2005, at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel with Joel L. Hevard officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations be given to the Rupert American Legion for the Rupert Cemetery Chapel Fund, through the D.L. Evans Bank (318 S. Oneida, Rupert, ID 83350).

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Dietrich man killed in Highway 24 rollover

SHOSHONE — A 45-year-old Dietrich man was killed in a one-vehicle wreck Monday five miles east of here on Idaho Highway 24.

According to Idaho State Police, Aaron Southwick was pronounced dead at the scene. ISP said the wreck occurred about 7:30 p.m. when Southwick lost control of a 1988 Isuzu Trooper and overcorrected, causing the vehicle to roll.

ISP said Southwick was not wearing a seat belt. The accident was still being investigated Tuesday.

Southwick was the brother of Wanless Southwick, Dietrich City Council president.

Thanksgiving holiday will bring several closures

TWIN FALLS — Many offices

Around the Valley

and facilities will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. Here's a rundown of what will be closed or open Thursday and Friday:

- City offices will be closed Thursday. Most city offices will be closed Friday, including those in Twin Falls, Jerome, Burley, Hailey and Gooding.

- County offices will be closed Thursday. Most county offices will be open Friday, including those in Twin Falls, Jerome, Burley, Hailey and Gooding.

- State and federal offices will be closed Thursday; most will be open Friday.

- Social Security Administration office will be closed

Thursday, but open Friday. U.S. post offices will be closed Thursday, but open Friday.

- Local banks will be closed Thursday, but open Friday.

- Twin Falls Public Library will be closed Thursday, but open Friday.

- YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool will be closed Thursday, but open from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

- The College of Southern Idaho will be closed Thursday and Friday.

- Magic Valley Mall will be closed Thursday, but open Friday.

- Trash will not be picked up Thursday; trash collection will be one day later.

might have different policies for Friday, so call ahead to the appropriate clerk's office.

Western Waste Services takes a turkey break

TWIN FALLS — Western Waste Services will be closed Thursday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thursday customers' garbage will be picked up Friday, and Friday customers will be on schedule.

For more information, call 734-6969.

— compiled from staff reports

Brackett

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1968 to 1974. He and his wife of 36 years, Paula, moved back to the family ranch at Three Creek in 1968. They have five children. "I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the people of Idaho," Brackett said. "This area has been good to me and my family, and I view this as an opportunity to give something back."

Brackett will take over the seat in Legislative District 23 left open when Rep. Doug Jones, R-Idaho, resigned from the state legislature last month to take a job in Hawaii. The district encompasses Owyhee County and western portions of Twin Falls County.

Jones served as chairman of

the House Agricultural Affairs Committee and sat on both the State Affairs and the Resources and Conservation committees.

Kemphorne appointed Brackett from a list of three candidates selected by the District 23 Central Committee. Others on the list were Benny Blich of Castleford and Jim Patrick of Filer. The precinct committee selected Brackett as its first choice, but the decision rested ultimately with the governor.

"I spoke to three outstanding candidates for this seat, and believe that each of them would have been a wonderful legislator," Kemphorne said. "Having Bert in that seat will give me another great partner in the Legislature."

In 2005, Brackett was inducted into the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame and was selected in 1995 as the Idaho Cattlemen of the Year. He is also a five-year member of the BLM-Lower Snake River Resource Advisory Council, a four-year member of the University of Idaho College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Guidance Council and a three-year member of the Idaho Beef Council.

XBox

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"We had the Wal-Mart plan," Vera said. "But when they said they only had two of the good systems, then we came back to Twin and saw that no one was lined up here. So we set up last night and started ordering pizza."

There were two Xbox 360 models available for sale — one with a hard drive and a more expensive model with wireless controllers and a hard drive.

At 8 a.m., Luke Hawkins, media relations director at Best Buy, stood on a ramping corner to address the line of people. Seeing the sign of success after the long night brought the crowd to cheer.

Hawkins explained the limited quantities that each customer could buy. All stores limited one console per customer for each transaction to avoid mass purchases by customers hoping to resell the consoles for a higher price.

"We are going to limit you to one console so we can give as many people as possible the chance to buy one and avoid people eBaying them," Hawkins said.

However, by noon on Tuesday, there were 8015 Xbox 360 consoles available on eBay priced from \$730 to more than \$1,500. Some were offered as a package that included six games and additional accessories — starting at \$2,275.

Some people waited through the night but were not able to buy a game system.

Linda Anderson, who was hoping to buy one for her son serving in Iraq, drove to Target at 7 a.m. only to learn that all the

vouchers had been distributed an hour earlier.

Neither Best Buy nor Target knew when the next shipment of gaming consoles would arrive. However, a Microsoft press release stated that the company hoped to deliver more by Thanksgiving.

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Tiny Idaho community changes its name to SecretSanta.com

Town adopts new name



SANTA (AP) — Water commissioners in this tiny town have voted to change the town's name for a year to SecretSanta.com at the request of a Philadelphia marketer. In return, the cash-starved water and sewer district — Santa's only fiscal entity — will get at least \$20,000 between now and next December. The town has to erect two signs, one at each end of town, bearing its new name. The live water and sewer commissioners voted unanimously for

the change Monday night, said the district's clerk, Gidget McQueen. Now an attorney is going over the details. The change is mostly symbolic; the post office will keep the name Santa. McQueen said she was glad the commissioners voted for the change. "I'm all for it if it can benefit the district financially," she said Tuesday. But not everybody feels that way. "I would have voted no, because

this town has lots of history, and I cannot see it being used simply to promote a salary for someone else," said Laura Tied, who has lived in Santa for 25 years. She referred to promoter Mark Hughes, chief executive of Buzzmarketing, who targeted Santa as a way of raising attention for a gift-exchange Web site. Five years ago Hughes persuaded Halfway, Ore., to change its name to Half.com to promote used books, movies and DVDs. The

half.com Web site was later sold to eBay for \$300 million. "I'm from out of town; he knows nothing about it, except what he gleaned when he was here," said Tied. "I just don't think it's right." McQueen said Hughes has agreed to pay Santa \$5,000 by Dec. 9, and then another \$15,000 next December, and will also pay for the signs. Hughes has said, he plans to make a documentary about Santa, and if it makes money, some of

those profits will go to Santa, too. Santa has about 100 residents and just two businesses in town — the post office and a tavern. The money won't solve the water district's problems, but it will help, said McQueen. McQueen said Santa used to be called Santa Fe, but someone along the line, was asked to drop the "fe." "They said there was too many of those in the United States," McQueen said.

Oregon ranchers wary of migrating wolves

Some are closing land to hunters and anglers

BAKER CITY, Ore. (AP) — Some ranchers are so fed up with the state's new plan for managing wolves expected to migrate in from Idaho that they want to close their lands for hunters and anglers. They don't like the fact that they can't shoot wolves they suspect of preying on livestock, and that there is no state fund to reimburse them for livestock killed by wolves. Some ranchers in Baker County have closed their land to hunters and anglers. The Oregon Cattlemen's Association has adopted a resolution to work toward that end statewide if the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopts the plan next month. The plan was adopted last February, but has to be amend-

ed since the Legislature did not authorize key elements. It originally would have allowed ranchers to shoot wolves attacking livestock. That provision was not to conform to a federal court ruling that any wolves moving into Oregon would be protected as a threatened species. The Oregon Cattlemen's Association opposed legislation that would have created a compensation fund, changed the legal status of wolves to make them easier to manage, and dropped the need for a permit to shoot a wolf attacking livestock, said Craig Ely, wolf plan coordinator for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Ely said denying public access would affect a few key hunting and fishing spots, but much of the private land in Eastern Oregon is already closed to all but family and friends of the owners.

Mike Colton of Baker City, president of the Baker County Livestock Association, was one of seven ranchers who this spring decided not to allow access to hunters and anglers. He urged passage of the statewide resolution to protect the ODFW as "an agency that is not following its own policies, mission and goals" and to protect "the wolf's wild prey base in anticipation of (the wolf's) arrival in Oregon." The resolution passed with only one "no" vote. The revised plan "leaves livestock producers with no legal, reasonable, short-term options save one — to close our land to any public entry," said Colton. "We've been strong-armed and ignored by the commission. We're left to do the one thing we can do." OCA executive director Kay Tiesel said that the strength of Colton's proposal is that it makes a statement in support of

livestock producers but carries no price tag for the organization. "It's the best way we can find to level the playing field," she said. "The hunters we've talked to have been very receptive to us," Colton said. The Oregon Hunters Association hated to see (the closure) happen, but they supported us anyway. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service started reintroducing wolves in 1995 to Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho. More than 400 now roam Idaho. Since 1999, at least three wolves have made their way into Oregon, though none are known to be in the state now. Several packs have established in Idaho just across Hell's Canyon and the Snake River from Oregon and are expected to move into Oregon at any time.

Voyeuristic doctor had history of improper behavior claims

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP) — A family doctor in northern Idaho sentenced to prison last week for video voyeurism engaged in improper conduct with his patients as early as the mid-1980s, according to a complaint filed by the Idaho Board of Medicine.

The board is seeking to suspend or revoke the license of William Minore Fouché, 60, who practiced in Post Falls for about 25 years. After it completed an investigation, the board will hold a hearing on his findings. Fouché was sentenced to four years in prison, with one year fixed and three years indeterminate, after he pleaded guilty to one count of video voyeurism for secretly videotaping women through a two-way mirror while they undressed in a bathroom in his home. Fouché voluntarily surrendered his medical license in October 2004 after the criminal charges were filed. The doctor said he began the improper conduct after his wife died in 2002. He and his attorney, James Siebe, said the video voyeurism was the result of post-traumatic stress disorder caused by the death of Fouché's wife.

The board, however, said that much earlier than that, Fouché was performing unnecessary breast and pelvic exams, including a breast exam on a woman with a sprained ankle. Some women who came in with a common cold also were required to undress. The victims included fellow church members, an underage foreign exchange student and the doctor's relatives. "Those are accusations," Siebe told the Spokesman-Review. "They're not proven facts." The Board of Medicine's allegations against Fouché involve seven young women and behavior from as far back as 1994. In one instance, Fouché is accused of falsifying records to justify a breast exam. The complaint also said that Fouché

made no record of some visits on the patients' charts or charge for the exams to manage, and then easier to manage, and dropped the need for a permit to shoot a wolf attacking livestock, said Craig Ely, wolf plan coordinator for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Ely said denying public access would affect a few key hunting and fishing spots, but much of the private land in Eastern Oregon is already closed to all but family and friends of the owners.

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Make a game plan for turkey

By Donna Pierce
Chicago Tribune

If Thanksgiving planning begins to feel overwhelming, take a deep breath. Consider the holiday cooking advice my mother gave me when I telephoned home while preparing my first holiday dinner as an adult.

"Helen," she said, "Thanksgiving is one of the easiest dinners you'll ever prepare for a crowd when you do three things: Shop for the best ingredients. Keep a planning list divided into days. And remember you're doing more important work than cooking dinner — you're keeping traditions alive."

Here are some useful turkey tips from some of our favorite sources.

Turkey tips

• **Freeze:** "They are best if defrosted and cooked within 1 year of purchase," writes Rick Rodgers in "Thanksgiving 101." "If you've ever wondered how your supermarket can give away free frozen turkeys as premiums ... it's probably because they are using up last year's surplus."

• **Fresh:** Because home refrigerators are warmer than commercial refrigerators, "buy fresh turkeys no more than two days before roasting, even if the 'sell by' date is later," Rodgers advises.

• **Self-basting:** Available fresh and frozen, these have added natural or artificial flavorings. "They purport to make the turkey moist — I say these make the turkey soggy and wet."

• **Organic:** Raised on organically grown, antibiotic-free feed. According to Rodgers, "These birds can be excellent ... they are significantly more expensive than ordinary fresh turkeys."

• **Wild:** Ironically, they are most often farm-raised these days. "They are full-flavored, but not game like hunter-bagged wild turkeys," Rodgers writes.

• **Kosher:** Fed on antibiotic-free feed like organic turkeys. They also are slaughtered and salted according to Jewish dietary laws. "Some cooks feel this method of slaughtering gives the birds a fresher, cleaner taste," Rodgers writes.

What size turkey?

Count on 1/2 to 1 pound per person, depending on how many leftovers you want.

In their book "Meat," the Lobels (well-known New York butchers) recommend 3/4 to 1 pound per person for a dressed (ready-to-cook) turkey weighing 12 pounds or less, and 1/2 to 3/4 pound per person for larger turkeys.

Stuffing

Barbara Kafka, in "Feasting, a Simple Art," recommends 12 cups of stuffing for a 15-pound bird, "which will allow the big cavity to be stuffed and some more stuffing to be crammed under the skin flap at the neck." Add more for a bigger bird; less for a smaller bird.

To stuff the bird or not depends on personal preference usually based on long-ago Thanksgiving memories. (Just as calling this mixture "stuffing" or "dressing" depends on where you grew up.) Stuffing the bird means longer cooking, to make sure it is safe from bacteria, cook it until the middle of the stuffing reaches 165 degrees when measured with an instant-read thermometer.

Judging doneness

The turkey is ready when an instant-read thermometer registers 180 degrees when inserted in the thickest part of the thigh without touching a bone, according to the USDA. Because the turkey continues to cook while resting, remove it from the oven when the temperature reaches 170 degrees and tent it with foil.

Years of holiday roasting have caused us to consider the pop-up thermometer lacking when it comes to producing accurate results, but if you've purchased a bird with this fea-

ture, resist the urge to pull it out. Removing the timer leaves an escape route for the juices. Instead, keep the pop-up device in place until the finished turkey has rested for 25 minutes.

Advice on leftovers

Don't forget, after your big day in the kitchen, chill out the leftovers before you chill out.

Remove the stuffing immediately from the bird and chill it separately. Wrap and refrigerate all leftovers within two hours after dinner. Also, refrigerate custard-based desserts such as pumpkin and sweet potato pies.

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Declo couple helps spud fly high

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

DECLO — That inflated potato floating above New York City on Thursday? You might see them on TV, but Jan and Dan Moss will be holding one of the ropes.

The Declo couple is giving a hand with the Healthy Mr. Potato Head balloon in Macy's annual Thanksgiving Day Parade.

To lure nutrition-conscious consumers back to the spud, the U.S. Potato Board partnered with toy maker Hasbro Inc. to introduce Healthy Mr. Potato Head — a 53-year-old toy reinvented with running shoes, a baseball cap and water bottle — as the industry's newest spokesperson. The character debuts, as a balloon, in the New York parade this week.

The Mosses — she a member of the U.S. Potato Board and he the president of the National Potato Council — and 17 other

potato industry representatives will be among the 52 people handling that single balloon in the parade.

No wonder. It weighs 529 pounds and measures 37 feet wide by 43 feet high. Jan Moss said.

"They'll be on foot for the 2 1/2-mile-long parade.

The event started in 1924, when 400 store employees marched in New York City with zoo animals. The parade soon added large, helium-filled balloon figures.

No easy feat. The Mosses flew to Newark, N.J., in early November for balloon-handling instructions (proper rope tension is important) and a practice run.

"It's amazing that we would have to go to school to learn how to hold a rope," Jan Moss said.

They also studied up on the spud industry's potato-nutrition campaign.

"We're supposed to come

back and get everybody excited about the good news about the healthy potato," she said.

"The Mosses plan to eat Thanksgiving dinner in New York with other industry representatives. Mashed potatoes are guaranteed.

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FOOD & HOME

A look at the personality of pie

By Donna Deane
Los Angeles Times

Behind the pie, so perfect in its imperfection, the rustic pliancy of the home cooks art. Pie is personal a little tricky, but surprisingly forgiving, its flaws reveal soul. The crimped edge is a bit uneven, the crust perfectly flaky. The surface of the custard might be cracked, the vents on the double-crust unevenly spaced, but that's the kind of beautiful imperfection a pastry chef could never reproduce. The pie has personality.

It must be eaten at just the right moment. Bake it the day before, and its crust becomes greasy and sodden. If it's out of the oven too close to dinner, it doesn't hold up enough to slice. But make a couple of pies first thing in the morning, and the flavors mellow as they cool. There on the sill, they set the tone — unless the aromas — for Thanksgiving.

You can flirt with huckleberry or chocolate cream, but on occasions when you want to get back to the essence of the holiday, it must be apple and pumpkin.

You can get a head start the night before by making the pie dough and refrigerating it overnight. That gives you a sense of something accomplished, however small, and it gives the dough a chance to relax and chill and relax.

The dough is just flour, salt, butter and cold water, but with a few tricks you easily can transform them into the best crust you ever had. Use good cold butter, straight from the fridge. Combine it with the flour and salt using the tools nature gave you: your hands. Hook your fingertips, rub the flour into the pieces of butter until it's thoroughly blended. As you do this, you're creating layers of butter within the flour, which in turn create a flaky crust. Don't use your entire hand; the warmth from your palms would cause the butter to melt.

When the mixture is crumbly and there is no more flour loose in the bowl, toss in the cold water and mix it in with a fork just till the mixture forms a ball. Lightly pat it into a round disk (or two) for a double crust). Shaping it in a perfect circle now makes it easier to roll out. Wrap it in plastic film before refrigerating.

On Thanksgiving morning, prepare the filling for both the apple and pumpkin pies before rolling out the crust. Take the dough out of the refrigerator about half an hour before you're ready to roll it out. The same rule in making pie dough applies to rolling it: Handle it only as much as it needs.

To that end, sprinkle just enough flour on the rolling surface to avoid sticking and work in long, smooth strokes, moving the dough a quarter turn now and then to keep it round. To transfer it to the pie plate, gently fold it in quarters and center it on the pie plate and unfold.

CLASSIC PUMPKIN PIE

Crust
1 1/2 cups flour, plus more for rolling
1 tablespoon sugar
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons (3/4 stick) chilled butter, cut in pieces
1 egg yolk
4 tablespoons ice water
Combine the flour, sugar and salt in a large bowl and mix. Add the butter and blend it in with your fingers until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs.



Los Angeles Times photo

You can chill the crust overnight, but apple and pumpkin pies are best the day they're made.

Lightly beat the egg yolk and add the ice water. Add the egg mixture to the flour mixture in the bowl and stir with a fork just until the dough comes together into a ball. (Do make using a food processor, pulse the flour, sugar and salt to combine. Add the butter and pulse 4 or 5 times until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add the egg yolk. Add the water, a tablespoon at a time, pulsing briefly until the dough forms a ball.)

Wrap in plastic wrap and chill until firm, about 1 hour, or overnight. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured board and roll to a 13-inch circle. Fold the dough in quarters and center onto the pie plate; unfold and gently pat the dough onto the bottom and sides of the plate. Trim and flute the edges.

Filling and assembly
1 1/4 cups plus 2 tablespoons milk
2 tablespoons butter
2 eggs
1 1/5 ounces can pumpkin
1/2 cup plus 2 1/2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
1 tablespoon milk for brushing on pie crust

Heat the oven to 450 degrees. Heat the milk just until hot but not simmering. Remove from heat and add the butter. Set aside. Lightly beat the eggs. Add the pumpkin, sugar, salt and spices. Stir until completely blended. Stir in the hot milk mixture. Brush the fluted edge of the pie crust with milk. Pour the fill-

ing into the pie shell. Bake 15 minutes, then reduce heat to 350 and bake an additional 35 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Serve with whipped cream.

CLASSIC APPLE PIE

Crust
2 cups flour, plus more for rolling
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup cold butter (1 1/2 sticks), cut up
4 tablespoons ice water
Combine the flour and salt in a bowl. Add the butter, and using your fingertips, blend it in until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Add the ice water and stir with a fork just until the mixture comes together into a ball. Divide the pastry dough in half and flatten into two disks. Cover each with plastic wrap and chill until firm, about 1 hour, or overnight.

Filling and assembly
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup flour
1 tablespoon cinnamon
8 cups Granny Smith apple slices (about 7 to 8 apples, peeled, quartered, seeded and sliced 1/4-inch thick)
2 tablespoons butter (1/4 stick), cut into small pieces
1 tablespoon milk

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Combine the sugar, flour and cinnamon. Pour the sugar mixture over the apples and stir to coat evenly.

Roll one disk of the pastry dough on a floured board into a 14-inch circle. Fold the dough in quarters, center it on the pie plate, unfold and gently pat the dough into the bottom and sides of the plate.



Los Angeles Times photo

Top, a good rolling pin is important, but can be hard to find. Center, unfold the top crust over the filling.

Bottom, place your thumb at a 45-degree angle over the crust and press firmly against the rim, sealing the dough evenly all around.

Spoon the apples into the pastry-lined pie plate. Dot with butter.

Roll the remaining dough into a 14-inch circle. Make six in the middle. Fold the dough into quarters, center on top of the pie and unfold. Trim, seal and flute the edges. Brush the surface of the crust with milk. Bake until the crust is golden brown and juices bubble, about 45 to 55 minutes.

Rudy's holds free class, with tasting, on Dec. 3

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Telse is a tender and tasty Norwegian flatbread made primarily from potatoes. (Never, never combine it with soy-soaked fish.) Telse is served in a variety of ways — often rolled up with butter and sugar. It can also be used like a tortilla, with your favorite ingredients inside. And you can get in on the treat even if you lack Norwegian know-how.

Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, at 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls, will host a free class titled "Telse Demo With The Nelson Sisters" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 3, with tasting and music.

Rudy's offers its disclaimer: "Telse is often associated with hotels, as the two are often served together."

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Frederick features great views

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Tap siding and a welcoming front porch give a traditional, country-style look to the Frederick. Wooden columns and handrails harken back to a simpler, less-burdened time, when families relaxed on porch swings, and friends dropped by to chat.

This plan is designed for construction on land that slopes down to the right and left, where a wide deck offers a splendid view. In fact, since all of the rear rooms offer excellent views, this plan is ideal for construction as a vacation home. Picture a panoramic view of lakes, mountains and grassy meadow scene arrayed below.

The lower opens into a bayed den on the right, and stairs on the left. Natural light washes down over the stairway through an arched window there. The window seat halfway up is the perfect spot for enjoying a good book. Three bedrooms and a wide balcony are on the second floor.

Three family gathering spaces flow together at the rear. The spacious living room has a gas fireplace. It flows into an octagonal dining room, which in turn is open to the kitchen.

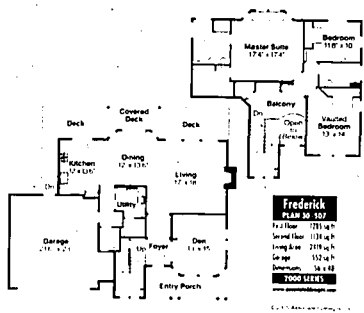
The U-shaped kitchen offers a wealth of cupboard and cabinet space. Family members enjoy cooking together while finding plenty of space to work without getting in each other's way. A raised eating bar runs the length of the dining room boundary, and the view from the kitchen sink is splendid. A powder room and a large utility



room with a deep sink are nearby.

Upstairs, plenty of natural light spills into the Frederick's large, luxurious master suite through a wide bay window outfitted with a window seat, and more washes in through dual skylights.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1180 Jacobs Dr., Dept. W, Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Frederick 30-507 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring more than 530 home plans is available for \$15. For more information, call (800) 634-0123, or visit our Web site at www.associateddesigns.com.



Take the ouch out of raking your yard

By Mary Beth Breckenridge Knight Ridder News Service

Lots of people would say leaf-raking is a pain in certain body parts. Sometimes, that's literally true.

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons cautions that without proper safety measures, raking can injure the back, shoulders and wrists. Here are its suggestions for taking the ouch out of the chore:

- Clear the yard. Before you rake, pick up fallen branches or debris that could trip you.
- Stretch. As with any physical activity, you should warm up your muscles first with 10 minutes of light exercise. Stretch again after raking to relieve tension.

- Pace yourself. Raking is an aerobic activity. Take frequent breaks, and replenish fluids to prevent dehydration. If you experience chest pain, shortness of breath or other signs of a heart attack, call 911.

- See what you're raking. Don't take a hat or scarf back

your vision. Watch out for large rocks, low branches, tree stumps and uneven surfaces.

- Wear the right footwear. Shoes or boots with slip-resistant soles will help prevent falls.

- Use the right rake. Choose one that feels comfortable for your height and strength — not too short or too long. Allow space between your hands on the tool grip to increase your leverage. Choose a rake with a padded handle, or wear gloves.

- Buke smart. Don't throw leaves over your shoulder or to the side. That requires a twisting motion that places undue stress on your back.

- Vary your movements. Alternating your feet and arm positions often. When picking up leaves, bend at the knees, not the waist. Keep leaf piles small, so you don't strain your back while gathering.

- Avoid overfilling bags. You should be able to carry bags comfortably, so make sure they aren't too heavy or large. This is especially important when leaves are wet.

Covering couches: If you don't fit it, fake it

By Jura Koncius The Washington Post

Customers at Liana Toscani's Massachusetts ready-made slipcover shop were always complaining that their skinny, armless sofas looked pitiful under their one-size-fits-most covers. So Toscani invented (and cleverly named) a product to help them take it. Furniture Fabrics.

The current fashion for chairs and sofas with ample arms has spurred some desperate housewives to pad their old slim-line versions with towels and duct tape.

The Fabrics (\$1995 a pair at

www.chairmattersfabrics.com) are actually arm pillows made of mesh and polyester designed to plump up old sofas and club chairs sans cushion, a former executive at Sure it, the world's largest ready-made slipcover maker.

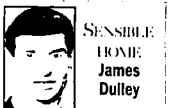
Toscani, who opened her Shop 'N Home in Great Barrington, Mass., in 2001, has spent her career denigrating ready-made slipcovers, an inexpensive alternative (\$67 to \$129 for sofas) to custom-made versions.

or reupholstering. "The majority of my customers are covering something that has been ruined, very often by pets," she says.

Emergency energy comes in many sizes

DEAR JIM: I would love more affordable yet some emergency electricity for my home, but I cannot afford a big generator. What type of simple portable battery power supplies are available to power some essential items?

— James C.



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DEAR JAMES: With today's homes and families totally dependent upon electricity for even the basic necessities, it is wise to plan for power outages. Whole-house generators are the best option, but they cost many thousands of dollars to install and require gas or diesel fuel power.

Portable power supplies, or even your automobile battery, can provide electric power for a television, radio, lights and some other essential items.

The problem is most batteries produce 12-volt direct current electricity, but most items require 110-volt alternating current.

There are devices called inverters, which convert 12-volt battery power to 110-volt house power.

There are small 100-watt ones that plug into the car lighter socket in your car.

The wattage rating tells you how powerful a device can be plugged into the inverter. This plug can be used to operate a small television, recharge a cell phone, run a small pump etc. More powerful 750-watt inverters are also available.

These have jumper-type ca-



This portable power pack is being used to operate a small television. It has two 110-volt outlets and can power up to 400 watts. It also has a built-in fire pump and can be used to start a car.

batteries, they are attached to a battery. They are small, about 9 by 5 by 3 inches, and have two 110-volt outlets.

As long as the battery is charged, these will produce usable electric power.

Another source of power is an uninterrupted power supply (UPS) for a computer.

These have a battery and a built-in inverter. It is wise to always use one to protect your computer and it will double as emergency power.

There are also special portable power supplies available.

These are generally designed for use during emergencies, but they also function well as portable power when you are camping or outdoors. Most of them include a set of jumper cables to start your car if the battery goes dead.

Many also have built-in the pumps, emergency lights and efficient LED or fluorescent work lights. The amount of 110-

volt electric power they produce depends upon the size of the internal battery and the inverter.

A 10- to 20-amp-hour battery is typical and it indicates how much electricity is stored in the unit.

Its wattage rating indicates the maximum electricity output of the inverter. If you plug in items which draw too much current, the inverter will over-heat and shut off.

You can always store extra batteries for more power and keep them charged with solar cell trickle chargers.

Also consider getting an additional lower-powered unit, such as a Storm Station, with one 110-volt outlet and a built-in light, radio and television sound. These are lightweight and easy to handle.

DEAR JIM: I have heard of solar curtains which are hung inside the window. They are supposed to absorb the sun's rays during the day and give it off at night. Can lightweight curtains really store much heat energy?

— Sandi M.

DEAR SANDI: The concept of using solar curtains is intuitive, but lightweight curtains cannot store much heat. It takes a lot of thermal mass to store heat. Phase change materials would work better, but they would still be pretty heavy.

Thick standard curtains will not store heat, but they will reduce the heat loss through windows at night.

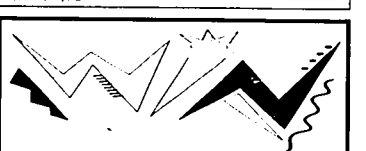
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Try these traditional Thanksgiving recipes

By Robin Mather Jenkins
Chicago Tribune

Without tradition, Thanksgiving would be just another meal. Readers submitted traditional dishes the family must have to make the holiday feel just right. Not surprisingly, turkey was high on the list. So were stuffings and dressings, and fresh-baked rolls, and sweet potatoes and cranberry concoctions from relatives to kill-O' fantasies.

We looked for longtime family favorites, and we looked for familiarity. Tradition does not innovate. A bounty of tried and true recipes arrived in time for an honored holiday.

The recipes looked appealing, and many provided images of beaming faces around the table, watching the proud cook usher in the beautifully bronzed turkey on a parsley-garnished white platter.

What transforms a turkey dinner into Thanksgiving dinner? A turkey, dinner may include mashed potatoes and gravy and lots of trimmings. But what transforms the meal, friends, is Tradition with a capital T, as in Thanksgiving. Here Teve, the milkman from "Fiddler on the Roof," and Norman Rockwell could agree.

CRANBERRY-CHERRY RELISH

Yield: 12 servings

1 pound fresh cranberries
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup cranberry juice
Juice and zest from 1 orange
1 cup dried cherries

1. Combine cranberries, sugar, juices and zest in a medium saucepan; heat to a boil over medium-high heat. Cook until most of the berries pop open, about 10 minutes.

2. Skim foam off the surface with a metal spoon; stir in the cherries. Set aside to cool to room temperature, 30 minutes. Transfer to a medium bowl; cover. Refrigerate at least 3 hours.

BUTTERHORN ROLLS

Yield: 12
1 package (1 1/4 ounce) dry yeast

1 cup plus 3 tablespoons warm water
1/2 cup solid vegetable shortening
1/4 to 1/2 cup sugar, depending on desired sweetness

2 eggs, beaten
1 teaspoon salt
4 cups sifted flour
3 tablespoons melted butter

1. Dissolve yeast in 3 tablespoons of warm water in a small bowl; set aside. Place shortening, sugar, 1 cup of warm water, eggs and salt in a large bowl; stir in the yeast mixture. Stir in flour to blend. Cover; refrigerate at least 12 hours.

2. Remove dough from refrigerator. Knead several times until dough comes together. Roll out into a 16-inch circle on a floured surface; brush dough with melted butter. Cut into 16 wedges with a knife or pizza cutter.

3. Roll up each wedge, starting at the large end; form into crescent shape. Place rolls on a greased cookie sheet; cover lightly. Let rise in a warm place until doubled in bulk, about 1 1/2 hours.

4. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Bake rolls until golden, about 18-20 minutes.

AUTUMN SHRIED SWEET POTATOES

Yield: 12 servings

2 large cans (40 ounces each) shred sweet potatoes, drained
(If you like, you can begin with raw sliced sweet potatoes; just increase the baking time to about 1 hour.)

1 1/2 cups orange juice
1/2 cup each: packed brown sugar, raisins
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 teaspoon each: orange zest, salt

1/3 cup sherry
1/2 stick (1/4 cup) butter, cut into tablespoons
1/4 cup chopped walnuts

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Transfer sweet potatoes to a greased 13-by-9-inch baking pan; set aside.

2. Combine orange juice, sugar, raisins, cornstarch, zest and salt in a saucepan over medium heat; cook, stirring, until thickened and clear, about 9 minutes.

3. Stir in the sherry, butter and walnuts; cook, stirring occasionally, until butter is melted, about 1 minute. Pour over sweet potatoes. Bake until heated through, about 30 minutes.

FRESH PUMPKIN TART

Yield: 8 servings

Preparing fresh pumpkin puree to use in a pie is simple. Just give yourself enough time for the pumpkin to cook. You also can use a 29-ounce can of puree instead of fresh. Bake this in a 9-inch tart pan with a removable bottom. If you would rather use a pie dish, you'll need to bake the pie longer — add 10 minutes, and then, if it's still not done, 10

minutes more.

1 pie pumpkin, about 2 pounds, halved, seeded
1 1/2 cups half-and-half
3/4 cup sugar

2 eggs
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon each: ground ginger, coarse salt

1/4 teaspoon each: ground cloves, freshly grated nutmeg
1 9-inch unbaked pie shell
1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Place the pumpkin halves, cut side down, on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper or lightly greased. Bake until tender, about 1 hour. Set aside to cool, 30 minutes.

2. Increase oven temperature to 425 degrees. Scoop the flesh out of the pumpkin into a food processor or blender; puree. Reserve 2 cups pureed pumpkin; refrigerate remaining puree for another use. Return reserved pumpkin to food processor or blender. Add half-and-half, sugar, eggs, cinnamon, ginger, salt, cloves and nutmeg; process to combine.

3. Line tart pan with pastry; trim edges. Place pan on a baking sheet; fill with pumpkin mixture. Bake 10 minutes. Reduce oven heat to 350 degrees. Bake until a knife inserted near the center comes out nearly clean, about 40 minutes. Custard will finish cooking as it stands. Cool on wire rack 2

VEGETABLE STUFFING

Yield: 8 servings

12 slices stale white bread, cut into cubes
1/4 cup olive oil

1 each, chopped: onion, small celery rib, small carrot
1 box (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, squeezed dry

1 package (8 ounces) sliced mushrooms, cooking
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary

Freshly ground pepper
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 cup fat-free chicken broth

1. Place bread cubes in a large bowl; set aside. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat; add onion, celery and carrot. Cook, stirring; occasionally, until vegetables are softened, about 9 minutes.

2. Add spinach and mushrooms; cook, stirring, until mushrooms soften, about 4 minutes.

3. Stir in salt, rosemary and pepper to taste. Add vegetable mixture to bread cubes. Stir in the beaten egg until well mixed. Add chicken broth slowly, tossing after each addition until mixture is moist.

4. Use stuffing in turkey, if desired. Alternatively, heat oven to 325 degrees; spoon stuffing into a greased 13-by-9-inch

baking pan. Cover; bake until top is golden and stuffing cooked through, about 45 minutes.

SAGE, ORANGE AND CLOVE ROASTED TURKEY

Yield: 15-20 servings

2 tablespoons dried orange peel
1 tablespoon each: vegetable oil, dried sage, coarse salt

Freshly ground pepper
1 turkey, 14 to 20 pounds; thawed if frozen

3 small oranges
12 whole cloves
3 medium garlic cloves, crushed, peeled

1 bunch fresh sage, tied with kitchen string
1. Heat oven to 325 degrees. Combine orange peel, oil, dried sage, salt and pepper to taste in

a small bowl; set aside.
2. Remove neck, giblets and any excess fat from the turkey.

3. Pierce each orange four times with a sharp knife; insert whole cloves into each hole. Place the oranges, garlic and fresh sage into the turkey cavity.

4. Truss the turkey, if you like; place in a roasting pan. Rub the entire outside of the turkey with the spice mixture. Add one inch of water to the pan.

5. Roast until a meat thermometer inserted deep in the meat of the thigh registers 170 degrees, about 3 1/4 to 4 1/2 hours, depending on size. Tent the meat with foil if skin browns too quickly.

6. Set aside to rest, loosely covered with aluminum foil, 15-20 minutes. (Temperature should rise to 180 degrees.) Discard oranges, garlic and sage. Carve the turkey.

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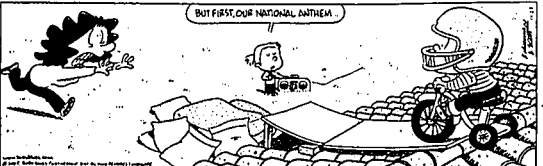
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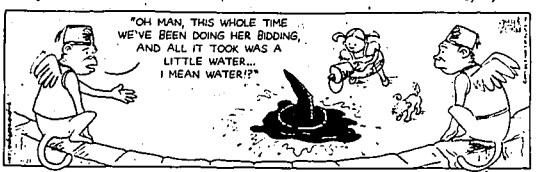
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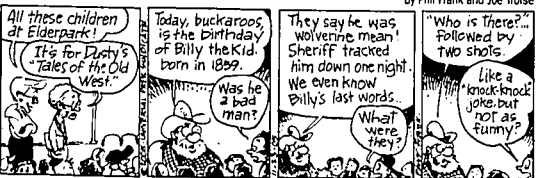
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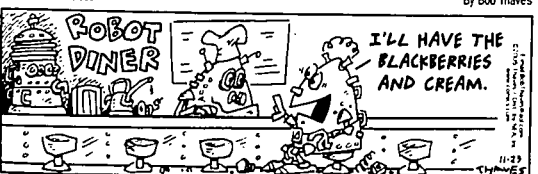
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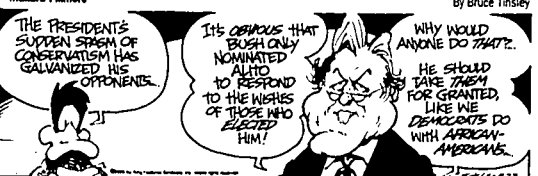
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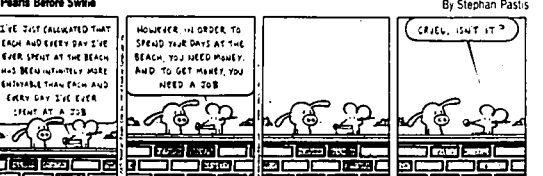
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Don't force others into corner, Leo

HOROSCOPE

IF NOV. 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Not only could whimsical dreams come true in the month ahead, but even the career front will look more promising. You can make much headway if you deal with the public or can reach a new plateau of attainment — but after the first of the year, you should buckle down to routines. Make the most of your achievements, but keep a low profile in March and April when old problems could resurface. Smooth sailing is yours for 2006 and you may win extra rewards and permanent improvements in your prosperity or lifestyle by this time next year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): With all your focus centered on achieving great things, it may be difficult to take a holiday break. Don't throw money at loved ones in lieu of your time. Extravagant gestures could be misunderstood.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Suffer through boring recitals and stuffy meetings. With everyone in a jolly mood, it may be difficult to turn down invitations. Don't promise more than can reasonably be delivered.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

be created. Those you love the most can be overly anxious to please and may promise more than possible. Luckily, everyone is in a generous and forgiving mood.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It is difficult to put a foot wrong. Get in touch with relatives or close friends and flaunt your social graces. A little attention and concern will do more than money to impress others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Fairness and sincerity will gain you the best advantage. Someone might promise more than possible just to maintain the peace, so don't force others into a corner over something trivial.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It is a fine thing to be generous, but you may pay way too much for something if you are in a hurry. Avoid making purchases that require good taste or promises that involve your cash.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your horn of plenty is overflowing. It isn't necessary to go to excess to entertain others. People are appreciative of all your efforts, so don't feel you must drain

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Under these generous stars, it is easy to reach into your pocket and donate to a good cause or reputable charity. The leery of insincere promises, however, or strings that might be attached.

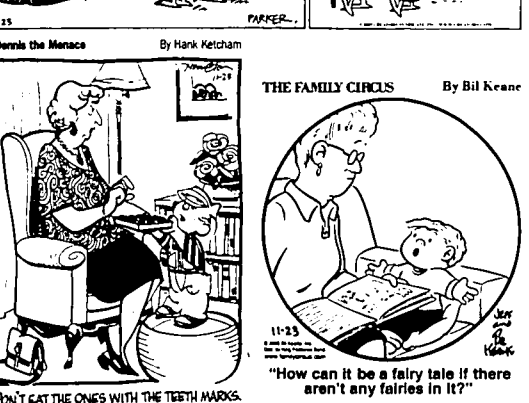
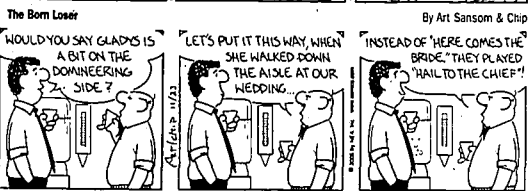
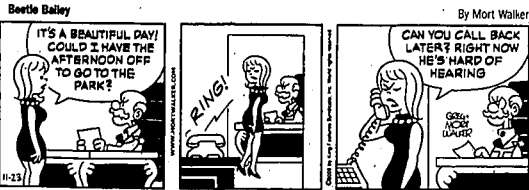
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Too much of a good thing can be a problem. Too many places to be or too many people to see can create a conflict. Don't overestimate your abilities at work or with finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Throw a low hard-earned cents into the kitty for worthy causes, but remain skeptical of exaggerated claims and advertisements. Don't commit to long-term financial arrangements.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Everyone may agree to disagree under these amiable stars. Polish up the final arrangements on any major projects on your agenda. Be a close friend to loved ones and family.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Ant up for charities and good causes. Those in your circle may try to outdo each other with holiday generosity. Be a wise adviser to a loved one and keep an eye out for unre-

Family reunion brings nothing but sheer pain



DEAR ABBY: When I was 4, my two older siblings and I were taken from our mother and her live-in boyfriend by Social Services. All three of us had been victims of molestation. We had also been exposed to illicit drugs. If that wasn't enough, I later learned that our grandfather was also our father. I spent half my childhood in three different foster homes until, finally, at the age of 11, I was adopted by a caring family. Eleven years went by, and I never heard from any of them. Then one day, my father received a call from one of my sisters. The two of them had been looking for me. He told them where I could be found. At first, I was overjoyed to hear from them. Of course, I'm a little bit of a mess. I had contact with my birth mother after that.

We have now been communicating for 10 years, and it has been nothing but pure hell. Every time we speak, I'm reminded of the horrible events that occurred when we were younger. So much so, that it has affected my sex life with my husband.

I don't want to subject my family to this anymore. How can I tell them I want to cease all contact with them without causing a huge uproar? Please help me.

— MISERABLE
IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR MISERABLE: I'm surprised you wanted this long to ask that question. Your reasons

for wanting to be left alone seem reasonable to me. Inform your siblings and your unfit birth mother that contact with them is no panacea for you that it has affected your marriage and you must stop it. Do not apologize for your feelings or allow yourself to be made to feel guilty. Explain this to your adoptive parents as well so they can't be used as pawns. And if necessary, block unwanted calls, e-mails, etc.

Because it appears you did not get counseling as a result of the sexual abuse you suffered as a child, and it has adversely affected your relationship with your husband, I urge you to do it now. Your physician can refer you to a trained psychotherapist who can help you deal with your past. For the sake of your marriage, please don't wait any longer to do this.

DEAR ABBY: While sitting with my husband in the hospital following his surgery, a nurse entered his room. We all watched while she took his pulse, etc. when — without warning — she removed his covers to check the surgery site and totally exposed his genitals.

I was shocked and embarrassed at the trouble of riding myself of the image of my naked husband lying there in front of another woman. I wish the nurse had given me the chance to leave the room. Is there something wrong with me for having so much trouble with this? What can I do to avoid this in the future?

DEAR RED-FACED (RED-FACED): On a scale of 10, I'd say you are probably an 8 on the "upright" scale. You seem to have forgotten that the woman in the room with you was not a lap dancer, but a health-care professional performing her duties. Your husband was her patient, and her eyes were probably as sea-sick as a CPTI diving. I would avoid embarrassment in the future, leave the room when the nurse enters.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I invited our family to Thanksgiving dinner and every one wanted to bring their dogs. That would have meant I'd have 15 people and six dogs in my home.

My husband and I told our families that it is not OK to bring their family pets. Now they're upset with us. Did we really do the right thing?

— CONFUSED
IN ONTARIO, CANADA

DEAR CONFUSED: Let me put it this way: You didn't do a doggone thing wrong.

Singer came knocking in 1976

This day in history: (On Nov. 23, 1976, a drunken Jerry Lee Lewis punched out the eyes of Elvis Presley's Granddaddy Lemmon, brandishing a .38 pistol and shouting, "I'll kill the killers here!" Elvis wasn't home anyway.)

For the first decade of the big yellow arches, McDonald's hired only young men. Owner Ray Kroc wouldn't hire women, because he was afraid they'd attract male loiterers and disrupt the military-like precision of his workforce. When he finally agreed to hire women, the unintended effect was to hire many "flat-chested, unattractive women."

A reader asks how it's possible that blind people play basketball. Actually, the original game called beepers ball in which the ball and bases give off beeping sounds to allow players to locate them. Batters wear masks.

No, kids, the handicoot was



not invented by the PlayStation company. There are 21 real life species of this Australian marsupial, including the rabbit bandicoot, the pig-footed bandicoot and the long-nosed bandicoot believed extinct.

And you thought doughnuts were just an American phenomenon? The largest Dunkin' Donuts shop in the world sits 130 people. It's in Bangkok, Thailand.

Pawtucket, R.I., is the home of Heisho, the makers of Mr. Potato Head. The state's so proud of the spud that the governor once named him Rhode Island's Official Travel

Ambassador. High praise indeed.

Bubble Wrap, that ubiquitous shipping material that's so fun to pop, was invented by accident. In 1957, engineers Alfred Fielding and Marc Chavannes were trying to invent a washable, textured plastic wall covering. What they came up with made lousy wallpaper, but a great packing material. The so-called Gorp, as it was initially called, is fifty Padded Mailers, and is one of the two products that have made it a multibillion-dollar company.

It was I.L. Ivancenko who defined the term "haunting" as "The haunting fear that someone, somewhere may be happy."

Fresh out of school and looking for work to consider a career with a cool name, Wajjag, for instance, sells fish. A pronger mixes clay for ceramics. Aprax-k means clothes patterns. And a skinker tends bar in an alc-house.

'Ugliest Dog' succumbs to poor health

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Sam, the tiny dog whose hairless body and crooked teeth earned him a reputation as the World's Ugliest Dog, has died.

The pooch died Friday, just south of his 15th birthday, his owner said.

"I don't think there'll ever be another Sam," Sarsie Lockheed said, adding, "Some people would think that's a good thing."

Sam won the ugliest dog contest at the Sonoma-Marin Fair this summer for the third year in a row. The pedigreed Chinese crested had made appearances on TV in Japan, Britain in New Zealand and in Britain's Daily Mirror tabloid. He also had met Donald Trump on a talk show set.



Lockheed said she initially was terrified of Sam when she agreed to take him in as a rescue dog six years ago on a 48-hour trial basis. Although she fell in love with him, his appearance repulsed her then-boyfriend and prompted the man to break up with her.

Later, however, Sam became a matchmaker by bringing together Lockheed and her current beau, who saw a picture of the two on an online dating site. Lockheed said she had Sam euthanized after she learned Sam's heart was failing.

She said she's felt a little lost ever since, and is sleeping with Sam's favorite toy — a stuffed bear he picked up and carried home.

Odd and ends

onto Santa Claus' naughty list over the weekend.

The Salvation Army's Tree of Lights — (featuring just days before with 20,000 lights and a red star — has been stripped of its finery.

Police say vandals climbed the fence around the 5/6-foot-tall, 14,000-pound tree, slashed several electrical cords and yanked off strings of lights.

"We simply don't understand the reason behind the vandalism, and it saddens us," Lt. Col. Wayne Heston with the Salvation Army said. "The tree is a symbol of hope for the less fortunate in our community."

Naked man feels full force of Taser

JOHN MYERS BEACH, Fla. — Police accidentally hit a naked man in the genital with a Taser after he was caught breaking windows and asking women to touch him, authorities said.

Jeremy E. Miljour, 26, tried to run away when sheriff's deputies approached, so one of them shot their Taser, said Sgt. Matt Chivwood. But one of the gun's prongs accidentally hit Miljour's genitals and got stuck, Chivwood said.

"The Taser is relatively accurate, but when someone is moving like that, it doesn't matter if you have a Taser, or a pistol. (Officers) can't aim," Chivwood said.

Miljour was treated at a hospital before being taken to the Lee County jail. He was charged with indecent exposure, resisting an officer and criminal damage.

— compiled from wire reports

Anglers rescue live turtle trapped under ice

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Anglers fishing in a frozen stream came home with a highly unusual catch — a live turtle they

Grinch-like vandals strip tree of lights

OMAHA, Neb. — Some vandals in Omaha earned their way

There are plenty of Mexican restaurants in Magic Valley, but when exchange students Manuel Serrato and Javier Garcia want authentic Mexican food, they make it themselves.

Chilaquiles is a tortilla-based dish they grew up with in central Mexico.

It's spicy, flavorful and has an unusual twist — a combination that proved popular at a recent College of Southern Idaho dinner.

And it's easy to prepare.

Chilaquiles – Mexico

- 2 packages corn tortillas
- 4 eggs
- 10 ounces Mexican-style hot tomato sauce
- 8 ounces jalapeno salsa

1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
4 tablespoons cooking oil

Slice tortillas into wedge-shaped

pieces the size of tortilla chips. In a large skillet, fry the wedges in oil until golden brown but still soft. Remove from heat. In a bowl, whisk eggs, then drizzle over tortillas. Return skillet to medium heat. Stir briskly. When eggs have cooked, pour in tomato sauce and salsa. Cook 2 minutes. Sprinkle 3/4 of the cheese over top. Stir over heat until cheese is melted. Sprinkle remaining cheese on top before serving with sour cream and salsa. Serves 6.

Brothers David and Daniel Mendoza learned to make this rice dish in their mother's kitchen. It's a family — and Peruvian — favorite. David said this meal has its origins in the Far East. Chinese immigrants to Peru blended their culinary traditions with native dishes.

Arroz chaufa, he said, is a typical example of Asian-Peruvian cooking.

It's a rice-based meal, similar to Asian fried rice. But a hefty dose of garlic and spices gives it a Latin American twist.

The Mendoza, College of Southern Idaho exchange students,

Arroz Chaufa – Peru

- occasionally prepare the dish for their buddies.
- But they don't measure much, so these amounts are approximations.
- 2 cups green onion, sliced
- 2 chicken breasts, boiled and shredded
- 1 pound shrimp
- 8 eggs
- 2 cups green onion, sliced
- 2 cups red bell pepper, sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon red pepper
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 ounces soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons cooking oil

In a large saucpan, add water to the rice until 1 1/2" water level is about 1 inch above the rice. Boil until rice is soft.

In a skillet, combine onions, peppers, boiled chicken, garlic, red pepper, oil and salt. Cook over medium heat until vegetables are soft. Add skillet contents to rice in saucpan.

In a skillet, saute shrimp. Reserve. Fry eggs to yolk set firm, then cut into 1/2-inch pieces. Combine contents of saucpan, shrimp and eggs in skillet. Drizzle in soy sauce. Fry for five minutes over medium heat. Serves 10.

Students

Continued from C1

"The French food here has been Americanized," Delavoye said. American quiche is thicker, firmer, and mine is more soft."

It's this delicate delight that helped ease Delavoye's transition. And it's also a family favorite. Her kids beg her to learn to cook quiche, and not just for breakfast. It's a meal that brings family together. And that's what food is all about.

This advice is for the birds

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

FILIER — Put a fifth-grader in charge of the Thanksgiving turkey?

Might be a little risky.

Just in Humphries, a fifth-grade teacher at Eller Elementary School, gave her students this assignment: "Write the directions for cooking a turkey. Make a list of ingredients you would need and how much. Include oven temperature and time."

The results reflected some real turkey research — regarding cleaning and basting and the like — but some humorous misconceptions as well.

"Fifth grade is the best grade to teach because they are always coming up with something to keep me laughing," Humphries said.

Here she reproduced some of her students' turkey instructions, using their own spellings and punctuation. Use these directions at your own peril:

"Ingredients: Garlic salt — 2 pinches, salt — 1 pinch, paprika — 3 pinches, oregano — 1/4 cup

"Directions: Cook turkey at 567 degrees F. Take out every 20 minutes & baste. Add garlic salt every 30 minutes. (Add two pinches) Cook for 5 hours. (Turning occasionally) Then add 1/4 cup water. (for more gravy) Finally take out & enjoy! Happy Thanksgiving!"

— *From age 10*

"Ingredients: cinnamon, sezamim, vinegar, garlic

"Directions: first you cook it at 30 degrees for 5 min. Then you take it out and add all of your ingredients like cinnamon, vinegar, garlic, sezamim. Then you stick it in the oven for 30 min, or more at 50 degrees. Then you take it out and stuff it and then you have a turkey ready for cooking."

— *Dakota Krebs, age 11*

"Ingredients: pinapples, clovers, turkey, jines, spices, garlic salt

"Directions: First you start with a turkey in the oven at 400 degrees and for 35 to 45 min. Then you take it out and the pinapple with toothpicks and stick it back in the oven and cook for the rest of the time that's left. And the last thing you do with the turkey is take it out of the oven and eat it and serve your hole family."

— *Brett Dolzwell, age 10*

"Ingredients: 96 degrees 1. Seasoning, stuffing, oven, a turkey

"Directions: 1. Take the turkey put it in the oven and cook at 96 degrees F. for 2 hours and 30 min. 2. Take it out off the oven 3. Put the seasoning in the turkey. 4. Let it sit the stuffing inside the turkey and that is how to cook a turkey."

"Ingredients: Turkey, black pepper, syrup, crackers, garlic, 350 degrees F. 1:30

"Directions: first we put the turkey on a pan and put it in the oven for 1:30 at 350 degrees F. 2. Add black pepper, syrup, crackers, and garlic. 3. Then you spread it all around the turkey. finally you are done."

— *Bryce Vander Steit, age 11*

"Ingredients: pinapples, marshmallows, orange salt

"Directions: you first put it in a pan and make sure that it is clean, the seasoning you like on it. And you cook it for 30 min and then you take it at 100 degrees. How many pinapples do you put on it as much as you like. How many marshmallows you put on it as much as you like. How much orange salt I would put 5 teaspoons."

— *Sage Short, age 10*

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

I want to say one thing: When a man is all wrapped up in himself, he makes a very small package. Remember that.

— Mike Ditka, speaking on ESPN's 'Sunday NFL Countdown' about Randy Moss

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who is the only person to have won an Olympic gold medal and played on an winning Super Bowl team?

ANSWER: Tom Brady

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College VOLLEYBALL CSI at NJCAA Division 1 volleyball tournament, West Plains, Mo.

IN BRIEF

Burley offers hoops jamboree BURLEY — Declo, Oakley and Red River will play in Burley hoops basketball jamboree on Saturday, Nov. 26 starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 adults and \$3 students.

Kimberly volleyball team plans fund-raiser KIMBERLY — The Kimberly volleyball team is selling Christmas poinsettias as a fund-raiser for camp.

Lighthouse plans booster breakfast TWIN FALLS — The Light-house Christian High School Booster club is sponsoring its annual pancake breakfast fund-raiser on Saturday, Nov. 26 from 8 a.m. to noon at the school, 259 Main Ave East in Twin Falls.

Coaches: Please send in questionnaires TWIN FALLS — All boys basketball head coaches who haven't faxed or e-mailed the Times-News questionnaires along with a roster and schedule are asked to do so today.

Radio Rodeo offers dodge ball TWIN FALLS — Dodge ball league play is underway at the Radio Rodeo hall Thursdays from 6-9 p.m.

Charity volleyball tournament announced FILER — A co-ed volleyball tournament to benefit the Toys for Kids program has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Filer High School Gym.

Indians hold off Gooding GOODING — Whether it's conceding size with a starting five measuring an average of about 5-6 or stepping up two classes to defeat 3A rival Kimberly on Monday, if defending 1A state champion Shoshone does anything it's play big.

Shoshone defeats second 3A team SHOSHONE — The Shoshone Indians' defense held off Gooding's offense for a 14-10 victory Tuesday night.

CSI freshman outside hitter Annel Cubi-Otneru slams the ball past Grizzlies blockers Joello Mafu (left) and Lutza Jarocka during Game 2 of the Eagles' sweep of Missouri State University-West Plains on Tuesday.

Eagles soar to finals



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Two sweeps, emergency room visit highlight busy Day 2

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Oh what a day. The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team is back in the national championship match after a whitewash Tuesday at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 Tournament in West Plains, Mo.

I don't know what it did to them, but I know what it did to me," Stroud said, laughing. Stroud was able to laugh, because Cubi-Otneru was released in time to help the Eagles to a 31-29, 30-25, 30-28 sweep of Missouri State-West Plains during the tournament's championship match.

College of Southern Idaho head volleyball coach Ben Stroud yells after a big JoAnna Kaczor spike during Game 2 of the Eagles' NJCAA National Tournament semifinal win over Missouri State University-West Plains, Tuesday night in West Plains, Mo. In the background, the vigorous CSI cheering section reacts.

wanted to win both of them, because it's really important to win a championship for Pudgie (Finnu) and ourselves. There was just something inside of us that told us to keep pushing on during the hard moments. We all wanted to win.

The Golden Eagles battled through a determined underdog, an opponent's huge home-court advantage, and even a trip to the emergency room by one of their star players to reach today's championship match against the No. 3 seeded Miami-Dade Community College (Fla.) Sharks.

"Every game was just a nail-biter," Stroud said. "We found a way to win, though. Our servers did a good job of hitting it to the right people, and Christine manned up. She took over that last game. She was awesome."

challenge of the season tonight against Miami-Dade and dangerous hitters Karen Lawrence, Elizabeth Rodriguez, and setter Andra Rasky.

"They're sneaky good," Stroud said. "They don't look like they're playing defense, but the ball stays up. I'm hoping we can wear them down a little bit."

After the Eagles swept No. 8 seeded Blinn College (Texas) 34-32, 30-25, 30-27, freshman outside hitter Annel Cubi-Otneru hunched down on the CSI bench, suffering from dizziness and exhaustion.

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Shoshone post/wing Katie Strunk drives to the hoop during the Indians' game against Gooding Tuesday night at Gooding.

pointers to cut the lead to 10, 35-25. Toone followed by recovering her own rebound for a lay-in before a pair of free throws and a steal for a bucket by Tranholt made it 35-31.

Shoshone's Kylie Astle made good on a pair of attempts from the line to put the Indians up by six, but Gooding's Katie Garcia responded with a bucket to cut the lead back down to four.

With a road trip to Gooding High Tuesday evening, the hard-nosed Indians embarked on another foray into the 3A ranks. And once again they came up huge, beating back a ferocious Gooding rally late in the fourth quarter to hold on for 45-38.

That was as close as the Senators (3-2) would get as the Indians were able to break Gooding's full court press, delivering long passes to Strunk on three successive possessions for early lay-ins.

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"I think we like these games more," said Shoshone post Katie Strunk, who lead the way for the guests with a game-high 14 points and seven boards. "We know it's going to be more competition and it just raises our confidence a lot, because it's a bigger team."

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Travis ANSWER: Bob Hayes. Hayes won the gold in the 100 meters at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, and also ran the anchor leg on the winning 400-meter relay team. He got his Super Bowl ring with the 1971 Dallas Cowboys.

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CSI to add softball

Athletic department faces many hurdles before first pitch

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — There's a new game in town. More precisely, there will be soon, as the College of Southern Idaho athletic department will move ahead with plans to add softball to its list of offerings at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 level after the college's board of trustees approved the addition of softball to its other offerings — volleyball, men's and women's basketball, baseball, and rodeo — on Monday.

Before early 2007 and the new team's first official pitch, the athletic department has its work cut out for it, though athletic director Lee Duggan is welcoming the challenge of starting core of the new program under his watch.

"It gives us a good opportunity to add a sport that I think would be quickly competitive in Idaho," Duggan said. "It gives us an opportunity to add a sport that the Magic Valley has been successful in, so I think we'll have a chance to recruit local kids and use them to field a competitive team."

The first step in fielding a team will be to hire a coaching staff. With only 10 months before the start of next year's school year, CSI will have to move quickly to implement a staff that will first be challenged with recruiting a full complement of players.

"A coach would be a great way to start a program, and with this announcement, when we go back, Dr. Jerry Beck (CSI President) and I will put out our job description and give the proper notification," Duggan said. "We would like to have a coach hired by the middle to end of January, but would give the coach some time to actually do a couple of things."

Filer girls upend Valley

By Wes Smalling Times-News correspondent

FILER — Leading 17-5 at the end of the first quarter, the Valley Vikings appeared to be cruising to a victory as sweet as pumpkin. But maybe they started daydreaming about the Thanksgiving break too soon.

The Filer Wildcats went on a 9-0 run in the second quarter, held on for a home win over the stunned Vikings, 51-48.

"I think we relaxed a little bit and Filer kept playing hard," said Valley head coach Brian Harty. "The beginning of the game we were intense. Then we started to take a mental break and we couldn't get that rhythm back."

The 3-2 Vikings' rhythm was also thrown off when they ran into foul trouble in the fourth period. Katie Hall fouled out with 3:40 to play. The 5-10 freshman finished with 10 points and one rebound. Lindsay Wood committed her fifth foul in the fourth period. She finished with 15 points and nine rebounds.

In the second half, the Wildcats (2-2) took advantage of Viking mental errors, such as errant passes and whistles for traveling and 3-second violations. They converted those mistakes into points on the other end.

They better think about it the whole break. That's not the way we wanted to enter the game. Please see FILER, Page D2

Cavaliers clobber Celtics; Nuggets edge Wizards

CLEVELAND (AP) — For the second straight season, the Cavaliers' front office has chosen the Cavs slogan — "One for All, All for One" — to highlight their season. T-shirts and assorted merchandise.



The motto is designed to promote the entire team. It fits LeBron James even better.

The Cavs, however, were not just winning but dominating. Cleveland has won by an average of 21 points per game during the season. In their last two games, James and Hughes, who signed with Cleveland as a free agent during the summer, have combined for 134 points.

"I'm not having to call much," Cavs coach Mike Brown said. "It's LeBron, his Larry, it's LeBron, his Larry. And everybody else is feeding off those two guys."

Ricky Davis scored 27 points with 15 rebounds. Paul Pierce had 24 points and Mark Blount

21 for Boston, which was still within 10 points with 9:55 left.

Nuggets 108, Wizards 105

WASHINGTON — Carmelo Anthony and Marcus Camby both had double-doubles, Earl Boykins scored half of his 20 points in the fourth quarter and the Denver Nuggets beat the Washington Wizards 108-105 Tuesday night for their fourth consecutive victory.

Camby had 24 points, 14 rebounds and six blocks, including one on Gilbert Arenas' 3-point attempt just before the buzzer. Anthony had 20 points and 11 rebounds, and his 18-for-22 free-throw shooting set career highs for makes and attempts.

Arenas led the way with 36 points and 10 assists for the Wizards (5-5), who lost their fourth straight game to fall to .500 for the first time this season.

Washington's other All-Star, Antawn Jamison, had 26 points and 12 rebounds.

Led by the 5-foot-8 Boykins, Denver's reserves outscored

Washington's 42-21. Wizards guard Antonio Daniels, replaced in the starting lineup by Jarvis Hayes in an attempt to spark the second unit, went 0-for-10 from the floor.

Trail Blazers 95, Grizzlies 87

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Zach Randolph had 20 points and 13 rebounds. Darius Miles added 22 points, and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Memphis Grizzlies 95-87 Tuesday night.

Miles keyed an early burst in the fourth period with three baskets as Portland built a 75-65 lead. The Trail Blazers maintained at least a six-point advantage the rest of the way to snap a two-game losing streak.

Reserve Juan Dixon scored 20 points, including nine straight in the final minute, while James O'Quinn finished with 10 points and six 4-of-6 from the field.

Shane Battier led Memphis with 21 points, and reserve Mike Miller had 20. Paul Gasol scored 18 points and grabbed 16 rebounds, which has lost two straight.

Haves and have-nots hook up in deal

BOSTON — One reason John Henry sold the Marlins was the lack of government money for a new ballpark. Florida's state legislature set a stadium deal helping Henry, not the owner of the Boston Red Sox, obtain of baseball's best young pitchers.

Only physicals stand in the way of a trade that would join 2003 World Series MVP Josh Beckett and third baseman Mike Lowell to Boston for three prospects: shortstop Hanley Ramirez and right-handed pitchers Anibal Sanchez and Jesus Delgado.

The preliminary agreement was confirmed Monday by a baseball official who did not want to be identified because the physicals had not been completed. Florida's ace right-hander, had a stiff shoulder late last season and has been plagued by blisters on his right middle finger.

Lowell, who had not contacted a physical. The Red Sox had no comment Tuesday on when physicals might take place, but he said he would schedule a physical. Lowell also was not contacted by a baseball official who did not want to be identified because the physicals had not been completed. Florida's ace right-hander, had a stiff shoulder late last season and has been plagued by blisters on his right middle finger.

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Alkman, White head Pro Football Hall nominees

CANTON, Ohio — Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Alkman and perennial All-Pro defensive end Reggie White head a list of 25 semifinalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The board of selectors chose them from a list of 112 preliminary nominees, the hall said Tuesday. A list of 15 finalists will be announced in mid-November. The class of 2006 will be determined at the selection committee's annual meeting Feb. 4 in Detroit, the day before the hall's induction ceremony.

The list of 25 will be reduced by mail ballot to 13 modern era candidates. The list will increase to 15 finalist nominees with the inclusion of the two recommended candidates of the hall's seniors committee.

This year, they are former Oakland Raiders coach John Madden and former Oaklander tackle Rayfield Wright.

White, who died last December, finished second in career sacks with 198 and was a two-time Defensive Player of the Year. White, who spent 15 seasons with Philadelphia, Green Bay and Carolina, was elected to the Pro Bowl a record 13 times and won a Super Bowl in 1976 with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Other modern-era semifinalists are linebackers Harry Carson, Barry Grabnar and Randy Thomas; center Hermon Davenport; punting back Thurman Thomas; wide receiver Michael Irvin; Andrie Fedak and Art Monk; defensive ends Fred Dean, Richard Dent, Uwe Gonsky and Hank Stram; tight ends Mike Ditka and Humphrey; quarterbacks Warren Moon and Ken Stabler; guards Russ Grimm and Bob Kuechenberg; offensive tackle Jim Zimmerman; linebackers Lester Hayes and Tim Lincecum; punter Ray Guy; club owners Art Modell and Ralph Wilson Jr. and administrator George Young.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Basketball

- Maui Invitational, fifth place game, ESPN, noon
- Maui Invitational, third place game, ESPN2, 2:30 p.m.
- Preseason NFL, Duke vs. Sruet, ESPN2, 5 p.m.
- Detroit at Rockies, ESPN, 5:30 p.m.
- Preseason NFL, UCLA vs. Memphis, ESPN2, 7:30 p.m.
- Maui Invitational, championship game, ESPN, 8 p.m.
- Great Alaska Shootout, Southern Cal vs. Oral Roberts, ESPN2, 9:30 p.m.

Football

- W. Michigan at N. Illinois, ESPN2, 11:30 a.m.

Golf

- PGA Grand Slam of Golf, final round, TNT, 4 p.m.
- China Open, first round, TGC, 11 p.m.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Goat becomes 'other' read meat

STOCKTON, Calif. — Many Americans are now getting their goat at the table. Goat has, in fact, become the "other" red meat of choice.

Carried goat and "birria" stew have become fixtures on the menus of some restaurants. Markets catering to Mexicans and Latinos do brisk business selling fresh goat meat.

Goat meat imports into the United States jumped about 140 percent over a seven-year period ending in 2003. "As goat producers, we are standing in one of the most enviable positions of any agricultural industry in the United States," said Marvin Shurtley, president of the American Meat Goat Association, in Sonora, Texas.

"High demand for our products and livestock prices are unmatched within the history of our industry."

Some 40 percent of the goat meat consumed in the United States is imported from Australia and New Zealand. The remainder is produced in America by farmers with herds ranging from 15 to 8,000 animals. Texas and Tennessee are the largest goat herds, followed by California with more than 100,000 goats.

Oil prices rise as storm nears Northeast

NEW YORK — Oil prices neared \$59 a barrel Tuesday as the approach of a possible storm in the Northeast boosted expectations for increased heating oil demand over the next few weeks.

Crude futures saw a second day of gains after sliding to five-month lows last week. Prices are about 20 percent above year-ago levels.

A barrel of light, sweet crude for January delivery added \$1.14 to settle at \$58.84 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Other Nymex prices also advanced, with heating oil rising 2.7 cents to \$1.736 per gallon, natural gas up 20.3 cents to \$11.614 per 1,000 cubic feet and gasoline adding 3 cents to finish at \$1.49 per gallon.

Dollar drops against euro, other currencies

NEW YORK — The dollar dropped against the euro and other major currencies Tuesday after some dealers interpreted minutes released by the U.S. Federal Reserve as hinting that the central bank may soon pause from raising interest rates.

The euro rose to \$1.1814 in late trading Tuesday, up from \$1.1720 late Monday. The British pound rose to \$1.7222 from \$1.7178 and the dollar bought 118.78 Japanese yen, down slightly from 118.92 yen in New York.

The dollar fell to 1.1738 Canadian dollars from 1.1821 late Monday, and to 1.3101 Swiss francs from 1.3198.

In minutes of the Fed's closed-door meeting on Nov. 1 released Tuesday, policy-makers indicated that they remained worried about the possibility of resurgent inflation.

But the minutes added that policy-makers continued to discuss how the brief policy statements issued at the end of the Fed's meetings might evolve over time.

Electric fans recalled due to safety problem

About 150,000 Haier oscillating electric tower fans manufactured by Metropolitan Electrical Appliance Co. Ltd., because internal electrical arcing in the fan can cause a fire hazard. The company has received eight reports of fires or flames associated with the fans, including minor property damage and one report of minor burns.

The fans were sold at district department stores nationwide from February 2004 through November 2005. For more information call Haier at 866-601-8073 or visit <http://www.cpsc.gov>

— compiled from wire reports

TOY TROUBLE

Safety warnings issued for holiday shoppers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Though decades of effort have made toys safer, children still choke on balloons, get strangled by yo-yo water balls and suffer hearing damage from loud playthings, a watchdog group warned Tuesday in its annual toy safety survey.

The U.S. Public Interest Research Groups 20th survey noted that the Consumer Product Safety Commission reported the deaths of 16 children in toy-related incidents last year, along with another

210,000 emergency room visits. Choking on small parts, balls and balloons remains a leading cause of death and injury in children younger than 15.

U.S. PIRG researchers say they found toys for sale that violated a federal ban on small parts in toys intended for children younger than 3. Others meant for children under 6 that included small parts lacked required warning labels.

The research group recommended parents use a choke testing tube or a cardboard toilet paper roll to test small toys and parts. If any toy or part fits

in the tube, then it is too small for children under 3 or older children who still put things in their mouths, it said.

The group also found that manufacturers continue to market latex balloons to children younger than 8, despite the choking risk. Children that young should never be given balloons to play with, the report recommended.

Tuesday's report singled out yo-yo water balls as a potential strangulation hazard. The liquid-filled balls are attached to stretchy cords that can be used to swing them overhead like a



Allison Cassidy, research director for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group and author of the toy safety survey "Trouble In Toyland," holds a children's book which contains a small velcro tag she claims could be a choking hazard.

lasso. The group said their sale should be banned. CPSC spokesman Scott Wolfson said the products have not been recalled, but the govern-

ment recommends that parents cut off the toy's cord. The commission is to release its own toy safety report on Nov. 30. Please see TOYS, Page E3

Filling the gap



Apprentice electrician Mike Kirby, of Davenport, Iowa, competes in the Craft Championships sponsored by the Iowa chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors on Friday in Des Moines, Iowa. Kirby and others in the traditional trades are in demand throughout the country, with many trades groups and employers hotly recruiting high school students to try to fill the growing need for everything from plumbers to bricklayers and drywallers.

Construction trades feel need to attract young people to the more traditional jobs

By Martha Irvine
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — There's no shortage of work for Mike Kirby, a 21-year-old apprentice electrician in Iowa who's lately been on the job 10 hours a day, seven days a week.

He and others in the traditional trades are in great demand throughout the country, with many trades groups and employers hotly recruiting high school students to try to fill the growing need for everything from plumbers to bricklayers and drywallers.

Yet despite the opportunities, the jobs are proving a tough sell — not only to young people but to their parents and school counselors, who don't always see the trades as a desirable option.

"That's the way it's preached: 'If you don't go to college, you can't do anything.' But obviously that's not true," says Kirby,

who'll finish his apprenticeship with Alcon Electric in Davenport, Iowa, next year.

He expects to make \$18 an hour once he finishes and hopes that will increase to as much as \$25 an hour in the years to come.

Officials at organizations that represent the construction trades say national age-specific statistics aren't available. But they note U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that the industry will need to add 100,000 jobs a year each year through 2012, while also filling an additional 90,000 openings annually for positions vacated by retiring baby boomers and those leaving the industry for other reasons.

Some believe the labor shortage will only become more severe as the need for skilled workers increases on the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast and in regions with housing booms.

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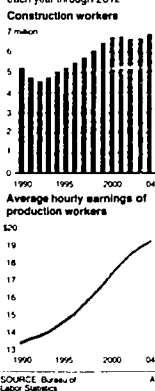
crisis? Probably not. Will we in five years? Absolutely," says Gary Dosty, executive vice president of the Lake County Contractors Association, based in north suburban Chicago.

Already, he's seen several baby boomer trades workers take early retirement — "good retirement and pensions," he notes. "They can afford to retire at 55 or 60 and they're doing it." Each spring, Dosty's organization sponsors a career expo for local eighth graders, who get to build toolboxes, lay brick and use a jackhammer — and each year, the two-day event has gotten more popular.

The idea is to plant seeds early — with some trades organizations hoping to capitalize on the popularity of children's TV program "Bob the Builder" and home-improvement shows, including "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" and "Please see CONSTRUCTION, Page E3

Building a career

The Bureau of Labor Statistics says the construction industry will need to add 100,000 jobs a year each year through 2012.



Hurricanes dump on Albertson's: Earnings fall 30 percent

The Associated Press

BOISE — Albertson's Inc., the nation's second biggest supermarket chain, said Tuesday that its third-quarter earnings fell 30 percent, hurt by the Gulf Coast hurricanes, pressure from rivals including Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Dat stores.

Locally, Albertson's has supermarkets in Twin Falls and Burley.

Net income declined to \$77 million, or 21 cents per share, for the three months ended Nov. 3, from \$110 million, or 30 cents per share, in the year-ago period. Earnings from continuing

operations totaled \$91 million, or 22 cents per share, compared with \$107 million, or \$1.08 per share in 2004.

The earnings missed analyst expectations for a second quarter in a row and Albertson's reduced its full-year profit outlook, adding to pressure on the Boise-based grocer to find a buyer to help it turn around a slumping business hurt by competition from Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

Chief Executive Officer Larry Johnson, on a Tuesday morning conference call, told investors he's still exploring "strategic options" after putting

the company up for sale in September.

"While earnings are bad and sales are bad, the company is still looking to sell the business. That's what's most relevant for the stock," said Jason Whitmer, an analyst at FTN Midwest Research in Cleveland with a "neutral" rating on the shares. "There will be a point, if the business continues to deteriorate or even worse, falls off a cliff, and in the next six months no deal is announced, that Albertson's is in big trouble."

Albertson's shares rose 19 cents to \$24.85 in morning trading on the New York Stock

Exchange. Albertson's stock has fallen nearly 7 percent since climbing above \$26 in September after the company announced it was looking for a buyer.

Excluding the impact of the three hurricanes that hit Louisiana, Texas, and Florida during the quarter, earnings from continuing operations totaled \$91 million, or 24 cents per share.

Wall Street analysts had expected the company to earn 27 cents per share on sales of \$10 billion, according to Thomson Financial. Total sales slipped to \$9.95

billion versus \$9.97 billion a year ago. Total same-store sales, or sales at locations open at least one year, declined 0.4 percent.

"It was a challenging quarter," Johnson told investors, adding the company lost ground to rivals in regions where Albertson's isn't the largest supermarket. "Competitive pressure was intense in many of our markets."

The company, second only to Kroger Co. among supermarket chains, earned \$284 million, or 76 cents a share, for the first nine months of the year. Please see ALBERTSON'S, Page E2

MONEY

CEO emphasizes auto industry importance

Chairman asks Congress for help

By Sarah A. Webster Knight Rider News Service

The day after General Motors Corp. announced it would slash 30,000 jobs and stop production at 12 plants, Ford Motor Co. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Bill Ford delivered an impassioned manifesto about the importance of the domestic auto industry to the United States...

before meeting for more than an hour with a senior White House official to discuss his view — first made in September — for a summit on the nation's energy policy.

"Now, more than ever with the competitive pressures of globalization, America needs to respond to the economic challenges of our time," Ford told journalists.

"This is not the moment to stop investing and concede our competitive edge in vital parts of the economy, just the opposite, we must take the lead and show the world that there is only one, true innovative manufacturing giant. And it has three distinct initiatives U.S.A."

Ford also urged Congress to offer a package of tax incentives to drive investment in the auto industry that will help make the nation less dependent on foreign oil, as well as a tax incentive to help American automakers convert old plants into high-tech facilities.

In September, Ford Motor launched a campaign to promote its plans to produce 250,000 hybrids a year by 2010, more than 10 times the number it produces now. It currently has two hybrid crossovers, the Ford Escape and Mercury Mariner, on the market. It also announced plans to produce 250,000 ethanol-capable vehicles in 2006.

of the auto industry in this country," Ford said. "We still employ about 90 percent of our products with training programs and incentives to upgrade worker skills," Ford said. "That will help us move into the future while preserving American jobs."

But what's American in the auto industry seems incredibly difficult to pin down these days. Ford's speech seemed to define it as GM, Ford and DaimlerChrysler AG, which was spawned by the 1998 merger between the German Daimler-Benz AG and the old Chrysler Corp. And he even noted how he was "amused by advertisements I've seen lately from one overseas carmaker bragging about its first new plant in America."

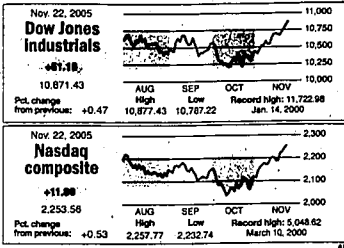
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Wall Stret encouraged by Fed's stance on economy

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks extended their rally Tuesday after the Federal Reserve's latest take on the economy raised hopes that the central bank's string of interest rate hikes are coming to an end.

Minutes from the Fed's Open Market Committee meeting, Nov. 1 showed that policy makers remained worried that high energy prices would spark widespread inflation — all but guaranteeing more rate hikes. Yet the Fed also said it would remain sensitive to economic data and conscious of what those rate hikes would do to a slowing economy, which has been viewed as a possible signal that the Fed could end rate hikes over the next few months.

good for stocks." The Dow Jones industrial average rose 51.15, or 0.47 percent, to 10,871.43.

Broader stock indicators also moved higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 6.38, or 0.51 percent, to 1,261.23, and the Nasdaq composite index gained 11.89, or 0.53 percent, to 2,253.56.

Bonds moved higher after the Fed minutes were released, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note slipping to 4.43 percent from 4.47 percent late Monday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices moved higher.

Crude oil rose for a second straight day in anticipation of a cold-thawing weekend. A barrel of light crude settled at \$58.84, up \$1.14, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

If oil continues to rise through the winter heating season, that could combine with interest rates to slow down the economy faster than expected and prevent stocks from continuing their rise through 2006.

Albertson's

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up from \$249 million, or 67 cents a share, a year ago. Nine-month sales rose to \$311.3 million from \$28.76 billion a year ago.

Albertson's narrowed its profit guidance for fiscal 2005 to between \$1.37 and \$1.40 per share, excluding items from a prior year, from \$1.37 to \$1.47. Analysts expect the company to earn \$1.31 for the year. The company also reaffirmed its outlook for positive same-store sales for the year.

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Construction

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By the end-of-summer banquet, he says, "It was shiny shoes, sitting up straight, bright-eyed, realizing they've accomplished something." Any stafford, now an 18-year-old college freshman, was one of the 35 who finished an internship, here at a plumbing company in Rocklin, Calif.

And yet nobody's saying, "They this is a good career," says Michael Holland, executive vice president of the American Council for Construction Education, based in San Antonio, Texas.

Toys

Continued from E1. The U.S. PIRG group also recommended that shoppers avoid buying toys that seem too loud, since children can be even more sensitive to noise than adults.

Researchers said they found some noisemaking toys, including toy electric guitars, that appeared to exceed voluntary standards.

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