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# CSI takes another championship

## Sweep in title match ends a 50-2 season

The Times-News

WEST PLAINS, Mo. — No doubt, any lingering doubts about whether the College of Southern Idaho volleyball program could win a national title were dispelled Wednesday night with a 30-24, 30-20, 30-23 win over Miami-Dade Community College in the NCAA Division I Volleyball Tournament championship match.

The West Plains (Mo.) Civic Center was the scene for CSI's eighth na-

tional title in 12 years and it came against a familiar foe. CSI has played Miami-Dade six times in past championship matches, winning all six.

The title is the proud program's first since 2003, when an impressive run of seven championships in eight years ended.

After a one-year hiatus ended an 11-year run of tournament appearances, the CSI Golden Eagles (50-2) were ranked No. 1 in the initial poll this fall and stayed atop the NJCAA rankings the rest of the season.

That hiatus was a result of last year's NJCAA sanction surrounding the scholarship status of now-team captain Maria Siemiatkowska.

Last Nov. 11, a 10-member NJCAA appeals committee decided that CSI couldn't prove — to the committee's satisfaction — that Siemiatkowska paid her own way to play for the Golden Eagles. With CSI's three allowed international scholarships already spent, Siemiatkowska had to be a non-scholarship player.

NJCAA officials deemed that since

Siemiatkowska paid in cash, the paper trail of available receipts was not substantial enough proof that she paid her own way.

The sanction continues next season, limiting the number of foreign players from the usual three to two.

No matter, the hindrance seemed only to inspire the program's coaches and players, including head coach Ben Stroud and Siemiatkowska.

Anyone interesting in seeing the match can do so Sunday on CSI-TV at 11 a.m. MST and 9 p.m. MST and again during primetime on Monday.

Read about the victory

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# MOVING FORWARD



Amanda Fomichev waits in line at the grocery store Wednesday afternoon. Fomichev, who lost her leg in an Oct. 30 accident, says one of the most frustrating things she experiences every day is the way some people react to her situation when they meet her in public. "I hate it when people stare at me," she says.

## Accident victim is just thankful to be alive

By Terry Smith  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Six weeks after losing her left leg in an accident, 20-year-old Amanda Fomichev has a deeper appreciation for Thanksgiving and for life.

"I'm thankful to be alive for one, and to share it with my family," Fomichev said Wednesday. She's also thankful for the many cards and letters she's received, and for the help the community has provided.

"The whole community has just been so supportive," she said. "People can be selfish, but when something like this happens the community comes together to help."

Fomichev was an employee at Mr. Wash on Falls Avenue on Oct. 10 when she was hit by a vehicle and pinned against a retaining wall. The accident cost Fomichev her left leg and seriously injured her right leg.

Now she uses a wheelchair, but looks forward to learning to walk in the next few months on an artificial leg.

Fomichev has received dozens of cards and letters since the accident. Large stacks of them came from classes of preschoolers and kindergartners.

She appreciates them all, but especially enjoys letters from a woman who travels frequently and uses photographs and



Amanda Fomichev closes the car door Wednesday as her mother, Shauna Denton, helps to stabilize her chair on the uneven ground. Fomichev says the accident has helped make her more independent and that she wants to do as much on her own as she can.

thought-provoking quotations on handmade cards.

"It puts a smile on my face to open those letters," she said. "It just inspires me."

Fomichev tries to be optimistic about

the future, but acknowledges that some days are difficult.

"It's really, really hard right now," she said. "I can't walk, but I am doing things on my own — that's the big thing. It's so

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## State's wild turkeys are thriving

The non-native birds arrived in Idaho in the '60s

By Anne Wallace Allen  
Associated Press writer

HELLS CANYON — Wild turkeys have something to be thankful for this Thanksgiving: There are more of them around than ever before.

Eighty years ago, wild turkeys were losing ground to habitat loss and hunting, and only about 30,000 remained. Now there are about 7 million of the birds in the United States, according to the National Wild Turkey Federation.

In a sheltered state-owned area near the bottom of Hells Canyon in western Idaho, as many as 300 of the large birds take up residence every winter. A mild climate with little snow, a large no-hunting zone, and a field of grain planted in the wildlife make the area a comfortable wintering spot.

Anna Ovsiak, the area's wildlife manager, said the turkeys roost at night in the trees outside her house. Every day, they walk and fly through the hilly fields and a horse pasture behind, making a large circuit in their search for berries and bugs. They return to the yard at night.

"It's kind of fun to watch them come out of the trees in the morning," she said.

Ovsiak likes the turkeys, even though they dig craters in her lawn for dust baths and raid her garden.

Like other northwestern states, Idaho doesn't have any native turkeys. It started importing the game birds in the 1960s after hunters showed interest in them.

After three decades of importing the birds, and then moving flocks around from one place to another, Idaho Fish and Game biologists say the transplants have taken a firm hold. Idaho has about 30,000 wild turkeys now.

"This is a total success story," said Fish and Game spokesman Ed Mitchell. "We've got them where we wanted them."

The story is the same around most of the country, said John Thibault, a Medford, Ore.-based biologist for the turkey foundation.

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## THE FIGHT FOR IRAQ

# Hope survives torrent of bad news

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A torrent of bad news — rising soldier death tolls, suicide bombers, torture allegations — is riling America right now with the hard realities of Iraq.

Yet, after nearly three years and more than 2,000 American lives, there also was some hope this week. At a meeting in Cairo, Iraqis outlined what may prove the best — if uncertain — prospect for success: cutting a

deal with former adversaries in hopes the country does not descend into civil war.

Gen. George W. Casey Jr., the top U.S. commander in Iraq, hinted at such a formula a few months ago when he told an American audience that bringing disaffected groups into the political process "is ultimately how this conflict is going to be resolved."

That would mean a new Iraq in which some lesser figures from Saddam Hussein's old Iraq

play a role.

The emerging strategy — strongly pushed by the United States — may work, Sunni Arabs seem genuinely interested in voting in the Dec. 15 elections rather than boycotting the polls as they did in January. Sunni Arab leaders are encouraging a big turnout, often at great personal risk.

If more Sunnis see a future for their community in a democratic Iraq, the level of violence



A U.S. Marine from Regimental Combat Team 2 walks to dinner at his base in Qaim, an Iraqi border town with Syria on Wednesday.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

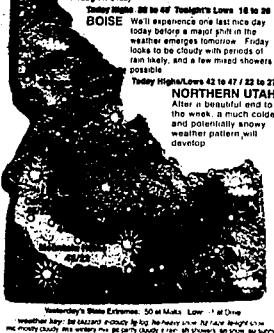
Today: A lovely Thanksgiving Day with all the trimmings. Highs low 50s. Tonight: A partly cloudy and cool night expected. Lows, 20s. Tomorrow: Becoming cloudy and cooler with a chance of rain moving in. Highs 40s

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Pockets of early fog will give way to clearing afternoon skies. A nice holiday. Highs low 50s. Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy and cold. Areas of fog may form. Lows near 20. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and foggy early, then a chance of rain moving in. Highs upper 40s

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. After a beautiful Thanksgiving Day, a more winter-like weather pattern will evolve. A two-week period of rain and snow possible from Friday through Monday. Boise: High 50s to 60s. Low 30s to 40s. Tomorrow: High 50s to 60s. Low 30s to 40s. Wednesday: High 50s to 60s. Low 30s to 40s. Thursday: High 50s to 60s. Low 30s to 40s.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 51, Low 24, etc.).

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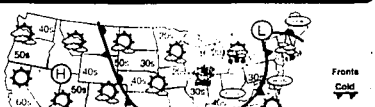
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Table listing world forecasts for various international locations.

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Today Tomorrow

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But few strategies in Iraq have gone according to plan. There are many pitfalls along the way. And even if this one works, it could take years to stabilize a country...

US troops unleashed those passions when they invaded in 2003 and now find themselves caught in the middle. Communal hatreds play out in guerrilla attacks and reprisal killings.

American commanders believe Iraqis are better than fighters in identifying insurgents hidden among the population. But with security services heavy on Shiites and Kurds...

Since the Shiite-led government took power in April, hundreds of bodies have turned up in Baghdad and remote areas — hands bound and bullets in their head.

For months, Sunni Arabs have been accusing the Interior Ministry of wholesale arrests and abuse of suspects in an attempt to find a handful of rebels.

The discovery by U.S. troops this month of up to 173 decaying, unburied and some bloating signs of torture — hidden in an Interior Ministry building in central Baghdad...

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Fomichev said it's still difficult to leave home at times, and sometimes the attention she receives in public makes her uncomfortable.

"A lot of people start, maybe they recognize me, sometimes they point," she said. "I wish they'd just come up and talk to me — that would make me feel more comfortable."

Fomichev said she has a greater understanding of what handicapped people experience, especially her younger sister who is permanently disabled and also uses a wheelchair.

"I used to get after her all the time to get out and do something," she said. "Now I understand where she's coming from. It's hard emotionally and physically. Sometimes I just want to stay in bed and hide — but it's made me a stronger person."

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WORLD

# Gunmen in Iraqi uniforms kill Sunni tribal leader

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Dozens of gunmen wearing Iraqi army uniforms killed a prominent Sunni Arab tribal leader and three of his sons in their beds early Wednesday morning here, according to witnesses and government officials.

The slayings underscore the still-perilous security situation as the country heads toward its third national vote in less than a year. Unsolved murders and the discovery of bound, mutilated bodies have become commonplace amid growing speculation that at least some of the killers are operating from inside the Iraqi security forces.

Witnesses and relatives say Sheikh Khadim Sarhid al-Hemaiem was asleep just before 4 a.m. when his home in the middle-class Hurriya neighborhood was surrounded by gunmen in as many as 10 sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks.

"They surrounded the house from all directions, keeping a few cars on the main road for protection," said weeping family member Abdel Sattar Jabbar.

Between 30 and 35 gunmen stormed the house, Jabbar said, and killed al-Hemaiem, 70; his three sons Amir, 35; Waseem, 23; and Allawi, 19; and his son-in-law, identified only as Ali.

"There weren't any confrontations at all," Jabbar said. "Then they immediately dispersed, leaving only the dead bodies behind."

The elder al-Hemaiem was leader of the Batta clan of Iraq's powerful Dulaimi tribe and a distant fellow tribesman of Defense Minister Saadoun Dulaimi. The Dulaimi name is one of a handful of tribal affiliations that are synonymous with Iraq's Sunni Arab minority, closely linked with the regime of former president Saddam Hussein and to the ongoing Sunni-led insurgency.

But given the violent, murky landscape of modern-day Iraq, even police officials could only speculate whether the killings were sectarian, tribal or connected to the Dec. 15 parliamentary elections in which al-Hemaiem's brother is a candidate.

"This is probably part of tribal revenge or other problems, or

it could have political aims as to start secession among the Iraqi people, especially now that we are few weeks away from the elections," said an officer at the Hurriya police department identified as Brig. Gen. Hamoudi. "I would not be surprised that terrorists have a hand in this."

Family members of the victims, however, point the finger at Iraqi security forces. The killers drove trucks and wore uniforms of the Iraqi army, a common event in the dozens of mysterious killings and abductions taking place each week in Iraq.

Government officials often point out in response that police and army uniforms are easily acquired on the black market, and accuse insurgents of trying to tarnish the government's reputation.

But Abdel Moneim Sarhid al-Hemaiem, the sheik's brother, said it was unlikely that a 10-car heavily armed convoy of insurgents could easily pass through the dozens of late-night checkpoints that dot the capital without some form of official license.

## Saddam lawyers end boycott

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Easing a crisis provoked by the slayings of two colleagues, lawyers for Saddam Hussein and seven co-defendants have called off their boycott of court proceedings after Iraq officials agreed to withdraw and pay for bodyguards of the lawyers' choosing.

The accord, brokered by U.S. officials, means that most of the defense team will be back in court for Monday's resumption of the former officials' trial on charges of crimes against humanity. The slayings and the lawyers' vow to skip the session had fed Iraq's sectarian tensions and threatened to undermine the credibility of the trial.

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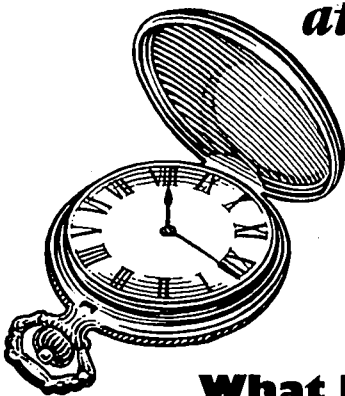
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NATION

# Antiwar protesters arrested near Bush's ranch

The Washington Post

CRAWFORD, Texas — About a dozen antiwar protesters, including Daniel Ellsberg and the sister of Cindy Sheehan, were arrested Wednesday morning while camping on a roadside near President Bush's ranch in violation of a new county ordinance.

The group returned to Texas this week as Bush arrived at his Texas home to celebrate Thanksgiving with his family. They came in hopes of reigniting the international attention they attracted in August, when hundreds came to join Sheehan, whose soldier son was killed in Iraq, as she camped outside Bush's ranch for 26 days.

Since then, however, the antiwar movement has expanded beyond Sheehan and her protesters, focusing in recent weeks

in Washington and rising discontent in Congress. Protesters in Crawford so far have been smaller than in August, when demonstrators from around the country came to the tiny Texas town where Bush spends his vacations.

At that time, Sheehan and her supporters represented the most pointed voices of the antiwar movement. They have been joined in recent weeks by leading Democratic politicians, including Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., who Tuesday called for President Bush to admit errors in how he has waged the war, and Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., a former Marine who has called for an immediate drawdown in troops.

If Sheehan's supporters do not attract the same level of interest this time around, it will not be for lack of trying. Protesters have events planned for

each day this week, including serving an Iraqi meal on Thanksgiving. Sheehan herself, who has not yet arrived in Crawford, is scheduled to lead a rally on Saturday.

After the August protests, local McLenahan County commissioners passed a new ordinance that prohibited parking or camping in the ditches along the winding two-lane roads leading to Bush's ranch.

The protesters have been invited by a local rancher to camp on his land, where they have erected a large white tent and hung a banner that reads "No Apology for Crawford's Turkey." They have also challenged the constitutionality of the county's new rules. Wednesday morning, a small group set up tents in the early morning hours on the small patch of public land that had originally been

dubbed Camp Casey in August, after Sheehan's 23-year-old son.

McLenahan sheriff's deputies gave the protesters two warnings before arresting the group, including Ellsberg. A former department of defense official, Ellsberg became famous for leaking the "Pentagon Papers" documents to the media in 1971 that revealed the United States was expanding its involvement in Vietnam War.

Dave Jensen, 51, a former Marine and protester who witnessed the arrests, said the crowd cheered as Ellsberg was taken away.

"The ordinance was very plainly meant to prevent people from protesting in front of Bush's ranch," he said. "We feel that's a first amendment issue. It's intentionally designed to

curtail freedom of speech and freedom of assembly."

Jensen, who said he had camped in Crawford in August as well, said protesters feel like their efforts have helped trigger serious reevaluation of the war effort.

The White House declined to

comment on the arrests, though in response to Obama's comments, White House Communications Director Nicole Wallace said "elected leaders in Washington who do not support our policy in Iraq have every right to voice their dissent."

### Thanksgiving Ad Correction Notice

On page 11 of the November 24th ad, the statement "Any of our in-store offers in this ad are also available online" appears in some markets. This is incorrect. The correct statement is: "Many of our in-store offers in this ad are also available online." We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.  
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## Leaders sound more optimistic on troop reduction

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration and military leaders are sounding optimistic notes about scaling back U.S. troops in Iraq next year, as public opposition to the war and congressional demands for withdrawal get louder.

Contingency plans for a phased withdrawal include proposals to further postpone or cancel the deployment of a Fort Riley, Kan., brigade and an option to put a combat brigade in nearby Kuwait in case it is needed, said a senior Pentagon official.

While military leaders would not confirm the size of possible withdrawals, conversations with defense officials and analysts suggest troop levels could drop below 100,000 next year, contingent on the progress of the Iraq government and its security forces. There are currently about 155,000 U.S. troops in Iraq.

The official, who asked not to be identified because plans are not final, said stresses on the National Guard and Reserves are also factors.

On Wednesday, Pentagon officials would not confirm any reduction plans. Defense Department spokesman Bryan Whitman said there has been "very positive" development of Iraq security forces and he added that "we plan for every possible contingency" including a smaller coalition force.

President Bush has refused to set a withdrawal timetable, and the administration has consistently said U.S. troops will remain as long as needed. Led by Vice President Dick Cheney, the administration has strongly opposed last week's call by Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., for a U.S. withdrawal within six months.

Public support for the war has fallen in recent weeks, fuelled by events such as the 2,000th U.S. military death there and allegations of the secret imprisonment and torture of some Iraq prisoners by the Iraq government.

In recent days, some administration and military officials have made positive-sounding comments about a possible withdrawal.

Lt. Gen. John Vines, chief of the Multi-National Corps-Iraq, said Iraqi security forces — which number about 212,000 now — are making excellent progress, an official precondition for removing U.S. troops.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told Fox News on Tuesday that the U.S. would probably not need to maintain its current troop levels in Iraq "very much longer." Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told radio talk show host Sean Hannity that the war would wind down over the next two years, and "we'll see the coalition forces being able to pare down and pass over responsibility to Iraqi security forces on an orderly basis" after the Dec. 15 elections.

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NATION

# Study: Drug better than chemo in lupus patients

The Associated Press

Doctors are reporting the first advance in three decades in treating kidney complications from lupus, a life-threatening disease that primarily affects young women.

A small study showed that an immune-suppression drug worked better than the standard chemotherapy medication, which can cause infertility and other problems.

Nearly a quarter of patients who took the newer drug, CellCept, saw their kidney problems go into complete remission after six months, compared with just 6 percent of those who received the older treatment, cyclophosphamide. The CellCept patients also had fewer side effects.

"This holds great promise for a better quality of life for people with lupus," said Sandra Raymond, president of the Lupus Foundation of America.

The study was led by Dr. Ellen Ginzler of the SUNY Downstate Medical Center in New York and published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. Partial results were presented in 2003 at a scientific conference in Orlando, Fla.

Lupus is a crippling and sometimes fatal disease that mostly strikes women of child-bearing age. About 1.5 million Americans have the disorder, in which the body's immune

system attack its own organs and tissue. No one knows why it happens.

One third of all lupus patients suffer from inflammation of the kidney that can lead to kidney failure. For the past 30 years, chemotherapy has been the standard treatment for the kidney complications. But the side effects can include hair loss, nausea and infertility — problems that can lead patients to skip their chemo.

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# Judge OKs delay in Duncan trial

By Nicholas K. Geranios Associated Press writer

COEUR D'ALENE — The murder trial of registered sex offender Joseph E. Duncan III was pushed back nearly three months Wednesday after defense lawyers asked for more time to prepare.

First District Judge Fred Gibler vacated the Jan. 17, 2006, date and set a new date of April 4, 2006, for the trial.

The defendant has a right to be able to prepare for trial and

review the evidence to be used against him," Gibler said.

Public Defender John Adams said the volume of discovery material is so burdensome that his office has not been able to process all of it. Adams said they received 17,000 pages of documents, 125 CDs, DVDs and cassettes, and 200 gigabytes of computer material from investigators.

Kootenai County Prosecutor Bill Douglas opposed the delay in part because his office has already issued 41 subpoenas to witnesses for the previous trial date.

The families of the victims would like to see the Jan. 17 trial date," Douglas said, though he added that the motion for more time was not unexpected and that the families would understand.

Duncan was arrested at a restaurant here July 2 in the company of 8-year-old Shasta Greene, who had been missing since her mother, brother and her mother's boyfriend were killed May 16.

Duncan, 32, of Laramie, N.D., is charged with three counts of first-degree murder in their deaths. He has pleaded not guilty.

Authorities allege Duncan killed Brenda Greene, her 13-year-old son Shasta and her boyfriend, Mark McKenzie in their home so he could kidnap Shasta and her brother Dylan Greene, 9, for sex.

# Jury convicts Pakistani in terror case

NEW YORK (AP) — A Pakistani man who claimed he was pressured into a false confession was convicted Wednesday of trying to help an al-Qaida operative slip past U.S. immigration officials to carry out a chemical attack.

A federal jury deliberated for about five hours before finding Uzair Paracha, 25, guilty of providing material support to terrorists and of other related charges. He could face up to 75 years in prison.

The government accused Paracha of trying to help Majid Khan, an alleged al-Qaida member, sneak into the country using fake travel documents.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Karl Metzner told the jury Paracha wanted to help Khan and "did so knowing that a terrorist was coming here for one purpose: to kill Americans." The government also alleged he knew Khan was planning a chemical attack against the United States.

Paracha had no visible reaction to the verdict, but lawyer Anthony Rieco said his client "was hurt and disappointed."

He said Paracha had turned down a plea deal because "he believed he was innocent."

Paracha testified that he was pressured into confession and only told investigators "what I thought they wanted to hear." Defense attorney Edward Wilford said the FBI denied his client food and sleep during hours of questioning — "the ideal conditions to create a false confession."



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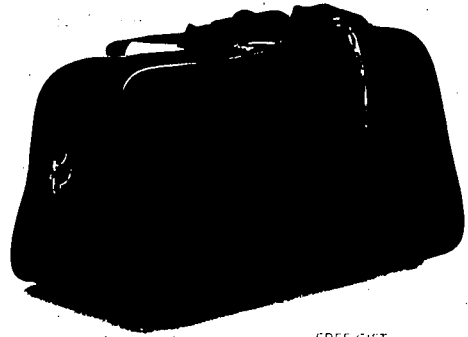
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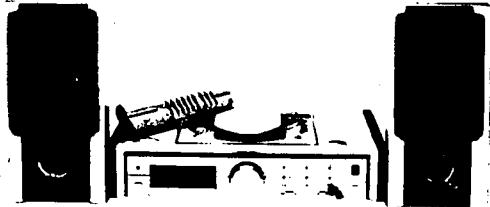
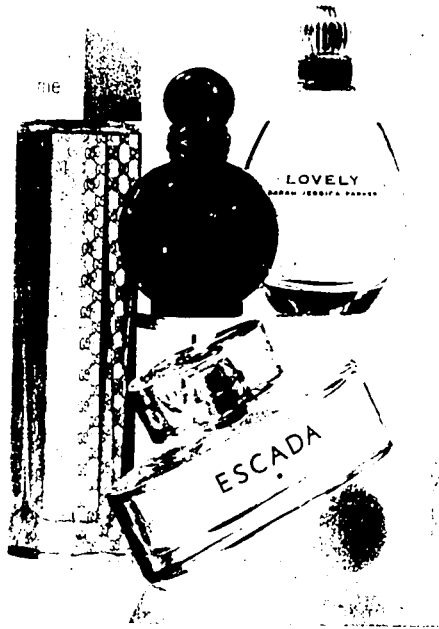
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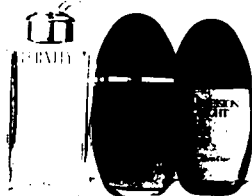
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## EDITORIAL

### Enjoy Thanksgiving as a special holiday unto itself

It is a simple premise, really. For one day of the year, take time to be grateful for all the things you have.

Sure, Thanksgiving serves up treats, more with loved ones and exquisite tastes at the table. Unfortunately, it's hard to preserve the value of a Thanksgiving Day when the Christmas holiday is breathing down its neck.

The yuletide season is another celebration best made with modesty. Yet there's always the pressure to consider what you want to buy, what you need to give and ultimately what you don't have. If you think of that way, preparing for Christmas is the worst way to celebrate Thanksgiving.

So forget about all that — at least for today — and consider the bounty and blessings surrounding you. If you need some reminders of prosperity, just consider how well we are doing in the Magic Valley, compared to some other places this Thanksgiving. If you don't believe that you have an abundance of good fortune, wake up and smell the turkey. Just to name a few:

A roof overhead — In the Gulf Coast, thousands are still in hotels, temporary apartments, or even in other states as the recovery from two hurricanes continues. In Pakistan, the situation is worse after the October

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Prosperity in the fields — In spite of a continuing drought, somehow, we always have enough. The wet spring helped provide just enough water in the reservoirs, and the harvest has been more than fair. Prices for fresh potatoes, milk, wheat and even sugarbeets are staying high or moving up.

A card to punch — If you have Friday off, you're in good luck. If you don't, you're still in the money. This week, 30,000 General Motors workers got pink slips for the holidays. How's that for seasons greetings?

Meanwhile, Idaho's unemployment rate dropped to 3.5 percent for September. With so much growth in southern Idaho, we'll venture to say the Magic Valley's economy has never been better.

Feasts at the table — Turkey, potatoes and cranberries will be eaten in generous portions across the land. And yet, how many of us have ever experienced starvation before? As much as we enjoy Thanksgiving cuisine, take a moment to ponder the repetitive phrase "comfort food."

Happy Thanksgiving and be sure to make the most of all you have.

### Remember Sgt. Alarcon

Nov. 23, 1999. The 19th to die in the war on terror. When he graduated from Jerome High School in 1999, Alarcon didn't waste time enlisting in the armed forces, and then re-enlisted for another four-year term in 2003 in the thick of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He left behind his parents, Salomon and Alicia Alarcon of Jerome, four brothers, including one in the Marines, and two younger sisters.

He also leaves behind a grateful community of neighbors and friends. Keep this family in your prayers, and remember the sacrifice given on our behalf.

Alarcon, 23, of Jerome, was killed in Tal Afar, Iraq, on Nov. 17 when his humvee overturned on a patrol. He died of chest injuries having been in the country just under two months. Alarcon had served in the U.S. Army, most recently in the 473rd Quartermaster Co., as a humvee gunner. He is the 15th Idahoan to die in Iraq.

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## Thanks for the land, and those who work it

MICHAEL ABLEMAN

In the fall of 1963, in the midst of a civil war that divided the country, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of each November to be a national Thanksgiving holiday. In his proclamation Lincoln said, "It is the duty that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed, we are prone to forget the source from which they come."

This Thanksgiving, a time when our country is divided again, let us not forget the source, and let us try to understand the story of each of the foods that grace our tables.

Consider that the turkey that takes center stage is the product of a long and too often complicated journey, that each turnip or beet or head of lettuce started as a tiny seed planted in soil, that the herbs, spices and oils used in our soups and gravies were brought forth by real people whose hands plant and nurture and harvest.

Reflect on the fact that each of the foods that grace our tables were more than 1,000 miles from the field to the plate, that it now requires multiple calories of energy to fertilize, cool

and transport each calorie of food we consume. Consider that the majority of the world's fresh water is used to produce food, of which only a fraction ever reaches the intended plants or animals because of inefficient transport and application methods. Remember the soil, the Earth's placenta; each of us is dependent on it, yet we treat it like dirt.

Think about the 1 percent of our population we still call farmers, consider the enormous task it takes to lead a predominantly urban world. Remember the farmworkers, those whose hands do the hoeing, milking, feeding and harvesting — often men and women who do their lives' work border between Mexico and the U.S. Illegally, do not work that most Americans will no longer do.

Think about how fragile and precarious our food system really is. Each of the foods that grace our Thanksgiving table are dependent on dwindling oil reserves, diminishing aquifers

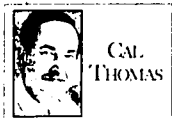
and people who come here illegally. What if the borders really were closed and all those who slipped in to work in American fields were removed? What if world populations continue to grow and demands on fresh food and water and living soil? What happens when the oil runs out?

As a nation, we spend a staggering percentage of tax dollars to fight wars, to design and install high-tech devices to monitor, inspect and search — all to supposedly make us more secure. But what is more critical to our security than fresh food and water and living soil? Supporting and participating in local agriculture may be one of the best forms of homeland security. It diminishes our reliance on foreign oil, restores local economies, rebuilds healthy soils, recycles nutrients and water, improves personal health and increases the pleasure of eating.

So as we celebrate this Thanksgiving, let us remember to give thanks to the land and to all those who still work with it.

Michael Ableman is a farmer and author of 'Fields of Plenty: A Farmer's Journey in Search of Real Food and the People Who Grow It.'

### Narnia: Up from the church basement



CAL THOMAS

This is an important film because it offers a better strategy for Christians and conservatives than Hollywood-bashing.

along with co-producer Walden. We have faith that the film will not only drive many Christians and conservatives to see it, but that people who don't share its beliefs will buy tickets for their friends and relatives. It is a special effects and the characters who find faith and courage in a most unlikely place: the mythical land of Narnia where it has been "always winter, but never Christmas" until they arrive.

This is an important film because it offers a better strategy for Christians and conservatives than Hollywood-bashing. Movies have been a source of moral controversy from the first one-reelers more than a century ago. Politicians and religious leaders denounce them for scenes that would today seem tame. In 1922, Congress threatened to censor movies unless the industry cleaned up its act. Film producers selected Will H. Hays — President Warren Harding's campaign manager, a Presbyterian minister and a Republican — to set up a commission that would review films before their release. In 1934, the Roman Catholic Church formed the Legion of Decency to combat immoral movies and told Catholics which films they could see and which were "condemned" and forbidden to them.

Faced with millions of unsold tickets, the movie industry established the Production Code Administration, which strictly enforced a set of strict guidelines, better known as the Hays Code, and granted seals of approval to films they liked and refused to certify those releasing films without the seal. It wasn't until 1968 that this system was scrapped and replaced with today's letter ratings. Most conservatives and

Christians, rather than advocating for better movies, have been content to boycott films, make nasty and one-sided attacks that were being produced. This approach has had minimal influence on the film industry and has contributed little that was positive to the culture wars. With "ITLWV" there is no going back to the church basement. This film should slam the door and take viewers to the main level. It deserves the patronage of all who have lamented the loss of "good films" and who believe they have a far more compelling and interesting message than the sex, violence and profanity that Hollywood has, for too long, produced unchallenged.

As with "The Passion of the Christ" (an openly religious film) and "Charities of fire," the public must buy tickets to "ITLWV" and make this and its sequel big money-makers for Disney and Walden. Large profits are the key to ensuring more good films. If all of the energy put into the failed boycott of Disney for "gay day" at Walt Disney World now goes into praising Disney and Walden for creating a magnificent work, this "light" will overcome that other "darkness."

Cal Thomas got it. So will you after seeing this movie and cheering the ultimate triumph of good over evil.

Send mail for Cal Thomas to Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, N.Y. 14207. Readers may also leave e-mail at www.calthomas.com.

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### Those opposing Sempra should attend meeting

Jerry Mason, attorney in Coeur d'Alene, on Oct. 26 made a review as requested by the Lemhi County commissioners of the appeal of Lee Halper.

In Mason's response to the commissioners, I quote, "Although I have not seen Lee Halper's appeal, the only discussion one item that was appealed (and there were more than one) He suggested the commissioners have Jerome County Planning and Zoning review its vote and answer a list of his questions. Planning and Zoning members did just that by a yes or no answer and, subsequently, the commissioners approved the meteorology study. There has been no explanation as to why the other items appealed were not the commissioners' appeal. The Sempra attorney, Mr. Allen, interrupted and expressed disapproval several times during the hearing and did not fail to mention the threat of litigation."

I would encourage the College of Southern Idaho students, Anthony Ramallo and Dustin Tobley, and anyone else who doesn't like the idea of Sempra to attend the Tuesday night meetings of people against Sempra at the new I-5 and Game building first office building at the I-5 and Game building and the Flying J station. There's plenty of well-lit parking. We meet most Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who has any questions or just sign one may call me at 324-7613.

Remember that Sempra is being sued in California for back taxes. The Public Utilities Commission in California has recently said it does not want to buy additional electricity from coal-fired plants.

The 2003 Environmental Protection Agency toxic release inventory for the Idaho, Utah, coal-fired plant 9900, owned by Sempra, shows the following annual release of 1,141,500 lbs. It includes 223 lbs. of mercury, 15,000 lbs. of sulfuric acid, etc.

In California, energy from Sempra is the most expensive. It will become cheaper by about 50% less than from polluting companies (i.e., coal fired).

The Times-News article on Nov. 15, "Mercury pollution a threat to kids' ability to learn" by Dr. Pedro Jose Greer, is a wake-up call to the Magic Valley and nearby communities. If we don't wake up and do something, we'll regret it later in a lot of ways.

Heaven help us. XENIA WILLIAMS Jerome

### Alternative energy gains steam within Idaho

There was a pin Sempra letter recently that was critical of alternatives to dirty, polluting coal. The implication was wind advocates need to put out a sheet because our energy is dead-end now (my paraphrase). Pretty funny that the same issue of The Times-News had an article about Idaho Power seeking approval for more wind projects. If approved, it will be generating clean energy for Idaho Power? By November 2006 — three things Sempra will not fund: alternative energy.

Actually, renewable alternative energy has been putting up clean energy parks in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming since 1991. If you did a topographic map of these amazing wind energy numbers, who represent average or expected output, not potential:  
• 286 megawatts of wind power already operating.  
• 195 megawatts of wind power under construction.  
• 195 megawatts of wind power in the permitting process.  
• 146 megawatts of 100 percent power.

In addition, there are four geothermal developments in the works here in Idaho, with a total capacity of 230 megawatts.

Do the math. That's 1,511 megawatts of energy, and zero pounds of mercury, lead, or arsenic, sulfur dioxide, etc. Renewable energy is not only viable but much more desirable than the dirty energy Sempra coal-titan is peddling. Don't let them tell you otherwise. STEVEN HUETTIG Hazelton

OPINION

# Wallet skepticism not as bad as you think

One puzzle these days is why Americans are so confident at the shopping mall and so glum in opinion polls. By many measures, the country's prosperity is broad-based. Families are buying and renovating homes at a ferocious pace. Sales of existing homes in 2005 are expected to reach a record 7.1 million units. Since mid-2003, the number of payroll jobs has increased by 4.2 million. The unemployment rate of 5 percent is low by historic standards. But in polls, Americans are downbeat. The University of Michigan's survey of consumer confidence was 74.2 in October, a big drop from 96.5 in July. This three-month decline is the second largest on record (the first occurred around the 1990 recession).



ROBERT SAMELSON

But until then, I have another theory to explain what's been a persisting disconnect between our mood and our behavior: the hangover from the 1990s boom. Almost everyone looks as good as it did then. We were marching toward a career future. The Internet was everything — and American companies dominated the Internet, the business cycle was dead or dying, interest rates and inflation were low, stock prices would rise forever; budget deficits were disappearing; employment was low. The powerful U.S. economy could subdue almost any threat (say, the 1997-98 Asian financial crisis).

Not coincidentally, the Michigan confidence numbers reached unprecedented levels in the late 1990s; the historic peak occurred in January 2000 at 112. It wasn't simply that the economy did well. What was distinctive is that it did so well that it suggested we could take its future for granted. We called it the New Economy, which implied that the rules of the game had changed. There were explanations for all this bliss: new technologies; adoption of just-in-time inventory practices; the

revival of entrepreneurship. These arguments were satisfying. They were also superficial.

The central fantasy was that we could dispense with uncertainty and anxiety. Now they've reassured themselves with a vengeance. We fret about China, a housing "bubble" (remembering the stock and tech "bubbles"), huge trade and budget deficits, oil — as well as terrorism, Iraq and possible pandemics. The return of worry partly accounts for the weakness of consumer-sentiment polls. People are less confident about the future. But what then explains the strength of actual consumer spending? The answer is that Americans, personal spending decisions depend less on their general view of the economy and more on their personal circumstances — and these haven't shifted so dramatically.

Although our mood went on a roller coaster, changes in our well-being (income, wealth) were less erratic. In the late 1990s, some Americans did fabulously, but most simply did well. Since 2000, many Americans have done poorly, but most with jobs, solid incomes and refinanced homes still did well. In many ways, the economy is stronger now than it was then. Here are two examples. First, household net worth — what people own minus what they owe — is about \$50 trillion, up from \$42 trillion in 1999; gains from homes have more than offset losses on stocks. Second, per capita incomes (after inflation) grew almost 9 percent from 1999 to

2004. Living standards haven't stagnated.

We have a real economy and a rhetorical economy: what's actually happening and what we say is happening. The first is often more stable than the second. I wouldn't hang too much on this distinction. It certainly doesn't preclude an economic slowdown or even recession. Economist Levinson thinks consumer spending will weaken; so does Richard Curtin, who runs the Michigan surveys. The recent declines in confidence reflect real events (hurricanes, higher oil prices, rising interest rates). But I would contend that the distinction helps explain the resilience of American consumers in the past five years. They've been unexpectedly resilient in part because they've never been quite as desperate as common wisdom — blizz, chatter, commentary — holds.

Robert Samelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

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This and other surveys could signal an economic slowdown or recession. There are obvious grounds for anxiety. In October, new car and truck sales plunged 14 percent. Although gasoline prices are falling, they're still higher than a year ago. Homeowners will also face bigger winter heating bills, reflecting higher energy costs. Economist Marc Levinson of JP Morgan expects average households to pay \$500 to \$1,000 more in the Northeast and \$700 to \$100 more in the Midwest than last year. The real estate boom could recede or even implode. Because many homeowners are borrowing against rising housing prices and spending the extra cash, that could hurt ordinary shopping. Should a recession

actually occur, of course, the gap between today's strong economy and sour public opinion would disappear.

But until then, I have another theory to explain what's been a persisting disconnect between our mood and our behavior: the hangover from the 1990s boom. Almost everyone looks as good as it did then. We were marching toward a career future. The Internet was everything — and American companies dominated the Internet, the business cycle was dead or dying, interest rates and inflation were low, stock prices would rise forever; budget deficits were disappearing; employment was low. The powerful U.S. economy could subdue almost any threat (say, the 1997-98 Asian financial crisis).

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of applause to the high school girls in the Magic Valley Tobacco Free coalition.

Thursday evening, Nov. 17, my van stalled in the center of the Addison-Blue Lakes-Shoshone intersection, and a several of the girls pushed my van all of the way to the Gas Shell Gas Station in the next block. They told me that they had the stamina to do that because they were non-smokers.

Way to go, girls!  
TALYN KLEMMETSON  
ETHAN KLEMMETSON  
Twin Falls

## Area gas prices still look suspicious

I am writing in regard to the article about the so-called gas wars in the Burley-Rupert area. Dan Willie said they are not price gouging, but Brock Creek can sell gas for \$2.21 a gallon and the manager there told me he marks his up 10 cents a gallon for profit. If Brock Creek can sell it for so much cheaper than even in Burley and still make a profit, I wouldn't suspect it is because of Love's (truck stop) opening or a gas war? Maybe greed isn't involved

## LETTERS

in his profit margin. It seems like a lot of gas stations are making a pretty good profit. The article stated Burley area is still once cent above the national average.

I wonder why Mr. Willie was so defensive about the attorney general's office doing an investigation between wholesale and retail prices?  
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WORLD

# Britain extends last call for alcohol

Move ends World War I-era law enacted to keep drunks off the street

By Jill Lawless  
Associated Press writer

LONDON — Some see the dawn of a civilized society, others a boozy Armageddon. Either way, it is last call for the early pub closing times that have shocked many a visitor since their introduction during World War I. The government hopes the change, which takes effect Thursday, will stop the flood of binge drinkers spilling onto the streets of England and Wales at the traditional 11 p.m. closing time.

The new rules allow pubs, bars, shops, restaurants and clubs to apply to stay open any hours they like, although each license must be approved by local authorities. The government's licensing minister, James Purnell, said the new law means that "for the first time, pubs will be treated like grown-ups." Supporters say the changes will end the scramble to guzzle much booze as possible in the last minutes before closing time, thus cutting down on alcohol-fueled violence. They hope the new law will nudge Britons toward a Continental culture of genteel sipping rather than relentless chugging.

British consumption of alcohol is not the heaviest in Europe, but it is the most notorious. The propensity for bingeing has spawned newspaper headlines warning that around-the-clock drinking would unleash tides of "drunk yo-yos" and "booze-fueled louts" on the nation.

## 'Last call' varies around the world

Britain has changed its liquor licensing laws from the traditional 11 p.m. "last call" to allow pubs and clubs to stay open any hours they like depending on the locality. In bars and clubs outside Britain, closing times vary.

<b>Los Angeles</b> 2 a.m.	<b>Madrid, Spain</b> Bars: 3:30 a.m.	<b>Germany</b> 3 or 4 a.m., but no set time
<b>New York</b> 4 a.m.	<b>Clubs:</b> 6 a.m.	<b>South Africa</b> None
<b>Brazil</b> None	<b>Egypt</b> Bars: 3 a.m.	<b>Tel Aviv, Israel</b> None
<b>France</b> 2 a.m.	<b>Clubs:</b> 5 a.m.	<b>Thailand</b> No sales after midnight
<b>Lebanon</b> None	<b>Hong Kong</b> Varies by district	

\*Owner can apply for extension

"We are nervous that there will be an increased amount of drunkenness and disorder into longer hours," said Tim Godwin, assistant commissioner of London's Metropolitan Police. Police chiefs warn of a rise in booze-fueled crime and health agencies say alcohol consumption, and its attendant ills, inevitably will increase.

The government has said alcohol figures in 44 percent of violent crime, while alcohol-related accidents account for 70 percent of hospital emergency-room cases at busy times.

"We already see people who have been injured because they have drunk too much," said Martin Shalley of the British As-

sociation for Emergency Medicine. "I think this is now going to occur a lot more frequently."

The World Health Organization says Britons consume less alcohol on average than people in Ireland, Germany, France, Hungary and Spain, among others. However, Britons are more likely to drink in concentrated bursts.

Britain's licensing laws — largely unchanged since they were tightened in 1915 to keep factory workers sober — have long been derided as an anachronism. They required most pubs to close at 11 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 10:30 p.m. on Sundays. Culture Secretary Tessa Jow-

ell said the closing time was effectively a "national curfew" that had been "unfair in principle and wrong in practice." The new rules give police stronger powers to close troublesome bars and punish underage drinking, meaning "yobish behavior will be cracked down on," Jowell said.

"Thousands of pubs and bars have been granted later licenses under the new rules, although the vast majority have asked for an extra hour or two — hardly the '24-hour drinking' endlessly repeated in headlines."

Only 700 establishments, including 240 pubs, applied for licenses for around-the-clock sales, according to government figures. London's Evening Standard newspaper estimated that between a quarter and a third of licensed premises in the city had applied for licenses to stay open later.

"The changes are not as dramatic as has been suggested, with most pubs opting to open for a few extra hours a week," said Neil Williams, spokesman for the British Beer and Pub Association.

Many pub patrons said they planned to assess drinkers' demands before deciding whether to use their new licenses.

"If I get to 10:30 and there's still a lot of people, and they're quite happy, I just might not ring the bell at 11," said James Carman, manager of The Old Bank of England pub in London's Fleet Street.

# Russian parliament tries to curb activism

The Washington Post

MOSCOW — The Russian parliament took a first step toward curbing grass-roots activism in the country Wednesday when it overwhelmingly passed a draft law that would bring local non-governmental organizations under strict state supervision and potentially close the Russian offices of such foreign organizations (NGOs) as Human Rights Watch.

The state Duma, or lower house of parliament, voted 370-18 to approve the first reading of a bill that would force local organizations ranging from medical charities to human rights groups to re-register with a state body that would scrutinize their activities before allowing them to continue working. The law would also restrict the ability of Russian NGOs to accept foreign grants or employ foreigners. Foreign NGOs and foundations would be barred from having representatives of offices in Moscow, a requirement that would force many of them out.

"This law signals a new chapter in the government's crackdown on civil society institutions," said Holly Garner, Europe and Central Asia director at Human Rights Watch, in a statement Wednesday. "Now that the Kremlin has centralized other checks and balances, NGOs remain among the last independent voices that can criticize the government and demand accountability in Russia."

The bill appears to stem from the fear that foreign NGOs and foreign money, particularly American money, could be used to spearhead the kind of political change here that topped government agendas in Georgia, Ukraine and Kyrgyzstan.

"We have seen what happened in Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova and how these local branches of foreign NGOs that are funded by the CIA functioned," said Alexei Ostrosky, a nationalist member of parliament. "We want to defend our citizens from the chaos which our country can be dragged into by these foreign NGOs."

White House officials said President Bush expressed concern about the bill when he met with President Vladimir Putin in South Korea last week.

"These are very tough measures. They could throw the baby out with the bathwater," said Viktor Ibrakin, a Communist Party legislator. "We believe these are directed against opposition groups and so we are not voting in favor of this."

The bill will have to pass two more readings and be signed by Putin before it becomes law.

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WORLD

# New platform aims to win Israeli hearts

Jerusalem (AP) — After shaking off the constraints of his hard-line Likud Party, Ariel Sharon is giving away little about how he plans to end the conflict with the Palestinians in what he hopes will be his third term as prime minister.

The platform of his new centrist party, registered Wednesday under the name "National Responsibility," is based on the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan, but is murky enough to attract both Israeli doves and hawks, but Palestinians fear Sharon will unilaterally impose the borders of their state.

Sharon's departure Monday from Likud to establish a new centrist movement rocked Israeli political establishment. At first the move excited both Israelis and Palestinians, who thought the political shakeup could lead to peace.

But as the dust settles, some are becoming wary of Sharon, who has cleverly veiled his intentions behind ambiguous slogans, shielded by the uproar surrounding bold move.

Sharon says there will be no more unilateral pullouts, like his "disengagement" from Gaza. But analysts say Sharon is intentionally vague, allowing him to order more unilateral West Bank



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon speaks during a press conference Monday. Sharon broke away from his hardline Likud Party to form a new centrist party in a politically electrifying gamble that raised hopes for a breakthrough in Mideast peacemaking.

pullbacks in the absence of progress on the road map.

It calls for establishment of a Palestinian state, but only after preliminary steps are taken, like elimination of violent Palestinian groups and a freeze on Israeli settlement construction. Neither side has taken the initial steps in more than two years since the plan was presented.

Sharon insists the Palestinians must dismantle the militant

groups before Israel freezes expansion of Jewish settlements and evacuates unauthorized West Bank outposts. The Palestinians say the plan has to be implemented simultaneously.

This disagreement and the apparent lack of a strong third-party mediator, such as the United States, could lead to confrontation and stagnation, a situation that suits Sharon, say analysts.

"Sharon has subverted the whole process by turning it into something sequential and conditional and, of course, by making himself the interpreter of the road map," said Palestinian lawmaker Hanan Ashrawi. Using the road map as a political platform is an "excuse for unilateralism" and "guarantees that nothing will move," she said.

Sharon's advisers promise the situation will not remain static. In the absence of a peace partner, Israel will go on building its West Bank separation barrier and expanding Jewish settlements, while Israel wants to carry out a final deal, said Lior Horev, a Sharon political adviser.

"We are not sitting quietly. ... We are mulling the region, security-wise, the way we think it needs to look, and the Palestinians have a lot to lose," Horev said. "First of all in exchange for an independent Palestinian state, they have to provide security."

But Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas has been reluctant to crack down on militant groups, fearing it will lead to civil war.

And Sharon appears to be betting that Abbas won't change his tactics, almost guaranteeing that the United States will not push for negotiations.

# German chancellor calls for better relations with U.S.

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Angela Merkel reached out Wednesday to the United States in her first foreign trip as German chancellor, saying it was time to heal the trans-Atlantic rift caused by Germany's opposition to the U.S.-led war in Iraq.



Merkel

Although NATO's members split over Iraq, Merkel said the alliance's 26 nations must return to common political purpose.

NATO should be the place where people turn first with member states to discuss political issues," she said.

Later in the day, Merkel met with senior European Union officials and pledged her support for

the proposed EU constitution, which was rejected by French and Dutch voters this year and seems destined for failure.

"Europe needs the constitution," she said, making a brief appearance with European Parliament President Josep Borrell.

However, Merkel avoided taking a position on some of the EU's most divisive issues, including how to allocate its budget and whether Turkey should become a full member, which she strongly opposed in the past.

The EU is deeply split both over the budget and, more widely, over whether and how the bloc should embrace market-

orientated reforms to ward off economic competition from rising powers like China.

Merkel said she would not comment on these issues until she sees proposals on solving the impasse to be put forward by Britain, which holds the EU's rotating presidency until Dec. 31.

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NATION

# More problems for overweight kids

Study says they're at risk for broken bones, joint problems

The Associated Press

Children who are overweight face more than future health problems. They appear to have broken bones and joint problems more often during childhood than kids of normal weight, research suggests.

"A lot of people think that if you're an overweight kid... that later on in life you're going to run into having heart disease or Type 2 diabetes," said Dr. Susan Yanovski, director of the obesity and eating disorders program at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

"But kids and adults who are overweight are already having problems with their mobility, fractures, and joint pain."

A study led by her husband, obesity researcher Dr. Jack Yanovski, found that children and teens who were overweight were far more likely to have had a fracture than their ideal-weight peers. They also had more bone and hip joint abnormalities, which can lead to permanent deformities.

The research involved 227 overweight children and adolescents and 128 who weren't overweight. The children had an average age of 12. All were enrolled in various federal health studies between 1996 and 2004 and were considered overweight if they were in the 95th percentile of weight and height for their age and sex.

A review of their medical history revealed that 13 percent of overweight kids had had at least one broken bone at some point in their lives, compared with less than 4 percent of ideal-weight children.

Similar results were found for how many had muscle, bone or joint pain, especially knee pain, and restricted movement.

"The combination of musculoskeletal pain and poor mobility may possibly lead to less physical activity... and perpetuate the vicious cycle," said Yanovski, head of the growth and obesity program at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. He presented results of the study at a recent meeting of the Obesity Society in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Caleb Ezzard knows the problem well. With 362 pounds on his 5-foot-4-inch frame, the 14-year-old from Louisville, Ky., developed Blount's disease, a growth disorder of the shin bone that causes the lower legs to bow inward.

"I used to play football," but the bone problem put an end to that, he said. "When I would run, my weight would put pressure on my leg and my bones would start moving and it would hurt."

Even more common than



Caleb Ezzard, 14, sits in his room at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati with his mother, Teri Reed, after completing obesity surgery. Children who are overweight face more than future health problems. They appear to have broken bones and joint problems more often during childhood than kids of normal weight, research suggests.

Blount's is SCFE, or slipped capital femoral epiphysis, caused by improper growth in the ball part of the ball-and-socket joint that forms the hip, said Dr. Junichi Tamai, a pediatric orthopedic surgeon at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati.

"Children often say their knees hurt, but the real problem is the malformation that's starting to occur in the joint, he said. Being unable to exercise makes the situation worse. "If a child is very active, chances are the bones are very strong," because weight-bearing exercise promotes bone density, Tamai said.

"Also, a very active child may be able to fall better," he said. If kids have too many pounds on their frame, "when they fall, there's just more weight be-

hind it" and bones are more likely to snap. Hormones are believed to play a role, too.

"What we generally see is that lean, muscular young men have the hardest bone, and that goes along with the testosterone," which can be lower in very overweight boys, Tamai said.

In Caleb's case, orthopedic surgeries could only partly resolve the leg issues. In October, he had obesity surgery at the Cincinnati children's hospital, hoping to get at the underlying problem.

"We've tried Weight Watchers, we've tried Slimfast, we tried the fitness centers with not much success," said Caleb's stepfather, Steven Reed.

Caleb said that other family

members' experiences convinced him to have the gastric bypass operation.

"I didn't start wanting it until I saw the success it had with my uncle," he said.

His weight is starting to drop, but he won't be able to consider much exercise until it falls some more.

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# Library of Congress envisions online collection of rare books

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Library of Congress is launching a campaign to create the World Digital Library, an online collection of rare books, manuscripts, maps, posters, stamps and other materials from its holdings and those of other national libraries that would be freely accessible for viewing by anyone, anywhere with Internet access.

This is the most ambitious international effort ever undertaken to put precious items of artistic, historical, and literary significance on the Internet so that people can learn about other cultures without traveling further than the nearest computer, said James Billington, head of the Library of Congress.

Billington said his goal is to bring together materials from the United States and Europe with precious items from Islamic nations stretching from Indonesia through Central and West Africa, as well as important materials from collections in

East and South Asia.

"We are aiming for a cooperative undertaking in which each culture can articulate its own cultural identity within a shared global undertaking," Billington said in an interview. "We will go as far as we can. The danger we all face is a clash of civilizations. This is the old dream of better international understanding. The dream is that this could make a contribution, particularly among young people brought up in the multimedia age."

Billington said he envisions the initiative as a public-private partnership. He said that the Library of Congress has accepted \$3 million from Google Inc. as its first corporate contribution. Google co-founder and President Sergey Brin said in an interview that he and Billington began discussions roughly one year ago about ways for the Library of Congress and Google to team up. Brin said he became intrigued after seeing a range of "beautiful" items in the Library of Congress collection during

private meetings with Billington.

"To me, this is about preserving history and making it available to everyone," Brin said. During the past year, Google has digitized about 5,000 books from the Library of Congress as part of a pilot project to refine the techniques to make copies

of fragile books without damaging them. In the next phase of the project, Billington said Google will digitize books and other materials from the Library of Congress Law Library. Earlier this fall, a group of publishers filed a lawsuit in New York against Google, alleging copyright infringement over the








search engines' ongoing digitization of millions of library books from the collections of Stanford University, Harvard University, University of Michigan, Oxford University and the New York Public Library. Google is battling the publishers in court — and fighting a related class-action lawsuit filed by authors — by ar-

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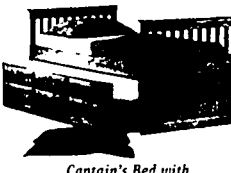






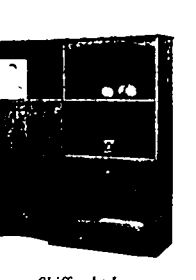

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NATION



A mall security car drives past a sign announcing that the Tacoma Mall will re-open at noon Monday — a day after a man went on a shooting spree there, injuring six people.

**Mall shooting sparks security questions**

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — In an instant, the controlled chaos of holiday shopping turned bloody when a man strolled into a busy shopping mall and opened fire on shoppers with an assault rifle.

Sunday's shooting rampage at the Tacoma Mall, coming just days before the start of the holiday crush, highlighted the vulnerability of America's shopping centers.

shopping mall or a sports arena.

In the United States, there are about 1,200 enclosed malls and 44,000 shopping centers with a total of 190 million shoppers a month, said Malachy Kavanagh, a spokesman for the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Malls have long been considered vulnerable to terrorist attacks, but the risk is not likely to keep shoppers away from the malls.

"It's all about the time and the place," said shopper Deb Kraft, who was walking in the Valley Mall in Union Gap, near Yakima. "I don't think they're going to target a mall any differently than they will target a football game or mini-mart or a liquor store."

As malls across the country, thousands of people come and go, often carrying bulky packages. No metal detectors check them for weapons. And there is always the possibility that someone where in the crowd is a disgruntled employee, a jilted lover or a mental patient on the edge.

"If someone is determined, I don't know that you can prevent it," said Capt. Mark Cooney, who heads homeland security for the Washington State Patrol.

But Cooney noted that violence at malls is extremely rare. "I don't think it calls for people to be paranoid or install metal detectors," Cooney said. "I don't think the public would stand for either."

In the Tacoma case, Dominick Sergio Maldonado, 20, was arrested Sunday after six people were hurt, one critically. Maldonado sent a text message to his ex-girlfriend minutes before the rampage, saying, "Today is the day the world will know my anger," the woman said Monday.

At the SuperValu in Auburn, Wash., a shopping complex a few miles from the Tacoma Mall, security measures include video surveillance, 24-hour patrols, training for security officers and a police substation. But Dennis Nicholson, the mall's general manager, said such precautions cannot necessarily stop something like Sunday's rampage.

"We can't prevent that individual from doing that," Nicholson said. "In this day and age in particular, I think that the American public needs to be ever so more aware of their surroundings. It doesn't matter if they're in a



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### Flags at half-staff will honor soldier

**BOISE** — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has ordered flags at the state Capitol and other state buildings and facilities be flown at half-staff on Saturday in memory of Staff Sgt. Ivan V. Alarcon of Jerome, the day he will be buried in Jerome.

Alarcon was stationed in Iraq as a member of the U.S. Army 4th Quartermaster Company in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As families join together in this holiday season, such a tragic loss of this young soldier comes as a reminder of the tremendous sacrifice that our soldiers and their families make for our country and for our freedom," Kempthorne said. "I ask all Idahoans to keep Ivan and his family in their thoughts and prayers."

### Santa to visit Rupert Square, turn on lights

**RUPERT** — The city of Rupert kicks off its holiday celebration with a chili supper at 5 p.m. Friday in downtown Rupert.

The chili is \$1.50; cinnamon rolls are \$1.50 and coffee and hot chocolate are 50 cents. Food will be served until it runs out.

Santa will arrive at 7 p.m. to turn on the Christmas lights on Rupert Square. The lights will be turned off for a 10- to 15-minute fireworks show. Thom Simpson, "The Singing Janitor," will perform starting at 6 p.m. at the gazebo on Rupert Square.

The festival of trees will open afterward at the Civic Building.

### Declo residents will help guide balloon

**DECLO** — You might see a familiar face this morning while watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Declo resident Jan Moss of Declo will be among the 52 people guiding a giant Healthy Mr. Potato Head balloon through the concrete canyons of New York City. The Mosses are representing the U.S. Potato Board.

The board teamed up with Hasbro Toy Company to come up with Healthy Mr. Potato Head, who sports inline skates, a water bottle and exercise clothes.

The parade airs from 9 a.m. to noon MST on NBC.

### Thanksgiving brings several closures

**TWIN FALLS** — Many offices and facilities will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. Here's a rundown of what will be closed or open today and Friday.

• City offices will be closed today. Most city offices will be closed Friday, including in Twin Falls, Jerome, Burley, Hailey and Gooding.

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

• State and federal offices will be closed today; most will be open Friday.

• Social Security Administration offices will be closed today, but open Friday.

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

• Local banks will be closed today, but open Friday.

• Twin Falls Public Library will be closed today, but open Friday.

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

• The College of Southern Idaho will be closed today, but open Friday.

• Magic Valley Mall will be closed today, but open Friday.

• Trash will not be picked up today; trash collection will be one day late.

Some city and county offices might have different policies for Friday, so call ahead to the appropriate clerk's office.

— compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Waterhead	Nov. 23	Nov. 22
Salmon	119%	18%
Little Wood	119%	17%
Big Lost	107%	11%
Little Lost	101%	15%
88%	15%	
Henrys Fork/Teton	108%	17%
Upper Snake Basin	100%	17%
Upper Snake	97%	12%
Sawtooth	73%	10%

As of Nov. 23  
\*A comparison of basin snowpack, an indicator of basin snowmelt for the season.

# Board tries again on multipurpose center

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — If at first you fail, try again.  
Last November, a bond issue to build a multipurpose center at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds didn't get the supermajority it required to pass. Though a slight majority of voters said yes to a \$2.5 million bond issue to build a \$2.7 million facility, it fell short of the 66.7 percent it required.

So in May, the Twin Falls County Fair Board will try again, and supporters want voters to know as much as they can about the plan before they go to the polls.

There's a monthly newsletter. There's a

speakers bureau. And the Twin Falls County Fair Web site features everything you ever wanted to know about the proposed Pioneer Events Center.

"We're just trying to get as much information as we can out there to make people more aware of the project," said Fair Manager John Pitz.  
And this time around, the Fair Board isn't asking for as big a chunk of change. This time, voters will be asked to approve a \$1.2 million, two-year override levy to build Phase I, a \$1.5 million project that would include a 66,000-square-foot insulated steel building with lighting, electrical and one set of restrooms. The Fair Board currently has \$366,000 in matching donations and grant funding for the project.

The override levy would only require a simple majority to pass, meaning it would require approval from just 51 percent of voters.

"I think we have a better chance of passing this one," Pitz said.  
Once Phase I is completed, the Fair Board could then apply for government and private grants and secure sponsorships and donations to add more restrooms, concession areas, a concrete floor, heating, cooling, ventilation, sprinkler system, parking lot, seating and a sound system. If needed, the board could go back to voters and ask them to approve another two-year override levy to complete Phase II.

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### Proposed multipurpose center

On May 23, the Twin Falls County Fair Board will ask voters to approve a \$1.2 million, two-year override levy to build a new multipurpose building at the fairgrounds in Filer. If voters approve the override levy, it will raise property taxes an estimated \$20 a year on \$100,000 of taxable property.  
For more information on the proposed Pioneer Events Center at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, see the Web site at <http://www.tfair.com> or call the fair office at 326-4396.

# Early does it

## Shoppers avoid the holiday rush

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — As last-minute Christmas shoppers nudge their ways through the crowded mall, panic on their faces, Carol Benson can sit back in her favorite easy chair in front of a warm fire and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate.

Benson had her shopping done in July. She started the day after last Christmas.

"I'm home laughing," Benson said. "I try to avoid the stores the day after Thanksgiving."

Benson said her living room looks like "Santa Claus Central." Presents sit stacked in chairs, and she still finds more presents in my closets and in the pumproom and in another closet," she said.

Benson figures there's about 90 people on this year's Christmas list. And she manages to find something for them all, despite her busy life working as a psychosocial rehabilitation specialist with children and adults with disabilities at Positive Connections.

She even makes her Christmas stockings by hand.

"I'm trying to do three, four, five thousand things at a time," Benson said. "If I'm not wrapping, I'm sewing."

Benson goes out of her way to infuse everyone around her with the Christmas spirit. Her adult clients help her cut stockings out of felt, sew them and decorate them. Her young clients make Christmas ornaments out of pipe cleaners and beads and stuff the stockings, which they deliver to residents in nursing homes.

Benson buys about a hundred presents a year for family and friends, many that she finds on clearance during those great after-holiday sales. She and her husband, Leonard, don't have children but she has lots of great-great-nieces and nephews.

"I buy them presents because Christmas is for kids," Benson said. Extra gifts go to children whose names she picks from an Angel Tree.

Benson knows a good deal about Christmas. Most of the gifts she buys are marked down 75 to 90 percent.

"I spend a couple hundred dollars, but it's worth a thousand," Benson said.

Like Benson, Terry Montague of Rupert wouldn't think of venturing into the mall after Thanksgiving. In the Christmas rush, even nice people



Carol Benson sits with unwrapped and wrapped presents that she has been buying as early as the after-Christmas sales last year. She says her house looks like 'Santa Claus Central' because of the presents that are cluttering her living room for the nearly 90 people on her Christmas list.

can suddenly turn into Ebenezer Scrooge.  
"You smile and say hello to them, but between Thanksgiving and Christmas, they're not nice people," Montague said. "They're stressed, they're rushed and they need everything right now."

Montague also begins shopping the day after Christmas and a lot of thought goes into her Christmas list.

"In my family growing up, gift-giving was an art," Montague said. "You thought about it all year, what you were going

to get for your mom, your dad, your sisters. It had to be just the right thing. It's so fun to see them open them and watch their faces."

The only drawback to early shopping is that sometimes you can forget where you hid something. She once bought her grown daughter a denim vest with a velvet collar from a catalog she'd received right after Christmas.

"I wrapped it and stuck it somewhere," Montague said. "I finally found it cleaning a closet in July so I gave it to her

for her birthday."  
And then there were the 52 alarm clocks. She bought a whole sack of them at a store closed sale five years ago. They were missing until a little over a month ago when she was looking for donations for victims of the Gulf Coast hurricanes. There they were, in perfect condition, in the back of one of her closets.

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# Hotline gives travel info

## It's as easy as dialing 511

The Times-News

**BOISE** — A new statewide travel information service that gives updates on winter road and weather conditions, emergency closures and access to tourist information 24 hours a day, seven days a week is now available.

By dialing 511 or visiting <http://www.511.idaho.gov> on the Internet, travelers will be updated as conditions change. The new system includes more than 70 Web cameras across the state. Idaho 511 will share 576 phone lines with multiple states, minimizing the chance of callers getting a busy signal during winter storms.

Within minutes of road and weather conditions being reported by Idaho Transportation Department snowplows, the information will be updated on both the Web site and telephone.

Voice recognition technology enables callers to get information by speaking into the telephone. Selections can also be made on the phone keypad.

The <http://www.511.idaho.gov> site is designed for easy navigation and includes maps and links to neighboring states' information sites, and includes 19 mountain passes. For each pass, a live camera shot and a pass report keep travelers updated on road and weather conditions, the current temperature and any restrictions.

Calls to 511 are considered local when dialed from a landline phone. Cell phone users are responsible for normal airtime and roaming charges in accordance with their service contracts. Most wireless companies in Idaho will connect to 511. In some cases along state borders, Idaho 511 may not work properly depending on the cell tower connection for that call. Should this occur, call (888) 432-7623 to access the system.

Idaho is the 24th state to provide the 511 service. When traveling in a state with 511 service, dialing the number will connect you to that state's system.

Idaho's 511 is made possible through the cooperation of the Idaho Transportation Department, Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor, Idaho State Medical Services Bureau Communications Center, Idaho State Police, the Federal Highway Administration and the Ada County Highway District.

# Organic dairy near Paul purchases additional ground

By Marie Michel  
For The Times-News

**PAUL** — Dairy cattle grazing in green fields will be more than a television commercial in Mini-Cassia next year, as Horizon Organic dairy in Paul has purchased an additional 1,400 acres for pasture near its existing 4,000-head operation.

A state-of-the-art rotary milking parlor will be built in the middle of the new pasture. The new parlor will be three miles east of the existing facility, which was purchased in 1994. The two facilities will share the heifer and dry cow pasture.

"We hope the new grazing dairy we design will be a model of organic grazing," said Kelly Shea, a spokeswoman for Horizon Organic.  
The \$10 million project has been four years in the making, as the company obtained the land, then spent three years transitioning the ground to meet USDA standards for organic production.  
Horizon Organic is working

with the nonprofit Savory Center to manage the irrigated and dryland pasture according to sustainable agriculture practices, Shea said.  
Although the milking herd won't be expanded, additional workers will be hired for the second, new parlor and to take the cattle to pasture, she said.

Construction of the new parlor is scheduled to begin in the spring, and "we will move the girls in the fall," Shea said.  
The Paul facility is one of two dairies owned by Horizon Organic. The other is in Maryland. The company also purchases organic milk from more than 300 family farms nationwide.

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## OBITUARIES

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

### Staff Sgt. Ivan Alarcon

**JEROME** — Staff Sgt. Ivan Alarcon, 23, of Jerome, died Nov. 17, 2005, while serving his country in Iraq. He was born Dec. 7, 1981, in Mountain Home, Idaho, the son of Salomon Alarcon and Alicia Vargas Alarcon. Ivan grew up in Jerome and graduated from Jerome High School in 1999. Ivan enlisted in the United States Army in 1999 and was currently assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division, 473rd Quartermaster Battalion. Ivan was an excellent student and was gifted at art, especially drawing. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.



Jessica Alarcon, Alex Alarcon and Melissa Alarcon, all of Jerome. He is also survived by

his grandparents, Francisco and Ermela Alarcon and Fidel and Teodora Vargas.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome, Idaho, with Father Ronald Wokerle presiding. A vigil service will be conducted beginning at 7 p.m. Friday evening, Nov. 25, 2005, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church.

Interment with military honors will follow the service on Saturday at the Jerome Cemetery, West Avenue 1, Jerome. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338. Ivan will be remembered as a hero and a patriot for defending this beautiful country of ours. He will forever be remembered by his family and friends.

## - OBITUARY -

### Aaron Philip Southwick Southwick

Aaron Philip Southwick, 45, died Monday, Nov. 21, 2005, in a vehicle accident near Dietrich, Idaho.

Aaron was born April 15, 1960, at Logan, Utah, the son of Verlon and Edith Southwick. Most of his youth was spent with his family in the Hyde Park and Ogden areas of Utah before moving to Dietrich, Idaho, in 1977. He graduated from Shoshone High School.

It was on Aug. 20, 1983, that Aaron married Julie Pagonga. He was employed at Micron Technology in Boise for 17 years.

Aaron and Julie are the parents of two daughters, Teri Ellis and Rylie Kristine.

Survivors, in addition to his wife and daughters, include three brothers, Wantless, Stephen and Mark Southwick, all of Dietrich, Idaho, and three sisters, Alona Perkes of Logan, Utah, Sandra Turpin of Houston, Texas, and Marcia Stimpson of Dietrich, Idaho.

A memorial service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at the LDS Church in Dietrich, Idaho. Interment will be in the family cemetery plot at Liberty, Utah.

He was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed.

### Myrtle Lorraine Call



Myrtle Lorraine Call passed away Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005, at her home in Twin Falls, Idaho. She was born Aug. 29, 1924, in Magna, Utah.

Myrtle Lorraine Call passed away Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005, at her home in Twin Falls, Idaho. She was born Aug. 29, 1924, in Magna, Utah, to Myrtle Hardman Anderson and Frank Anderson. She was the oldest of four children born to Frank and Myrtle. Her brothers, Frank and Lamar, and sister, Ilieta, were all born in Magna, where their father, Frank, worked at the copper mine.

Lorraine remembered growing up in Magna with lots of uncles, aunts and cousins, many of whom were supported by work at the mine and the smelter plants. She had great memories of outings to the big city of Salt Lake and to the Salt Lake amusement park for picnics, dances and movies.

Her parents divorced in Salt Lake and her mother met a widower, Lesley Andreason, who farmed and already had four children by his first marriage and was also raising an orphaned nephew as a son. The couple married, combining as a family of five sons and four daughters. Together, Lorraine's mother and father then had two more daughters and another son, for a total of 12 children. The family moved to the Butte, Idaho, area to farm in 1936. Lorraine was very active in school in Burley and made many life-long friendships which she valued highly.

During her high school years, Lorraine met and dated Merrill John Call. They married on Feb. 9, 1942, and together had three sons and three daughters — Arlan in 1943, Reid in 1944, Phil in 1947, Gwen also in 1947, Bev in 1952 and Pam in 1954.

Lorraine was an outgoing person who always liked to socialize and especially loved to dance. She and Merrill belonged to supper clubs and card circles for many years and enjoyed entertaining friends wherever they lived. She was a vivacious, quick-

witted lady, with the ability to always make the most of the moment.

The family moved to the Twin Falls area in the 1940s for business opportunities and to farm. Lorraine and Merrill both held jobs in town, while raising their family. For several years they also farmed an 80-acre place, where they raised 15,000 chickens every 72 days, milked a small herd of cows, raised hogs and beef cattle and cultivated hay and row crops, while they both still worked "regular" jobs in town!

In her "spare" time, Lorraine sewed clothes for her children, was active in her church and continued to whistle, sing and dance — especially dance — at every opportunity. She loved to design, assemble and sew quilts. She made several dozen in her lifetime, one or more for every family member, and for many friends. She also continued to work at a variety of retail jobs over the years and always relished the acquaintances she made with coworkers and customers. Many of them became permanent friends.

Following Merrill's retirement due to illness, Lorraine and he moved to Utah for 20 years to be near four of their children living in the Plover/Orem area. They had great times in their motor home and camping, attending

ball games and musical events and participating in various family activities. The greatest joys of her life were the times she spent with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The couple moved back to Twin Falls in 1993 and renewed acquaintances with many old friends. They again entertained, played cards and danced as much as possible. Merrill passed away in 1998 and Lorraine continued to be very active with lots of people in lots of ways. She felt highly rewarded by her involvement with her church groups, loved to spend time with the "walkers from the mall," played cards and danced with members of luncheon and dinner groups and became a "quilter extraordinaire" at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center.

Lorraine leaves a legacy of love, laughter and friendship. Her undiluted and enduring support of all family members in any circumstance will always remain as a tribute to her strength of character and to her perpetual love as a mother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a sister, a brother, a stepbrother, two stepisters and a granddaughter.

She is survived by a brother, a stepbrother, two half-sisters, a half-brother, six children, 26 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of her life and a memorial service are to be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at the LDS 5th Ward Chapel, 421 Maurice St. N. in Twin Falls, Idaho. At the family's request, there will be no public viewing and in lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to be given in Lorraine's name to the Huntsman Cancer Institute, 2000 Circle of Hope, Suite 512, Salt Lake City, UT 84412. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

### Connie Kontra Throckmorton



RUPERT — Connie Kontra Throckmorton, a 56-year resident of Rupert, Idaho, passed away during the early morning hours of Nov. 18, 2005, in San Jose, Calif., at age 88.

Connie was born Aug. 18, 1917, in Perth Amboy, N.J., to Czechoslovakian immigrant parents. She attended high school at Plainfield Academy in New Jersey and Madison College in Nashville, Tenn., where she made many valued and lifelong friendships.

Upon graduation from college, she worked at the U.S. Patent Office in Washington, D.C., where, in 1943, she met young Coast Guard serviceman named Jay Throckmorton. They married in 1944, and in 1946, after a brief stay in Burbank, Calif., moved to Jay's hometown of Rupert, Idaho.

There they made a home for 56 years, raising their six children, working together in their own business, "The Music Shop" which they renamed "Jay's TV Corner" in later years. They were active in the local Seventh-day Adventist church and staunch support-

ers of the community. She lived the final 3 1/2 years of her life in San Jose where they had moved to be closer to family.

Connie was a tireless worker, not only for her husband and family, but also for others in need. Her home was a haven to friends, both well known and new, needing a place to stay when in town. Guests to her church could always count on an invitation to her home for a meal and shut-in neighbors would often receive a meal from her kitchen.

Connie was preceded in death by her husband, Jay, on May 3, 2005, her parents, an older and younger brother in New Jersey and her sister, Margaret Throckmorton Van Every of Rupert.

She is survived by sister, Helen Baschant of Edison, N.J.; daughter, Judy Knopper (husband, Fred) of Simi Valley, Calif.; sons, Dan (wife, Teresa) of San Jose, Calif., David of San Jose, Calif., James of Portland, Ore., Roger of Tidewater, Ore., and Tim of Portland, Ore. She is also mourned by eight granddaughters, three grandsons and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Heyburn Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1250 21st St., Heyburn, Idaho. Interment will follow at the Rupert Cemetery, 450 N. Meridian Road, in Rupert.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Connie Throckmorton Bible Fund at the Rupert Television, Box 3, Thousand Oaks, Ca. 91359. Services are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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Lucille Hostetler Shetler



years in Filer she was active in the Filer Memorial Church. After moving to the Bruneau area she and her husband were active in the Indian Cove Memorial Church and the Bruneau Sunday School. When Leland worked as a janitor the ministry she served at his side as he was pastor at various times of the Indian Cove Memorial Church, the Bruneau Community Church and the Mountain Home Christian Center. At the time of her death

she was an active member of the Bruneau Community Church.

One of the things she loved to do was cook. Her children remember her homemade bread and cinnamon rolls among other things. For many years she was manager and cook at the Hungry Onion Drive Inn in Mountain Home. In the 1970s she and her husband spent two summers serving at the Christian Retreat Campground in Strawberry Lake, Minn., where Leland was janitor and general maintenance man and Lucille was the cook.

They also spent two winters helping missionary friends in Mexico.

She is survived by her husband, Leland of Bruneau; three sons, Ivan and wife, Janis, of Bruneau, Edward and wife, Kathy, of Middleton, Idaho, and Scott (Vernon) and wife,

Shari, of Melba, Idaho; one daughter, Neva and husband, Sam Hamilton, of Indian Cove, Idaho; seven grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Dale and wife, Vivian, of Milford, Neb., LeVoy of Denver, Colo., and Larry and wife, Alice, of Nampa, Idaho; four sisters, Mary Schweitzer of Vanderhoof, BC, Nadene and husband, Wilber Troyer, of Nampa, Idaho, Leona and husband, Clinton Gingrich, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Ellen and husband, Stan Misher, of McMinnville, Ore.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three sons, Norman, Waldo, and an infant son, Dupee.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bruneau Community Church Ladies Aide C/O West Funeral Home, 500 N. 18th E., Mountain Home, ID 83647.

Lucille Hostetler Shetler, 85, passed away at her home Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, following a long battle with cancer.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Bruneau Legion Hall, with burial to follow at the Bruneau Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Homes, McMurrey Chapel, Mountain Home.

Lucille was born Sept. 13, 1920, at Milford, Neb. She married Leland Shetler on Feb. 8, 1944. In 1945 they moved from Nebraska to Filer, Idaho, where Leland worked as an auto mechanic and later as a salesman. In 1955, they moved to the Bruneau, Idaho, area where they turned 250 acres of sagebrush and jack rabbits into a farm. She lived on that farm the remainder of her life.

In her final days, she was cared for by her family in the living room of the home she and Leland built there in the mid 1960s.

Her Christian faith was very important to her. During her

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Supporters of the project say a climate-controlled building could be used year-round for all kinds of events, including rodeos, monster truck shows, concerts, equestrian and other sporting events, car shows, graduations and large dinner parties.

"It's not just for the fairgrounds," said Ralph Denton, a member of the Fair Board and of the Pioneer Events Center Planning Committee. "The only time the fairgrounds will use the building is during the six-day fair. If approved by taxpayers, it will be made available to a lot of organizations. We'll try to make it affordable to our county taxpayers so they'll be able to use it."

And having such a large

venue that could be used for concerts and other large events will draw attention, and dollars, from outsiders as well.

"It will have a big economic impact on our county and city because it's going to draw big crowds," Denton said.

And a large venue would benefit local organizations as well, said Cliff Snider, who also sits on the planning committee.

"Wouldn't it be something if two or three civic organizations could put together one big fundraiser?" Snider said. "Everyone would make a lot of money and have a great time."

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 Choose Blueberry, Cinnamon Apple, Spiced Pear, Vanilla or Black Cherry. While Supplies Last.

**Fresh Values Price**  
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**SAVE \$2** On 2 Packages of Duracell or Energizer Batteries  
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**HOT BUY!**

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MAGIC VALLEY

-OBITUARY-



Patrice Griffin

Patrice Pettingill Griffin, 49, passed away Monday, Nov. 21, 2005, in Sandy, Utah.

She was born in Anchorage, Alaska, Feb. 24, 1956, to William E. and Patricia Felton Pettingill.

Patrice was raised and attended school in Burley, Idaho, where she graduated from high school. She learned to work hard at a young age. She met the love of her life, Craig, at Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho. They were married in the Salt Lake LDS Temple, Dec. 27, 1978. She excelled in dance and loved participating on the Ricks College Ballroom Team. She was a cheerleader in high school and college. She had talents for dry flower arranging and oil painting.

Her special talent was loving everyone she met.

Patrice was a very active member of the LDS Church. She served a valiant full time mission in Michigan while her sweetheart served his mission. Even though she could have no children of her own, she was a mother to many, including all her nieces and nephews. She loved working in the Primary and had great love for each child. She influenced and loved many young men when she assisted Craig as a Scout Leader. She was sustained by a strong faith and positive attitude despite severe life-long health and pain challenges.

Patrice is survived by her husband; her parents; a brother, Bill (Teresa) Pettingill (Twin Falls, Idaho); sisters, Debra (Brian) Bartlow (Burley, Idaho), Tami (Mark) Boyce, (Oakdale, Calif.) Trudi (Ron) Dymock (Paradise, Utah) and Paula John (Idaho Falls, Idaho); numerous nieces and nephews and in-laws, Marcus and Joanne Griffin and family.

Patrice was preceded in death by her grandparents, Grandma Pettingill and Grandma Wilson were her two special grandmothers, both of whom strengthened her during her hardest times.

A funeral will be held at noon Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Sandy Granite View Stake Center, 9880 S. 3100 E. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. 10600 S., and from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Saturday prior to the service at the Stake Center.

**Douglas Foster Clark**  
 BELLEVUE — Douglas Foster Clark, 45, of Bellevue, Idaho, died Sunday, Nov. 20, 2005, of an automobile accident. A service will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, at the Wood River Chapel in Hailey. A gathering of friends and family will be held following the service at Mama Inez in Bellevue. A viewing will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, 2005, at the Wood River Chapel. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey, Idaho.

**Billie Louise Strickland**  
 GOODING — Billie Louise

Strickland, age 78, formerly of Gooding, died Tuesday Nov. 22, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005, at The First Christian Church in Gooding. Visitation for family and friends will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

**Kenneth Earl Jones**  
 BUHL — Kenneth Earl Jones, 80, died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005, at his home in Buhl with family at his side. A full obituary will be published in a later edition. Arrangements will be made by

Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl, Idaho.

**Tina G. Welsh Bailey**  
 GLENNS FERRY — Tina G. Welsh Bailey, 56, of Glens Ferry, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, at her home. Arrangements will be made by Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, Mountain Home.

**Sally R. Bosworth**  
 BUHL — Sally R. Bosworth, 94, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls. A full obituary will be published in a later edition.

Arrangements will be made by Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl, Idaho.

**Verna Taylor**  
 TWIN FALLS — Verna Taylor, 70, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005, at her home. Arrangements will be made by Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

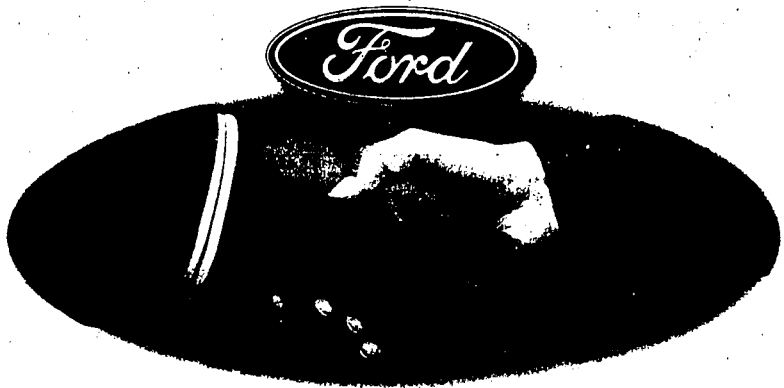
**Richard L. 'Bud' Brunson**  
 TWIN FALLS — Richard L. 'Bud' Brunson, age 60, died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be made by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

**Michael Haven Fustos**  
 TWIN FALLS — Michael Haven Fustos, 30, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005, at his home. Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary.

**Gary D. Otto**  
 JEROME — Gary D. Otto, 69, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005, at Lewistown, Mont. Arrangements will be made by Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

DEATH NOTICES



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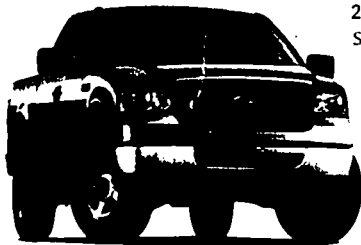
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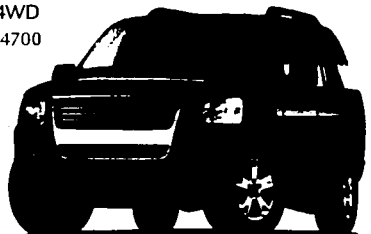
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OBITUARY

Kyle Funk

MURTAUGH — Kyle Darrell Funk, a 24-year-old resident of Murtaugh, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, at U.C.L.A. Medical Center in Los Angeles, Calif., after a courageous battle with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome.

Kyle was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on July 21, 1981, to Darrell and Patricia Doody Funk. He grew up in Murtaugh, where he enjoyed farming with his family and attending school. He loved scouting and earned his Eagle Scout Award. He graduated from Murtaugh High School in 1999, where he was salutatorian and a member of the National Honor Society. While in school, he participated in basketball, football, golf and track. He went on to attend Dixie State College in St. George, Utah, graduating Summa Cum Laude in 2001.

Kyle served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Knoxville, Tenn., Mission. Kyle went on to attend Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology in 2005. Kyle was attending U.C.L.A. Dental School at the time of his illness. Kyle loved going to Alaska, fishing with his brothers and dad. He enjoyed hunting, water surfing, rock climbing, white water rafting, horse back riding, mountain biking, golfing and spending time with his family. Kyle will be missed enormously by his family, friends and loved ones.

He is survived by his parents, Darrell and Patricia Funk of Murtaugh; his brothers and sisters, Wayne (Becky) Funk of Murtaugh, Michael (Mylee) Tootee, Utah; Lisa (Jordan) Dille



of Potatello, Idaho, and Jordan Funk and Jessica Funk, both of Murtaugh; his maternal grandmother, Barbara Cooper of Reno, Nev.; five nieces, one nephew and many aunts, uncles and cousins who truly loved him.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Brian, his paternal grandparents, Martin and Mary Lou Funk; and his maternal grandpa, Michael Doody.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at the Kimberly Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3857 N. 3500 E., Kimberly, with President Kent J. Allen officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

The family suggests memorials be directed to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Perpetual Education Fund in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Jerome resident sues county over Sempra

The Times-News

JEROME — An opponent of a proposed coal-fired power plant has filed a lawsuit against Jerome County.

Lee Halper has asked the 5th District Court to nullify the county's decision to grant Sempra Generation a permit to build and operate a meteorological station on the site of its proposed plant northeast of Jerome.

The company, working under the subsidiary of Idaho Valley Energy, needs to monitor existing weather and air quality conditions before applying for

permits with state and county officials to build a 600-megawatt facility.

Halper initially appealed the planning and zoning committee's approval of Sempra's permit to a board of commissioners. For their part, Sempra officials filed an objection to Halper's appeal with life county. On Nov. 8, the commissioners upheld the planning and zoning committee's decision.

Alleging the county violated public process, Halper has asked the court to "impose sanctions and punishments" on anyone who obstructed due process.

Wal-Mart, Target clash over holiday sales  
See Page C6

**Celebrate!**

Wanda Christensen is turning 75 years young. We want to invite you to a Special Open House:  
**Saturday • November 26**  
3-5pm • American Legion Hall  
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**HELEN ANDERSON'S**  
90TH BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE  
SAT., NOV. 26TH ~ 2-4 P.M.  
Marsh Creek Event Centre,  
895 S. Highway 77, Albion, ID  
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*The event is hosted by her children, Dick and Janice Anderson and Odeen and Darla Hedeman.*

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Idaho Power rate hike request under review  
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7:00 • 9:30 (PG)

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**2-FARM AUCTIONS - WENDELL, IDAHO**

**#1 - TUES, NOV. 29 - KENT CHANDLER ESTATE**  
2967 S 2690 E • Sale Starts @ 11:00 AM  
Directions: From Interstate 84, take Wendell Exit 155, then go west 1/2 mile to 1900 East, turn left and go 1/4 mile to auction site

**ACTION HIGHLIGHTS TRACTORS & LOADER:** JD 7800 Mhd., JD 4050, JD 4440, JD 4030 Ferguson 30, JD 720 Loader, TRUCKS: (1) 10-Wheelers, (2) 6-Wheelers, HAY EQUIP: (1) Baler, JD Sweater, Allen Rake, TILLAGE: JD 425 Disk, JD 915 Ripper, JD 910 Roller Harrow, 1415 Row, FARM MACHINERY: JD 1700 MasEngne 12R Planter, Poles One-Step, Alway 12R Cultivator, Puma 6R Harvester, WIC Delolator, MISC: Squeeze Chute, Gran Bin, Fuel Tanks, Shop Tools & Parts

**Auctioneer's Message:** Kent Chandler was tragically killed in a farming accident last spring. The family has decided to sell all of the equipment & a nice line of tractors, hay, corn & bean equipment. Plan on attending and supporting a longtime Wendell area family.

**#2 - THURS, DEC. 1 - JIM & CHERYL DAVIS**  
3060 S 2290 E • Sale Starts @ 11:00 AM  
Directions: From Interstate 84, take Wendell Exit 157, then go north 1/4 mile to F Ave, turn right and go east 2 1/2 miles to 2290 E, turn right and go 1/2 mile to auction site

**ACTION HIGHLIGHTS TRACTORS:** JD 8400 Mhd., JD 8300 Mhd., JD 7800 Mhd., JD 4450 Mhd., JD 3020, BACKHOE: Case 580, TRUCKS: (8) Diesel Pickup Trucks, Sem Tractor & 47 Equipment Trailer, HAY EQUIP: 00 MacDon 8300 Sweater, Case-HI 8500 Baler, 1415 Rake, TILLAGE: (1) Disk, 20' Roller Harrow, JD Chisel Plow, FARM MACHINERY: JD 1710 MasEngne 12R Planter, JD 8300 Gran Disk, POTATO EQUIP: LL 4R Harvester, (2) LL 4R WinDrummers, SpudR, 36" Plow, (2) LL Conveyors, SpudR, On-Center Luger 6R Planter, FERTILIZATION: (40) Seed and Urea, 1 1/4 mile, (2) Handvans, 3' x 1 1/4 mile, MISC: ITECS: Air Compressor, Miller Bobcat Welder

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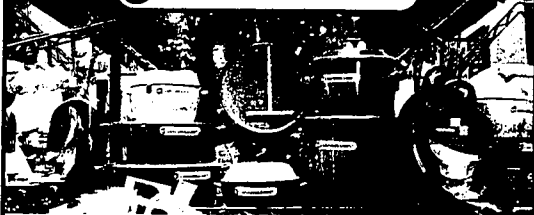
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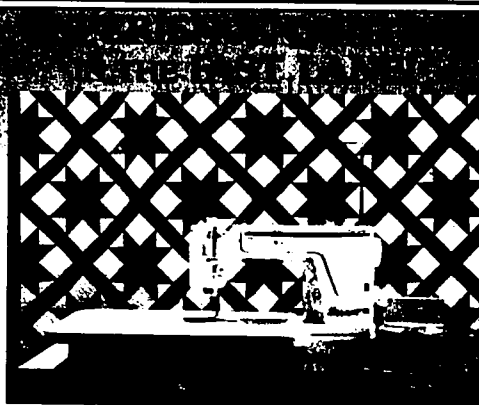
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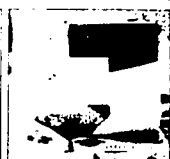
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Dwight Perry of The Seattle Times after The Province of Vancouver reported that an autographed football sent in August by the B.C. Lions to Canadian troops in Afghanistan still has not arrived.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Alvaro "Yaqui" Lopez, another inductee, boxed James Scott in 1979 in New Jersey. What was different about the site for the 10-round bout?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Wolverton Challenge at CSI
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IN BRIEF

Gooding offers hoops jamboree

GOODING — The Gooding boys basketball team will host Glenn Perry, varsity and the Iwin Falls High junior varsity for a jamboree on Saturday, Nov. 26 starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$4 adults and \$3 students.

Clear Lakes CC winter rates begin

BURL — The Clear Lakes Country Club winter golf rates are available. The fees are \$20 for 18 holes and \$12 for nine. Ten times can be made four days in advance at the pro shop. The lake has been stocked with 2-3 pound trout. Cost to fly fish is \$10 for adults and \$3.50 for juniors.

Kimberly volleyball team plans fund-raiser

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly volleyball team is selling Christmas ornaments as a fund-raiser for camp. It is scheduled to contact any school players on Jan 11 at 424-4170 ext. 3125.

Lighthouse plans booster breakfast

TWIN FALLS — The Lighthouse Christian High School Booster club is sponsoring its annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 26 from 8 a.m. to noon at the school, 259 Main Ave East in Twin Falls. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Children age 5 and under eat free.

Large groups and to-go orders are also welcome. All proceeds go to support the athletic department. For more information, call 737-4425.

Radio Rondevo offers dodge ball

TWIN FALLS — Dodge ball hoops play is underway at the Radio Rondevo hall Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. The cost is \$2 per person each night, including Thanksgiving.

Charity volleyball tourney announced

FILER — A co-ed volleyball tournament to benefit the Foyz for Kids program has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Filer High School gym. The entry fee is \$40 per team and a new toy from each team member. A,B,C,D divisions will be available. For more information, contact Pam Pereira at 324-0354 or 404-6013.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

It was held at the Iwin Falls State Prison, where Scott was an inmate. Scott won what could be called a "home-town" decision.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



College of Southern Idaho freshmen Anell Cubi-Olivero (right) and Kaylene 'Pudgie' Flinau embrace after the Golden Eagles won the 2005 NJCAA Division I National Volleyball Championship over the Miami-Dade Community College (Fla.) Sharks Wednesday in West Plains, Mo.

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

WEST PLAINS, Mo. — The lack of the white stuff in West Plains, Mo. didn't keep the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team from building a snowman. The Golden Eagles walked away from the 2005 National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Tournament with the program's eighth national title after emphatically pounding the Miami-Dade Community College (Fla.) Sharks 30-24, 30-20, 30-21 in Wednesday's championship match. "We did it" sophomore captain Marta Siemiatkowska said after the match. "We worked so hard and we were ready for this day. People didn't believe in us after all our injuries, but we still believed. I'm so happy. I'm proud I could be on a team like that."

The Eagles left no doubt that they deserved every bit of their year-long No. 1 ranking, running through their tournament opponents in the minimum 12 required games over four matches. Wednesday, it was tournament MVP Joanna Kaczor that led the way, punting the Sharks to the tune of 23 kills and six digs. Siemiatkowska added nine kills and six blocks, while Anell Cubi-Olivero put up 12 kills, 17 assists, and 10 digs. "They just wanted it so bad, and I wanted it more," CSI head coach Ben Stroud said. "You know, after everything that happened last year, I wanted it. A little bit of it goes toward those kids. I told the girls to give a little piece of their heart to those kids." For sophomores Siemiatkowska, Monique Schaal, and Niki Peterson, it's the final fulfillment of two years' work, and especially for Siemiatkowska, full Please see CHAMPIONS, Page C2



2005 NJCAA Division I Volleyball Tournament
Wednesday's results
No. 11 Salt Lake CC def. No. 9 Pasco Herando (Fla.) 24-30, 30-23, 39-27, 30-20, ninth place.
No. 6 Arkansas Fort Smith def. No. 5 Hutchinson (Kan.) 30-26, 30-24, 22-30, 30-27, seventh place.
No. 7 Indian Hills (Iowa) def. No. 8 Benn (Iowa) 31-29, 23-30, 30-25, 21-30, 15-10, fifth place.
No. 4 Missouri State West Plains def. No. 2 Western Nebraska 30-24, 23-30, 39-22, 28-30, 15-12, third place.
No. 1 College of Southern Idaho def. No. 3 Miami Dade 30-24, 30-20, 30-23, Champions Cup

Golden Eagles sweep Miami-Dade for eighth national title
Strong field awaits Eagles women

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Saturday night date with No. 17 Arizona Western may loom on the Wolverton Challenge schedule, but CSI head women's basketball coach Randy Rogers is quick to point out the Golden Eagles opponents beforehand. Especially Thursday's 6 p.m. opponent, #0 Carl Albert State of Pocatello, Okla. It's guesswork what the Vikings bring into the tournament. But that undefeated record jumps out.

"They have six or seven returners back but there's no stats (on the website)," Rogers said. "I don't know much about them. It's hard to tell because there's all kinds of 0-0s." Sophomore 6-3 forward Magda Jaloszynska of Poland is the tallest Viking, joined by 6-1 sophomore Kystal Tyree and 6-2 freshman Kelsey Wells, and changed Kirk making JASC a little bigger than 10th-ranked CSI (5-1).

Wolverton Challenge
Women
Thursday's games
Yakima Valley CC vs. No. 17 Arizona Western, 2 p.m.
Carl Albert State vs. No. 10 CSI, 6 p.m.
Friday's games
Carl Albert State vs. No. 17 Arz...

Yakima Valley CC will have played two games entering Friday's contest against the Golden Eagles. CSI beat the Yaks 100-59 last winter, but Rogers expects a tighter game this time around. "They play hard," Rogers said. "They came down here and won two games last year. They have a great coach (only Butler) who is a friend of mine from Nevada." Arizona Western (2-1) should be a tough opponent with three sophomore guards back from last year's 20-10 squad, which lost at home to CSI, 82-55 last November.

"They're one of the better Division teams around," Rogers said. CSI has a number of weapons to draw upon with point guard Maria Moore the most consistent night after night so far, averaging more than 19 points a game. Kaylan King popped off for a career-high 31 points against Pima CC last Saturday, out-drawing the hosts, 23-14 at halftime. King may be slowed by illness this week. Freshman forward Amy Bratvold of Iwin Falls has had a couple big nights, as has Britany Moore, Cheryl Blazzard and Jaleña Williams. Erica Mal-

danado is trying to shake off a banged up right wrist while Kyle Benke is getting healthier. The loss to No. 1 Central Arizona should prove to be a benefit in the long run. If the team gets complacent, Rogers need only remind the players how much work lies ahead if they're to face the Vaqueras again. Rogers won't be shy about it either. Most importantly, should be how CSI responds to playing at home, once again against a tournament field with one ranked opponent and two potential challenges looming. "None of these will be easy wins," Rogers said. "We're not the kind of team that can take a night off." How the Eagles respond to the lopsided loss remains to be seen. "It's too early to tell if it made us a better team," Rogers said Monday. "We'll find out on Thursday."

Wolverton Challenge should be one this weekend

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Will the Wolverton Challenge field be much of a challenge for the College of Southern Idaho coach? Count on it, said head coach Bart Perry. Starting at 8 tonight with Northwest Association of Community Colleges member Chemeketa CC of Oregon. "They'll push us," Perry said. "Talent-wise we should be better but these teams will give us a challenge. We'll have to work to beat them all."

The Storm are led by 6-foot-5 sophomore wing Riley Luettgerodt and has good height in the middle with 6-7 freshman Brad Erbe and 6-5 freshman forward Zach Talt. Chemeketa will have only one game under its belt when it faces CSI (5-1). Fans in for a 4 p.m. game will get a chance to see

Wolverton Challenge
Men
Thursday's games
Treasure Valley CC vs. South Mountain CC, 4 p.m.
Chemeketa CC vs. CSI, 8 p.m.
Friday's games
Treasure Valley CC vs. Chemeketa CC, 4 p.m.
South Mountain CC vs. CSI, 8 p.m.
Saturday's games
South Mountain vs. Chemeketa CC, 4 p.m.
Treasure Valley CC vs. CSI, 8 p.m.

Phoenix's South Mountain take on Treasure Valley CC. The Cougars' home-grown talent on the NJCAA Division I roster is supplemented by some Chicago and Denver talent, including 6-6 forward Rudy Bogdan. SMCC has some bulk inside with 6-7, 270-pound

freshman Jose Gonzales. CSI takes on the Cougars at 8 Friday. This isn't last year's Treasure Valley team though last year's gunslinger returns. Sophomore Justin Lott cracked the 30-point mark three times last winter, carving a niche on the all-time single-game scoring list, including a 34-point, 21-rebound breakout against Walla Walla CC in January. Lott pumped in 449 points last season, good for 16th all-time. Head coach Derrick Boles also brought plenty of new talent this fall with 6-8 freshman Please see CHALLENGE, Page C2

It's something special that will be with me forever, especially after last year when we couldn't play. We had a big chance, but we couldn't do it. We'll have this forever.

— CSI sophomore Marta Siemiatkowska

Arbitrator sides with Philadelphia T.O.'s season effectively over with Eagles

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens was shut down completely by his grievance, his team with the Philadelphia Eagles, his season. For conduct proven to be a "destructive and continuing threat" to his team, an arbitrator ruled Wednesday that the Eagles were prohibited from suspending him. All Pro receiver for four games and are within their rights to deactivate him for the rest of the year. The Eagles will now look to trade or release Owens before next March, when he due a \$5 million roster bonus. Arbitrator Richard Bloch wrote in his 88-page decision that there was "no violation of the labor agreement inherent in the club's decision to pay Mr. Owens, but not to permit him to play or practice due to the nature of his conduct and its destructive and continuing threat to the team." After the ruling, the Eagles released a one-paragraph statement thanking Bloch for considering the matter and saying Philadelphia is looking forward to "moving on with our Please see EAGLES, Page C4





# SCORES AND STATS

# SPORTS IN BRIEF

## WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Basketball**
- Cavaliers at Pacers, TNT, 6 p.m.
- Great Alaska Shootout, South Carolina at Alaska Anchorage, ESPN2, 8 p.m.
- SuperSonics at Lakers, TNT, 8:30 p.m.
- Great Alaska Shootout, Monmouth vs. S. Illinois, ESPN2, 10 p.m.
- Football**
- Falcons at Lions, Fox, 10:30 a.m.
- Buccos at Cowboys, CBS, 2 p.m.
- Pittsburgh at West Virginia, ESPN, 6 p.m.

## Golf

- Casio World Open, first round, TGC, 7:30 p.m.

## BASKETBALL

### NBA

Team	W	L	PF	PA
Atlanta	11	11	100	100
Boston	11	11	100	100
Brooklyn	11	11	100	100
Charlotte	11	11	100	100
Chicago	11	11	100	100
Cleveland	11	11	100	100
Dallas	11	11	100	100
Denver	11	11	100	100
Detroit	11	11	100	100
Golden State	11	11	100	100
Houston	11	11	100	100
Indiana	11	11	100	100
L.A. Clippers	11	11	100	100
L.A. Lakers	11	11	100	100
Memphis	11	11	100	100
Minnesota	11	11	100	100
Milwaukee	11	11	100	100
New York	11	11	100	100
Oklahoma City	11	11	100	100
Orlando	11	11	100	100
Phoenix	11	11	100	100
Portland	11	11	100	100
Sacramento	11	11	100	100
San Antonio	11	11	100	100
Seattle	11	11	100	100
Utah	11	11	100	100
Washington	11	11	100	100

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	PF	PA
Denver	11	11	100	100
Golden State	11	11	100	100
L.A. Clippers	11	11	100	100
L.A. Lakers	11	11	100	100
Phoenix	11	11	100	100
Portland	11	11	100	100
Sacramento	11	11	100	100
Utah	11	11	100	100

### NBA Boxes

Matchup	W	L	PF	PA
Washington vs. Boston	11	11	100	100
Atlanta vs. Charlotte	11	11	100	100
Brooklyn vs. Cleveland	11	11	100	100
Chicago vs. Dallas	11	11	100	100
Golden State vs. Houston	11	11	100	100
Indiana vs. Memphis	11	11	100	100
L.A. Lakers vs. Milwaukee	11	11	100	100
Minnesota vs. New York	11	11	100	100
Oklahoma City vs. Orlando	11	11	100	100
Phoenix vs. Portland	11	11	100	100
Sacramento vs. San Antonio	11	11	100	100
Seattle vs. Utah	11	11	100	100
Washington vs. Denver	11	11	100	100

### Tuesday's Late NBA Box

Matchup	W	L	PF	PA
Atlanta vs. Charlotte	11	11	100	100
Brooklyn vs. Cleveland	11	11	100	100
Chicago vs. Dallas	11	11	100	100
Golden State vs. Houston	11	11	100	100
Indiana vs. Memphis	11	11	100	100
L.A. Lakers vs. Milwaukee	11	11	100	100
Minnesota vs. New York	11	11	100	100
Oklahoma City vs. Orlando	11	11	100	100
Phoenix vs. Portland	11	11	100	100
Sacramento vs. San Antonio	11	11	100	100
Seattle vs. Utah	11	11	100	100
Washington vs. Denver	11	11	100	100

## Area ski report

**Brandegee** — 11/24/05. The snow machine worked again at Brandegee on Wednesday. The snow machine dumped 1.5 inches of snow on the mountain. The snow machine worked again at Brandegee on Wednesday. The snow machine dumped 1.5 inches of snow on the mountain. The snow machine worked again at Brandegee on Wednesday. The snow machine dumped 1.5 inches of snow on the mountain.

## AP Men's Top 25

Rank	Team	W	L	PF	PA
1	Duke	20	1	100	100
2	Kentucky	19	2	100	100
3	North Carolina	18	3	100	100
4	Michigan State	17	4	100	100
5	Illinois	16	5	100	100
6	Arizona	15	6	100	100
7	Wisconsin	14	7	100	100
8	Ohio State	13	8	100	100
9	Georgia Tech	12	9	100	100
10	Stanford	11	10	100	100

## AP Women's Top 25

Rank	Team	W	L	PF	PA
1	Duke	18	2	100	100
2	Kentucky	17	3	100	100
3	North Carolina	16	4	100	100
4	Michigan State	15	5	100	100
5	Illinois	14	6	100	100
6	Arizona	13	7	100	100
7	Wisconsin	12	8	100	100
8	Ohio State	11	9	100	100
9	Georgia Tech	10	10	100	100
10	Stanford	9	11	100	100

## FOOTBALL

### AT THE TOP

Rank	Team	W	L	PF	PA
1	Ohio State	11	1	100	100
2	Michigan	10	2	100	100
3	Alabama	9	3	100	100
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### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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### Thursday's Games

Matchup	W	L	PF	PA
Alabama vs. Georgia Tech	9	3	100	100
Florida State vs. LSU	7	5	100	100
Arkansas vs. Mississippi State	5	7	100	100
Ole Miss vs. Auburn	3	9	100	100

### NFL Injury Report

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Falcons' running back Reggie Bush is expected to miss the game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday.

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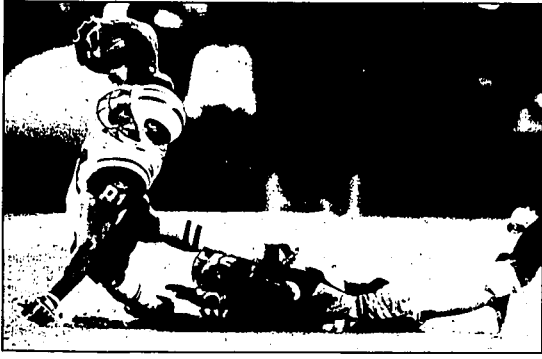
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## NCAA Division III Playoffs

Rank	Team	W	L	PF	PA
1	Ohio State	11	1	100	100</



New York Jets wide receiver Justin McCareins, left, is dragged down by Denver Broncos cornerback Champ Bailey in the third quarter of the Broncos' 27-0 victory in Denver on Sunday.

## Broncos, Cowboys ready for high-stakes holiday matchup

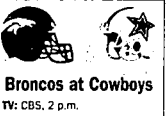
**HIVING:** Texas (AP) — About 100 of the stressors from playing the Detroit Lions began setting in Sunday, Drew Blesse went back to work. The quarterback drove to the Dallas Cowboys headquarters and spent a couple hours studying film of the Denver Broncos.

Not long after he left, coach Bill Parcells arrived. He was in his office by 2:50 a.m. Monday, continuing the game-planning he began weeks earlier, when Dallas had its bye.

Once players arrived, Parcells kept them at the facility until 6:30 p.m. During their marathon day of postgame treatment, practice, film sessions and meetings, receivers coach Todd Haley turned to the team's veteran leaders and said, "These are days we need you for. Those 16 Sundays and days like this."

OK, so it's a short week and the team needed to cram. Yet the intense way the Cowboys trained during the week, and the indication that Thursday's game against the Broncos (8-2) is much more than a holiday afterthought diversion for fans around the country.

This Thanksgiving showcase also is among the best matchups of the weekend and the only one featuring an elite AFC team against a top NFC club. While it would be a stretch to call this a Super Bowl preview, each team is calling the other the best



**Broncos at Cowboys**  
TV: CBS, 2 p.m.

they've played all season.

"They represent a big threat to us," Parcells said. Denver coach Mike Shanahan began preparing for the Cowboys last Friday, then again Saturday, even though the Broncos played the New York Jets on Sunday. He went through the drill four years ago and volunteered for it again when the league asked if he was interested.

"He thought his team was mature enough to handle the quick turnaround and the spotlight. Besides, Denver had to play at Texas Stadium anyway, so he figured he might as well take the marquee date."

"It's a great test for our football team to play there in front of a big crowd on a holiday when people are relaxing, watching the organization perform," Shanahan said. "If you're not focused, you're not going to win... We have a veteran team that understands the demands that a short week has, both teams are in the same predicament and the one who handles the elements the best usually wins."

This is the kind of November game that could say a lot about both teams' chances in January.

Denver has won three straight and needs to keep piling up the victories to have a chance of snatching home-field advantage in the playoffs from the undefeated Indianapolis Colts. If not, the Broncos are going to have to win on the road to get to the Super Bowl — and they're 2-2 away from home. Four of Denver's last six games are on the road, starting with this one.

"It's going to be a big challenge for us," quarterback Jake Plummer said. "But I think we've stepped up already in the past and we know if we want to get a win, we are going to have to step up this time."

The Cowboys also are on a three-game winning streak with their prime goal winning the NFC East. This game starts a tough closing stretch, with their next game on the road against the New York Giants, the team they're tied with for first place in the NFC East.

"If you put them in the bank the way that you're supposed to, they can't possibly find yourself playing in the postseason," receiver Keyshawn Johnson said. "I would say that 11-5 probably gets you in the playoffs. I don't know that 10-6 will get you in. We've got a long way to go, man, a loooong way to go."

**Cincinnati:** The best thing that happened to the Bengals was the Ravens' win last week ... **BENGALS, 20-10**  
**San Diego (minus 3)** at Washington ... The surge got back at "Dan the Fan" last week. Schottenheimer did it now ... **CHARGERS, 31-20**  
**Carolina (minus 4)** at Buffalo ... The Panthers lost in the wild card week again ... **PAN-THERS, 17-14**  
**Cleveland (plus 4.5)** at Minnesota ... The Vikings are reversing their traditional win-early, lose-late pattern ... **VIKINGS, 19-11**  
**Jacksonville (minus 4.5)** at Arizona ... The Jaguars nearly got burned by Tennessee and Houston. Nearly ... **JAGUARS, 20-17**  
**Green Bay (plus 4)** at Philadelphia ... Finally, a win ... **EAGLES, 24-16**  
**St. Louis (plus 4)** at Houston ... Maybe the Texans will run the table in the Lincarr-Bush sweepstakes ... **RAMS, 24-17**  
**New Orleans (off)** at New York Jets ... The Saints lost their "home" game at Giants Stadium ... **SAINTS, 27-10**  
**San Francisco (plus 7.5)** at Tennessee ... The 49ers stay in the Lincarr-Bush race ... **TITANS, 28-16**

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## Warner emerges as strong fantasy player for Week 12

Kurt Warner once was the best fantasy football quarterback around, throwing nearly 100 touchdowns in a three-year span with the Rams' high-flying Super Bowl teams.

After a couple of address changes, a handful of benchings and injuries, and more than a few embarrassing turnovers and sacks, he's once again emerging as a viable fantasy starter in the NFL hinterlands of Arizona.

While a fragile 34-year-old former grocery store worker isn't the fantasy ideal, it's hard to argue with his numbers. Before last week's three-touchdown, 285-yard game, he had 300-yard games in his previous three full games.

His career stay healthy — a big concern — he's set up to be a solid fantasy QB.

Receivers Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin can run after the catch. Arizona doesn't even try to run and doesn't defend well, so Warner gets plenty of chances to pass. And aside from the Jaguars this week and the Colts to end the season, the Steelers are the only team that can stop Warner's play.

As you ponder whether Warner is worth playing here's a look at some fantasy players to start, some to avoid, and a few long shots who may pan out in Week 12:

**QUARTERBACKS: A SAFE BET**

• Start the Colts' Peyton Manning. Yes, this advice is about as obvious as "take free money" and "run from bears," but I'm trying to help the over-thinkers out there. Quit poring over the Steelers' defensive stats and the likelihood of an Indianapolis loss, and start any and all Colts.

• How did the Patriots' Tom Brady become the NFL's leading passer? Oh yeah, the Patriots can't run. They should commit that same three-first approach against the Chiefs, who start teams that actually try to run but aren't much against the pass.

• Likewise, the Super Bowl champs can't stop anybody from passing, ranking 31st in yards allowed and touchdowns allowed (20). So Kansas City's Matt Ryan should come off his first three-TD game, and the Patriots should be stacking the line to stop Larry Johnson.

• Your league doesn't penalize heavily for interceptions. Start Green Bay's Brett Favre against the depleted Eagles defense. Favre's passes often go to the wrong team, but he has

### FANTASY FOOTBALL

John McFarland

seven TDs in his last three games against losing teams.

• Washington's Mark Brunell has gone without a touchdown in three of his last four games, but he should rebound while playing catch up against San Diego's 27th-ranked pass defense.

**BACK AWAY SLOWLY! NOBODY GETS HURT**

Please, in the name of Brown-Nagle, don't start these guys:

• Don't start the Rams' Jamie Martin unless you're really desperate. The Texans aren't good against the pass, but they're far worse against the run, so Martin will be mostly performing handoffs.

• Likewise, don't get too glib about the "lions" NFL-worst 21 touchdown passes allowed. Whichever guy named Cody the 49ers are trying this week won't be able to exploit the weakness.

• The Vikings are on a roll, but not because of Brad Johnson's big numbers. Let somebody else cash in on his-4-year completions.

### RUNNING BACKS

**ALL DAY LONG**

• Wasn't the presence of Randy Moss supposed to set up Oakland's Lamont Jordan for big yardage? It hasn't happened for largely with 41 carries for 100 yards and no touchdowns in two full weeks. But he catches the Dolphins defense in the middle of a freefall.

• Speaking of freefalls, St. Louis' Steven Jackson should rebound from his 6-round performance last week. With Marc Bulger out and the Texans giving up a lead with 1:30 left, start rushing a game. Jackson could go for more than six yards a carry.

• The Vikings seem to be comfortable, and successful, just handling the ball to Mewelde Moore. He calls the Broncos, who seem to be comfortable allowing people to run. They rank 28th against the run, allowing 133.3 yards a game.

• Start guys named Davis. Houston's Dominick is the only Texan capable of making plays. That hurts his total yardage, as every defender has a shot to intercept him, but he will find the end zone. Stephen in Carolina was awful last week against the Bears, but the Bills don't like tackling.

### RED FLAGS

• Maybe it's time for Tampa Bay's Cadillac Williams to have another rest when the Bears' seventh-ranked run defense comes to town. Chicago has allowed only two rushing TDs.

• Perhaps one of us who passed on Green Bay's Samkon Gado were on to something. After just seven yards last week, he could share time with Tony Fisher against the Eagles.

• Pittsburgh's Willie Parker never does much against tough defenses. The Colts have one of those, and the Steelers could be busy right in pass their way back into the game.

### WIDE RECEIVERS: THROW HIM THE DARN BALL

• Green Bay's Donald Driver gets open a lot, but that's not a requirement. Against the Eagles, Favre should continue to lock in on Driver, who had two TDs last week and a 100-yard game the week before.

• Pittsburgh's Steve Watson is around, but Deion Branch is still the main guy. He has three touchdowns in his past four games and has five or more catches in each of his last two.

• When Branch isn't touching the Chiefs, Eddie Kennison could be doing the same to the Patriots' flimsy pass defense. He had two TDs last week and two against the Patriots a year ago.

• Pittsburgh's Hines Ward is always a good prospect when Ben Roethlisberger starts, as he's expected to. But even if Roethlisberger sticks with Ward as the Steelers try to keep up with the Colts' scoring.

• If you're still stinging from the goose egg Tampa Bay's Joey Galloway delivered last week, try to forgive him. No one's going to run against Chicago, which gave up a big receiving game to Carolina's Steve Smith last week.

### SHOW HIM THE DARN BENCH

• Everybody rushes for touchdowns against the Jets. So Saints' receivers Joe Horn and Drew Brees should get plenty of blocking in.

• If you somehow still have Houston's Andre Johnson, don't be seduced by the Rams' porous defense. (Such defenses don't lock up receivers.) Get your start from his usual position of lying on the turf.

• San Diego's Keenan McCardell scored last week, but he had no touchdowns in consecutive weeks since 2001.

**DEFENSES TO WATCH:** Panthers, Bengals, Colts, Raiders, Vikings.

## Some contenders play on Thanksgiving

**NEW YORK** — Denver and Dallas might spoil a lot of Thanksgiving dinners. Their game in Dallas on Thursday is one of those uncommon holiday ramifications in the standings.

The betting line indicates the interest. The Cowboys opened as 1-point favorites and now it's flipped — the Broncos are favored by one.

This game is between division leaders: Dallas is tied with the New York Giants for the NFC East lead and Denver leads the AFC West by two games over San Diego and Kansas City.

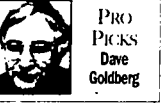
The NFC East is relevant here. The Broncos' only loss since opening day was in the fourth quarter in a game they led by 13 points in the fourth quarter and seemed to be controlling. Then they surrendered two late TDs, the last with seconds left.

The Cowboys seem to have games like that whenever they get on national television.

In the second week, they led Washington 13-0 late in the fourth quarter in a Monday night game. So AFC flashed a graphic that Bill Parcells-coached teams were 77-0 when they led by 13 in the final quarter and ...

Washington scored two late TDs to win.

Ten days ago in Philadelphia, the reverse happened. The Cowboys trailed the Eagles 20-7 late, a graphic about the Eagles went up and Dallas scored twice with 15 seconds to win, the second TD coming off Roy Williams' 46-yard interception return.



**PRO PICKS**  
Dave Goldberg

**The picks**

• Atlanta (minus 3) at Detroit: It's hard to get two contenders for the fixture because Detroit is always involved. The Falcons have lost two straight at home. So they win on the road ... **FALCONS, 27-20**

• Pittsburgh (plus 7.5) at Indianapolis: Ben Roethlisberger, who will almost surely play, is far better than Tommy Maddox, but the Colts' unbuttoned run ends in Jacksonville on Dec. 11, not here ... **COLTS, 23-17**

• New York Giants (plus 4.5) at Seattle: The other half of the NFC East picture. Take the over, which is 47 — the Giants are third in the league with 281 points, the Seahawks fourth with 272.56 ... **GIANTS, 28-27**

• Kansas City: The Patriots win again for Belichick's dad ... **PATRIOTS, 35-30**

• Chicago (plus 3) at Tampa Bay: The Bears proved them selves last week. Due to lose ... **BUCS, 16-12**

• Baltimore (plus 9) at ...

## Woody could be a star — if Lions win

**ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP)** — In a city such as Detroit, a footballer Woody figures he can be a star.

Sure, he plays in relative obscurity for the Lions, but he doesn't think that detracts from his visibility on the field.

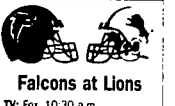
"Why should it?" Woody asked. "This is the perfect town for a guy like me because it's a tough, blue-collar city."

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Woody would love to be an underdog star in Detroit like Pistons center Ben Wallace, who is wildly popular despite not averaging more than 10 points in any season.

"It's the most famous athlete around here," Woody said. "That just goes to show you that what this town is all about — tough, hardworking people. They can relate to athletes like us."



**Falcons at Lions**  
TV: Fox, 10:30 a.m.

New England, I had regular radio and TV gigs ...

Winning has become a distant memory since he left the Patriots to sign with the Lions in 2004.

"I had five great years in New England, but I had to look out for my wife and four daughters," he said. "The Lions gave me a \$9 million signing bonus, which I think is still a record for an offensive lineman."

"I love challenges and this is a good one. When we win here, it will be more gratifying than the two Super Bowl rings I won in New England. Even when we win there, this was my second fiddle to the Red Sox. This city is going to go crazy, even more than it did for the Pistons. I want to be here to see that."

The Lions (4-6) will be on national television when they host the Falcons (6-4) for the first time since they were co-announced by St. Louis on a Monday night in August.

The morning after losing to the Rams, Woody printed a message and had it taped in each of his teammates' lockers. He typed Detroit's record the past four years — 6-10, 5-11, 3-

13, 2-16 — for a combined 16-48 mark that he pointed out is the NFL's worst record since 1970.

Center Dominic Raiola still has Woody's motivational message taped in his locker three months later.

"It says a lot about him as a leader because it gives us a dose of reality," Raiola said. "Guys listen to him because he's won Super Bowls, and he's been to the Pro Bowl."

"We've seen him turn it around quick, he's going to be able to type up another bad record to put on that list."

A couple of weeks ago, Woody said the Lions were dysfunctional. But he insists he's still optimistic about their chances this season after losing three of four games.

"We still playing for the playoffs until somebody tells us we can't (make it)," Woody said. "The Lions have been disappointed with many of their free-agent signings and draft picks in recent years, but Woody has been a positive acquisition. He has started every game in Detroit the past two seasons after being a regular in New England from 1999-2003."

Couch Steve Mizerel said when the team is evaluating free agents, it looks for production, leadership, work ethic and a history of success. "That's what we had in mind when we signed him," Mizerel said. "He's lived up to that."

## Eagles

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preparations for Sundays game vs. Green Bay and the rest of the 2005 season will have no further comment on this issue.

Bloch heard more than 13 hours of testimony last week. Owens' side argued the penalty is excessive and the Eagles' decision to deactivate him is too severe; he had sought to be reinstated or released so he can sign with another team.

The players association was so incensed, however, that executive director Gene Upshaw said he would have Bloch removed from the list of approved arbitrators next month when both the union and management are given that option.

"He piled on," Upshaw said. "He went beyond what we have in the agreement. When I have an

arbitrator go beyond the agreement, I have no choice. Clearly, when you look at this case, is decision even went beyond what the Eagles said in their legal briefs."

Union head of labor relations Harold Henderson said the league was "pleased that the arbitrator has upheld the right of a club to suspend a player for conduct detrimental to the club."

Groves has five years remaining on a seven-year, \$48.97 million contract that he signed when he came to Philadelphia in March 2004. His problems started when he demanded a new contract after an outstanding season in which he caught 77 passes, 1,200 yards and 14 touchdowns.

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SPORTS

# Two days of failure continue to propel Sorenstam to success

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Annika Sorenstam considers it a career-defining moment, even though it will be regarded as a failure based strictly on birdies and bogeys.

After all, she missed the cut. Sorenstam made fine of herself recently when asked about the 2003 Colonial, where she shot 71-74 while becoming the first woman in 58 years to complete on the PGA Tour. When the British Open changed its policy last month to allow select women to enter, someone asked her what it takes to succeed against the men.

"Well, I was only there for two days," she said. "So it's tough for me to tell."

But where would she be without Colonial? Sorenstam won 22 percent of her LPGA events before she fell it up at Colonial. In the 2.5 years since, her winning rate is a staggering 46 percent, and she has won five of the last 11 majors.

The 35-year-old Swede this year took another leap closer to a record many thought to be out of reach — the 8th career victories by Kathy Whitworth. Sorenstam wasn't even halfway there when she played in the Colonial. Now, thanks to a 10-win season capped off by the ADT Championship, she is at 66 and closing fast.

Sorenstam has a difficult time ranking years, measuring memories.

But 2003 holds a special place. "If you look at Colonial, I only played for two days, but the experience I got there is just for a lifetime," she said. "That's really what I think is helping me sit here today, all of the wins I've had since."

Sorenstam didn't win as much in 2003. It's the only time in the last five years she did not win at least eight times. And she was coming off what many regard to be her best season ever, when she won 13 times around the world (11 on the LPGA tour) and set an earnings record with \$2.8 million. The year before, she won eight times and became the first woman to shoot 59.

But that was never going to be good enough.



Annika Sorenstam of Sweden smiles while holding the trophy on the 18th green during the final round of the ADT Championship at Trump International Golf Club Sunday in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Her ultimate test was to compete against the men, and she began to train like never before. She identified her biggest weakness — the short game — and tried desperately to improve. Everything else got better. If she was hitting 70 percent of her fairways, she wanted to hit 75 percent.

"I prepared for 3.5 months for that, which was a lot of weight training, a lot of fine-tuning on my swing, a lot of hard work on my short game," Sorenstam said. "I wouldn't say it paid off that particular week, but it paid off down the road, for sure. I think being in the lineup, with the pressure I felt on the first tee, it was just enormous."

Last forward to the 18th tee in a playoff at the LPGA Championship two weeks later, when she needed to find the fairway against Grace Park and handled it with ease. Or to the 18th hole at Royal Lytham & St. Annes, where she split the fairway while tied with Se Ri Pak, and won the Women's British Open to complete the Grand Slam.

Or even the first tee Sunday at Trump International, one of the toughest tests on the LPGA tour. "You look at that fairway and the wind is blowing, you wonder, 'Where can this ball go?' I've got

to hit it totally straight," Sorenstam said. "It felt like that all week. Every shot has to be perfect, and that's pressure. The most pressure there is in the world. It feels like I can handle. "It just feels like I've been to the toughest place, and now it's more routine and trusting myself."

Sorenstam made more history this year, sweeping the major awards that are all based on performance — player of the year, money title and Vare Trophy — for an unprecedented fifth time.

There is no reason to suspect that will change anytime soon. Her two biggest victories were the majors, that boosted her career total to nine. Two others that should not be overlooked are the Samsung World Championship and the ADT Championship, where Sorenstam sent subtle reminders — as if anyone needed them — that she rules women's golf.

Samsung is where 16-year-old Michelle Wie made her professional debut, and it attracted so much attention that Sorenstam was window dressing — until she won by eight shots.

At Trump, Sorenstam was grilled by 19-year-old rookie Paula Creamer over where to take a drop on the 18th hole of the first round, and the LPGA sounded more like the WWF with the mud that was slung the next few days. Creamer was so adamant what she saw that she said of Sorenstam, "It's her science."

Sorenstam never trailed the rest of the way. She now heads into the offseason, with a few short stops along the way, starting with the Skins Game this weekend against Tiger Woods, Fred Couples and Fred Funk.

She likely won't return until the MasterCard Classic in Mexico, the first of 10 title defenses. "I am working as hard in the gym as ever, and I feel as strong as ever," Sorenstam said. "Knock on wood, I haven't had any injuries. I have learned so much the last few years."

The greatest lesson was Colonial, but not the two days of competition. She spent 3.5 months getting ready, and carried that to 2.5 years of sheer dominance.

"Never doubt that a group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world, indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."  
— Margaret Mead

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Finding cheap gas while on the road

By now you know your neighborhood gas stations pretty well. But as you travel to strange places around the country, how do you avoid being ripped off at the pump? Tip from AOL: "The same discounters that slash prices on everything from diapers to dog food sell cheap gas. (Wholesale) gas stations like Sam's Club typically sell gas for about 15 cents less per gallon than the local average." You might win a tidy \$150 every time you fill up your big SUV tank. Remember that most clubs charge an annual membership fee of at least \$35.

### California pining for more nurses

LOS ANGELES — Competition to hire nurses in California is so intense that some headhunters routinely make cold calls to nursing stations at rival hospitals, desperate for recruits. Others are sending out direct-mail pitches that read like time-share come-ons. Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo, for example, offers nurses a \$200 gift card just to come in and take a look around. And in one extreme case, a nursing staffing firm is using a \$40 million Newport Beach mansion as a lure.

Even the recruiters are getting recruited. "I probably get a call once a week," said Robin Ledzewig, director of nurse recruitment for UCLA. "It's a dog-eat-dog world out there." Scrambling to comply with California's first-of-its-kind law mandating one nurse for every five patients in most wards starting this year, hospitals are in a hiring frenzy reminiscent of Silicon Valley's lust for engineers in 1999. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger this month dropped his fight to suspend the law, leaving hospitals to cope with a labor shortage that is expected to grow for decades.

### Mortgage rates see decline this week

WASHINGTON — Mortgage rates around the country, which have been trending upward, dropped this week, offering a dose of good news for prospective home buyers. Mortgage giant Freddie Mac reported Wednesday in its weekly survey that rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 6.28 percent. That's down sharply from last week's rate of 6.37 percent, which was a high in more than 40 years and marked the 10th week in a row that rates on 30-year mortgages rose.

Analysts attributed the decline in mortgage rates this week to reduced fear on the part of investors about inflation getting out of control. Rates on a 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage, a popular choice for refinancing, fell to 5.90 percent, averaged 5.91 percent last week, down from 5.90 percent last week.

One-year adjustable rate mortgages dipped to 5.14 percent, compared with 5.20 percent last week. Rates on five-year hybrid adjustable rate mortgages averaged 5.75 percent this week, down from 5.86 percent last week. A year ago, 30-year mortgages averaged 5.72 percent, 15-year mortgages were at 5.15 percent and one-year ARM's averaged 4.27 percent. Freddie Mac does not have historical data on the five-year ARM which it began tracking this year.

### Dollar rises against euro, slips against yen

BERLIN — The dollar finished narrowly mixed Wednesday against other major currencies, rising against the euro but slipping against the Japanese yen and the British pound. The euro bought \$1.1809 in New York trading, just below the \$1.1814 it bought Tuesday in New York. The 12-nation currency rose as high as \$1.1864 during the session. The British pound rose to \$1.64 from \$1.62, and the dollar also slipped to 118.76 yen from 118.78 yen.

— compiled from wire reports

# IP rate hike request under review

## Average home would pay about \$5 more monthly

By Chris Baldus  
Times-News writer

HOISE — Idaho Power's request for an average 7.8 percent general rate increase would mean about \$5 more a month for the average residential customer. The company should have its answer from state regulators in about six months. The utility asserts that it needs \$4.4 million more per year to maintain a stable financial condition and adequately service its approximately 450,000 customers, said Gene Fadness, spokesman for

the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. The company estimates its yearly operating costs at \$506 million. The commission will take the next six months to consider Idaho Power's request. If approved, the bill for an average residential customer who uses 1,200 kilowatt-hours per month would increase from \$74.23 to \$79.10. During the months of June, July and August, when the company's higher summer rate is in effect, the proposed increase would be from \$90.22 per month to \$95.30, Fadness said.

Idaho Power also proposes to increase its monthly service charge for residential and small-commercial customers from the current \$3.30 per month to \$6. For large-commercial and industrial customers, the service charge would increase from \$5.60 to \$12 per month, he said. The utility's grid of powerlines, which covers 24,000 square miles, is growing because of places like Twin Falls, said Dennis Lopez, Idaho Power spokesman.

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## Utility requests permission to include cloud-seeding costs

The Times-News

Idaho Power has been farming for rain since 2001. "Every kilowatt we can generate with hydropower is a kilowatt we don't have to buy" from more expensive sources, said Dennis Lopez, Idaho Power spokesman.

Idaho Power now wants permission to include about \$1 million for cloud seeding as part of its annual power cost

adjustment application. That would represent tens of cents passed onto customers, said Gene Fadness, Idaho Public Utilities Commission spokesman. Idaho Power told the commission it would have spent more than \$1 million in each of the past two years to buy electricity without the cloud-seeding produced runoff for its hydroelectric plants. The commission is taking comments through Dec. 13.

# Rivals ready for holidays



Meggie Miller, 4, and her mother, Jennifer, of Hood River, Ore., shop Nov. 18 at Target in Portland, Ore.

M. B. Rose looks at lamps at a Wal-Mart store Monday in Duarte, Calif. Last holiday season, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. gave Target Corp. a nice Christmas present: being asleep when it came to deep discounts and not being stocked with some of the must-have items. This holiday season, the world's largest retailer hopes to upstage its rival.

# Wal-Mart and Target prepare for sales battle

By Anne D'Innocenzo  
Associated Press writer

The slim tunics and velvet blazers on Wal-Mart's clothing racks this holiday season are more than the latest trendy fashions — they're a sign that the intense competition between the world's largest retailer and its upscale discount rival is ratcheting higher. There are other indications that Target Corp. has put pressure on Wal-Mart Stores Inc. Hoping to get customers shopping earlier, Wal-Mart will open its doors at 5 a.m. Friday, the official start of the holiday shopping season that's an hour earlier than during past holiday seasons. It's also promising to match competitors' prices on specific merchandise that day.

"This is the most aggressive Wal-Mart I have seen in 10 years," said C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group, based in Charleston, S.C. "Target is definitely going to have to be more prominent. It needs to respond." Wal-Mart stumbled last holiday season when its discounts weren't big enough to satisfy customers and its stores lacked must-have items including iPod music players. So far this year, it looks like Wal-Mart has gained ground — this time it's target that's been less generous with discounts, charging more on toys than Wal-Mart and Toys 'R Us Inc., according to Sean McGowan, an analyst at Harris Neshit. And Wal-Mart began promoting holiday merchandise

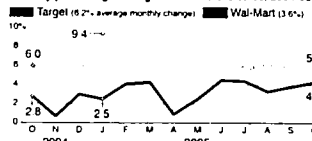
earlier than Target. The early positive signs from Wal-Mart may already have stolen some business from Target, which warned that sales from stores open at least a year, known as same-store sales, are tracking well below its 4 percent to 6 percent growth forecast for November. Same-store sales are considered a strong indicator of a retailer's health. Wal-Mart has held to its November sales growth forecast of 3 percent to 5 percent. "Overall, things are changing," said Gail Lavette, a Wal-Mart spokeswoman. "We have to be relevant to a broad range of customers. Price is important, but we are also concerned with value. Value is not just price. It is assortment and convenience."

The early positive signs from Wal-Mart are a welcome turn for the retailer, which has been under increasing criticism for how it treats its workers. But Target appears to be unfazed. "We feel we will be absolutely competitive with Wal-Mart and the rest of our competitors," said Lena Michaud, a Target spokeswoman. "Our marketing is just starting." Target, whose stores will open at 6 a.m. on Friday, is reprising one of last year's marketing gimmicks, a wakeup call to shoppers that they can arrange in advance. This year, it's also adding tuck-in calls, which customers receive the night before the big shopping day. Target's early stumble is sur-

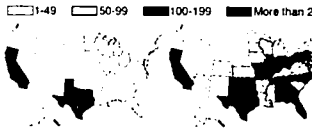
## Wal-Mart sales catching up to Target

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. launched its holiday campaign two weeks early this year and is closing the gap in store sales figures with rival discount retailer Target Corp.

Monthly percentage change in same-store sales, 2004-05



Number of stores: 2004-05



NOTE: Signs in white have no stores. Wal-Mart numbers include Sam's Clubs but not distribution centers.

SOURCES: Wal-Mart, Target, International Council of Shopping Centers. Target's early stumble is surprising since the retailer has enjoyed a robust 6.2 percent increase in same-store sales so far this fiscal year, surpassing Wal-Mart's modest 3.6 percent gain. Target, the No. 2 discount retailer whose affordable but trendy fashions appeal to a higher-income shopper, has been less vulnerable than Wal-Mart to economic woe such as higher energy prices. Wal-Mart's core customer is from

# Job picture brightens as energy prices fall

By Jeannine Aversa  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Falling energy prices have economists believing improvement is on the way for hiring, which has been mired in a hurricane-related lethargy for the last few months. When the government's new snapshot of the nation's employment climate is released next week, many economists are forecasting payroll will have grown by more than 200,000 for November, a solid rebound from two dreary months.

The rationale behind this expectation is simple. Business people are in a better frame of mind and more inclined to step up hiring now that energy prices have retreated from record highs and the energy supply and transportation disruptions from the trio of Gulf Coast hurricanes are fading.

Brian Bethune, economist at Global Insight, is predicting the Labor Department's monthly employment report out next week will show a gain of around 215,000 jobs for November.

"We'll have very solid overall job gains that will punctuate the start of more normal activity in terms of employment," Bethune said.

While the overall economy has weathered fallout from the hurricanes well, the labor market has felt more deeply the devastation from the storms.

In September, employment declined for the first time in two years in October payrolls grew by just 56,000 — a subpar performance. High energy prices — made worse by the hurricanes — was cited as a big factor.

Stronger, a more positive note about the situation going forward. Federal Reserve policy-makers at their Nov. 1 meeting said the hurricanes only "temporarily depressed" employment.

The Labor Department reported Wednesday that new applications filed for jobless benefits rose by 30,000 to 335,000 for the week ending Nov. 19. But even with the increase, the level of claims is well below October's weekly average of 350,000.

"I think any number below 350,000 is associated with good job growth," said Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics. "I think we are definitely getting back on track for a fundamentally good job generation."

Mayland is predicting the Dec. 2 unemployment report will show the economy added 250,000 jobs in November.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrials closed up 44.66 points.

Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29. Rita barreled into the region on Sept. 24. Those storms battered crucial oil and gas facilities, choked off commerce and destroyed businesses. Wilma, which hit on Oct. 24, caused widespread power outages and property damage across Florida. Hurricane-related job losses last week came to 21,000 — well below their peak in September. That brought to 522,400 the total number of layoffs related to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma over the last 12 weeks.

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Warehouse clubs stock luxury gifts

NEW YORK (AP) — When consumers shop for diamond bracelets this holiday season, BJ's Wholesale Club Inc. probably will be the first retailer they think of. But luxury goods are finding their way into warehouse clubs and other low-to-moderate price retailers who want to be part of the boom in upscale merchandise.

I. Crew Group Inc. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Macy's are among the merchants adopting pricier items such as \$800 diamond earrings and \$1,800 shearing coats, this holiday season. It's part of a strategy to appeal to customers across the economic spectrum.

Macy's famed Manhattan store, for example, will feature luxury toys, a merchandise category it abandoned in late 1998. The lineup includes a \$32,000 diamond-encrusted teddy bear, as well as \$3,000 stuffed giraffes and \$3,000 stuffed moose lions made by Swiss.

When retailers began moving upscale in early fall, they were expecting a downturn holiday season overall, as Hurricane Katrina's impact on high gasoline prices sent \$3, hurting the middle-income

up for those years, Lopez said. The utility had requested 17.2 percent, later revising it to 14.6 percent, Fattness said. But the commission granted an increase of about 6 percent.

Anything wanting to intervene in the rate case has until Dec. 6. The commission has already granted intervention status to the Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association.

The commission will soon establish dates for public hearing. We're able to customize our market reports. If you're interested in a stock, mutual fund or commodity that's not in our report, give us a call and we'll try to include it.

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"We find ourselves in times of unparalleled growth," he says. "We always need to be ahead of a growing customer base." Which means new substations and lines, for example, and this base rate is what pays for all the mechanics of providing electricity from power poles to power clips, he said.

"At the same time, it's important to us to improve our existing electricity grid to preserve its integrity," Lopez said. The last time Idaho Power sought an increase in this rate was 2003.

"We'd gone for 10 years without a general rate increase for a variety of reasons," Lopez said, including the western energy crisis and a moratorium on base rate hikes. In those years, drought also had driven up the power cost adjustment rate.

"We think though, that was not the right time," Lopez said. Then, Idaho Power sought a "large increase in 2003 to make

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## The many **FACES** of Mexico City



The murals of Diego Rivera appear at the National Palace in Mexico City.

### Journey provides a look at this living museum

A journey into Mexico City takes visitors into a colorful historical past and an ever-changing reality.

Mexico City is located in the Valley of Mexico, a large area in the high plateaus at the center of Mexico. Hernan Cortes originally built the city in 1520 over the top of the capital of the ancient Aztec empire known as Tenochtitlan. Mexico City is located within the DF (Distrito Federal). The metropolitan extends far beyond the boundaries of the DF, making this mega-city of more than 20 million people the second largest city in the world behind Tokyo.

Travelers are often intimidated by the size of the city. Many are uncertain just where to begin when it comes to seeing and understanding the many facets of Mexico City. Visitors would enjoy themselves two weeks to scratch the surface of this living museum, but unfortunately very few travelers have that much time to spare. Most sightseers like my husband and I only have two or three days to enjoy the highlights of the city as offered throughout the city and can meet the needs of most travelers. My husband and I decided to hire a guide so we could make the most of every minute. Most tours of Mexico City begin at the Zocalo, the main central square. This is where the rubber meets the road of the ancient city. If you will. The remains of the ancient city of Tenochtitlan are just steps away from one of the finest examples of Spanish architecture

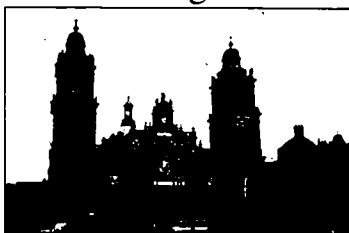


**BUENAS VISTAS**  
Karla Barnes

The Spaniards literally tore down the temples of Tenochtitlan to build the magnificent Metropolitan Cathedral. The contrast of ancient civilization into a Spanish masterpiece can be enjoyed in a leisurely afternoon stroll.

Fabulous markets line the sidewalks between these structures. Aztec dancers perform rituals to white merchants sell handicrafts and local cuisine to visitors and locals who flow through this interesting area. Just to the east, a glance inside the National Palace reveals the outstanding murals of Diego Rivera. These paintings represent two millennia of the life and times of the Mexican people.

Shopping is endless in the nearby neighborhoods as are inviting fountains and parks strategically placed throughout the city. One of the most beautiful locations within the DF is the famous Chapultepec Park. Here, historic forests are interlaced with lakes and lovely landscaping, making this 2,100-acre park an inviting setting for families that want to get away from the hustle and bustle of the



The Metropolitan Cathedral is the largest colonial cathedral in the Americas. It is located on the Zocalo in Mexico City.

city. This masterpiece sits gracefully on Chapultepec Hill (grasshopper hill) overlooking the city. The park is also home to some of the world's finest museums, a zoo, amusement parks and the famous Maximilian's Castle. The main wing of the castle houses a wonderful museum that chronicles the history of Mexico beginning with the Spanish conquest and ending with the Mexican Revolution. Many famous artifacts, such as the pistols of Pancho Villa, are on display.

For those interested in spirituality, I highly recommend the Basilica of the Guadalupe. Located on Tepeyac Hill, the site of Juan Diego's vision of the Virgin Mary. The church holds the cloak of Juan Diego. Visitors can attend

Mass, which is held several times daily. Canvassers are in progress and worshippers are truly moved as they honor the Guadalupe, the patron saint of Mexico.

Mexico City is an extremely diverse location. Modern skyscrapers compete with colonial architecture, prosperity with poverty. The city has survived volcanoes and earthquakes and continues to flourish.

Take a trip into the heart of Mexico. Let your soul feel the rhythm of a different cultural experience that in my opinion was better than excellent — it was Mexican!

Karla Barnes of Burley and her husband are frequent visitors to Mexico.



Boise State students Antonio Oblea, left, Heraclo Jaquez of Rupert, Alba Trejo and Arturo Garcia did each other on engineering questions in preparation for the national Academic Olympiad of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, to be held in Florida in January. The Boise State team recently won the society's regional Academic Olympiad held in San Antonio, Texas.

### Hispanic engineers team earn honors

BOISE — A team from the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers student chapter at Boise State University captured first-place honors in the society's regional Academic Olympiad held recently in San Antonio, Texas.

The team now advances to the national competition to be held in Orlando, Fla., in January. The Boise State team competes against students from universities in Region III, an area that encompasses 11 states in the West and Midwest. The Academic Olympiad covers a broad range of engineering and related material and includes both written and oral questions.

Team members include Heraclo Jaquez, a senior majoring in computer information systems from Rupert; Arturo Garcia, a senior majoring in electrical engineering major from Emmett; Antonio Oblea, a junior majoring in mathematics and electrical engineering from Pocatello; and team alternate, Alba Trejo, a sophomore majoring in respiratory therapy from Idaho Falls.

In addition, Boise State chapter president Dave Estrada had his abstract, "Design of a Variable Frequency Control System for a Multiple-Phase Free-Piston Stirling Engine," selected for the technical poster presentation at the society's national conference. Estrada, junior majoring in electrical engineering, is from Nampa.

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers promotes the development of minorities in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to achieve educational excellence, economic opportunity and social equality. Last year, the chapter was recognized as Boise State's outstanding student organization from among more than 180 student organizations.

### Vatican beatifies martyrs

The Associated Press

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — The Vatican on Sunday beatified 13 Mexicans who died during a Roman Catholic uprising in the late 1920s that was crushed by the Mexican government.

The faithful, newly filled Guadalajara's 60,000-seat soccer stadium, where Cardinal Jose Saravia Martins arrived from Rome to oversee the ceremony.

Those without tickets ringed the stadium and listened from the outside, while thousands of others tuned in to radio and television broadcasts in nearby restaurants and shops.

The Portuguese-born Saravia Martins, who heads the Vatican office overseeing the process for sainthood, called the martyrs "faithful witnesses" to the power of the church.

Sketches of each martyr adorned the field, arranged around a towering cross. Pope Benedict XVI appeared on video screens, reading a message in Spanish from the Vatican.

"They are a permanent example for us," the pope said of the martyrs, "an encouragement to give concrete testimony of our own faith in today's society."

Beatification is the last formal step before sainthood.

The 1917 constitution that grew out of the Mexican revolution

tightened restrictions on the church, banning public masses and religious gifts. It capped a century of setbacks for the church, which had enjoyed a government-imposed monopoly on faith for most of the 300 years following Spain's conquest of Mexico in 1521.

The restrictions sparked the Cristero War of 1926-29, in which tens of thousands died fighting the government. Restrictions on the church have gradually eased, though Mexico did not re-establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican until 1992.

Sunday's ceremony marked the first Mexican beatifications since 2004, when Pope John Paul II beatified Guadalupe Garcia, a Guadalupe native who founded hospitals and a religious order. In 2000, John Paul II canonized 25 Mexican martyrs from the era of the Cristero uprising.

Among those beatified Sunday was Luis Palilla Gomez, a Guadalupe native and the president of Mexico's Young Catholic Association, who was tortured and killed in 1927 by soldiers.

Another of the Mexicans represented in Sunday's ceremony was Ramon Vargas Gonzalez, who was known for his preaching on behalf of the church before he was shot along with his brother on April 1, 1927.

### For Santana, family and charity outrank fame

The Associated Press

NEWYORK — Carlos Santana has not been one to follow the record industry map to success. Though the guitar great is now one of the world's best-selling artists thanks to the 25-million-selling "Supernatural" album, "All That I Am," which again pairs his frenetic guitar licks with some of today's hottest acts (Michelle Branch, Mary J. Blige and Big Boy). And like his previous albums, "All That I Am" has become a best-seller.

AP: Why do you think collaborations with veteran artists have become so popular?

Santana: For me it's not a formula or a gimmick or slick or anything. I started in San Francisco learning from everyone



Carlos Santana

from John Lee Hooker to Miles Davis. If you look at the list of all the people that I've played with all my life, this is just an extension of it. It's just because of

"Supernatural" either people catch on to it. But a lot of people tried it and it didn't necessarily work. I think it's the intentions. Do you wanna do it just to cash in, or do you want to really intertwine with the person's soul? If you only want to do it just to make money and just to cash in, it's not going to go that far.

AP: How do you respond to fans who want you to return to your free-flowing roots?

Santana: Well, they can have that in the next CD that I do. It's probably 80 percent done. There's no singers. It's just guitar. It's basically just what I did for 30 years... [His wife is the one who put the collaborations] thing on me. She said, "You know I think it would be nice for you to try something different and reconnect with [record mogul] Clive Davis." It was Deborah who was the architect, helped the vision. She connected us both again and to my great surprise Clive Davis was open to collaborating with me again.

AP: You've said the demands put on you after spectacular success of "Supernatural" in 1999 almost wrecked your marriage. But you've toured a lot over the years — what made this different?

AP: It was different because my children needed me more at home and [my wife] needed me more at home because they were starting to gang up on her, as teenagers do, so she needed me to be there with her and back them down to the point of

reasoning. I've been married for 32 years, and Deborah and my children, they are first, middle and last. Everything else will fit in between or it won't fit in at all. I just made a decision. I said that's it. Most people would say, the iron is really hot, you've got to hit it. We said stop. For a while we just stopped, at the peak of it we said stop. And here comes another career suicide, but we're still here. My family doesn't have a price tag on it.

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## Christmas Council gears up to help needy

## —COMMUNITY EVENTS—

By Trona Tegan  
For The Times-News

**BURLEY** — The Mini-Cassia Christmas Council has been helping needy families in the area for more than 20 years, and is gearing up for another holiday.

### Want to help?

Donations will be accepted from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays or 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays (except the Saturday after Thanksgiving) at the former Valley Wholesale building at Almo Avenue and 10th Street in Burley. Donations will be accepted until Dec. 6. Monetary contributions are welcome. Mail them to: Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, P.O. Box 332, Heyburn, ID 83336. For more information, call Dolly Freiburger at 436-4057 or Verlee Frost at 878-7940.

The Christmas Council is made up of eight board members. In its first year, the council served 35 families. Last year, the council provided Christmas boxes to 645 families. Usually, about 50 to 75 volunteers donate their time to organize and prepare the boxes for the families. Boxes contain gift items for each member of the family, canned and boxed food items and meat certificates redeemable at area grocery stores.

"The most gratifying part of this is when someone we have helped comes back to help," says Verlee Frost of the Christmas Council. Donations are received



Members of the East Minico Middle School Key Club spent time helping the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council to sort donated items that will be distributed to needy families in the community. From left are Kaitlyn Ward, Cody Lopez and Thayne Pearson.

throughout the year and many area organizations and individuals do fundraisers or service projects to benefit the organization. For example, the Burley and Minico High School Booster clubs hold a "Souper Bowl" each year to collect food donations for the council. It has become one of the largest single fundraisers for the organization.

Others that contribute regularly include the youth groups of Paul Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, who make gift items to donate each year. Thom Simpson holds concerts or donates

sales of CD's to the council, and Bob Harris holds a "Canned Film Festival" each year where community members can attend a movie with a donation of canned foods. Many service groups and clubs also donate funds and/or time to the organization as well.

"The willingness of the community to help is outstanding," Frost says. "It couldn't happen if the community wasn't behind us."

"The council is also in need of good winter clothing, toys, all sizes of quilts and blankets, toiletries or anything that would make a nice gift for someone of

any age. Most needed items include gifts for adults and teen boys. Donated items should also be clean and in good condition. Items in need of repair cannot be used due to the large volume of items received.

"If it's not something you would give as a gift, we can't use it," says Dolly Freiburger of the Council. "For many, this is the only Christmas they will get and we want it to be something they will be thankful for, not something discarded."

Trona Tegan is a writer with the South Idaho Press.

### Boy Scouts hold annual pancake feed today

**JEROME** — Boy Scout Troop 139 is holding a Thanksgiving Day pancake feed from 8 to 10:30 a.m. today at the Jerome United Methodist Church, 211 S. Buchanan. The cost is \$4 per person or \$12 a family.

### M.V. Duplicate Bridge announces winners

**TWIN FALLS** — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its weekly winners: Nov. 15: Todd for first, Tom Wagner and Joe Blackford and Max Thompson and Herb Burgess. Nov. 16: First, Jan Fitzhugh and Pauline Muller; second, Renee Bulcher and Peggy Hackley; third, Mary Kienlen and Al Hoobery; fourth, Wilma Driscoll and Ruth Rabe; tied for fifth, Riley Burton and Herb Burgess and Leslie Patricia and Joyce Astorquia. Lirica Cooper and Elaine Brown were first in C.

Nov. 17: First, Riley Burton and Peggy Hackley; second, Sam Smurny and Ruby Grimes; and third, Helen Hart and Gertie Green.

A game will not be held today. All bridge players are invited to attend. For more information or a game, call Max Thompson at 735-8308.

### Burley woman celebrates 90th birthday

**BURLEY** — Josephine Murphy of Burley will be honored on her 90th birthday on Saturday in the Parkview Care Center, 2303 Parkview Ave. The family requests no gifts.

### Former T.F. resident becomes Miss San Diego

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** — Former Times-News sports writer, Ely Garner of Kimberly, won the Miss San Diego Scholarship Title in the Miss America Pageant on Nov. 12. Garner, who is attending Point Loma Nazarene University and is a member of Kimberly High School valedictorian, took first in all categories: beauty, talent, poise, interview skills, swimwear, poise and gown.

Garner will now compete in the Miss California contest, where a scholarship of \$10,000 goes to the first place winner.

### Holiday country craft fair will open in Elba

**ELBA** — The eighth annual Christmas Auxiliary Holiday Country Craft Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Dec. 3 at the Elba Community Building, 1195 E. 200th St. The event will include door prizes, refreshments and many gift items.

### Boy Scouts of America holds winter training

**TWIN FALLS** — The Boy Scouts of America will hold its Winter Camp Training to teach Scouts winter camping skills. The event is sponsored by the Snake River Council Varsity Committee and Sportsman's Warehouse. The training will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 3 at 298th Falls Blvd. The camp is open to all Scouts and adults. The cost is \$2. Scouts will study avalanche danger, winter first aid, shelter for winter survival, tools and personal protection items with professionals and tour display of equipment. For more information, call 733-2067.

### Sun Valley Center holds glass etching workshop

**KETCHUM** — The Sun Valley Center for the Arts will offer glass etching on Dec. 6, as part of its series of "One Night Creative Workshops." The workshops are open to all adults and teens. The cost is \$15 for center members and \$25 for non-members. All supplies are provided. Glass etching will be offered from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Sun Valley Center. The workshop will introduce students to an easy, do-at-home process using a special etching cream and contact paper to add etches of designs or initials

on plain glasses. The event will be limited to 12 participants. To reserve a space in advance call the center at 208-726-9491, ext. 10.

### MVRMC Festival of Trees begins with a gala

**TWIN FALLS** — The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Festival of Trees Gala will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. Wednesday, followed by a gourmet dinner and live auction at the former Anderson Lumber building, 960 Eastland Drive. A silent auction will be held on all decorated trees, wreaths and designated holiday items. The event is open until 10 p.m. Live entertainment will be provided by Celtic Fire. Tickets, which are \$100 each, are available by calling 737-2480. Table reservations are available in groups of 10 only.

Auction items include a diamond bracelet, trip to Ireland, a cruise, a motorcycle, an all-terrain vehicle and more.

### Burley Festival of Trees gala kicks off event

**BURLEY** — The annual Burley Festival of Trees, "100 years of Christmas," will kick off with a gala from 6 to 10 p.m. Wednesday at the Snake River Plaza. The gala will include dinner, music, a preview of the trees and silent auction.

Tickets are \$25 per person and open to the public from noon to 9 p.m. Dec. 1 to 3 and include entertainment, holiday kitchen, baked goods and holiday store. The cost is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Proceeds go to area scholarships and several health-related programs and organizations. The Cassia Health Care Foundation and Cassia Regional Medical Center volunteers are the event sponsors.

### Letters to Santa Claus accepted on Dec. 1

**BURLEY** — Children can write a letter to Santa Claus and bring it to the Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave. on Dec. 1. For more information, call the library at 878-7708.

### Area group accepts applications for baskets

**EDEN** — Valley Community Helpers are accepting applications for Christmas food baskets for Eden and Hazelton area residents. Baskets are available at US Bank, 225 Main; and the Lakeside Apartments, 856 S. 1900 E., both in Hazelton; or the Silver and Gold Senior Center, 210 E. Wilson in Hazelton.

Applications are due by Dec. 9. Food baskets will be delivered Dec. 17 from the Silver and Gold Senior Center. Christmas baskets, donations for the baskets can be dropped off at the US Bank in Hazelton. For more information, call Diane at 829-5441.

### Boys and Girls Club holds Grandchild Camp

**TWIN FALLS** — The Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley is holding a Grandchild Camp from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 3 at the club, 999 Throner Road. The camp is for grandchildren or other relatives who are 6 to 18 years old who are raised by their grandparents or other guardians. Grandparents and guardians can take a day off on Christmas shopping, take a nap or a walk or decorate for the holidays.

The camp is free for the first 15 children who register. There will be a \$10 charge for those children who sign up after that. Activities include ice breakers, a dodge ball tournament, a playground cooking event, lunch and games and making a paper plate snowman. For more information or to register, call the club at 736-7011.

### Buttons, Bows Dance Club holds regular dance

**TWIN FALLS** — The Buttons and Bows Square and Round Dance Club will hold its regular dance on Saturday at the Moose Lodge, 833 Falls Blvd. Pre-rounds will start at 7:30 p.m. with squares at 8 p.m. Dancers should bring finger food. All round and square dancers are invited.

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## Gifts of Love seeks donations

**TWIN FALLS** — Gifts of Love is holding its eighth annual program at several local care centers and welcomes donations of gifts.

The nonprofit program gathers gifts so that residents of the care centers can pick them out for free, have them gift wrapped and give the gifts to their loved ones and friends.

Parties where the residents will choose the gifts they will give to others will be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 12 at St. Benedict's Care Center and 7 p.m. at the Moun-

tain View Care Center at 2 p.m. Dec. 13 at Snake River Rehab and 7 p.m. at the BridgeView Care Center at 2 p.m. Dec. 14 at Gooding Care Center and 7 p.m. at SunBridge Care Center at 2 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Shoshone Care Center and 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls Care Center and at 2 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Burley Care Center.

Last year, more than 4,500 gifts were given out at eight care centers. For more information or to donate, call 734-9671.



The Gifts of Love program is seeking donations to help make the holidays brighter for care center residents.

## LETTERS OF THANKS

### Community helps with annual turkey dinner

We at the Crossroads United Methodist Church in Kimberly would like to thank the community for its support and all the workers for the best ever annual turkey dinner. We served close to 650 diners.

We appreciate you all very much.  
**PAT BALLARD**  
Chairman  
73rd Annual Turkey Dinner  
Crossroads United Methodist Church  
Kimberly

### Family appreciates work of E. End Fire Department

Our family would like to thank the East End Fire Department which once again put out fires at our house. They were so professional and kind to us and saved our house from burning to the ground. We are so very grateful to them.

**MARITY AND ANGIE HOMER**  
And boys  
Rupert

### Church grateful for Halloween party support

The Castledorf United Methodist Church would like to extend a big thank you to all who sponsored and helped at our community Halloween party which was held on Oct. 29. We had a wonderful turnout and everyone had lots of fun. Without your generous support, the event would not be possible. With much appreciation than to you will ever know,

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Thank you and God bless!  
**JANA BLICK**  
Castledorf United Methodist Church  
Castledorf

### Organizations' donations help with fair booth

The members of Immaculate Conception and St. Catherine's churches wish to extend our appreciation for donating food and other services for our fair booth at the Twin Falls County Fair to Lamb Weston Dairy, Thriftway in Buell and Northland (Cold Storage Inc.) in Buell. Thank you for your support.  
**ALCHOSNER**  
Fair Booth Chairman  
Buhl Catholic Church  
Buhl

### Group appreciates support for harvest dinner, auction

Jerome's Alpha Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held our annual harvest dinner and auction on Nov. 5 with a successful auction followed by a delicious Basque meal prepared by Ben and Marsha McCool.

Alpha Phi members would like to thank Ben and Marsha McCool, Oop Johnson, B.J. McCool, Jen Burk, St. Jerome's Catholic Church for use of its parish hall, Larry Goolsby, Mike Evans, Teresa Oneida and our energetic and supportive guests who joined us for a fun evening.

A special thank you to Rose Barutia Schoen of Twin Falls for lending us many Basque items, pictures and costumes for a small display of Basque culture and tradition.

As committee chairman, I would like to give a huge thank you to Mary Ann Pappani, my committee of Marsha McCool and Diane Poston and to all my committed, hard-working and treasured sisters.  
Thank you for your continued support of our sorority.  
**MARY GILBERT**  
Ways and Means Committee  
Alpha Phi  
Jerome

### Family of deceased man appreciates city's help

On Sept. 10, Craig H. Robinson died on Delta Flight 471 while returning home from Alaska. After an emergency landing at your airport, your fire department and rescue squad explained to my husband's minor children how their father died. Having battled lung can-

cer for more than a year, Craig's death was not unexpected, but it was sudden and upsetting.

Paul Rodriguez comforted Craig's children, while Det. Gambrel and Deputy Coroner Loveland asked questions. Delta/Sky West provided rooms at the Red Lion Hotel. Mike Parke, a local funeral director, made all the arrangements.

We said good-bye to Craig later that evening while Ron and Suzy Heath comforted us. Mike ensured that we could take Craig home with us.

The tender loving support that your city gave us was something rarely encountered these days. All involved should be commended for their kindness and support to their fellow man. God bless you all.  
**AMANDA ROBINSON**  
Fredericksburg, Va.

### Organizations make carnival a success

Lea Owsley Post 31 American Legion Auxiliary would like to thank those who donated time, services or products to assist us in making our annual Halloween carnival a success.

We couldn't have done it without the following: Norco Welding, K.J. Coates Catering, Margie Sligar, Tisa Babington, Peter and Jan Remmen, Mike and Libby Scott, Rosie Bingham, Peggy Pedrow, Betty Lindley and Katie Owsley. We would also like to thank the community for its participation.  
**CORALIE ADKISON**  
Lea Owsley Post 31  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Hagerman

# This year, it's high-tech toys for kids

Sophisticated devices now rival more traditional gifts

By Ylan Q. Muir  
The Washington Post

Move out of the way, kids, because some of the hottest toys for this holiday season may have Mom and Dad eyeing your present underneath the tree.

For the first time, iPods and other digital music players made an appearance on the National Retail Federation's annual list of the top 10 categories of toys, which was released Wednesday. Though Barbie once again was the winner, iPods debuted in sixth place for girls — right behind video games. For boys, video games came first, followed by Star Wars' merchandise and Legos.

The inclusion of iPods in the NRF's survey is another sign that the line between children's toys and grown-up gifts is becoming increasingly blurred. Last Christmas, the gadgets were all the rage among adults. Now they are trickling down to the younger set — a trend with cell phones, digital video cameras, even portable video players.

The Xbox 360 gaming console, which was released last year, is one of the hottest adult items of this holiday season — and the NRF survey ranked it as the sixth most popular toy for boys.

That's one of the things that technology has done," said Christopher Byrne, an independent toy analyst who goes by "the Toy Guy." "It really has erased the barrier between what is a kid product and what is an adult product."

Though the NRF survey reflects what adult shoppers plan to buy this holiday season for the kids in their lives, iPods, digital cameras and other adult electronics also show up on hot lists in trade magazines and among toy sellers. Analyst John Taylor of Arcadia Investment Corp. said the trend is part of a broader sociological change that he calls "age compression."

"Kids are getting older younger," he said.

In the U.S. for example, predators that Mattel's shimmering doll Barbie and the Magic of Pegasus based on the best-selling DVD, of course will be one of the top new toys for children ages 2 to 4. This Barbie comes with a crown, sash and a "Ward of Lights" and retails for about \$19.99.

But by age 5, the Toys R Us hot list has kids graduating to the Pixel Chix, virtual dolls who live in LCD screens imbedded inside small, three-dimensional plastic houses. There is the Nintendo version, the Beverly Hills house and the cozy cottage, each from Mattel and listed at \$29.99. Kids can control the girls' movements, deciding whether they go to bed or go on a date. But if the virtual girls feel ignored, they may just pack their bags and leave.

"You're playing with a doll, but it's kind of a fun, hip way to do it," said Kelly Cullen, a Toys R Us spokeswoman.

Once they get a little older, children are likely to move on to "toys" such as Hasbro's \$79.99 iCamNow, which takes quick pictures and can capture up to seven minutes of digital video. Kids can then play their mini-movies on their own personal video player, also available from iVibe in blue, purple and silver for \$59.99.

"Kids today expect their toys

to be functional." Best Buy co-spokesman Brian Lucas said. "They don't want a toy laptop; they want something that actually works and does cool things."

No wonder toy makers are wrestling with the question of when a toy is a toy.

"I would say the toy industry is seeing the stiff competition ever from non-toy categories, and with rapidly advancing technology, I wouldn't say this is a trend that shows any signs of slowing," said Anita Frazier, an analyst with NPD Funworld.

The NRF had been reluctant to count electronics in its toy category, said Scott Krugman, a spokesman for the trade group. But annual surveys, which asked respondents to list the toys they planned to purchase, were conclusive: Customers "are the ones that are saying the iPod is a toy," Krugman said.

This year's Toys R Us hot list, as well as one compiled by Byrne for the trade magazine Toy Wishes, feature iPod-friendly products. One is a sort of peanut with legs that lets its owner create music tracks and sound effects like a DJ by moving parts of its body. Offered by a new company called Zizzle for \$30 and up, it can even be set up to play music from an iPod.

The second is the iDog by Hasbro for \$24.99, a lovable pup that can lift its ears, tilt its head and growl to the sound of music. It comes with built-in speakers — a tote bag and sweater set will also be available to fit the pouch can travel in style.

The product was intended

### High-tech toys

Joining bikes, Legos and Barbie on the list of toys are more high-tech gifts:

1. Old favorite Furby has been upgraded.
2. Pixel Chix allows children to control virtual girls.
3. The Xbox 360 has been a hot item for both children and adults since its release.
4. The iDog can connect to an iPod and reacts to music.

for children. Cullen said, but it has also sold well among adults. In fact, she keeps one on her desk.

"Right when it came in, we definitely said this was going to be for adults as well as for kids," Cullen said.

But that does not mean it is time to toss out the toys that may be lacking in bells and whistles — and that require a little imagination. Along with Barbie, the Bratz line of dolls, Dora the Explorer and anything relating to Disney's long roster of princesses also made the NRF's top 10 toy categories. And boys will still be playing with Thomas the Tank Engine and riding around in Hot Wheels this holiday season, the survey said.

"Though the new toys got the biggest buzz, analysts said, the holiday season is still steeped in tradition. And kids are still, well, kids."

"There are certain toys that just aren't unscolded," Krugman said. "Each year they're on the list, guaranteed."

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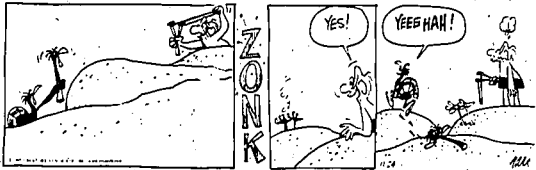
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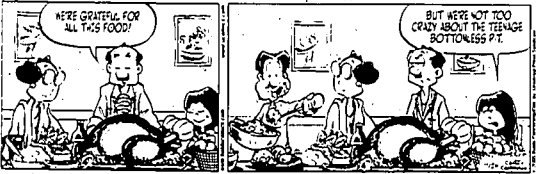
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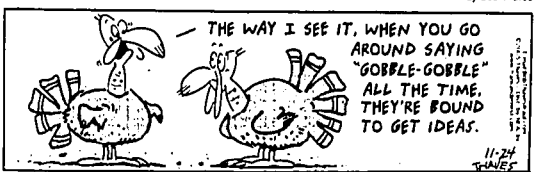
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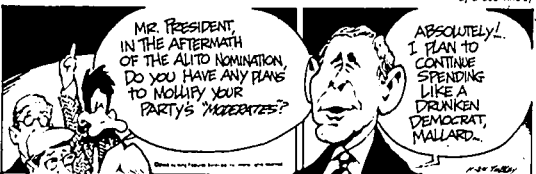
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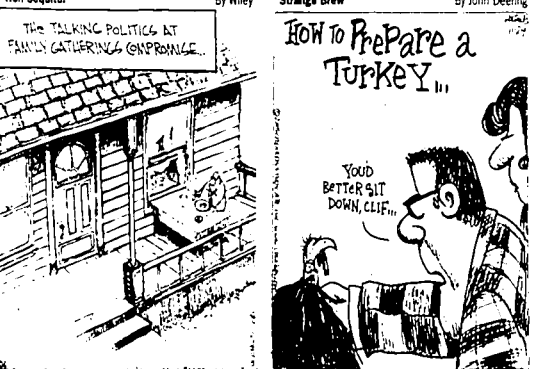


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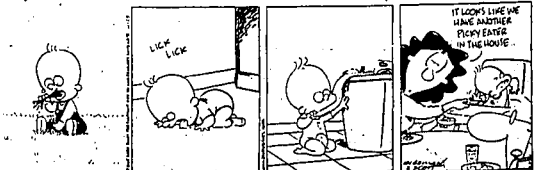
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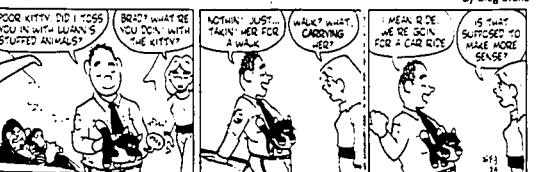
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## Be on your best behavior, Aries

**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeraldine Saunders

Family gatherings are highlighted, even if they seem unexciting. Avoid stirring up controversial subjects and be considerate of other people's opinions.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): If there is something to be done, you will take charge. Whether carving the turkey or clearing the table, your energy will make things happen and keep holiday bashes flowing smoothly.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Family celebrations can make you beam as the king or queen of your particular castle. You could be the center of attention and make a good impression with guests at a get-together.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Like Baby Bear's porridge, your holiday entertainments may not be too cold and not too hot, but just right. Others will admire your intellectual skills, but notorious activities could fall flat.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Thanksgiving means plenty of relaxation and good cheer and a welcome break from routines. Romance can take an unexpected nosedive if you press for a

promise or a commitment now.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Suck to family visits and traditional Thanksgiving routines. Those close may fall prey to whims or sudden impulses that rock the relationship boat. You must keep things on an even keel.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Holiday outings to visit loved ones can bring out the best in you. Your generosity knows no bounds, but don't overstay your welcome. A little bit of socializing goes a long way.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Carve the turkey or ham and feast away on this family holiday. Those close may enjoy a walk in the woods or competitive games. Don't overstep the boundaries in a romantic relationship.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Eat your turkey and stuffing and you'll have a good time. Impulsive amorous gestures could be misunderstood under these celestial conditions, so this isn't the time to make an important proposal.

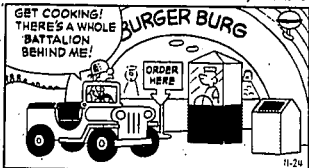
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Family matters reign supreme under these stars. Enjoy outings with family members and conversations with the younger set. Love could be thrown a curve ball if you foster a misunderstanding.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): When you speak, people listen.

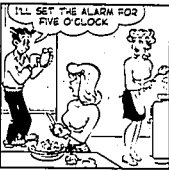
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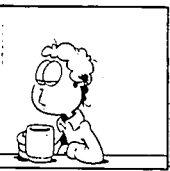
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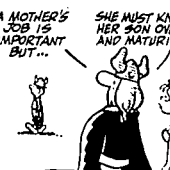
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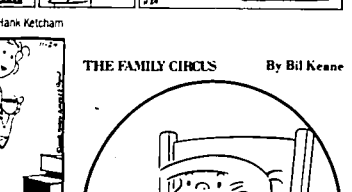
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By Bil Keane

# Take a moment to send thanks to our troops far from home

DEAR READERS: Happy Thanksgiving, everyone! I know you are busy with the hustle and bustle of entertaining, but let's not forget that our young men and women in the military are always in need of encouragement. Most of these dedicated young people are between the ages of 17 and 21, and away from home for the first time. The Department of Defense tells me that messages of support from home are their greatest morale booster.



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

I have never heard of an essay contest to determine who will be allowed to attend a wedding. (Will these people whose essays (don't get a passing grade be excluded?) If I were you, I'd send your nephew and his bride a lovely congratulatory card and skip the contest."

DEAR ABBY: Yesterday a young man from a religious sect rang my doorbell and pounded on my door until I opened it. I told him, "Please do not come to my home again. I have a baby and you just woke her up." He replied, "Lady, you are rude." I apologized and explained again about my baby.

My problem, Abby, is this happens all the time. I live in a new subdivision, and religious groups and vacuum cleaner salesman come to my door several times a week. I have a large "No Soliciting" sign posted by my front door. Have you any suggestions?

—PAM B. HOUSTON  
DEAR PAM: The person who came to your door should have apologized for disturbing you instead of trying to turn you away. Thank you in advance please bear in mind that he could have come to rob you for

worse, and you are under no obligation to open your door to any stranger —, and that includes salesmen and religious proselytizers.

You might try placing another sign by your front door that says "No Witnessing." If that doesn't work, consider disabling your doorbell or fencing your yard and posting a "No Trespassing" sign, provided it's allowed in your subdivision.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a wonderful 1 1/2-year-old son, the love of our lives. Sadly, my father passed away before he was born and never got to see him.

Recently, my family — including my mother — took a vacation together.

We took some wonderful pictures of my mother holding her grandson. We're considering having one of the pictures enlarged professionally as a birthday gift to my mother, and my wife suggested we photograph a picture of my father into the picture so that there is a portrait of both my parents and their grandson.

I like the idea, however, I am concerned that it may make my mother sad and be a reminder that my father is no longer here. What do you think?

—TRYING TO BE THOUGHTFUL IN WASHINGTON STATE  
DEAR TRYING TO BE THOUGHTFUL: I think the sentiment is nice, but it would be wrong. When in doubt — don't.

# Thanksgiving marks the end of nearly 45 million oversized birds

About 90 percent of American households eat turkey on Thanksgiving, resulting in the annual slaughter of about 45 million of the oversized birds.

This day in history: Happy Thanksgiving! The Pilgrims first Thanksgiving didn't happen on this date.

The "Pilgrims" didn't call themselves that. That was a creative reinvention in the 1800s when Americans decided to romanticize their journey and lives. They also didn't wear those strange hats and buckles — that was another 19th-century invention.

When the Mayflower left Europe in 1620, it held 41 members of the extreme left sect, escaping the corrupting influences of the modern world. They called themselves "the Saints," and dubbed the 61 other passengers and crew members "the Strangers."

Of the 102 people who arrived at Plymouth Rock, 16 died over the first winter.



WINNER  
KING OF FACTINESS  
Jack Mingo  
Erin Barrett

It was an English-speaking Indian named Squanto who taught the Pilgrims how to plant corn, tap maple trees, and identify edible plants and medicinal herbs. Squanto spoke fluently because he had been kidnapped into slavery in Spain as a child but had escaped to England and eventually returned home.

After their first year, the settlers held their famous feast with local Indians. However, that wasn't the first proclaimed Thanksgiving — that took place two years later when colonists were encouraged to pray their thanks after a rain broke a bad drought.

When an early group proposed commemorating the pilgrims' first Thanksgiving, President Thomas Jefferson said that he didn't think a tiny, ill-prepared community of religious fanatics made a suitable holiday for an optimistic new country. Decades later, a woman's magazine editor successfully persuaded Abraham Lincoln with Thanksgiving petitions. He obliged.

Wild turkeys can fly about 55 mph and run about 29 mph. There are still about 4.5 million of them still living free in the United States. Domestic turkeys, however, have been bred so fat and from heavy feet that they cannot fly or distance (without a catapult, anyway).

Ben Franklin despised eagles and lobbied hard for taming the turkey our national bird.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factman-gyro-mingo-barrett.com

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## Kids and gadgets

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NATION

# BRINGING YOUR DREAMS TO LIGHT

Ever wanted to know the meaning behind that reoccurring dream?

By Marc Cabrera  
Knight Ridder News Service

MONTEREY, Calif. — I'm sitting in the passenger seat of my dad's pickup truck. Trying to steer and reach for the brake pedal at once while the vehicle is going out of control on a busy street.

Cars whiz by and dodge mine by inches. I do my best to navigate through traffic, even though I can't get to the driver's seat. The daytime sky is cloudy, and the steering wheel has no power steering.

Then, it finally happens: Crash! Like a lightning bolt, I've smashed into an oncoming car and totaled the truck. I sit frozen for a second, and just as quickly, I wake up.

A frightening, random dream — or the subconscious trying to play out real-life issues?

I thought the dream meant that I had no control of my life's direction.

Charles McPhee, the self-proclaimed "Dream Doctor," agreed.

"Planes, trains, boats and buses are all metaphors for our own lives, and the direction we're headed in," said McPhee, a radio talk-show host of the syndicated "Dream Doctor Radio Show." "How a car behaves in a dream... has to do with your own feelings."

The dream I had was a recurring one during my early to mid 20s, an uncertain point in my own life as well as in many others. According to McPhee, the fact I was not in the driver seat was also important because "It means that you're not in as much control as you want."

McPhee is not a medical doctor, nor does he play one on the radio. His real expertise lies in the diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders. He was the former director of the Sleep Apnea Patient Treatment Program at the Sleep Disorders Center of Santa Barbara, Calif., before starting his radio show three years ago.

McPhee has written two books on the subject. "Ask the Dream Doctor," a guide to deciphering dreams, and "Dream Diary: Unlock the Hidden Secrets of Your Dreams."

Every weeknight he broadcasts for an audience of thousands across the nation, answering people's questions on what it means to dream about flying, showing up late for an exam or, in one of the more unusual cases, having a romantic episode with a stranger.

"My goal is to talk about the commonality of dreams around the world," McPhee said. "People have dreams about flying, falling, faceless lovers, being pregnant, dreams about babies, meeting celebrities, people who are dead. The dreams all have similar themes to them."

His Web site, [www.dream-doctor.com](http://www.dream-doctor.com), offers brief synopses on some of the more common dreams he gets calls for. Among them:

**Chasing:** Dreams about flitting with people outside your current relationship typically reflect increased needs for attention, rather than literal desires. Dreams of a partner chasing are common. If no concerns of infidelity exist in waking life, the dreams can indicate insecurity.

**Flying:** A metaphor of personal power in dreams. Flying to escape a pursuer suggests confidence in one's ability to avoid, or outmaneuver, fears and problems in your life.

**Exam:** Dreams of test-taking and exams often are connected with the theme of graduation. Will we achieve the social, economic or familial status that we desire in our lives? Will we "pass the test" at work? Will family? In our personal lives?

The talk show is a three-hour journey that has McPhee taking calls from listeners on a number of dreams. He quickly deduces each dream by asking for some personal insight that may have led to the dream.

"If (a caller has) a dream about a dead parent, they'll usually have a dream about a parent that passed on and the parent never talks to them (in the dream)," he said of the type of dream he normally gets. "They want to know, 'I love my mom, my mom doesn't talk to me in the dream? Did I do something wrong?'"

McPhee said such feelings usually stem from the frustration one might have not being able to talk to a deceased loved one. That frustration manifests itself in the dream.

"They're pretty common," he said.

Another caller recently had a

### Dream a little dream

A brief list of common dreams and the Dream Doctor's interpretation:

**Appearance dreams**  
**Tooth falling out:** "Concern about your appearance and desirability and presentation. It's an anxiety dream. It's never a fun dream."  
**Gaining weight:** "You feel like you've embarrassed yourself publicly."  
**Car dreams**  
**Flat tire:** "A feeling of being stuck. You can't move forward."

**Low on gas:** "A metaphor that you're running on empty."  
**Can't see out the windshield:** "You can't see what's ahead. It's a metaphor that you can't see what's going on."  
**No brakes:** "You can't slow down in your life."

**Flying dreams**  
**Can't get off the ground:** "It means that you're frustrated and want to go higher."  
**Obstacles:** "Some people have

obstacles, like phone lines, that mean you have a goal and you feel frustrated that you can't reach it."

**Career dreams**  
**Getting fired from work:** "If you have a dream where your boss fires you from work, don't miss that opportunity. What your dream is letting you know is, a job that you don't think your job situation is stable."

concern about her dream involving a terrorist attack in her hometown. McPhee noted that it's unusual for people to dream about things that people see in the news. He asked the caller if she had anything in her life that was making her nervous.

The caller confided that her 20-month-old baby had yet to speak a single word, and she was "terrified that maybe the child was having trouble." In fact, a doctor had told her that it was a serious concern if the child was not speaking at that age.

While the science of dreams has been a passion since he was 19, McPhee acknowledged that his work is not necessarily embraced in either academic or medical fields. Neither Princeton, where he did his undergraduate studies, nor University of Southern California, where he earned his masters in communications, offered any sort of certification in the study of dreams.

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# National Forest officials discourage decoration of trees along highways

The Associated Press

Cocconino National Forest officials in Arizona are urging people to cool it with the Christmas decorations on trees lining forest highways in Red Rock country.

Decorating trees along a scenic five-mile stretch of Arizona 179 between the Village of Oak Creek and Sedona has become popular in recent years, as well as on sections of Arizona 89A between Sedona and Cottonwood and along switchbacks at the north end of Oak Creek Canyon.

"We're not trying to be Scrooge here, but it's to the point that so many decorations are put up that there are a couple of problems," said Karen Malis-Clark, a spokeswoman for the forest.

The sometimes-tasteful, sometimes-offensive decorations typically start showing up over the Thanksgiving holiday — tinsel, paper plates sometimes bearing alien faces, CDs and other ornaments. They frequently become windblown litter.

The decorations also can distract, attract or disrupt wildlife and can pose safety issues for motorists and those hanging them.

"Our strategy is to remove the decorations as quickly as possible so that it doesn't encourage more," said Corinne Birkland, spokeswoman for the forest's Red Rock District.

Between 50 and 80 trees were decorated last year, down from nearly 200 the year before, Birkland said, "but it has become a community issue," with area

residents calling to ask why decorations are allowed.

Anyone caught who does not remove the decorations could face a federal misdemeanor fine for littering the forest of \$150 to \$5,000 or up to six months in jail.

Often, volunteers or forest staffers are left to clean up because the decorators don't return to do so.

In addition, shiny decorations may scare off or attract birds and other small animals, with some of the materials ending up in nests and potentially being ingested by or entangling their young.

What's more, motorists driving along 179, a federally designated national scenic byway between the Village of Oak Creek and Sedona, can become distracted by the decorations, Birkland said.

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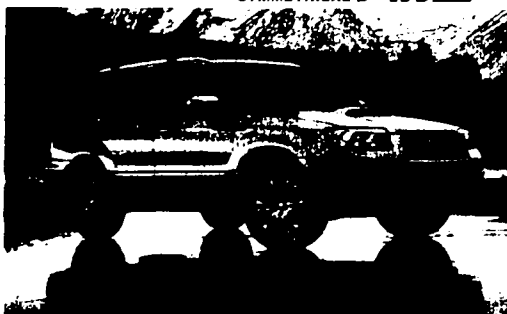
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NATION

# This soda tastes like dog drool

By Robin Stansbury  
The Hartford Courant

Avery's Beverages in New Britain, Conn., has bottled some disgusting new soda. And they admit it.

In fact, that's the whole point of the three new flavors — Swamp Juice, Toxic Slime and Dog Drool. As the labels say, they are "sodastasteful."

Avery's — which has been bottling pop for the past 101 years from its red-brick ham along Corbin Avenue in the west end of New Britain — launched the gross flavors in July to rave reviews from its target audience: 10-year-old children.

"Truth be told, it was the little tykes who invented the new brew.

At the end of the tour of the old-fashioned soda factory, kids get the chance to see six more traditional soda flavors — strawberry, lemon, pineapple, orange, blue raspberry and kiwi — to create their own carbonated concoctions.

When one small visitor mixed all six flavors together, it produced aninky-green drink that an adult in the group suggested should be called Swamp Juice.

"The name stuck, and people kept telling us that we should market the drink," said Rob Metz, manager of the soda factory. "But we knew if we were going to do that we needed more than one flavor."

So Avery's once again turned to the youngsters from the school groups, Scouts and birthday parties who visit the factory to come up with more revolting names for the disgusting soda line.

"Nine- and 10-year-olds go to bathroom humor pretty quick, so 90 percent of the names we couldn't use because they dealt with some kind of poo," Metz said.

But it wasn't long before the



Rob Metz, manager of the soda factory at Avery's Beverages in New Britain, Conn., is shown holding two of three specialty sodas the company introduced earlier this year — Toxic Slime, at left, and Dog Drool.

factory was rolling out Dog Drool, a whitish, pink-lime drink made from orange and lemon, and Toxic Slime, a light blue soda made by combining blue raspberry and lemon.

"The company has sold more than 400 cases since July, and is on its second order of 2,500 bottles, boosting overall sales at the factory by about 4 percent.

"The drinks, which sell for \$5 for a six-pack, were highly sought after in October for frightful Halloween parties.

"It's certainly helped our bottom line," Metz said. "And it's brought a lot of new customers to us that hadn't found us otherwise."

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But they've also been surprised by the number of adults who have come back for seconds.

"One of the first questions is, 'What do they really taste like?'" Metz said.

"Two years ago at Thanksgiving, Jones Soda in Seattle handed us its turkey and gravy soda — it tasted like slightly sweet, watered-down turkey

gravy. Now that was really disgusting.

"So the bottom line was we had to make ours taste good."

The company does not expect the new disgusting drinks to outsell longtime favorites, such as red cream soda or birch beer, the two most popular flavors.

But they do see room for growth by adding new gross-out flavors.

"There's only been one problem: offended cat lovers."

"Dog fans love the dog drool," Metz said. "We got a letter from a lady who was serious when she said because we have something for the dog people we need one for the cat people."

She suggested Kitty Piddle.

"We've had lots of suggestions for future names, so this should be lots of fun."

# New unisex love drug uses inhaler

By Corly Slemaszko  
New York Daily News

Viagra rejuvenated a generation of limp lortarians, but a new love drug called PT-141 could be as good for the goose as it is for the gander.

Just a snort or two from a nasal inhaler is enough to stoke up the sexual fires of both women and men, and often within minutes, Canadian scientists say.

And sexpert says the drug, which is undergoing final trials before beginning a federal Food and Drug Administration review, will be the boon to women with desire disorders that Viagra was for many in potent men.

"The bottom line is that women have been really short-changed," said Laura Berman, Ph.D., author of "The Passion Prescription: Ten Weeks to Your Best Sex — Ever!"

"Hopefully, this will be another option for women with physiologically based sexual dysfunction."

Right now, the only real therapy for women who have lost that loving feeling are sexual therapy or a trip to the shrink.

"There's nothing in the arsenal now to treat female sexual dysfunction," Jim Pfau, a researcher at Concordia University in Montreal who is working on PT-141, told the BBC. "That's one of the things that's really promising about this drug."

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PT-141 is a copy of the hormone that stimulates the melanocyte-receptors in the brain that play a role in sexual arousal.

Unlike Viagra, which gets the blood flowing in men, it goes straight to work on what the late

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— Jim Pfau, a researcher at Concordia University

Frank Zappa called the "ugliest part of the body — the mind."

"It affects the central nervous system," said Berman. "It affects desire."

In lab trials, female rats exposed to PT-141 immediately began seeking out male rats for sex.

Women who took part in trials told New York magazine that within minutes they felt a "tingling and a throbbing" along with a "a strong desire to have sex."

Men told the magazine a snort made them feel "younger and more energetic" as well as racy. "You get this humming feeling," one man said. "You're ready to take your pants off and go."

It is, as author Julian Dibbell put it, "a drug that makes you not only able to get eager to."

PT-141 is being developed by Palatin Technologies, a New Jersey-based drugmaker.

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QUEST, Todd and Teresa GUNST OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

American Title, 208 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, ESQ., Attorney at Law, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all property at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit: Township 11 North, Range 15 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls Section 1: A parcel of land being the E/4NE1/4 and part of the NE1/4 and more particularly described as follows: Containing the North one-quarter corner of said section 1 and being the true point of beginning: Thence North 89°47'30" West along the North boundary of the NW1/4 of section 1, d 109' 15.11" East to the intersection of 1322.81 feet Thence North 09°49'59" East for a distance of 613.19 feet to the Southeast corner of the E/4NE1/4; Thence North 01°00'11" West along the East boundary of the NW1/4 of section 1 of a distance of 876.71 feet; Thence North 87°58'45" East for a distance of 342.60 feet; Thence North 03°02'35" East for a distance of 434.92 feet to a point on the North boundary of the NE1/4; Thence North 90°00'00" West along the North boundary of the NE1/4 for a distance of 367.56 feet to the North one-quarter corner and the true point of beginning.

2.330 foot wide county road easement along the North boundary of the described parcel.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(b)(1), IDAHO CODE. THE REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount of the certain promissory Note and Deed of Trust in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$607.35 for the months of July 2005 through including the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$50,429.31 as principal, plus service charges, attorneys' fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all taxes expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

THE BENEFICIARY elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2005. /s/ Paula Peterson, Trust Officer for Charles C. Just Esq. For information concerning this sale please contact the Just Law Office at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9100, Thank you.

PUBLISH: November 17, 24, December 1 and 8, 2005

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Idaho Code 45-805 that O & R Mini Storage, 409 South Brooks Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, will sell to Hunt Brothers Auction on December 3, 2005 at 10:00 AM, the contents of the following: 1 bdr, 1 bath, walk thru closet, ADA For senior and 545 For accessible. Call 208-735-0308

Mobile Homes

EDEN 2 bdr, 2 1/2 bdr, \$235 + \$250 deposit. No dogs. Call 208-735-0320

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CITY OF TWIN FALLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2005, 8:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
305 THRU AVENUE EAST, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

For the Purpose of Hearing Public Comments Regarding the Increase in

GREEN FEES, SEASON PASSES, AND CART FEES

Beyond the Limits Prescribed by Idaho Code Section 63-1311A

The Proposed Fees Exceed 105% of the Fees Last Collected

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, will hold a public hearing for consideration of a proposed fee increase, said hearing to be held at City Council Chambers, 305 Thru Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, on Monday, December 5, 2005, at 8:00 p.m.

Table with 4 columns: FEE, CURRENT RATE, PROPOSED RATE, % INCREASE. Lists various fees like Juniors/Colege, Seniors-Weekday, Adults-Weekday, etc.

The increased revenue is necessary to cover operating cost at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. At said hearing all interested persons may appear and show cause, if any they have, why said proposed increases should not be adopted.

PUBLISHED: November 24th & December 1st, 2005.

LEGAL NOTICE PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE SECTION 42-5248

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITIONS FOR ANNEXATION OF LAND AND FACILITIES INTO THE NORTH SNAKE GRAOUND WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF DECMBER 8, 2005 HEARING ON PETITIONS TO ANNEX LAND AND FACILITIES INTO THE NORTH SNAKE GRAOUND WATER DISTRICT (NSGWD): On Tuesday December 6, 2005 at 10:00 AM, at the banquet room of the El Sombrero Restaurant at 143 West Main Street, Jerome, Idaho 83338, the NSGWD will conduct a hearing on petitions to annex land and facilities into the NSGWD.

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITIONS FOR ANNEXATION: the following ground water users have filed petitions to annex the land and facilities used within their certain ground water rights into the North Snake Groundwater District (NSGWD) as petitioners, their ground water rights, well locations, and water rights places of use are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Owner, Water Right, POD Description. Lists various owners like Barrymore Est. Subd Water Users, Fleming, Bill, Goodhart, Hugo, etc.

DATED this 24th day of October, 2005.
/Angelina M. Lavett, Secretary/Clerk North Snake Groundwater District
A more detailed description of the land and facilities within the listed sections appears on the individual water right records which may be obtained from the Idaho Department of Water Resources through its offices, 208-287-0200, Southern Region, Twin Falls, 200-736-3033 or website (www.idwr.state.id.us).

PUBLISHED November 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2005

Case No. 83662
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On March 14, 2006, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock P.M. of said day at the front entrance of the Gooding County Courthouse, County of Idaho, TITELFAC, INC., an Idaho corporation, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Gooding, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

- Section 3. A parcel of land located in the SE 1/4 of Section 3, from which the Northwest corner of said Section 3 bears a distance of 660.75 feet along the North boundary of said Section 3.
Thence North 89°34'53" West along the East-West boundary of Section line for a distance of 3964.11 feet to the Southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of said Section 3.
Thence North 00°05'11" East along the West boundary of said SE 1/4 of said Section 3 for a distance of 660.75 feet (mea. North 0°05'32" East, 660.61 feet rec.) to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH:
An access and utility easement for the purpose of ingress, egress and utilities, said easement being on, over, under and across a strip of land that is encompassed by the following described boundary, COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of the SE 1/4 of said Section 3 and being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

- Thence South 00°02'26" East along the East boundary of said SE 1/4 of said Section 3 for a distance of 240.00 feet.
Thence North 89°20'04" West along an existing fence line for a distance of 515.87 feet.
Thence North 89°20'52" West along the existing fence line for a distance of 440.93 feet to a point on the existing boundary of said SW 1/4 of said Section 3.
Thence North 89°34'03" West parallel with the North boundary of the SW 1/4 of said Section 3 for a distance of 1320.29 feet to a point on the West boundary of said SW 1/4 of said Section 3.
Thence North 00°01'17" East along the West boundary of said SW 1/4 of said Section 3 for a distance of 150.00 feet to the Northwest corner of said SW 1/4.
Thence South 89°34'03" East (mea. North 89°37'43" Northwest) rec.) along the South boundary of the NW 1/4 of said Section 3 for a distance of 2640.58 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A 50.00-foot-wide access and utility easement for the purpose of ingress, egress and utilities, said easement being on, over, under and across a 50.00 foot wide strip of land that is centered on the COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of the SE 1/4 of said Section 3. Thence South 00°01'17" West along the East boundary of said SE 1/4 of said Section 3 for a distance of 25.0 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Default for which this sale is to be made is a failure to pay.
Accumulated delinquency in payments of \$914.65 per month, for the months of May, June, July, August, September, and October, 2005, and all subsequent months is \$3,487.90. The balance owing of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$28,459.18, plus 9% interest and foreclosure costs.
DATED this 9th day of November, 2005

PUBLISHED: November 24, December 1, 8 and 15, 2005



IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV 2005-0022
CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT SUMMONS
In the Interest of:
JACOB C. BAKER,
d.o.b. 07-17-02
ANTHONY M. BUDDOCK,
d.o.b. 08-20-03
Child/ren under the age of eighteen

THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETINGS TO: KENNETH BYRD

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
A Review hearing at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, on January 12, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

You are hereby directed to appear personally for a Review hearing at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, on January 12, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

You are notified that if you fail to appear without reasonable cause, the Court may proceed in your absence and you may be proceeded against for contempt of Court.

You are notified that the parent(s), guardian, or a custodian may file a written motion for the support and/or treatment of the children.

You are further notified that the children and parent(s), guardian, or custodian have the right to be represented by an attorney of your choosing, or if financially unable to pay, have the right to have an attorney appointed by the Court to represent the children or the parent(s), guardian, or custodian at county expense.

You are further notified that there shall be a rebuttable presumption that if a child is placed in the custody of the IDWR and was also placed in care out of the home for a period not less than fifteen (15) out of the last twenty-two (22) months from the date of Adjudication, the IDWR shall initiate a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights. This presumption may be rebutted by a finding by the Court that the filing of a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights would not be in the best interest of the child or their family, or that the child is placed permanently with a relative.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID Magistrate Court this 1st day of November, 2005.
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By Deity Clark

PUBLISHED: November 17 and 24, 2005

MCRILL, JOHN R. and BILLIE JO
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On February 23, 2006, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock AM of said day, at First American Title, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, ESCO, Attorney at Law, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

Section 24: A part of the South half of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest Quarter, more particularly described as follows: Commencing of the Southwest corner of Section 24 (monumented by a 1/2" rebar);

Thence South 89°30'57" East along the South section line for 874.50 feet to the P.R. Hall;
Thence North 0°03'03" West for 25.00 feet to a 1/2" rebar on the North Highway 30 right of way which shall be the true point of beginning;

Thence continuing North 0°03'03" West for 159 feet to a 1/2" rebar;
Thence North 89°30'57" West for 90.00 feet to a 1/2" rebar;
Thence South 0°03'03" East for 159.00 feet to a 1/2" rebar on the North Highway 30 right-of-way.

Thence South 89°30'57" East along the North Highway 30 right-of-way for 90.0 feet to the true point of beginning.
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 63-113, Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of 297 Highway 30 a/w/a 297 Highway 30 West, Hansen, Idaho is sometimes associated with the said real property.

The Trustee's Sale is being conducted by a banking firm, a payoff, a reinstatement of liens, and conditions of this Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to said real property, said obligation secured by John R. McRill and Billie Jo McRill, husband and wife, as Grantor(s) with New Century Mortgage Corporation as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded April 18, 2002, as Instrument No. 200207249, in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as trustee for the holders of Asset Backed Securities Through Certificates, Series 2002 HE2, recorded November 10, 2004, as Instrument No. 2004024314, in the records of said County.

THE GRANTOR(S) ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(b), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
The details for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust in the amount called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$401.66 for the months of May 2004 through and including the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$48,200.85 as principal, plus service charges, attorneys fees, costs of this lawsuit, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 9.75% from August 1, 2004 together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary has the right to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
DATED this 20th day of October, 2005.

Trust Officer: Charles C. Just, Esc.
For information concerning this sale please contact The Just Law Office at www.justlawidaho.com, or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106

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NOTICE OF HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED CREATION OF A WATER DISTRICT IN THE OAKLEY VALLEY AREA IN ADMINISTRATIVE BASIN 45

The Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Director") is authorized to divide the state into water districts for the purpose of distributing water among appropriators under the laws of the State of Idaho. The authority to create water districts applies to those streams or other water sources, including ground water, for which the priorities of appropriation have been established by court decree. During a water rights adjudication, Section 42-1417, Idaho Code, authorizes the district court to approve interim administration of the water rights by the Director if he reasonably necessary to protect senior water rights. The district court may permit the distribution of water pursuant to chapter 6, title 42, Idaho Code, in accordance with partial decrees entered by court, or in accordance with the Director's Report as modified by the court's order.

On July 21, 2005, the Snake River Basin Adjudication ("SRBA") District Court issued an order authorizing the Director to distribute water pursuant to chapter 6, title 42, Idaho Code, in accordance with the Director's Reports and the partial decrees that have superseded the Director's Reports within Administrative Basin 45. The Director proposes to create a permanent water district for all of Administrative Basin 45 as shown in the map below, and hereinafter referred to as the "Oakley Valley Area Water District," or "Water District No. 140."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 42-804, Idaho Code, that the Director of the Department of Water Resources will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed creation of the water district as follows:
PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED WATER DISTRICT:

7:00 P.M., December 15, 2006 at the Burley City Hall Council Chambers, 1401 Overland Ave., Burley, Idaho.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Department of Water Resources will also hold a public information meeting as follows:

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR PROPOSED WATER DISTRICT:

7:00 P.M., November 28, 2006 at the Burley City Hall Council Chambers, 1401 Overland Ave., Burley, Idaho.

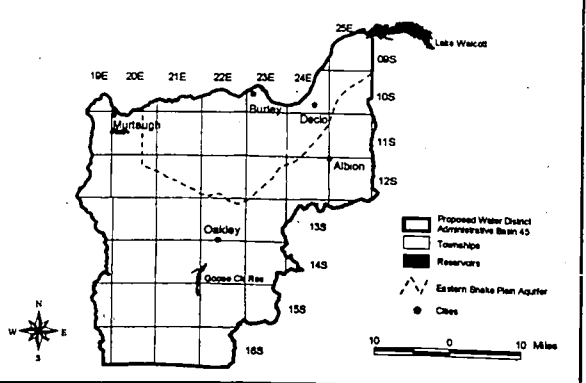
Information and testimony presented at the hearing on December 15th will create a record upon which the Director will rely to determine whether formation of a water district is appropriate, and, if so, how the district should be formed. It is important that holders of water rights understand and participate in the hearing. The Director will serve as the hearing officer. Persons attending the hearing will be provided an opportunity to make an oral presentation regarding the creation of the proposed district. Written comments may be submitted to the Director at the hearing or at any time prior to the close of the written comment period set for December 29, 2006. Written comments not presented at the hearing should be mailed to the Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho, 83720-0372. The public information meeting scheduled on November 28th will provide information about why the Director is proposing creation of the district. The Director will also present a timeline for district formation and operation, information related to the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer delivery cycle, the status of the SRBA, and the status of critical ground water areas in the Oakley Valley area.

The Director proposes that all water rights with points of diversion located within the boundaries of the proposed district be included in the district, except those used solely for domestic and/or stock water purposes as defined in Section 42-111, Idaho Code. Permitted and licensed rights not declared in the SRBA and/or not included in SRBA Director's reports are subject to inclusion within the proposed water district unless used solely for domestic and/or stock water purposes. The hearing and conference will be conducted in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you require special accommodations in order to attend, participate in, or understand the hearing, please contact the Department of Water Resources at least 10 days prior to the hearing or conference.

Karl J. Dwyer, Director

PUBLISHED: November 17 and 24, 2005

Proposed Water District Basin 45 - Oakley Valley Area





**ACROSS**

- 1 Swimmer's platform
- 5 Caesar's subjects
- 11 Name
- 14 Nabisco sandwich cookie
- 15 Saudi
- 16 Gershwin or Levin
- 17 Property claim
- 18 Lacking lessons
- 20 Emits a beam of light
- 22 Pub order
- 23 Inellegant denial
- 24 Property merchant
- 27 Strong wind
- 28 "Ben-"
- 31 City on the Somme
- 32 Mardi
- 33 Put into action
- 34 Conical abode
- 35 G-man
- 36 Large groups
- 38 Pain specialist
- 41 Black goo
- 42 Entice
- 45 Witness
- 46 Landlocked
- 48 African nation
- 49 French port on the channel
- 49 Fellow
- 50 Ear-splitting
- 51 Rise above
- 53 Badde of lore
- 54 Acres Tilly
- 55 Old sailors
- 59 No matter what cost
- 63 Ransack
- 64 Reunion group
- 65 Virgin's hero
- 66 Produced
- 67 Ready to go
- 68 Blood part
- 69 Skiing surface

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**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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- 3 Charges
- 4 Skin cream
- 5 Turncoat
- 6 Cal. neighbor
- 7 Sea cow
- 8 Sea otter's snack
- 9 S.F. gridders
- 10 Took chairs
- 11 Stubbornness
- 12 "The Left Hand of Darkness" writer LeGuin
- 13 Strikes crushingly
- 19 Fruited with difficulty
- 21 Usher
- 25 Home of Iowa State
- 26 Rim of a cup
- 28 Buzz
- 29 NATO member
- 30 Diner's cousin
- 35 Tubs
- 37 Make unhappy
- 38 Skaver
- 39 Caribbean or Coral
- 40 X
- 42 Greek cafe
- 43 Funeral poems
- 44 Damage slightly
- 46 Loose outer garments
- 47 Hamper
- 48 Force
- 52 Tropical trees
- 56 Sum to lide
- 57 Fuss
- 58 Mishmash
- 60 Kisser
- 61 Eccentric piece
- 62 ISS partner

**JUMBLE**

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

MULAB

BESOO

GIRLYS

PIMAGE

Answer here: A

**THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME**

by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginton

Boy, Fred can really eat!

USUALLY FOUND AT THANKSGIVING DINNER.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

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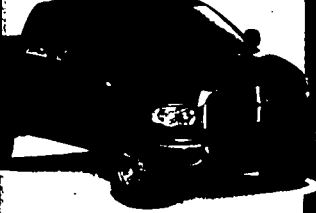




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# THANKSGIVING SURVIVAL GUIDE

The Times-News

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Section E

# At home with the BRAVE

## These cooks' Thanksgiving dinners break the mold

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

**W**ENDELL — Families everywhere today will be sitting down for America's favorite meal and filling up on turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls and pumpkin pie.

However, certain Magic Valley cooks have taken the traditional menu and tweaked it. There may be some naysayers at the table grumbling about the loss of their favorite dishes — but maybe they'll relish the change, instead.

Stormy Eldredge of Wendell is expecting to please the palates of over 25 family members today. Her table, of course, will be garnished with many expected dishes. But one has changed this year. "My mom and husband looked through a magazine and picked out a different dessert to try this year," Eldredge said. Mom, Julie Jenkins, and husband, Jeff, decided on Brownie Bottom Cheesecake Bars as the decadent dessert. "They thought that the picture looked wonderful," she said.

Eldredge usually spends hours baking fresh pumpkin and pudding pies but is excited about the change. "I want to try and spruce

up the menu," she said. "I think my kids and everyone will love it."

Mary Mullock was at Twin Falls' Fred Meyer One Stop Shopping last week checking items off of her Thanksgiving grocery list.

Instead of her regular fruit salad, filled with a variety of fruit and mixed with Cool Whip, she has decided to stick with the fruit but offer instead a mandarin orange concoction.

Mullock is expecting her five children from Colorado not to be disappointed. "They love their mom's cooking," she said. "That is why they are coming all the way from Colorado. They won't be disappointed."

Briane Lane from Buhl is hoping that her family won't be bummed with today's side

dish — a green bean salad. A slightly different Thanksgiving meal is nothing new to her family.

"I try to come up with new desserts and side dishes every year," Lane said. "It makes the holiday even more exciting, and I love to try out new things."

She said that so far her family hasn't complained.

Think that whipping up something on the big day sounds fun? Jerry and Debra Dockstader make it a year-long project.

The Dockstaders will be feasting on wild red turkey today — which they raised on their place in Buhl. The turkey is fresh, butchered only a few days ago.

"We tried raising a domestic turkey last year," Debra Dockstader said. "But it wasn't great so we decided to give the wild ones a try."

Smoked trout (which they also raised) and moose will be included in the feast. "It is definitely a wild-game dinner this year," she said.

Many folks say their feasts require way too much effort, but Debra Dockstader insists that the day is stress-free.

"We just fix a little of everything and serve whoever shows up," she said.

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Jerry Dockstader of Buhl throws some food to his feathered friend 'Tom'. This turkey is one of many in his flock, but it won't be eaten today. The turkey shown in the cutout could be on the Dockstaders' Thanksgiving table today. Last weekend, the Buhl family was still waiting to pick a bird to butcher for the big day.

## TIPS AND TRICKS

### Tablescaping: Mix formal and informal

By Stacy Downs  
Knight Ridder News Service

You want to use your best stuff on Thanksgiving, but you also want the day to be easy and enjoyable. The solution: Combine refinement, rusticity and nature.

Here are a few tips on how to achieve the right balance.

**Use burlap for a table runner.** This grumpy-textured material just looks like fall. And the price is right at \$3 per yard at most fabric stores. The best part: It doesn't need ironing. In fact, burlap looks even better with wrinkles.

**Pure pizzazz.** You can achieve the glimmering effect of silver without having to polish heirloom sterling. Use stainless steel or silver-tone chargers under your china.

**Tie it up naturally.** Don't worry about where the salad fork and dinner fork go. Roll them into a napkin instead. No need for napkin rings — just use rope twine or a few threads from the burlap. Include bits of bitterness.

**Three easy centerpiece ideas:** Just one branch: A cutting from an apple tree in a simple clear-glass vase can be dramatic. If you don't have an apple branch, no

problem. Try a tree clipping from your yard instead. Reserve this one for the buffet, because it's a little too tall for the table.

**Effortless elegance:** A group of three small houseplants — like baby ferns — can look simply sweet on their own. Add a few dried or fresh flowers — like hydrangeas — and you've created an artistic composition.

**Simply fruit:** A pear on a slate square is a modern still life. A line of three won't take up much space on the table and is much enough to allow eye contact during conversation. Apples or mini pumpkins also would look attractive on the slate.

### After today's big feast, take a little hike

By Stacy Downs  
Knight Ridder News Service

Beat that post-feast sluggishness with a leisurely stroll around the block. The possibilities are endless: Take the dog out. Have a chat. Kick piles of leaves. Check out neighbors' houses. Hold hands. While you're at it, gather a few pinecones and evergreen boughs for holiday decorations. "A family walk is a lot safer than the family football game that often takes place on Thanksgiving Day," says Jan Schmidt,

exercise physiologist and director of Kirmayer Fitness Center at University of Kansas Medical Center. "The football is strenuous, and people suffer from pulled muscles at the very least."

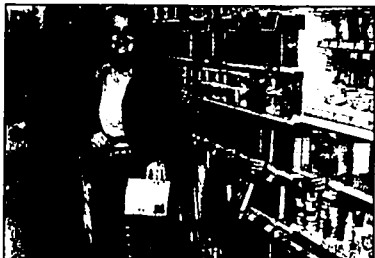
Here's what Schmidt says to keep in mind before taking a walk: • Wait at least 30 minutes after a meal to give people enough time to start digesting food. Stretch a little before walking.

• Keep young children and older adults in mind by avoiding a route with hills. They won't get fatigued on a short, level walking

surface. Kids will often stop and drop if they're exhausted and expect to be carried the rest of the way.

• Wear the right gear. Wear comfortable shoes. If it's really cold, wear gloves and a hat — about 30 percent of your body heat is lost through your head. Layer clothing. The best outfit to wear is a moisture-wicking T-shirt, a sweatshirt or sweater and a nylon wind-resistant coat. But don't overbundle. The temperature will rise 20 degrees warmer five to seven minutes into walking.

Stormy Eldredge beats the Thanksgiving shopping rush and fills her cart at Shewry's market, in Wendell, last week. Trying to make sure that her new dessert is a hit, she purchased all of the ingredients for her Brownie Bottom Cheesecake Bars in advance.



By Blair Koch/  
The Times-News

THANKSGIVING SURVIVAL GUIDE

It's a living: The domestic diva keeps purring

Seattle Post-Intelligencer

It may surprise you to learn that less than a week before Thanksgiving, Martha Stewart had finalized her menu. Shock horror.

But you deal with turkey every day, as she's been doing on her syndicated series "Martha" and see if you don't get burned out. She rattles off her list of recipes presented on the program, like turkey stock and a turkey risotto made from leftovers that she describes as, "Come to, delicious."

What to think of it, there's never a season in which Stewart isn't talking turkey. You don't achieve net worth estimated by Forbes at \$1 billion unless you're constantly wheeling and dealing. Stewart needs to, because as we enter the holiday season, the Martha Stewart brand is a mixed bag.

Sure, she has assets. Her Martha Stewart Everyday line at Kmart is doing well. She has a new book, "The Martha Index: 10 Essentials for Achieving Success as You Start, Grow, or Manage a Business," and she has released several DVD sets of "Martha Stewart Living" classic episodes. On Monday, Sirius Satellite Radio begins carrying her 24-hour channel. Soon home-buyers in Cary, N.C., will have the opportunity to buy one of 650 houses with Martha Stewart's name on them, built by KB Home.

In case you haven't heard, Stewart also has two new series on the air. Her daytime talk show "Martha as You See It" and "The Apprentice: Martha Stewart" airs Wednesdays. "Martha" makes it next fall, she'll have to contend with Ray's recently announced talk show.

Stewart is less concerned with who's gaining on her than where she's heading. So she's only attracting 2 million viewers on



Martha Stewart signs copies of her new book, 'Martha Stewart's Baking Handbook,' in Minneapolis last Saturday.

a regular basis, and will undergo a bit of tweaking. And Stewart is no longer the stratospheric domestic personality on everyone's lips. Food Network star Rachael Ray has 10 cookbooks and just launched a magazine. If "Martha" makes it next fall, Stewart is less concerned with who's gaining on her than where she's heading. So she's only attracting 2 million viewers on

improvement series for TLC, which will partner six women who are down on their luck with mentors so they can learn marketable skills related to home renovation and design. We spent a few minutes on the phone with Stewart to ask the questions on many a viewer's mind, starting with 111.

Q: Why did you depart from the "Living" format? A: "We wanted the show to be in New York instead of in

Connecticut, and we did it on the advice of our new producer, ("Survivor" and "Apprentice" creator) Mark Burnett. There's more spontaneity, more audience participation. The audience will be even more involved as the series goes on. It's really an evolving process.

Q: You've heard from a number of viewers that it miss the complexity of the projects on the old show. A: "We're just getting into the rhythm of this new format. We're only been on eight weeks. But we are doing much more with crafts, cooking and complexity than any other daytime show. We're featuring even more crafts that are like the wonderful things we used to do, and have more artisans on the show as we get better at doing it."

Q: Is there any chance of "Living" coming back? A: "Well, I don't know yet. Some of our field pieces are done in the same way — with a tremendous amount of footage taken and then edited down — so that the artisan or grover or whoever will have their crafts or what they grow shown in the most beautiful way we can."

Q: What isn't doing on the show is we're appealing to Generation C. What Generation C is Generation Content. You have to give them content because that's what they need. They're looking for it on TV, they're looking for it on the radio, on the Internet. It's a voracious climate out there, and they're lucky to have so much content to offer. We have 1,600 hours of our show, our previous show. They're nobody else who can say they have 1,600 hours of reliable content, and it is always different. We didn't make the same apple pie for 12 years. We made a different apple pie every time."

Turkey awards

TV's turkeys of 2005 just don't fit in

By Rick Kushman The Sacramento Bee

Note: Each year, The Sacramento Bee critic carves up the most overrated and overhyped stars, trends and developments in movies, TV and pop music.

This year was tough here at Turkey Central. We retired Gerardo Rivera a couple of years back and gave him a lifetime achievement drumstick. But he was so Gerardo Rivera-ish this year, it's so tempting to give him just one more Turkey.

There was his "rescue work" during Hurricane Katrina, his threat to beat up a New York Times critic if she were male — showing he's both a bully and a sexist — and his return to daytime sleaze with a show that used Mark Fuhrman of O.J. Simpson's trial fame as a correspondent.

Still, we retired his number. We have to move on. Besides, this was a pretty big year for our top Turkey recipient, who is...

1. Martha Stewart

Two TV moments that capture everything about the Martha Stewart charmer: First: When Stewart was released from prison in March, she was touring her estate. Reporters shouted the question, "What did she miss most?" "I really missed my phone," she said. Pause. Quiet. And she added quickly, her family and friends missed them, too.

Second: In the opening scenes of NBC's "The Apprentice: Martha Stewart," we saw our heroine walking through her offices, cheerfully saying hi to everyone, nodding at scenes of her shoulders, and genially correcting a document handed her by an employee — who, frankly, looked frightened being that

close. It was Martha Congenially. Except, no, not for a minute do we buy this new character. Prison time or not, we know Martha Stewart: severe, unyielding, perpetually kicked off her salad. If she was going to run head on a bunch of wannabes in "The Apprentice," we wanted the real Martha doing it.

Where do we even start? Maybe with this: So what if "American Idol," not Congress. Quietest moment of the year: He discovered leaks in national security and delivered lines that included, "I swear. 'He didn't even have a cell phone.' Ohmygawd, poor Carter, you know, wonder the let that hussy use him!"

Clark, ever the gentleman, said he just wanted the world to know about it, and, by the way, he had an album coming out. We even heard a song from it. He still could sing.

3. TV Guide

It's like the new Coke. There are traces of the old formula, but this one is awful.

We understand the problem. Trying to list everything, all 2-gazillion cable channels in 200-plus media markets was impossibly expensive. But a fazine? That was the response? America does not need another downslope, celebrity-obsessed magazine.

For Fox's 'Idol,' success is set on a shaky pedestal

New York Times News Service

Even though "American Idol" is the financial lifeblood of Fox's prime-time business, the network has kept news about its hit talent contest series almost completely under wraps in the last several months.

There are reasons for the low profile. For one, Fox executives have been delaying an announcement about the show's January 2006 schedule while they ponder what would amount to a major move: an aggressive relocation of the show from its traditional two-night schedule of Tuesdays and Wednesdays to Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The other reason for the restraint surrounding "Idol" has been the delicate and hugely expensive negotiation Fox executives have been waging in this fall with the show's dominant star, Simon Cowell. A long-time recording industry executive in England, Cowell has long been a part of the talks because he was into them armed with a viable financial alternative to his income from "American Idol" — a separate, and now largely successful, talent show that he created for British television called "X-Factor."

As of Sunday, all of the pieces of the puzzle had not yet come together for Fox. There was still no deal to ensure that the network would have more editions of "American Idol" with Cowell, and no decision on who might replace him. The network has executives and lawyers who might be expected to come to the successful end of this dilemma soon, perhaps as early as this week.

"Idol" has been a target day in the bargaining process — unless the two sides came to a settlement late Sunday night, Monday will be the first day of a court case that has threatened to spend the week that Fox has put into resolving its contract issues with Cowell. The case involves a lawsuit filed in Great Britain against Cowell by Simon Fuller, who has a partnership with Cowell's company, originated both "American Idol" and its British predecessor, "Pop Idol."

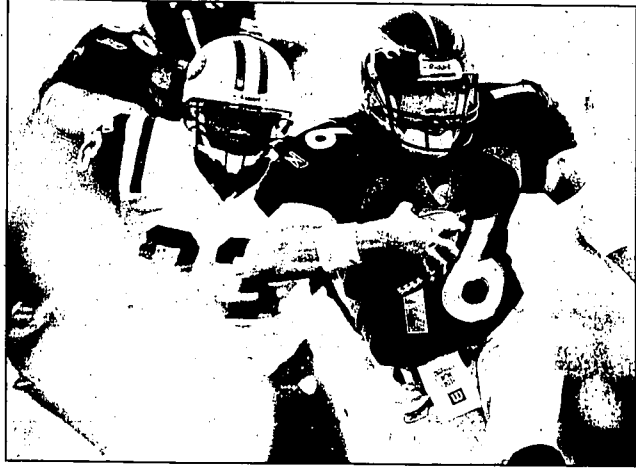
Simon Fuller used Cowell for copyright infringement, saying the show stole the format of "Idol" for his "X-Factor" series. In an earlier interview, Cowell labeled the charge "totally ridiculous," but he has declined, through representatives, to comment on the case.

TV schedule grid for Thursday, November 24, 2005. Columns include time slots (6p.m., 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00) and various channels (Free Channels, KSAW, KMYT, KXTV, KQED, KTVU, KMYT, KBLX, etc.).

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## This season's holiday TV specials

- Friday**
- "Holiday Gits 2005" (9 p.m. HGTV) Latest in gifts at the New York International Gift Fair and the Atlanta Gift Show Sunday
  - "Ernie Love Christmas" (8 p.m., Food Channel) Ernie Lapsage with holiday recipes
  - "The Shopping Bags" (Holiday 8 p.m., Food Channel) Anna Wallner, Kristina Mastic offer holiday tips on decorating, entertaining gifts
  - "Silver Belts" (9 p.m., CBS) Anne Heche and Christopher Byrne team up in a Hallmark Hall of Fame presentation of the Luau Noe story
  - "Decorating Cents" 100 Holiday Ideas Under \$100 (9 p.m., HGTV) Host Joan Steinfeld and designers Cy Washu, Sara Troien and Barbara Squitti offer 100 decorating ideas, all under \$100
- Wednesday**
- "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" (8 p.m., CBS) The 1964 classic with Rube Goldberg, the ill. Yusef Caronius and Mike Toye
  - "Holiday Classics Marathon" (7 p.m., ABC Family Channel) Yule stories include "Frosty's Winter Wonderland," "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and "The Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town"
  - "Casper's Haunted Christmas" (8 p.m., Nickelodeon) Casper the Friendly Ghost leads a team of ghost graders Casper to scare all the bad ghosts away from Christmas Day. Encore presentations Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 11 a.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 11 a.m.; Saturday, Dec. 24, at 1 p.m.
  - "Great Things About the Holidays" (9 p.m., Bravo) First of four-night documentary holiday moments from the run on "Cabbage Patch Dolls to the O.C. coning the term 'Christmas'"
  - "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (8 p.m., ABC Family Channel) Macaulay Culkin stars as the boy out of Christmas
  - "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town" (8 p.m., ABC) Fred Astaire narrates the classic cartoon about Kris Kringle (voiced by Mickey Rooney)
  - "The Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town" (8 p.m., NBC) Animated special starring the voice and music of Harry Connick Jr. as Elton the Elf, narrated by the group Jubs of Bluevelvet
  - "Holiday Classics Marathon" (12 p.m., ABC Family Channel) Seven hours of classic holiday tales from "The Adventures of Santa Claus" through "The Long, Long Christmas Eve"
  - "Jack Frost: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas" (Rudolph's Story) "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town"
  - "A Very Bary Christmas" (8 p.m., ABC Family Channel) Santa suits collide with a burlesque
- Dec. 4**
- "A Christmas Carol" (6:15 p.m., AMC) The 1951 version with Astarik Sam as Ebenezer Scrooge
  - "Holiday Int'l" (8 p.m., ABC) The 1942 classic with Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire
  - "Crucy Christmas" (8 p.m., ABC Family Channel) Tom Arnold stars in a parable to "Doctors." A Christmas Carol is also faced with the classic stars
  - "Holiday Wonders 2005" (9 p.m., HGTV) Department store windows from Macy's, Saks Harrod's
  - "A Very Dead One Christmas" (10 p.m., USA Network) A ghoulish Christmas helps Johnny (Anthony Michael Hall) solve the mystery Santa suits
- Dec. 5**
- "Jack Frost" (8 p.m., ABC Family Channel) A dead man (Michael Keaton) comes back as a snowman
  - "The Race to the Holiday" (10 p.m., DIY) Cathe Falken Steve Pascerza showcase art projects for the holidays
  - "Deck the Yard Chicago" (7 p.m., at most) Neighbors compete for the most over-the-top decorations
  - "A Charlie Brown Christmas" (8 p.m., ABC) The 1965 classic follows Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus and Lucy through a holiday
  - "A Johnny Bravo Christmas" (1:30 p.m., Cartoon Network) Johnny Bravo teams up with Donny Osmond to help Charlie Brown
  - "Encore presentations" Friday Dec. 23 at 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 25, at 8 a.m.
- "White House Christmas 2005" (8 p.m., HGTV) Host John Stafford leads tour of the White House decorations
  - "SpongeBob SquarePants Christmas Special" (8:30 p.m., Nickelodeon) SpongeBob in the New York City's Bixby Bikini Bottom
  - "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and the Island of Misfit Toys" (8 p.m., ABC Family Channel) The Evil Toy Factory takes Santa's toys. Voices of Richard Dreyfuss, Lee Cori, Richard Dreyfuss
  - "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" (8 p.m., ABC Family Channel) Boy wages war against Santa after he sees mom kiss him
  - "Holy Jolly Jimmy" (8:30 p.m., Nickelodeon) Jimmy Neutron goes to the North Pole to prove Santa does not exist
  - "Three Wishes" (9 p.m., m., Nickelodeon) Three gangsters have someone deliver baby, then learn they have to turn her over to mob boss Stars Trot (voiced by Sandra Bullock, Kately Segal, Judd Nelson)
  - "LazyTown's Surprise Santa" (8 p.m., Nickelodeon) LazyTown's party and plans to shell the gathering with a surprise Santa after the party
  - "I Want a Dog for Christmas, Charlie Brown" (8 p.m., ABC) Lucy's brother ReRun leads a dog hunt
  - "Prancer" (8 p.m., ABC Family Channel) Girl nurses a reindeer back to health, bringing joy to the town
  - "Dear Santa" (8 p.m., Fox) Really special lists of letters with those who write to Santa with their wishes
  - "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" (8 p.m., Cartoon Network) Developers are trying to redo Grandma's reindeer her story Friday, Dec. 16, at 10 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 18, at 10 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 22, at 8 a.m.; Friday, Dec. 23, at 11 a.m.; Saturday, Dec. 24, at 11 a.m.
  - "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (8:30 p.m., ABC) Movie version of Dr. Seuss' classic starring Jim Carrey, Edward Zeller, Christine Barakat, Molly Shannon
  - "Single Santa Seeks Mrs. Claus" (8 p.m., ABC) Mrs. Claus' single Santa's son must find a wife before he can take over the family business
  - "Grow Up! With the Fresters" (7:30 p.m., Cartoon Network) Elton Seuss Christmas at the Plaza
  - "A Very Brady Christmas" (8 p.m., ABC Family Channel) A home for the holidays classic. This year's edition of this special examining adoption issues. James Lee Curtis hosts with performances by "The Sandlot" stars, Yolanda Adams and the Gipsy Goo Dots
  - "Holiday Wish List" (3 p.m., DIY) Gift ideas for home improvement, cars, and more
  - "Christmas in Boston" (8 p.m., ABC Family Channel) Maria Sokoloff and Patrick O'Connell's long-time pals who look get a chance to meet in a romantic comedy
  - "Christmas in Washington" (8:30 p.m., CBS) The Grinch and wife Rube host conglomeration featuring Russi Taylor, Yolanda Adams and the Gipsy Goo Dots
  - "The Legend of Frosty the Snowman" (7:30 p.m., Cartoon Network) Frosty bends the rules in a little town where fun is against the law. Encore presentation Thursday, Dec. 22, at 7:30 a.m.; Friday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 a.m.
  - "How" (8 p.m., ABC Family Channel) A man in search of his reindeer
  - "Blues First Holiday" (11 p.m., ABC Family Channel) "How Blue" came to "Blues' Blues" with the holiday
  - "Jingle All the Way" (8 p.m., ABC Family Channel) Arnold Schwarzenegger's holiday hamd-dad trying to track down his wife
  - "The Grinch Stole Christmas" (8 p.m., Cartoon Network) The Dr. Seuss cartoon version narrated by Boris Karloff. Thursday, Dec. 22, at 8:30 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 23, at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday, Dec. 24, at 9:30 a.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 25, at 9:30 a.m.
  - "Rugrats Chanukah Special" (8:30 p.m., Nickelodeon) Rugrats apply their reasoning to a Chanukah special
  - "The Santa Experience" (8:30 p.m., Nickelodeon) Rudolph, Grinch and Chuckie lay traps for Santa
  - "Frosty the Snowman" (8 p.m., CBS) Frosty and the skunk return in classic tale narrated by Jimmy Durante
  - "The Christmas House" (8:30 p.m., CBS) And he makes a comeback with narration by Jonathan Winters and John Siddons as the voice of Frosty
  - "Meet the Santas" (9 p.m., Hallmark Channel) In a sequel to "The Santa Suits" (8 p.m., CBS), Nick Claus (Steve Guttenberg) and Beth Marvick (Crystal Bentsen) prepare for their wedding, complicated by Beth's misfiring mother (Minnie Driver)
  - "Hooves of Fire" (9 p.m., CBS) Contemporary computer-animated reindeer tale with voiceover by Bob Odenkirk, Jay and Jerry Seinfeld, Jim Belushi, Brad Sperry, Leah Remini, Jerry Seinfeld, and James Van Der Beek
  - "Robbie the Reindeer: Legend of the Lost Tine" (9:30 p.m., CBS) Aided by Vikings, Robbie the Reindeer goes to the North Pole
  - "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (5:30 and 8 p.m., ABC Family Channel) Jim Carrey plays the role of the Grinch in the classic Dr. Seuss tale
  - "Barfitecture Special" (7:30 p.m., DIY) Dr. Karen and the Grinch's Bob Odenkirk and Jim Carrey tell children about pet responsibility
  - "The Christmas Blessing" (7:30 p.m., Nickelodeon) Nick Kringle, Angus T. Jones and Rebecca Gayheart team up in this sequel to the 2002 TV movie "The Christmas Blessing." Rob Love makes a return appearance. Newsworld performs the "Christmas Blessing" and Blake Shelton performs "No Body But Me"
  - "All Out Christmas" (9 p.m., ABC) Outrageous decorations for the best-of-the-best Christmas
  - "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town" (7 p.m., ABC Family Channel) Kris Kringle overcomes the Buggermeister
  - "The Waggle's Santa's Rockin'" (11 a.m., Disney Channel) A dozen new and classic Yule songs with John Farnham, Steve Nouri, and the Ultimate Christmas Present (8 p.m., Disney Channel) Children playing with a new "The Christmas Snow" to get out of school almost now Christmas
  - "Elope at Christmas" (8 p.m., ABC Family Channel) Elton Seuss Christmas at the Plaza
  - "A Very Brady Christmas" (8 p.m., ABC Family Channel) A home for the holidays classic. This year's edition of this special examining adoption issues. James Lee Curtis hosts with performances by "The Sandlot" stars, Yolanda Adams and the Gipsy Goo Dots
  - "Rudolph's Shiny New Year" (7 p.m., ABC Family Channel) Rudolph saves the missing baby new year Happy
  - "Franklin's Magic Christmas" (10:30 p.m., ABC Family Channel) A Christmas story from Granada
  - "Oh, the Other Funder" (10:30 p.m., ABC Family Channel) The Simpsons' and voiced by Drew Barrymore the story of Dave the dog stripping in a funny, festive way
  - "Holiday Classics Marathon" (6 p.m., ABC Family Channel) Five hours of classic holiday tales from "The Adventures of Santa Claus" through "The Long, Long Christmas Eve"
  - "A Boyfriend for Christmas" (9 p.m., Hallmark Channel) A Christmas wish is delivered 20 years later
  - "Celebrate! Christmas with Maya Angelou" (11 p.m., Hallmark Channel) Maya Angelou
  - "A Mom for Christmas" (9 p.m., ABC Family Channel) A girl whose mother is dead wins a fight with her mother's former man and a department store manager comes to life as her mom for Christmas
  - "The Christmas Snow" (8 p.m., ABC Family Channel) College professor (Richard Thomas) tries to prove that reindeer can fly
  - "Finding John Christmas" (9 p.m., CBS) A woman's home brother suddenly comes home after missing for years. Stars Valerie Bruns, Peter Fink, David Cullen



Denver quarterback Jake Plummer scrambles for a first down against the New York Jets in Denver last Sunday.

## Broncos' Plummer plays a smarter game

**San Francisco Chronicle**

ENGLWOOD, COLO. — The Denver Broncos are taking an impostor to Dallas today. The guy running quarterback looks like Jake Plummer and talks like Jake Plummer, but he's not playing like Jake Plummer did for most of his career.

The guy from Boise is playing smart football. He's managing games well, and has gone a career-best six games in a row without throwing an interception. He's more likely to throw the ball away than the guy you might remember.

It's the good Jake, the one Bill Walsh envisioned in 1997 when he wrote a scouting report for the 49ers comparing Plummer to Joe Montana. Plummer threw at least 20 interceptions in his first round draft pick on Jim Druckenmeyer last year.

It has taken nearly a decade, but Plummer is living up to his promise. "I'm being a little smarter," Plummer said, "trying not to force things when the play breaks down, don't try to make a crazy throw."

His passer rating at mid season, 93.3, is the highest of his career. He has thrown 242 passes with only three interceptions, a terrific improvement over a career average, before this year, of one interception in every 25 passes. In five of eight previous NFL seasons, Plummer threw at least 20 interceptions; his full-season low is 14. This year, he's on pace for six.

Plummer, one of the least pretentious quarterbacks you'd ever meet, discounts all of that because, he says, a couple of bad throws this year should have been intercepted, but were dropped by defenders.

### Ready for some football?

The Dallas Cowboys will host the Denver Broncos at 2:15 p.m. today on CBS, Channels 11 and 12 in the Twin Falls area.

"I'm getting some lucky breaks," he said during an interview at the Broncos' headquarters. "I've gone six games, but really, I shouldn't have."

Nonetheless, it's an extreme makeover, and there are several reasons for it.

In his third year under Mike Shanahan, Plummer has seen his bad habits exorcised all the bad habits he acquired in six seasons with the Arizona Cardinals. During the last off season, offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak and quarterbacks coach Pat McPherson sat with Plummer for hours on end, going over tapes of every pass he threw in 2004, and examining whether it was the right throw at the time.

Plummer also "is more comfortable with the supporting cast," Shanahan said.

The Broncos' running game is on a new upward pace. The offensive line, Plummer says, "is playing as well as any line I ever played behind." And the defense is averaging two take-aways a game compared with a season-long total of 20 a year ago, fourth lowest in the league.

"I think Jake understands that he doesn't have to make plays when they're not there," Shanahan said. "At Arizona, they were probably behind most of the time. He had to do everything he could to try to win. ... He had to get rid of those silly mistakes."

Teammates notice these things. Tight end Jeb Pustizer recalled a conversation on the bench when another player pointed out that Plummer now seemed to get it. Wide receiver Todd Smith said, "He doesn't have to try to be a hero."

Just to drive the point home, Shanahan even has had Plummer work on throwing the ball away in practice. "Anytime a guy's got a lot of talent, and the know's he's got the ability to make throws that most human beings can't make, he's going to take chances ... that most quarterbacks wouldn't even think about," Shanahan said. "I think having that natural ability, strong arm and the elusiveness to get out of trouble sometimes can create problems."

Plummer's previous two years in Denver were better than the Arizona years, but nothing like the level he's playing at this season. His passer rating, which did not reach 80 with the Cardinals, was 91.2 and 84.5 in 2003 and 2004. Still, he did enough to occasionally draw Shanahan's ire. Like the time he threw an interception against Kansas City — left-handed.

During the summer, Shanahan said that would be the seasons to judge Plummer's progress, because it figured to be a three-year process. So far, the work is on schedule. Denver has a 6-2 record and has lost only six turnovers, the lowest total in the NFL last season, the Broncos finished 10-6 and lost 29 turnovers.

"This year, we're not putting up as many yards (as last year)," Plummer said. "But last year, we had big yardage and lost those games. This year, lower yardage, less turnovers, we're getting 'A's.'"

## QB or not QB? Being Michael Vick

**St. Petersburg Times**

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Michael Vick is swiveling hips. He is slaggy hair on the Beatles, the computer that retired your typewriter. He is an MVP player catching flak for not being compatible with cassette tapes.

He is popular.

He is Elvis.

Widely regarded as the most exciting player in the NFL, Vick has athletic ability never before seen at the quarterback position. Yet in his fifth season with the Falcons, the former No. 1 overall draft pick frequently fails to measure up to the long-accepted statistical standard for quarterbacks: passer rating.

This deficiency has sparked debate over whether Vick is truly a quarterback or an athlete playing the position. Perhaps it's time to consider whether the standard fails in a society that can't wait for the next iPod. Vick is expected to squeeze himself into a pre-existing quarterback mold that doesn't seem to fit.

"I can go my whole career and people can say, 'It's not a quarterback. It's not a quarterback.' So what?" Vick said. "As long as I continue to make plays and win football games, that's all they're going to remember. So, that's all I care about."

Bern Roethlisberger of 7-2 Pittsburgh led the league this season with a 122.4 passer rating. Vick, 6-3, ranks 21st at 76.9, which matches his career rating. Vick's career completion percentage of 54.3 is identical to journeyman Gus Frerotte's.

So, what does that mean?

The NFL's passer-rating formula was created in 1973, seven years before Vick was born. It assigns values to a player's completion percentage, yards gained per attempt, touchdown passes per attempt and interceptions per attempt. The values are added and the sum is divided by six, then multiplied by 100. In the time it takes to compute his passer rating, Vick can run to Boise, Idaho, and back.

### Thursday morning football

The Atlanta Falcons will visit the Denver Broncos at 10:10 p.m. local time on Fox, Channel 6 in the Twin Falls area.

Criticism of Vick grew loud after the Eagles contained his scrambling in last season's NFC Championship Game, forcing him to make plays in the pocket. Vick was 11 of 24 for 136 yards with no touchdowns, one interception and four sacks in the 27-10 loss. His passer rating was 46.5, and Superman's weakness was exposed.

For 2005, Vick worked hard to improve his understanding of the short-pass oriented, West Coast system installed the previous year by coach Jim Mora and offensive coordinator Greg Knapp.

"The only stat that counts is to win the game but, still, I don't want my stats to look bad or not high to you, Vick said. "I set a high standard for myself."

Vick's passer rating does not seem to be tied to his team's success. Vick is 29-14-1 as a starter, the statistic he and his coaches and teammates value most. Among five quarterbacks with at least 35 starts, his 65.9 winning percentage ranks third behind the Eagles' Tom Brady (74.6) and the Patriots' Donovan McNabb (68.2).

In an Oct. 24 victory against the Jets, his passer rating was an abysmal 16.3. Two weeks later, Vick's rating soared to 102.6 in a victory at Miami, after which he lashed out at critics.

"People say I can't throw the ball from the pocket. I had to show them," Vick said. "From here on out, I don't want to hear that question. If I can throw from the pocket. If I'm winning games, don't criticize me. That's all I'm saying."

Earlier this month, Vick's rating climbed to 108.9 in a loss to the Pack-

ers. Funny, no one cared.

"I think Mike Vick and everybody in this organization would take 16.3 and a win over 108.9 and a loss any day," Mora said. "We're just trying to win. We're not too concerned with the stats. Although it is good to see Mike making good decisions and being efficient with the football. You can't discount that."

In other ways quarterbacks are evaluated, Vick excels. Inside the opposing 20-yard line, he has a 97.9 rating this season with seven touchdowns and no interceptions. He also has four rushing touchdowns in the red zone, with which the passer rating does not give him credit.

Vick delivers late-game heroics, a trademark of the Patriots' Brady. Five times in the past two seasons the Falcons won games in which they were tied or trailed in the fourth quarter.

"Some of these people who analyze this have guys that look at the position differently," Falcons general manager Rich McKay said. "It will change over time because they measure so much by quarterback rating. All these statistics are tied to what they do on every throw."

"Mike is different," Mora understands the dilemma.



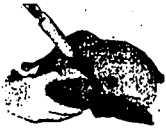
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## Carving the turkey

### HOW TO CARVE A TURKEY

1. Run your knife along the bottom of the turkey carcass, finding the place where the thighbone meets the body.

2. Run your knife in between the joints to separate thigh from body on each side.



3. Separate drumstick from thigh using the same technique. Cut through the joints, not the bone.



4. Place your knife along the bone and separate the meat from the thigh and drumstick. Try to get as much as possible in one piece.

5. Slice the thigh and leg meat.



6. Use your knife to find where the wing and body connect.

7. Place your knife in between the joints to separate wing from body on each side.



8. Carve thin slices off one side of the breast, going with the grain of the meat.

9. Repeat with the other side of the breast.



**TIPS**

- Cover the turkey with foil after taking it from the oven and let stand for 15 minutes before you start to carve.
- The dark meat is moister and takes longer to dry out, so cut it before the white meat.
- The key in removing thighs, legs, and wings from the turkey carcass is to find the places where bones meet. If you cut between joints, you'll disconnect bones easily. Trying to saw through a bone will take time and make a big mess in the process.

July Stanley/The Everett Herald

By Gall Borelli  
Knight Ridder News Service

Don't be intimidated by that big bird on the cutting board. A few well-placed cuts will turn it into the highlight of your Thanksgiving dinner.

**Tip:** Let the turkey cool 20 to 30 minutes before carving.

**LEGS FIRST:** Holding the roasted turkey firmly with a large fork, slice down between the body and the leg with a sharp carving knife. As the leg loosens, wiggle it to help expose the joint between the thigh and the body. Cut through that joint to separate the leg. If you encounter resistance, adjust the angle of the knife and keep cutting.

Repeat with the leg on the other side.

**BREASTS NEXT:** Cut off the breast in one big meaty chunk by slicing as close to the breastbone as possible. Repeat on the other side.

**NICE SLICES:** Cut each breast against the grain into thin, even slices. Try to keep some of the crispy skin intact on each slice. When finished, fan out the slices on a platter.

**ALMOST DONE:** Sever the joint that connects the drumstick and the thigh. Cut the thigh meat, parallel to the bone, into even slices and add it to the platter along with the drumstick. If you like wings, cut them from the turkey and add to the platter as well.

## How to sharpen a knife

Knight Ridder News Service

Although most people think a steel is used to sharpen a knife, it is actually used to "true" the edge by removing irregularities and to maintain the edge. Using a steel often can keep a knife from becoming dull. If the blade gets too dull, it's time to take it to a professional for sharpening.

1. On a cutting board, hold the sharpening steel perpendicular to the blade. Grasp the handle in your cutting hand. Place the heel of the blade against the top of the steel and point tip upward. Hold the blade at a 20-degree angle away from the steel.

2. While maintaining a 20-degree angle, use light pressure to slide the blade down the length of the steel in a sweeping motion; do not grind the blade against the steel. Pull the knife toward your body at a rate so that the middle of the blade is in contact with the middle of the steel.

3. Finish the motion by passing the tip of the blade over the bottom of the steel. Repeat the motion on the other side of the blade. Four or five strokes on each side of the blade (10 alternating passes) should do the trick.

**Sources:** "The America's Test Kitchen Family Cookbook" (America's Test Kitchen) and "Le Cordon Bleu Professional Cooking" (Wiley) by Wayne Gisslen

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## Holiday food facts

The Washington Post

### I yam confused

The term "yam" came to be synonymous with sweet potatoes because Louisiana used the term to market its most orange sweet potatoes, long ago. The USDA requires that the label "yam" be accompanied by the words "sweet potato." Last year, U.S. per-capita sweet potato consumption was 4.7 pounds.

That's from the Sweet Potato Council and the upcoming Statistical Abstract of the United States.

### He calls, she calls

Last year, 79 percent of the calls to Butterball's Turkey Talk Line (800-BUTTERBALL) were women, and 21 percent were men. The percentage of calls from men has nearly doubled since it was 11 percent in 1986, one of the first years such calls were tracked by computer.

## NUTRITION FACTS

### Thanksgiving dinner



Serving	Turkey	Dark Meat	Light Meat	Mashed potatoes	Gravy, 1/4 cup	Candied sweet potatoes	Cranberry sauce (store-bought)	Green beans (fresh)	1/2 cup	Creosote roll	Pumpkin pie	1/8 pie	Whipped cream	2 tablespoons
Calories	251	13	010	101	86	119	2	0	5	0	149	22	0	5
Total Fat	22.3	9	0	3.6	7.1	4.4	3	28	8	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cholesterol	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Sodium	104	11	1	41	11	104	11	1	41	11	1	41	11	1

Source: USDA

July Stanley, The Everett Herald

## Bringing the heat

### Internal temperature is all that matters

By Robert L. Wolfe  
Special to The Washington Post

**Question:** I have always roasted my turkeys in a 325-degree oven for 12 to 15 minutes per pound. But lately, I've been seeing recipes for very high-temperature roasting — 450 or 475 degrees. What, if any, is the advantage to this?

**Answer:** In all cooking, after all the shopping and schlepping and chopping and prepping are done, there are two decisions a cook has to make: how long to cook the food, and at what temperature.

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Intuition suggests that these two variables, time and temperature, are inversely related — that is, that a short time at a high temperature should somehow be equivalent to a longer time at a lower temperature. That's true, but unfortunately, it's not a direct tradeoff, such as, for example, 20 minutes less cooking time for each 10-degree increase in temperature. Having selected a temperature, we still have to make an educated guess as to when the food will be done. That goes for virtually all cooking methods, from simmering to grilling.

In the case of simmering or braising, we have no choice of temperature; we're limited to approximately 212 degrees, the boiling point of water. We can't get the food hotter than that, so we must generally simmer it for a relatively long time. We then determine when the food is done, not by its temperature, which does not increase as the cooking progresses, but by its degree of tenderness.

On the other hand, in dry cooking, such as roasting, we can pick a random example — roast-

ing a turkey, we can in principle choose any cooking temperature from about 200 to 450 degrees. (My electric oven can be set at anywhere from 170 to 550 degrees.) Traditional roast turkey recipes have settled on a moderate 325-degree oven for about 20 minutes per pound. To determine when the turkey is done, check its internal temperature.

Of late, some surprisingly high-temperature roasting recipes have been popping up, specifying oven settings as high as 475 degrees, with roasting times as short as two hours. Startling as they may seem, these methods are based on sound principles. Nor are they new. Barbara Kafka, in her 1995 book, "Roasting: A Simple Art," pioneered the roasting of everything from beef, pork and lamb to vegetables, fish and, yes, chickens and turkeys, all at the same temperature of 500 degrees.

One's first fear might be that at such high temperatures the turkey will burn. But burning is just an extreme stage of cooking subject to the same time vs. temperature tradeoff as any other. That is, the high temperature is offset by the short time, and burning doesn't occur. Another example: A chef can taste a simmering sauce by dipping a finger into it so briefly that there is no time for the finger to be heated to a painful temperature. Conducted heat travels slowly.

The big question is: "When is the turkey at the best eating stage?" As with any meat, the most reliable way of determining doneness is to measure the internal temperature. That's because when proteins are cooked, their curly molecules uncurl and bond together in new, less rigid ways, making the meat more tender.

But if the temperature rises too far, the protein tightens up and squeezes out water. That's why overcooked meat can be tough and dry. So the trick is to

stop cooking when the meat reaches just the right tenderness and juiciness.

But what is that optimum temperature? There's the rub. And where do you take a turkey's temperature, anyhow? There can be differences of as much as 20 degrees between different parts, because heat travels slowly from the very hot outer parts to the less hot inner parts.

The traditionally recommended place to measure a turkey's temperature is in the thickest part of the thigh. That's likely to be the meaty part farthest from the bird's surface and therefore the last to reach a given temperature by heat conduction from the outside.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, adopting the worst-case scenario that your turkey is riddled throughout with germs, recommends that temperature be 180 degrees, thereby guaranteeing that all other parts will be even hotter. Less frugal recipe writers often suggest substantially lower temperatures.

The advantages of high-temperature roasting? For one thing, the turkey's skin is reputed to get nice and crisp, especially if it had been rubbed with olive oil or butter before being put in the oven. Also, the high temperature can mean a roasting time as little as two hours for an unstuffed, untrussed bird. Leaving the cavity open and the legs akimbo allows the hot air to enter and cook the meat from the inside as well as from the outside. That is an essential part of the high-temperature roasting method.

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Need something to occupy the kids?  
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# Thanksgiving survival

## Where to go for last-minute help

**The Times-News**

It's Thanksgiving morning. The turkey is in the oven, pies all baked, vegetables simmering. All is well... but whoa, you're out of butter! Where can you find a grocery store open? Don't worry. You've got lots of options today. Among the businesses with operating hours today:

**Grocery stores**

- Albertsons in Twin Falls — 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Lynwood Market in Twin Falls — 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Smith's in Twin Falls — 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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- Fred Meyer in Twin Falls — 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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- Wal-Mart in Jerome — 24 hours
- Albertsons, 1310 Pomerelle, Burley — 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- La Morellana Market, 524 First St., Rupert — 8 a.m. to, 9 p.m.
- Hildley's Food and Drug, 310 Oneida, Rupert — 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Smith's Food and Drug Center, 937 E. Main St., Burley — 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Swensen's Market, 723 F St., Rupert — 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wal-Mart, 415 Riverview Drive, Burley — 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Or maybe you've decided to take it easy this Thanksgiving and leave the cooking to someone else. Where can you find a restaurant that's open today?

**Restaurants**

- Baron's Club 93 in Jackpot, Nev. — noon to 9 p.m., or until there are no more people to be served
- Cactus/Petes in Jackpot — Canyon Cove Cafe's Thanksgiving buffet open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Plateau Room, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. (reservations required); Desert Room, open 24 hours
- Burger King in Twin Falls — midnight to 11 a.m.
- Golden Corral in Twin Falls — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- International House of Pancakes in Twin Falls — 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- McDonald's on Addison in Twin Falls — 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- McDonald's on Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls — 7 a.m. to noon
- McDonald's on Pole Line

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- Montana Steak House in Twin Falls — 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Oasis Stop 'N Go Taco Bell Express in Twin Falls — 24 hours
- Shaafi's in Twin Falls — 24 hours
- A & W Restaurant, 326 S. Idaho Highway 24, Heyburn — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Agulla Con el Taco, 123 W. Fifth N., Burley — 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Carl's Junior, 260 Centennial Drive, Heyburn — 24 hours
- JB's Restaurant, 136 E. Fifth N., Burley — 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Perkins, 800 N. Overland Ave., Burley — 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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- Wild Flower Cafe, 1834 Overland Ave., Burley — 4 to 6 p.m. (free Thanksgiving dinner)

Forgot to buy gas yesterday? Not to worry — there are situations open, and some have convenience stores.

**Gas stations**

- Phillips 66 A&W in Twin Falls — 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Hearties Farris Sinker Station, all locations — 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Lynwood Twin Stop in Twin Falls — 5 a.m. to midnight
- Mr. Gas in Twin Falls — 24 hours
- Oasis Stop 'N Go, all locations — 24 hours
- Maverick Country Store in Twin Falls — 24 hours
- 7-11 in Twin Falls — 24 hours
- Twin Stop Chevron, 688 Pole Line Road in Twin Falls — 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Twin Stop Chevron, 3197 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls — 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Twin Stop Chevron, 108 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls — 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Maverick Country Store, 318 Scott Ave., Rupert, and 1209 Main St., Burley — 24 hours
- Zip-Fit Gas, 9 E. Ellis, Paul — 4 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Mr. Gas, 855 Overland Ave., Burley — 24 hours
- Mr. Gas Interstate, 650 N. Overland Ave., Burley — 6 a.m. to midnight
- Mr. Gas, 2101 Overland Ave., Burley — 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Mr. Gas, 117 S. Oneida, Rupert — 24 hours
- Four Corner Chevron/Piccadilly Pizza, 9 W. Ellis, Paul —

**5:30 a.m. to midnight**

- Burley Inn Chevron/Subway, 702 N. Overland Ave., Burley — 24 hours
- Hulub 66, Heyburn — 24 hours
- Kerbs Oil, 1715 E. Main St., Burley — 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Kirby Oil, 544 N. Overland Ave., Burley — 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sinker Station, 316 S. Idaho Highway 24, Heyburn — 24 hours
- Sinker Station, 981 E. Main St., Burley — 6 a.m. to midnight
- Unit 54, 174 E. 27th St., Burley — 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Heyburn Chevron, 326 S. Idaho Highway 24, Heyburn — 24 hours
- Loves Travel Stop and Country Store, 260 Centennial Drive, Heyburn — 24 hours

After a wonderful meal and a visit with relatives, why not go bowling? Or if that's too much exercise on a full tummy, how about a movie?

**Entertainment**

- Bowdrome in Twin Falls — 5 to 11 p.m.
- Magic Bowl in Twin Falls — noon to 9 p.m.
- Cedar Lanes in Filer — 3 to 8 p.m.
- The Odyssey in Magic Valley Mall — noon to about 10 p.m.
- Jerome Cinema — noon to 10:30 p.m.
- Cinema 12 in Twin Falls — noon to about 9:45 p.m.
- Ophium in Twin Falls — 4 to 9:20 p.m.
- Century Cinemas, 464 E. Fifth N., Burley — call 678-5611 for show times
- Burley Theatre, 136 W. Main St., Burley — call 678-5611 for show times
- Snake River Bowl, 725 Minidoka Ave., Burley — 4 to 9 p.m., family rates; 9 p.m. to midnight, \$1 mania (shoes, games, \$1 each)
- Hollywood Video, 382 N. Overland Ave., Burley — 10 a.m. to midnight
- Smith's Food and Drug Center Video Rental, 937 E. Main St., Burley — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Please note that this list of businesses may not be complete.

# Morning quiet: Ease into the holiday

**Knight Rider News Service**

Before you start wresting the turkey into the roasting pan today, take a few moments to prepare mentally and physically for the day. In fact, you should really start to relax your mind and body with warm, leisurely baths, says Annie Loendorf, Sister of Charity of Leavenworth, Kan., and founder of House of Memory in Kansas City.

Light candles in the bathroom, play music and bring a book if you like," Loendorf said. "Don't just jump in, wash yourself and jump out. Really be there." Took your bath last night?

This morning, Loendorf said, it's still important to take some quiet time for yourself, even if it's just 10 minutes. And don't forget to eat. Best the temptation to skip breakfast, thinking you'll get plenty to eat later on. A healthy morning meal will prevent a noonday plunge in your energy level.

Throughout the day, pamper yourself with frequent tea breaks. Non-caffeinated teas will help keep you hydrated, and any tea can help release tension in your body, especially if you sit while you sip.

Easy breakfast ideas:

- Plain yogurt with granola

- and fresh berries.
- Instant hot cereal with sliced bananas.
- A boiled egg with whole grain toast and a grapefruit.
- Cains your mind
- Depending on the effect you desire, here are some tea varieties to try:
- Chamomile is reputed to be soothing and good for digestion.
- Mint tea is refreshing and incorporating leavol herb.
- Ginseng is believed to enhance concentration.
- Yerba mate has more caffeine than black tea, but it's looking for a pick-me-up.

# Cooking and eating safely this holiday

By Candy Sagon  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Wash your hands and your cutting boards. Keep raw food away from cooked food. Use a thermometer to be sure food is cooked to safe temperature. Chill cooked food promptly when everyone's done eating.

These are the four rules that demigod czar Richard Raymond, otherwise known as the undersecretary for food safety for the Food Safety and Inspection Service, wants you to remember this Thanksgiving as you cook your turkey and trimmings.

Raymond was Nebraska's chief medical officer before coming to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in July.

As a physician he knew a lot about public health, but he admits even he had things to learn about kitchen safety.

Q. So what have you been doing differently in your own kitchen since becoming germ czar?

A. A lot. I didn't have a thermometer in my refrigerator when I started. Used to take the raw burgers out to the grill on a plate and then bring the cooked ones in on the same plate. Now I'm a lot more careful about cross-contamination and keeping my cutting boards clean.

Q. What are you cooking on Thanksgiving?

A. My whole family will cele-



Creme Cafe chef Terrell Danley, with Richard Raymond of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, spreads the word about food safety.

brate Thanksgiving in Nebraska with a big turkey dinner on Friday, so on Thursday my wife and I will just grill a couple of Nebraska T-bones.

Q. Stuffing — in the turkey or not?

A. Not. Cook your stuffing in a casserole dish. It's not only safer, it also will taste better.

Q. What else should people do on Thanksgiving to make sure their food stays safe?

A. Be sure they don't let cooked food sit at room temperature too long. People pack

food in the car for a long trip without properly chilling it, or they let cooked food sit for hours after the meal. Food should be promptly packed in shallow containers — so it can chill quickly — and put in the refrigerator.

Q. Do you think we've become too germ-obsessed?

A. As long as anyone dies from food poisoning, you can't be too germ-obsessed. We lowered food-borne illness a lot, but there still too many dying from these germs. We can do better.

# What did the Pilgrims really eat that first Thanksgiving?

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### Have your turkey and eat it, too

By Kathy Antonolli  
Knight Ridder News Service

Generally, I don't like to ignore tradition. When we share certain activities with loved ones on holidays, those things take on special meaning to us. When we do them year after year, they become traditions.

Traditional Thanksgiving activities may include family gatherings with football games and pumpkin pie. But the true symbol of the holiday is the turkey — and with good reason. Ninety percent of American homes serving a Thanksgiving meal this year will feature a delicious, golden gobbler on the table.

But American humorist and author Shel Silverstein may give us pause as he sees the tradition a bit differently in his poem titled "Point of View."

*"Thanksgiving dinner's sad and thankless  
Christmas dinner's dark and blue  
When you stop and try to see it  
From the turkey's point of view."*

Now, that might make you sad for the entire, but unless my bird gets a pardon from the White House, I'll be serving him today. After all, without turkey, it just wouldn't be Thanksgiving. It's tradition.

Bring a bit of autumn color to the table with this turkey planter that can double as a centerpiece with instructions I found at [www.familyfun.com](http://www.familyfun.com). You can make it as large or small as you'd like. If you decrease the size of the pot, adjust the dimensions of the clay balls, as well. I modified the directions for our use.

Supplies you will need:

- Self-drying modeling clay (brown)
- Butter knife
- 7 1/2-inch terra cotta pot
- 2 small white pebbles
- Black permanent marker
- 1 walnut in the shell
- 1 red pipe cleaner
- Low-temp glue gun



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Try your hand at making this turkey planter. It can also double as a centerpiece on the Thanksgiving Day dinner table.

- Silk flowers
  - Plastic foam
- To fashion the head, shape two balls 3 inches in diameter and one ball half the size of the other two. Sandwich the balls together with the smallest one in the middle and press together. Smooth the balls to form a head, neck and chest. Use a butter knife to cut a vertical slit halfway up the center of the bottom ball. Slide it over the rim of the pot.
- Make two three-toed turkey feet with clay and press onto the front of the pot.
- Press and glue a walnut into the center of the head for a beak. For a wattle, fold the pipe cleaner in half and twist the ends together. Glue the pipe cleaner just above the beak.
- Draw black dots in the center of each pebble and glue them above for eyes.
- Glue a block of plastic foam onto the bottom of the pot.
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Dec 2 - Fri - 5PM - 8PM) Dec 3 - Sat - 9 AM - 4PM	Holiday Art Craft Fair	American Legion Auxiliary (Peggy Lawton)	American Legion Hall in Hagerman at the corner of Lake and State Streets	837-4413
Dec 7 - Wed - Noon	Chamber Meets	HWCC	Snake River Grill meeting room	837-9131
Dec 7 - Wed - 7:00 PM.	City Council Meets	City of Hagerman (Peggy Pedrow)	City Hall	837-6636
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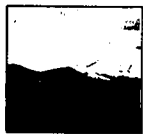
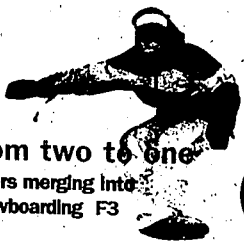
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Photo by MATT LEDECKER/The Times-News

Sun Valley's Baldy Mountain, shown in this archive picture, remains the top attraction for skiers as the resort celebrates its 70th year in 2005-06.

## Historic season opens early at Sun Valley

By Matt Leidecker  
Times-News correspondent

Ketchum/Sun Valley is a ski resort town, and when the first snowflakes of winter float out of leaden skies, the local populace gets a little crazy.

Ski fever usually strikes weeks before as recreationists tuck away their boots and bikes and dust off their boards (single or double) for the winter. The gamut of ski filmmakers from Warren Miller to Teton Gravity Research display their latest offerings in local theaters, and ski shops start filling their racks as people drop skis to be tuned for opening day.

This season, due to a large winter storm that dropped nearly two feet of snow at higher elevations, opening day arrived one day early. Sun Valley Resort turned on the lifts Wednesday, one day before the traditional Thanksgiving opener.

### A Reason to Celebrate

This season will mark the 70th anniversary of Union Pacific Railroad's pioneering vision to create a world class ski resort in the beautiful Wood River Valley. Sun Valley's Mar-

**Opening:** Opened Wednesday  
**Location:** Baldy can be accessed via Serenade Lane at the south side of Ketchum or via Warm Springs Road at Ketchum's other end. Dollar Mountain, the beginner's hill, is located across town near Elkhorn and Dollar roads.  
**Phone:** 800-786-8259. Snow report: 800-635-150  
**Web site:** www.sunvalley.com  
**Vertical drop:** 3,400 feet  
**Characteristics:** 2,054 acres  
**Runs:** 75  
**Lifts:** 7 quads, 4 triples, 5 doubles, 3 surface tows  
**Top elevation:** 9,150 feet

### Sun Valley

**2005-06 Ticket Prices**  
Early Season dates are Nov. 24 to Dec. 18 and from April 2 to close.  
Children are 12 and under  
Full season's pass — \$1875  
Dollar Mountain Season Pass (adult) — \$210  
Dollar Mountain Season Pass (child) — \$125  
20/20: Season Pass — \$850  
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Early Season Child — \$28  
Peak Season Child — \$40

**2005/06 Holiday Packages**  
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keting director Jack Sibbach is confident that several top-to-bottom runs will be in skiable condition for Thanksgiving Day. Officials plan to have three lifts opening to service top-to-bottom runs via College, Mid- and Lower-River Run, and Squirrel to Lower Plaza (Pachos Street) or Lower Warm Springs. Additional runs will open as snowmaking and Mother Nature allows.

In addition to some seasonal discounts (see sidebar),

Sun Valley Resort is adding new amenities to Bald Mountain. Skiers and boarders who are caught up in the freestyle revolution sweeping resorts nationwide will be pleased to learn that Sun Valley is upgrading its old half pipe. A new 425-foot long, 18-foot high monster that meets competition super-pipe standards will grace Lower Warm Springs. While a far cry from the huge terrain parks gracing other resorts,

the new superpipe is a much needed addition to the mountain. The resort will also offer freestyle lessons for skiers and boarders in the new pipe.

While Sun Valley isn't always known for deep snow, the mountain is renowned for the velvety smooth "cornices" that nearly every run. The resort purchased 10 brand new Camoplast BR 650 grooming machines to increase the efficiency and quality on Baldy's



A groomed trail on Baldy Mountain's College run.

810 groomable acres. The resort also upgraded to a Zaugg Pipe Monster half pipe groomer/shaper to keep the new tube in top condition. Finally, Sun Valley Resorts guests will enjoy free ski, snowboard, and pole storage in a brand new "ski barn" at base of the River Run side of the mountain. The drop-off and pick-up service will be available on an overnight and daily basis. The Barn is

available to non-resort guests for a nominal fee.

As always, the local Wood River Valley residents are optimistic about the coming ski season, and the Sun Valley Resort is doing everything it can to augment an ample early season snowfall. With 615 acres of snowmaking capability it is always snowing in Sun Valley so woe the boards and head north for a day of fun in the snow and sun.

## Restoring the magic in Magic Mountain

By David Cooper  
Times-News writer

Magic Mountain has always been the closest ski resort for the Twin Falls County population. It just hasn't always been one of the busiest.

New owners Gary and Terry Miller want to change that, and right away.

As native sons of the Magic Valley, the Miller brothers remember Magic Mountain in its heyday. Now, their goal is to restore the resort's charm and notoriety.

"When we were kids we skied a lot; we're an outdoor family," said Gary Miller, who owns his own construction company in Twin Falls. "I've been looking at it for the last three or four (years) and we saw how it was and we want the magic to come back to the Magic Mountain."

The Millers bought the resort a few weeks ago from previous owner, Marty Jacobs, with some additional permit approvals by the U.S. Forest Service. Now, in addition to waiting for snow, the Millers are finalizing their business plan on prices, new services, improved

operations and going after the skiing/snowboarding market. In each of those plans, they're aiming big.

"We are going to put together a master plan. There is a lot of neat things we're going to do in there," Gary said. "We're going to add another lift, and we're going to build a new lodge. Those will be the things to be done in the next two or three years. We'll need (Forest Service) approval, as well as engineering and environmental studies done."

In the meantime, the new owners will focus on targeting young people and families — a core market for today's ski resorts. "There used to be lots of people and a lot of youth," Miller said of Magic Mountain's past. "We want to gear it toward them and promote it so kids can afford to go and families can afford to ski."

Part of the rejuvenation includes plans for terrain parks to attract snowboarders and freestyle skiers. The owners also want to retain the cross-country skiers and snowmobilers who frequent the Diamondfield Jack

snow play area just up the road from the resort.

To keep business steady, prices will stay as they were last year at Magic Mountain. Miller said additional discounts will be available for younger skiers, students and special youth groups.

The comfy lodge at Magic Mountain will also see some improvements, starting with newer equipment for ski and snowboard rentals. A new bus service to and from Twin Falls is also in the works to haul those skiers and boarders unable to drive.

"We'll have competitions and races during a few Saturdays in a row," Miller added. "We do have trained instructors trained to teach." "That's something we're going to push is teaching youth to ski and making it fun for them. So many kids go up there and don't have good equipment and no training, and it's not a good experience."

Terry Miller previously worked at Twin Falls Parks and Recreation before moving to Orem, Utah, to open a truck brokerage firm. Having sold that operation and retired, he has more time to dedicate to the

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resort, while younger brother Gary will still maintain his construction firm. "We hope we can build this up as something good for the whole community," Gary Miller said.

Snowboarders descend the Lucky Place run at Magic Mountain Ski Resort. Magic Mountain is under new owners who are looking for new ways to capitalize on the ski/snowboard population.

OUTDOORS

# Cold Facts: Ski resorts face tough challenges

By Julie Dinn  
The Denver Post

The face of Colorado's \$2.5 billion ski industry is changing almost as quickly as the technology of ski gear.

Its core consumers — baby boomers — are aging. Skiier visits have been flat nationally for five years. Large resorts make more money on ancillary sales and hotel guests than on skiers. Highways to the high country are crowded, and global warming may threaten future snowpack.

At the same time, international skiers are finding their way to Colorado again — 28 percent more last winter than the previous year — and several feet of early-season snowfall promise strong holiday bookings.

As the 2005-06 ski season begins in earnest this week, The Denver Post sat down with executives from areas as large as Eldora Ski Resort to talk about the biggest challenges facing the industry.

1. Generating new skiers and keeping them as they age.  
The baby boom population is huge, representing 78 million people. Generation X saw a dip in the demographics, but ski areas still did really well during that low period.

"Now we're starting to see Generation Y — which is 73 million strong — come into the sport. It's providing great energy and growth, and they're coming with their parents and their grandparents," said Bob Perkins, president of Colorado Ski Country USA.

"We're adding music, events and activities like the X Games and the Gravity Games so they (Generation Y) can see that they're going to some old country club."

— David Perry, senior vice president, Aspen Skiing Co.

"At Copper Mountain, we actually moved our half-pipe down so it's right in front of the lodge. People can sit in the bar and watch the carnage. People are really able to get engaged by that."

— Perkins Miller, senior vice president, Intrawest Corp.

2. Attracting Colorado's Hispanic population.

"We see it as a big opportunity. You have to start somewhere, and we started with the Alpino program (which brings urban minorities to Colorado's slopes). Last year, we saw more than 1,000 kids come to our resorts. And this year, we've hired a diversity coordinator, who is based in Breckenridge but is working across all our resorts. He'll help us further develop programs to capture a more diverse audience."

— Chris Jarrott, vice president of sales and marketing, Vail Resorts

"The way young Hispanics get into the sport of skiing and snowboarding is completely different from how a lot of us got into it. Usually, we were introduced by our families, but their parents have no experience with skiing. We've got to go to the schools. We have to enter that population through the kids."

— David Perry

3. Helping independent ski areas compete against the giants.



A lone skier makes turns down Northwoods on opening day at Vail, Colo. Vail Mountain received 48 inches of fresh snow to launch its opener.

"The little guys do very well in terms of controlling their costs, and they're actually doing quite well in terms of profitability. They run a leaner operation, they know their product, they know their position, last year, business at Colorado's Gems (the smallest ski areas) grew 7.6 percent. It was the highest category of growth."

— Rob Perlman  
"Because the small ski area is dependent on the sale of a lift ticket, it's a very different business model than when you're surviving on real estate sales, food and beverage, hotels. It's easier for a destination resort to discount that lift ticket."

"But we have a really important place in the industry. We're the place where you come to learn to ski and snowboard."

— Rob Linde, director of marketing, Eldora

"The smaller resorts that don't have real estate are going to be increasingly challenged. Their ability to raise capital isn't going to come from selling lift tickets."

— David Perry

4. Keeping real estate affordable.  
"The stuff we're building is not real estate that any local would buy and live in full-time, with the exception of (Vail Resorts' chief executive) Adam Caron. But there doesn't seem to be any hitch in the demand for that, at prices we've never seen before."

— Chris Jarrott  
"We bought the Club Med at Copper Mountain and converted it to employee housing. And we just bought a hotel at the base of Winter Park to do basically the same thing. We're trying to provide that outlet for our employees right at the resort."

— Perkins Miller

"Clearly the price escalation is affecting local residents dramatically. It's the down-valley push."

— Perkins Miller

5. Remote ski areas are served by increasingly congested roads.  
"In our case, not being on (Interstate 70) is one of our biggest competitive advantages. Some of the growth Eldora has seen over the last 10 years can be attributed to congestion on the interstate. The skier is very savvy, very smart and looking for other alternatives to the tunnel vision of I-70."

— Rob Linde

"We're seeing the Front Range overnight business grow a little bit. And we're seeing more people take advantage of the seven regional airports that serve the high country."

"It's still a tremendous challenge. You're talking millions, if not billions, of dollars for potential solutions."

— Rob Perlman

6. How to compete against a growing list of family obligations.

"I've viewed the family ski day as another activity like soccer, ballet and gymnastics, we don't stand a chance, because it's just going to get squeezed out. But we can differentiate it, say this is something we can all do together."

— David Perry

"The father riding the lift with his daughter is a photo we all use, because what other opportunity does he have to sit with her at the end of every run and get seven or nine minutes of interrupted time? We'd be crazy not to try to capitalize on that."

— Perkins Miller

7. Filling the town year round.  
"Summer is a moneymaker now, at least in our area, but skiers still the main driver in the winter. That's why people come. Everybody always says, you

come to Colorado to ski, but you stay for the summer."

— April Prout, communications director, Crested Butte Mountain Resort

"At Vail and Breckenridge, skiing is far and away the most dominant piece. Summer is absolutely dwarfed by it. But at Beaver Creek and Keystone, we have a lot more of the lodging, retail and restaurant (business). Summer is a much bigger opportunity there."

— Chris Jarrott

"There is a shifting of the model, and our businesses need to adapt. Like with our conference business at Copper Mountain, we're trying to sell a message. When you're in Denver in August and it's 104 degrees out, why not take your team to the mountains?"

— Perkins Miller

"Are you a ski town? The answer is becoming increasingly less clear. Ten years ago, it was yes, Aspen's ski town. But at some point, that's going to change."

"There is the possibility that summer will overtake winter in Colorado, as it has done in Switzerland and France."

— David Perry

8. Preparing for the risks of global warming that may reduce snowfall.

"We've been through drought winters before. That's why we have snowmaking equipment, but we have made a push to upgrade it in terms of quality and efficiency."

"We're looking at water storage. We're trying to be the best environmental stewards we can be."

— April Prout

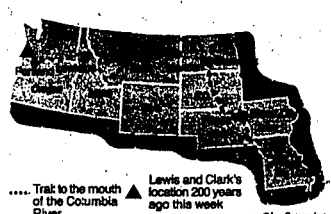
"We're in the snow business, so we're concerned about global warming. We continue every year to invest in snowmaking equipment because it's the smart thing to do."

"But we're digging out from 5 feet of snow now, so it's not the most pressing of issues at the moment."

— Chris Jarrott

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Trail to the mouth of the Columbia River. Lewis and Clark's location 200 years ago this week. *Older Enterprises*

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— William Clark  
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— William Clark  
November 22, 1805 — Of how horrible is the day waves breaking with great violence against the shore throwing the water into our camp. Confined to our shelter.

— William Clark  
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**Nov. 24 THURS.**  
WBB - All Stars vs. CEU, Noon  
WBB - Arizona Western vs. Yakima, 2 p.m.  
MBB - South Mountain vs. TVCC, 4 p.m.  
WBB - CSI vs. Carl Albert, 6 p.m.  
MBB - CSI vs. Chemeketa, 8 p.m.

**Nov. 25 FRI.**  
WBB - Carl Albert vs. All Stars, Noon  
WBB - Arizona Western vs. CEU, 2 p.m.  
MBB - Chemeketa vs. TVCC, 4 p.m.  
WBB - CSI vs. Yakima, 6 p.m.  
MBB - CSI vs. South Mountain, 8 p.m.

**Nov. 26 SAT.**  
WBB - Yakima vs. All Stars, Noon  
WBB - Carl Albert vs. CEU, 2 p.m.  
MBB - South Mountain vs. Chemeketa, 4 p.m.  
WBB - CSI vs. Arizona Western, 6 p.m.  
MBB - CSI vs. TVCC, 8 p.m.

## Slow down or go home at Jackson Hole

The Associated Press

JACKSON, Wyo. — Reckless skiers and snowboarders risk losing their ski pass as Jackson Hole Mountain Resort says it may make it slope safer this winter in the wake of five accidental deaths over the past two winters.

Under the formal system of penalties, unsafe skiers or snowboarders could lose their pass for up to two weeks for a first violation, while two violations in a three-year span will result in an automatic one-year loss of lift privileges. The repercussions for reckless skiing are particularly harsh for repeat offenders, who could lose a lifetime ban from the Mountain Resort after a third offense.

"Our patrollers have always had a system of consequences for actions," resort spokes-

woman Anna Olson said. "The formal nature of that system, and the fact that we're making it public, is all that's changed. We issued it to be more proactive on this issue."

Ski patrollers will still be given latitude when imposing penalties for first-time violators or in the case of a collision. Whether a first offender is given a warning or a more severe penalty could depend on the skier's willingness to understand the nature of the infraction.

Walt Foley, risk manager for the Mountain Resort, said that reckless skiers frequently fail to understand the severity of the offense and become defensive and combative when stopped by ski patrollers.

"Often it's a difficult interaction from the outset," Foley said. "How it's handled and the guest's attitude will play a part

in determining the appropriate penalty."

To keep track of violators, any time a guest is stopped by ski patrol for an infraction, his or her name will be recorded and reported to mountain dispatch, even if given a verbal warning. That name can then be cross-checked with a database of past violators, including day pass holders. Offense records will be maintained for three years.

Olympic gold medal downhiller Tommy Moe said he understands why the ski area is emphasizing safe skiing, but hopes that speed enthusiasts will still be able to enjoy groomed slopes that are devoid of skiers.

"Jackson's a mountain where you can really enjoy it up if there's no one on the trail. That's what skiing the West is all about," Moe said. "I'm in support of people

being careful in slow zones and over blind roads. In the morning when there's no one out there, hopefully they'll still let people open it up."

Five skiers have died in accidents over the past two seasons at the Mountain Resort. Among them was a 29-year-old woman who died last winter when she was struck by a 16-year-old snowboarder reportedly traveling at a high rate of speed down an intermediate run.

A 16-year-old snowboarder died after jumping off a feature in the resort's terrain park, and three others died in 2004 after colliding with trees at the resort.

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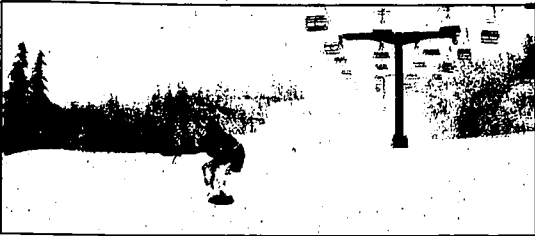
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A snowboarder makes his way down Sugarloaf mountain in Carrabassett, Maine. The popularity of snowboarding isn't just attracting younger snow enthusiasts, but also some old-school skiing purists.

## From two to one: Skiers are merging into snowboarding

Jason Kitley  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — One plank or two? That is a question that seems to be going through the minds of more and more skiers nowadays.

No longer the exclusive domain of the fringe element, snowboarding has become (gasp!) mainstream.

Snowboarding, once a sport only practiced by those with the funny haircuts and unnatural metal spikes and studs through various body parts, is now becoming a family sport. All one needs to do is take a look under the helmet and goggles to discover that the snowboarder that just whizzed by is not necessarily some punk kid, but may be a doctor, a lawyer, a parent or even a grandparent.

In fact, according to the National Sporting Goods Association, "the total number of downhill skiers (age 7 or older that went at least once during the year) decreased from 6.8 million in 2003 to 5.9 million in 2004, while the number of snowboarders increased from 6.3 million to 6.6 million. Apparently while nobody was looking the number of snowboarders surpassed the number of skiers.

When I made the switch from skiing to snowboarding in the late 1980s the sport was in its infancy. Ski resorts didn't know what to think of the crazy, new sport therefore many resorts wouldn't allow snowboarders to ride the lifts or snowboard on

their slopes. There were no "snowboarding instructors" and snowboarders in general were looked upon with disdain.

As we all know those days have long since passed. Snowboarders now make up a significant portion of ski resort patrons, and those resorts that had banned snowboarders in the early days of the sport are now spending millions of dollars on marketing and terrain features to bring snowboarders and their money to the resorts.

In fact, Alta ski area in Utah, and Taos, N.M., are the only resorts left in the U.S. where snowboarding is still a no-no.

What has brought about this change in attitude? Few has snowboarding evolved from a winter pastime practiced by only a few into an Olympic sport. Opinions vary, but I believe it is the ease with which a skier can learn to snowboard. Don't get me wrong, the first couple of days on a snowboard will be the most painful of your life, but the learning curve for snowboarding is much steeper than for skiing.

To become an intermediate to advanced skier can take years, whereas with snowboarding the ability to advance to an intermediate level quickly has been the impetus for change. Those interested in snowboarding can now take lessons from certified instructors, and move very quickly from a beginner to an intermediate snowboarder in only a few visits to the local ski hill.

Living in the Magic Valley we are fortunate to have one of the

best beginner runs I have ever found on which to practice and hone your snowboarding skills. With its gentle pitch Milk Run at Pomerelle Mountain Resort offers the beginning snowboarder the ideal slope on which to learn the fine points of linking snowboard turns.

Furthermore, you don't necessarily need to be a skier to learn to snowboard. Kristen Roberts a snowboard instructor in Crested Butte, Colo., says "more and more children are learning to snowboard without ever having put on skis. Their natural ability to learn coupled with a lack of fear makes them excellent candidates to pick up the sport very quickly."

Snowboarding has come along way in the last 20 years. If you have thought that snowboarders look like they are having all the fun, guess what? They are! I can count on one hand how many times I have skied since learning to snowboard 17 years ago.

Maybe this is your year to give it a try. As with learning any new sport make sure you have the proper safety equipment, and spend the money on lessons. Take it from someone that had to go through the pain of learning to snowboard without the benefit of instruction. The money you spend on lessons is money well spent.

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# A different experience

## Soldier Mountain offers a low-key family atmosphere

By Matt Laldeck  
Times-News correspondent

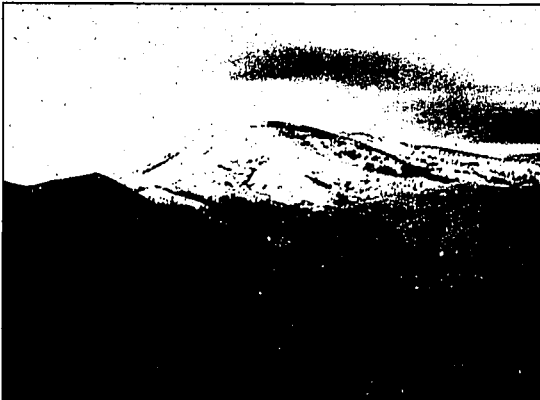
FAIRFIELD — In today's world of mega resorts driven by expensive real estate developments, Fairfield's Soldier Mountain offers a different take on the skiing experience.

This low key family oriented ski area is tucked against the Soldier Mountains just north of the town of Fairfield. Located on the Camas Prairie about halfway between Sun Valley and Boise, Fairfield and Soldier Mountain have often been called one of Idaho's hidden gems.

### Soldier Mountain

**Opening Date:** TBA  
**Location:** 12 miles north of Fairfield  
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A scenic sundown at Soldier Mountain above the Camas Prairie.

Mountains even offers a family seasons pass (see sidebar). While the mountain has not poured millions of dollars into development of high speed lifts and expansive ski runs, it offers a wide variety of terrain. The two lifts service over 36 runs and 1,150 acres of inbounds skiing. This includes central Idaho's best terrain park, with table top jumps, rail slides, and quarter pipes, an aspect noticeably missing from other resorts in the area. Soldier also runs a backcountry cat skiing operations that operates in over 1,500 acres of terrain deep in the north side of the soldier mountains. A full day of cat skiing will net between 10,000 and 15,000 vertical feet of pristine powder at a reasonable price.

The budget skier should not stress. While skiing backcountry powder can be a once in a lifetime experience, the slopes at Soldier Mountain often hold powder days after a storm. There are times when it feels like you are the only one skiing the mountain.

A recent addition of a children's hand tow has increased the average of "bunny slopes" for beginner skiers. It provides an excellent starting point for children and new skiers before the tackle wide variety of moderate slopes available uphill. Recapturing the interest in self-propelled backcountry exploration, Soldier will begin offering a new "one lift" backcountry access pass this season.



Soldier Mountain opens on Thursdays after snow storms accumulate during the weekdays.

Skiers with the motivation and know how can start their day from the top of Soldier's inbounds terrain and hike unencumbered for hours, skiing the often pristine backcountry powder.

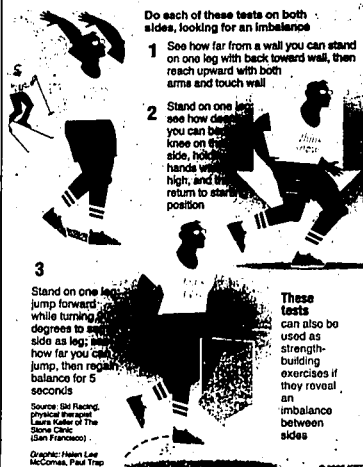
Whether you are a snowboarder, skier, terrain park junkie, powder snob, backcountry hiker, or just want to go

skiing with the family for the day Soldier Mountain has something for you. Everyone will appreciate the view of 10,095 foot Smoky Dome, the highest peak in the Soldier Mountains. The laid back, low key atmosphere of this hidden ski area will keep you coming back for more.

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3 Stand on one leg, jump forward, while turning degrees to the side as leg, see how far you can jump, then regain balance for 5 seconds

Source: Bill Flanagan, Physical Therapist at The Stone Clinic (Stone Island)

These tests can also be used as strength-building exercises if they reveal an imbalance between sides

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# Pomerelle still a favorite getaway in Idaho

By Karla Barnes  
Times-News correspondent

**POMERELLE** — The mountains in Idaho are filling with snow which means the 2005/2006-ski season is upon us. Pomerelle is a solid place for snow sport enthusiasts from beginner to expert to enjoy one of the best skiing and snowboarding opportunities in the Northwest.

Tucked high in the Sawtooth National Forest at 8,000 feet above the town of Albion, Pomerelle is rated one of Idaho's favorite winter getaway locations.

The resort had not opened by Thanksgiving but mountain reports indicated 17 inches on top, 10 at the base, and four new inches on Monday morning.

"Pomerelle prides itself in the fact that we are a teaching facility that is second to none," said resort owner, Woody Anderson. "Our new Magic Carpet and the Milk Run are excellent learning tools for skiers and boarders."

Last year Pomerelle introduced a 450-foot Magic Carpet boardwalk on the Cottontail run. This innovative equipment is one of the longest of its kind located west of the Mississippi. Skiers and boarders are thrilled with the ease of loading and unloading within two minutes. The Magic Carpet offers a delightful change from the days of the old rope tow. Beginners are no longer challenged with the juggling act of hanging on to the rope and their equipment as they make their way up the hill. The Magic Carpet has significantly shortened the learning curve by as much as 40 percent.

"We have had a great response to the Magic Carpet," said Anderson. "It is the best thing we have done up here in a long time."

Night skiing is another popu-

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lar option that has been available at Pomerelle for years. Skiers and boarders can enjoy the illuminated slopes at a reduced rate beginning Dec. 27. Night skiing runs from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Twenty four groomed runs can be accessed by double and triple chair lift systems. Boarders love the half pipe that has been created especially for their enjoyment. Gladed areas are also improving every year, making Pomerelle popular for everyone.

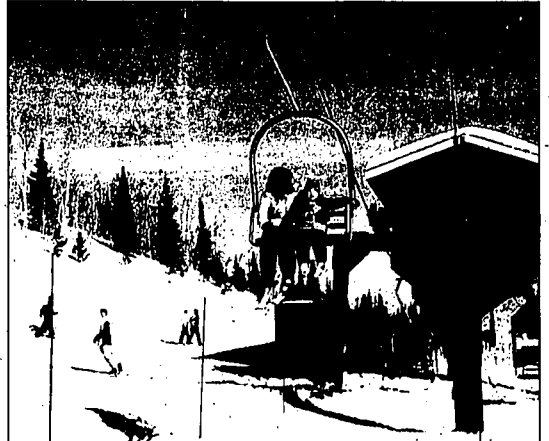
The population of snowboarders continues to grow at Pomerelle. "The kids love this sport, we have a growing clientele of young people boarding and some older people are also interested in taking up the sport," said Anderson.

Several events are planned for the upcoming season. Competitions for kids, skiers and boarders will begin after the first of the year. The freestyle and Big Air competitions always draw large crowds. Be sure to check the Web site at www.pomerelle-mtn.com for updates and more information.

Full day, half day, day/night

and night passes can be purchased daily at the ticket window. Season passes for singles and families are also available. The new Classic Card Pass runs \$270 (10 full day adult passes) this punch card expires at the end of each season.

Pomerelle provides excellent service to young families and beginners. Rentals and lessons are available. Pomerelle also has a talent team of ski school instructors ready to assist you. A full cafeteria as well. The lodge is a great place to put up your feet and relax between runs or after a long day on the slopes.



A parent and young child nestle on the double chair at Pomerelle.

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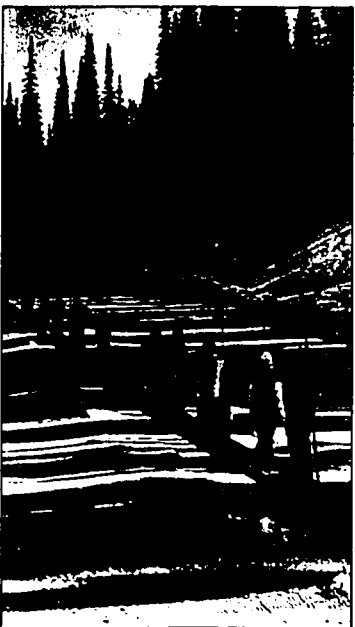
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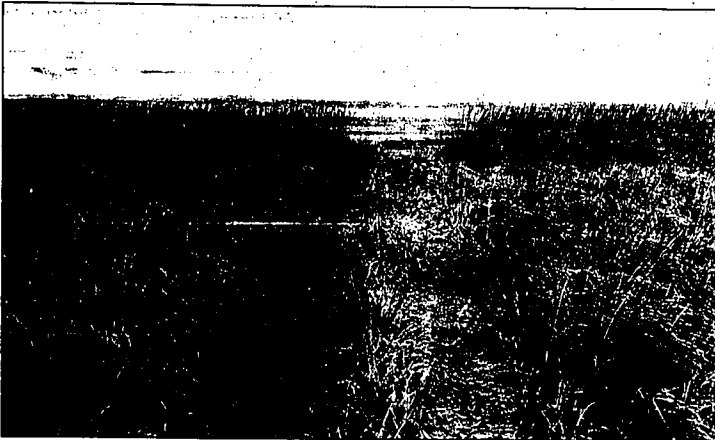
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# Into the wide open

## New trails carved as part of Lewis and Clark bicentennial

By Roy Gault  
The (Saleem) Statesman Journal

WARRENTON, Ore. — If only — when Lewis and Clark were knee-deep in mud, trying to find a protected campsite in the driving rain — all the paved trails, shelters and privies built in their honor already had been in place.

The new Fort-to-Sea Trail, at the Fort Clatsop Unit of Lewis and Clark National Historic Park, would have been handy when members of the Corps of Discovery were cradling over and under the tangles of brush and blown-down timber that surrounded their winter lodge.

Fort-to-Sea is certainly the centerpiece for Oregon and Washington, probably one of the premier trails for the entire Lewis and Clark event. Loughran said. "The other really big ones is the Snake Park, the trail from Cannon Beach to Seaside."

The Oregon Coast Trail, the same route that Native Americans showed Lewis and Clark 200 years ago, has crossed over Tillamook Head for hundreds of years and was renovated in the past year. In addition, a loop was built on the Cannon Beach side of the head, and the Adirondack huts were built near the summit.

The three sleeping huts are three-sided cabins with stone fireplaces in the center, and a fourth hut is for picnicking. A new vault toilet also was installed.

A number of other trails were built or improved up and down the Columbia River corridor, including riverfront trails in The Dalles and Astoria and two trails at Hat Rock, near Umatilla.

The Dalles has done a fabulous job with The Dalles Riverfront Trail, and nobody realizes they have this great waterfront amenity," said Loughran.

"It's a fantastic multi-use trail, a lot of it built with money through the Columbia Gorge Scenic Area Act when the national scenic area was created."

Access to the trail is from the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center at 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles.

"Hat Rock was a significant land feature identified by Lewis and Clark, and it showed up on their maps and became a prominent feature identified by people on the Oregon trail," Loughran said.

"A new interpretive trail starts at the main parking lot at Hat Rock State Park and goes all the way up Hat Rock, plus there's an old railroad grade that goes right along the Columbia River near Hat Rock, and it's been built into the Lewis and Clark Commemorative Trail. It starts at Warehouse Beach and goes along the river to McNary Dam."

An interpretive trail that identifies various plants has been constructed at Lewis and Clark State Park, at the confluence of the Sandy and Columbia rivers. Access is off Interstate 84, on the south side of the freeway, just after crossing the Sandy River.

And a four-mile trail with sections of concrete and sections of boardwalk was completed this summer by the city of Astoria. The Astoria Riverwalk extends four miles from the Port of Astoria on the west end of town to

Above: Terry O'Casey picks huckleberries while giving a tour Oct. 6 of the Fort-to-Sea Trail on the North Oregon Coast, which winds its way from Fort Clatsop to the Pacific Ocean. Left, The Fort-to-Sea Trail on the North Oregon Coast winds its way from Fort Clatsop to the Pacific Ocean, which is shown in this Oct. 6 photo.

been constructed at Fort Clatsop at Nettie Landing, the western terminus of the water trail.

"That's a great kayak launch because you can go paddle in fresh water up the Lewis and Clark River to where the salmon spawn, or you can go all the way down to Young's Bay to the salt water," said Terry O'Casey, a volunteer trail builder and frequent hiker at the Fort Clatsop Unit of Lewis and Clark National Historic Park.

It's a mile south of the visitor center, and it has interpretive panels and parking," said Jill Harding, the chief of visitor services at the park.

"It's our front door during the summer. When our shuttle buses are running, it's a beautiful trampol spot that not real well known yet, but a lot of folks go there to walk their dogs and there's always a good crowd for the race," he said.

Chip Jensen, the superintendent at Fort Clatsop said that additional trails would be built in coming years as a spin-off from the Fort-to-Sea trail.

There's going to be a nice legacy of trail projects left in every state, federal and local," he said.

- On the Net:**
- Fort-to-Sea Trail:**  
<http://www.forttosea.org/>
  - Lewis and Clark National Historic Park:**  
<http://www.nps.gov/lecl/>
  - Ecota State Park:**  
<http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park-188.php>
  - Hat Rock State Park:**  
<http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park-12.php>
  - Astoria Riverwalk:**  
<http://www.trails.com/taota-log-trail.asp?trailid=BGW055-029>
  - McKenzie Head trail at Cape Disappointment:**  
<http://www.parks.wa.gov/lewisandclark/history.asp?subject=caped>

And the Adirondack huts built in the past year on Tillamook Head? Well, Fort Clatsop may never have been necessary if the Corps could have moved into those.

Residents of the Pacific Northwest will benefit for years to come from the trails and amenities built in anticipation of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Celebration that runs here from this Friday through Tuesday.

"The nice thing about trails is that, while interest from the celebration might fade in a few years, you'll still have a great place to walk or hike or go for a bike ride," said Sean Loughran, who was the state trails coordinator when the Lewis and Clark projects were being planned and constructed.

"They'll have lasting value, regardless of the theme they were associated with."

In honor of the Lewis and Clark jubilee, trails varying from paved to dirt to water surfaces — more than 500 miles of Lewis and Clark's route have been dedicated as a paddling trail — have been put in place in the

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A blue heron flies Oct. 6 near the Fort-to-Sea Trail on the North Oregon Coast, which winds its way from Fort Clatsop to the Pacific Ocean.

OUTDOORS

# Fish and Game seeks comment on new Mule Deer Initiative

For The Times-News

JEROME - The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will be hosting an open house to discuss the Mule Deer Initiative (MDI) Action Plan, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m., at the Magic Valley Regional Office, 319 South 417 East, Jerome.

The draft MDI Action Plan entitled "A Roadmap for Success" describes the short term and long term actions that will be implemented to improve mule deer populations, increase hunter satisfaction, and to protect and improve mule deer habitat throughout southeastern Idaho.

"It's important for hunters and landowners to see what we have planned and to provide us with input that might improve the Plan," said Randy Smith, Idaho Fish and Game Regional Wildlife Manager. "The department is committed to improving conditions for mule deer but we need support from hunters to make this program a success."

A copy of the draft Action Plan can be acquired on-line at [www.fishandgame.idaho.gov](http://www.fishandgame.idaho.gov) or at the IDFG offices throughout the state. For more information, call 324-4359.

## Commission approves new fishing rules

New rules for fishing in Idaho were approved by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission on Nov. 17. The Commission was meeting in Jerome when they approved staff recommendations for the new 2006-2007 fishing rules. The new rules booklet will appear in Fish and Game offices and at license vendors in late December.

The new rules have been out for public comment for several months.

## Commission elects chairman, new member

During its Jerome meeting the commission elected Cameron Wheeler chairman through 2006.

Wheeler, Ririe, is the commissioner from the Upper Snake Region. He is a former state legislator, a farmer and businessman. Wheeler is serving his first term on the Commission.

Dr. Wayne Wright, Twin Falls, was elected vice chairman. Dr. Wright is a retired physician.

Wheeler will take the gavel at

the commission's January meeting in Boise from 2005 chairman Marcus Gibbs.

The meeting in Jerome was the first for Tony McDermott of Sagle, recently appointed to replace Nancy Hadley as the commissioner from the Panhandle Region.

## Nonresident deer tags are sold out

All the deer tags in the nonresident quota have been sold for the current seasons.

Idaho deer tags for nonresidents have not sold out in any other year since the price was raised substantially in 1994. Nonresidents are limited to a total of 10,900 deer tags each year.

Resident deer hunters may still buy tags for this year. Most rifle seasons in the south are over but whitetail hunting, mostly in the north, continues.

Beginning with the current seasons, deer hunters are offered a choice of a general tag or a whitetail tag. The whitetail tag is good statewide and allows participation in popular late hunts in the Clearwater and Panhandle regions.

TROPHIES



Kriatin Freilburger, formerly of Paul, killed her first bull elk recently in Unit 19A. One shot to the shoulder with a 30-06 killed this six point elk. Freilburger is the daughter of Matt Freilburger.

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the license at any Fish and Game regional office. The employee receiving the gift certificate then returns to any regional office at their leisure to redeem their gift certificate for their sporting license.

Many other license vendors besides the Fish and Game Department also offer gift certificates. Your employee would redeem their gift certificates at the vendor for their license just as in the previous example at a Fish and Game regional office.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation educator at the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Contact him at (208) 324-4350 or e-mail him at [fishandgame@idaho.gov](mailto:fishandgame@idaho.gov).

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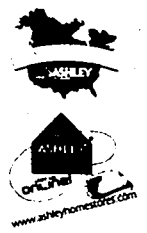
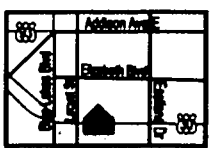
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## FROM EASY TO ELEGANT Inspired interiors

By Karma Metzler Fitzgerald  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Inspiration comes with passion. For a collection of Magic Valley homes, that passion turns to pageantry for a variety of home tours coming in December.

"Christmas is my thing," said Suzanne Holton, whose home is featured in the Holiday Home Tour sponsored by the Junior Club of the Magic Valley. "I'm constantly welcoming."

Her home is warm and welcoming with a tree in every corner and holiday spirit in each room. From a collection of classic Mary Engelbreit prints in the kitchen to glistening Santas in the den, she expresses her creativity and hobbies in every nook and cranny of her home.

Holton says she has thousands of dollars wrapped up in the decorations — some expensive, some from dime and dollar stores. It's impossible to tell cheap from costly here. Holton looks at high-end stores and magazines for ideas, then sets out to see how inexpensively she can recreate them. But if she's shopping and sees something she likes, she buys it.

"I'm not a regret shopper," Holton said.

Christmas decorations are always up by Thanksgiving. She decorates for every holiday, but Christmas is special. In a staging area in the garage she sets out collections and plans for their placement inside the house. Each storage box has a detailed content list on the outside, and she recommends using see-through boxes for organizational ease.

Exquisite doesn't have to be expensive. For simple, yet fabulous, Holton recommends filling holiday gift bags with inexpensive tissue paper. The bags can adorn a hallway in the home, or a file cabinet at work.

The bonus is that once they've been around a while, kids won't pay attention to them and "you can hide things in them," she said.

Becky Faulkner's decorations are definitely kid-friendly. The Faulkner home is featured in Gooding's home tour, sponsored by St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. Faulkner's three kids are involved in every aspect of preparing the home for the holidays; they decorate the tree and keep a close eye on the stockings hanging above the fireplace.

"I just like real warm things," Faulkner said. "Not the fancy breakable stuff."  
Family is important at the Faulkners, so many of the decorations have a sentimental or traditional value. Pieces of her great-grandmother's Nativity set, along with the ornaments her husband received while growing up, are throughout the home. Her children now get yearly ornaments so they'll have collections of their own someday.



Suzanne Holton decorates with Mary Engelbreit prints she has collected over a dozen years.



Joe Brooks hangs a wreath in his home in preparation for the Christmas season. You can tour this home in the Holiday Home Tour on Dec. 11 in Twin Falls.



Suzanne Holton's decorations reflect family hobbies, including this gifting Santa in tribute to a beloved sport.

Her husband's aunts are professional decorators and will add their talents and spice to the house for the home tour this year.

"It's a collection of old and new," Faulkner said.

She said it takes a "good week or so" to get everything up and in place for the holidays.

"I love lights, lights, lights," she said. "My husband complains every year."  
In Jerome, Jennifer Bond has a candy cane theme in this year's decorations. There are trees in every room — decorated according to her children's tastes. In her daughter's room, a princess theme; trains for



A candelabra is one of the many decorations in progress at the Brooks home in Twin Falls.

her son.

A special train set stays under the Christmas tree. Bond won the collector's item on the game show "The Price Is Right." She ended up as a contestant on the show while enjoying her honeymoon in California.

Bond admits to being a Christmas fanatic — once decorating the couple's college apartment before Halloween. Since then, the household rule is she has to wait until after Oct. 31 to start decorating.

"Three or four weeks is not enough," Bond said. "I want to enjoy the holidays when they come, so I start early."

Perhaps the most important dec-



Gold ribbon twisted to form a butterfly adorns a small tree in Suzanne Holton's granddaughter's room.

oration is a carved wooden box under the tree. Each Christmas Eve the Bonds recreate the Nativity, like many families. But then they put a gift inside the box — a gift for Jesus.

"It's a letter to ourselves — to be a better mom or whatever," she said. "Let me say, 'I'm sorry I've not been a gift to our Savior. When we read the letter, if we've accomplished that gift we can put a new one in. If not, we re-give that gift.'"

Bond said the most important part of decorating is including sentimental items.

"Anything that's a piece of your memories," Bond said. "Anything that's a part of your life."

### Holiday home tours

#### Junior Club of Magic Valley Holiday Home Tour in Twin Falls

- When: 1 to 6 p.m. Dec. 11
- Cost: \$8
- Kids?: Children 8 and over are welcome
- Benefits: Camp Rainbow Gold and Make-A-Wish Foundation
- Tickets available at: Elements Day Spa & LE Duke Salon, Everybody's Business, Inspired Living, Java Jungle, Kelley Garden Center, Kimberly Nurseries, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark, Little Red Hen, Real Deals or any home on the tour

- Tour homes:
- Gene and Donna Schultz 134 Eighth Ave. N.
  - Joe and Dena Brooks 1305 Galena Drive
  - Sam and Suzanne Holton 451 Woodland Court
  - Matt and Tammy Harr 465 Bowwood Court
  - Chris and Kaylin Hickman 2675 Suncrest Circle
  - Al and Trace Nichols 3248 Laurelwood Drive
  - Danny and Sherry Marona 1068 Woodside Way
  - Robert and Marann Griffin 3299 Woodridge Drive

#### St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church Christmas Home Tour in Gooding

- When: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 10
- Cost: \$5
- Kids?: Children 10 and older are welcome
- Benefits: Gooding County Historical Museum Building fund
- Tickets available at: Coyote Joes, Wilson Bates, USI Northside Center or any home on the tour

- Tour homes:
- Viola Becker 1005 Nevada St.
  - Reese and Gayle DeSmet 2006 E. 1850 S.
  - Jay and Becky Faulkner 1877 E. 2000 S.
  - Finesse and Nancy Hugbanks 1925 S. 2000 E.
  - George and Linda McLaughlin 613 Pine St.
  - Jim and Athena Sabata 1552 S. 1750 E.
- Tour ends at the historic Gooding Hotel Bed and Breakfast, 112 Main St. for refreshments and door prizes.

#### Jerome Chamber Ambassadors Club Holiday Home Tour

- When: 1 to 5 p.m. Dec. 10
- Cost: \$5
- Benefits: Junior Ambassador scholarship and programs
- Tickets available: From any chamber ambassador and at Rosebud's Florist, Simply Serendipity and Jerome Chamber of Commerce

- Tour homes:
- Dana Odenauer 22 S. 150 W.
  - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lloyd 613 Pine St.
  - Sue Thomason 114 S. Garfield
  - Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Gardner 212 S. Garfield
  - Dr. and Mrs. David Bond 381 Onewood Place (400 S. 315 E.)
  - Dr. and Mrs. James Lohmann 546 Dee Drive

### 'TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING

## At this restaurant, nobody eats alone

By Corren Hart  
Times-News correspondent

**RUPERT** — When Ronald and Deb Anderson opened their restaurant, Alaska's Best, they had no idea where halibut and chips would lead them.

Ron's sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Leonard Martin, had been thinking for years that it would be nice to serve a Thanksgiving meal to folks who would otherwise be eating alone. Not necessarily needy. Just alone.

"We didn't have a place where it would work," Betty said. "That was what held us up."

Then the Andersons moved back to Idaho from Alaska and opened their fish and chips shop, and Betty realized it was the answer. She talked it over with her brother, and coincidentally he had been thinking along the same lines. So four years ago, they bought turkeys, dressing and all the trimmings, and then hung out a sign. They had a good crowd. What's more, folks seemed to enjoy themselves. They even left donations to help cover expenses.

"Of course, we couldn't keep it," Anderson said. "That wasn't the point. If we wanted it to be business, we'd just be open as usual. We donated it to charity."

The second year, other members of the community began to get involved. So many churches asked to help that it became a kind of communal effort. Methodists working alongside Praise



Ronald and Deb Anderson stand in front of Alaska's Best.

Chapel and Lutheran volunteers gave the meal a whole new flavor. With each passing year, the event has grown. In 2004, they served about 235 meals. Eighty-five of them were deliv-

ered to people's homes. Dozens of people asked to be driven to the meal, so they were. This year's meal will undoubtedly serve more because the

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## Amalgamated employees take care of the rainy days

By Corren Hart  
Times-News correspondent

**PAUL** — In 1991, an employee of Paul's Amalgamated Sugar, became terminally ill. The people who worked with him wished there was something they could do. Even if they could help his family with some of the expenses that were piling up, it would be something.

George Maas, Kent Warr and some other employees, hit on the idea of donating a dollar per payday to a benevolent fund. With some 250 employees, it could add up fast. They worked out an arrangement with their credit union, elected a board to administer the fund, and the man and his family had the money to keep up his insurance policy until he passed away. His wife and children were protected from at least part of the debt that could have dogged them for years.

The Amalgamated Sugar Factory Employee Benefit Fund, known as TASCO, was born. It is a completely voluntary organization.

Maas, Warr and others realized they had a good thing



Jordan Scott turned 1 year old this month. Mini-Cassia's Amalgamated Sugar benefit fund helped her parents cope with a stressful situation.

going. Some people have boosted their payday donation to \$5 after seeing a relative helped.

"About 60 to 70 percent of our Please see TASCO, Page G2

HOLIDAYS

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Here's a round up of upcoming holiday events

**November 24**  
**RUPERT** — A home lighting display starting at dusk to 10 p.m. Nov. 24 through Dec. 31 will be featured at Jay and Luis Draper's home, 233 N. Meridian. Admission is free.

Thousands of Christmas lights and displays and decorations, many handmade, decorate the home and yard.

**BJHOME** — St. Jerome's Church will host a community Thanksgiving feast from 3 to 5 p.m. in the church hall, 216 2nd Ave. E.

Everyone is invited and it is free. There also will be games and music. Transportation is available by calling 280-2943.

**HAGERMAN** — St. Catherine's Church will host a community Thanksgiving feast from 1 to 4 p.m. in the church hall.

Everyone is welcome. If anyone needs a ride or a home-delivered meal, or has questions, call Carey Crist at 324-8524 or 837-4043, or Betty Wunderle at 837-9178.

**November 25**  
**TWIN FALLS** — Letters from Santa will be available if requests are received by Dec. 1.

Call Hebecka at 732-8202 with the recipient's name, gender and age, new skills they've learned and a phone number. The cost is \$2 and a stamped envelope addressed to the receiver must be supplied. Information may be mailed to Santa's Workshop, in care of 331 Kinttingham Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83401.

Proceeds will help the Xi Alpha Xi Chapter of Beta Sigma Pi support a needy family at Christmas.

**TWIN FALLS** — The 15th annual Christmas in the Nighttime Sky will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Kimberly Nurseries, 2862 Addison Ave. E.

Visiting with Santa, a live nativity scene, entertainment by The Lighthouse Prase

Band and a fireworks display choreographed with music on KIZI FM 95.7 will start at about 7:30 p.m.

A fireworks and chili supper will start at 5:30 p.m.

Admission is a new, unwrapped toy for newborns to age 16. Proceeds benefit needy children of the Magic Valley through the KMTV Christmas for Kids program. Parking is available at the K-Mart/Grocery Outlet parking lots with free shuttles at 5 p.m. Call Sherry Wright at 733-2717 or e-mail to sherry@kimberlynurseries.com.

**RUPERT** — Christmas City USA events will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on the Rupert Square.

Santa Claus will light up the square at 7 p.m. and fireworks will start at 7:30 p.m. Chili and cinnamon rolls will be sold for \$1.50 each, hot chocolate and coffee are 50 cents each.

Children can visit Santa, write him a letter, including their name and address, and he will write back.

The event is sponsored by the Rupert Christmas Lighting Committee with all funds going to the Veterans, lighting and maintenance.

**RUPERT** — The Caring and Sharing Christmas Tree Festival will be held from Nov. 25 to 28 at the Rupert Civic Center, 505 Seventh St.

More than 50 Christmas trees will be on display, along with entertainment, a Teddy Bear Breakfast with visits from Santa, a gala opening luncheon, senior citizens day and social, a gift shop and more. The theme is "Love at Home." For more information, call Pattie Hansen at 436-0481, ext. 255.

A festival gala will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. on Nov. 25 at the Rupert Civic Auditorium, 505 Seventh St. Buypers are welcome from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entertainment will be held after the lighting on the square.

A holiday festival will be open to public until 8 p.m. Nov. 27 at Rupert Civic Auditorium with live entertainment. Admission is free.

Church choirs and religious

music will be played for the public from noon to 5 p.m.

**ELBA** — The eighth annual Christmas in the Country Craft Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 25 to 26 at the Elba Community Building (the old Relief Society Building), 1195 E. 2000 S.

The event will include door prizes, refreshments and rummy gift items.

A choice of a steak or chicken dinner is available for \$12 per person. All proceeds will be used to buy new toys for needy children in the area.

**TWIN FALLS** — A Christmas for Kids fundraising luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Outback Steakhouse.

A silent auction will be available in the morning and lunch will be served at noon by the Three Island Senior Center. Half proceeds will be held throughout the day and Santa will visit at noon.

Local people will perform throughout the day. Proceeds will support the Whitney Summers prescription fund.

Call Lon Shrun at 366-7752, Dorothy Nickels at 366-7760 or Pat McElhitt at 366-7318.

**TWIN FALLS** — A holiday season craft show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Nov. 27 at the Shilo Inn, 1586 Blue Lakes Blvd. Admission is free. Local crafters will have items on display.

**RUPERT** — Thanksgiving dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at Rosetta Assisted Living, 1919 Highland Ave.

The dinner is open to the public. Family members eat free with residents. The public is invited. The cost is \$2 for non-family members.

For more information, call 677-5451.

**BURLEY** — Santa Claus will arrive aboard a fire engine at Centennial Park.

Santa will give each child a small treat bag. Free movie tickets will be given to children age 10 and younger for the 2 and 4 p.m. showing of "Elf" at the Burley Theatre. Tickets for anyone older than 10 will cost \$3.

**November 28**

**RUPERT** — A senior social will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. and open to the public from noon to 8 p.m. with live entertainment at the Rupert Civic Auditorium, 505 Seventh St.

Free refreshments will be provided to seniors.

**November 30**

**TWIN FALLS** — The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Festival of Trees Gala will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. followed by a gourmet dinner and live auction at the former Anderson number building, 960 Eastland Drive.

A silent auction will be held on all decorated trees, wreaths and designated holiday items. The event is open until 10 p.m. Live entertainment will be provided by Celtic Fire. Tickets, which are \$100 each, are available by calling 737-2480. Table reservations are available in groups of 10 or more.

Auction items include a diamond bracelet, trip to Ireland, Carnival cruise, a motorcycle, an all-terrain vehicle and more.

**BURLEY** — Advent worship services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 at Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave.

A soup and sandwich supper will be held at 6 p.m. before each service.

**BURLEY** — The annual Festival of Trees will be held will start.

The gala event will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Snake River Plaza and include dinner, music and a preview of the trees. A silent auction on the trees will also begin that evening. The theme is "100 years of Christ-

mas." The festival will be open to the public Dec. 1 to 3.

Proceeds go to the Cassia Health Care Foundation and Cassia Regional Medical Center volunteers.

Tickets are \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance by calling Ben Stevens at 678-0968 or Pat Hansen at 878-5693.

A special viewing for senior citizens and physically challenged for the Festival of Trees will be held at 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 1 at the Snake River Plaza.

The Festival of Trees will be open to the public from noon to 9 p.m. and will include entertainment, holiday kitchen, baked goods and holiday stores in addition to viewing the trees.

The cost is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

The theme is "100 years of Christmas" and the event is sponsored by Cassia Health Care Foundation and Cassia Regional Medical Center volunteers.

**December 1**

**BURLEY** — Children can write a letter to Santa Claus and bring it to the Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave.

Call the library at 878-7708.

**December 2**

**HAGERMAN** — The American Legion Auxiliary craft show will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 2 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Legion Hall, 281 N. State St. No admission charge.

Handmade Christmas decorations, ornaments, stocking stuffers and gifts will be available. There will be a raffle with prizes from the vendors and auxiliary members. Food and drinks will be sold.

**TWIN FALLS** — A holiday artist's reception will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Magic Valley Arts Council's office, 132 Main Ave. S.

Artwork will be on display at the Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art and Contemporary Craft and the Arts Council's Galeria Pequena. Many pieces will be on display through Jan. 29. Demon-

strations by gallery artists, light hors d'oeuvres and live holiday music will be featured. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

**BUIH** — The Juniper Street Farmhouse will be open Dec. 2 and 3, featuring Christmas florals, candles, ornaments and more.

From the spotlight at Broadway Avenue, take Clear Lake Road, go 3/4 mile north and turn right on Juniper Street. The farmhouse is located at the end of the road.

**GOODING** — The 10th annual Gooding Holiday Craft Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 2 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Accelerated Learning Center, 906 Main St.

Free admission charge. Local crafters will have a variety of handmade items for sale. The Wendell Optic Club will provide lunch.

Call Don Moody at 543-5013 or Judy Erdman at 934-9475.

**December 3**

**RUPERT** — Santa will visit children from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 3, 10 and 17 at his home on the Rupert Square.

A mailbox will be available for children to send letters to Santa. If they want a return letter, their name and address needs to be included.

**TWIN FALLS** — The Marad Spa holiday open house will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 706 N. College Road.

Free makeovers, a fashion show, discounts on purchases and a free brunch will be held. Call 736-2763.

**HANSEN** — The community Christmas tree lighting will be held at 5 p.m. at Dixon Park on Highway 30.

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TASCO

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employees are with the program now," Maas said. "I have been told that 81 people have been signed up, to the total of \$122,608. Ten employees have had their monthly insurance premiums maintained for the time that they could not work."

"We don't tell them how they have to spend it," he said. "They can use it for gas, insurance, medical bills, a motel room near the hospital, or just to keep the power bill caught up. When your family is in a crisis, there are a lot of unexpected costs that come up."

This October, the most recent TASCO recipient was the family of 11-month-old Jordan Scott. The tot was born with a rare lung condition and was deteriorating rapidly. Her grandfather, Bill Scott, is an entrepreneur with Amalgamated Sugar, and he requested help for the young Jordan.

Jordan's parents are like most young parents. They have a mortgage, and responsibilities.

"When I was six months along, my placenta tore," said Jordan's mother, Paula Scott. "I spent the last three months trying to keep her."

She and her husband, Steve, did not know that the tiny life she carried came with some problems. Their family doctor, Dr. Wendell Wells, did an ultrasound when Jordan was at 25 weeks gestation, and there was definitely something wrong. Jordan was born, a CAT scan revealed a lung malformation. Dr. Wells referred the family to the University of Utah, where she began having frequent tests. They were told that the condition would either heal or get worse.

When Jordan reached nine months of age, cysts in her lungs began to grow. It was time to intervene.

"We were in Salt Lake for five

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Dee Ann Meador, TASCO board member, said it is sometimes painful to be in the position.

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- 9) The Board shall be elected by a majority vote of the participating members after the first year.
- 10) Any changes of the bylaws will be approved at any of the quarterly meetings by a 2/3 majority vote of the participants.
- 11) Retired contributors shall be able to draw the maximum in fund after retirement, if approved by the board.

of our expenses and one of her medical bills.

"It's people like you who help to ease a little stress in a stressful time. We would like to take this time to say thank you to all who have contributed to this cause. The world could use a few more people like all of you. Jordan is doing great and on the road to a full recovery. Again, we want to say a very grateful thank you to you all."

"Sincerely, Steve, Paula and Jordan Scott."

It was Jordan playing with her toys to see what Amalgamated employees have done.

Alaska's Best

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word has gotten around. There will be about 14 helpers working alongside the Andersons again. Most are family members. There are nice, pour lemonade, coffee and water. Leonard Martin will probably wash dishes, and his wife's famous pumpkin cake will be set out alongside the trays of Jell-O. Cathy's kitchen on the Rupert Square is making fresh rolls. The giant turkeys will be roasting alongside the yams at Minidoka Memorial Hospital, where chef Jeff Ströhlemer will also carve them. Rupert's Mayor, Audrey Neiverth, has brought all the Cool Whip.

Max Babbel plans to deliver meals to shut-ins and folks who can't get away from work, such as policemen and some county workers. Lou McInryne will pick up those who don't drive. A couple of nieces will act as greeters and another will answer the phone and serve as dispatcher.

"They set the meal up cafeteria style, with people choosing their favorite foods."

In other words, the meal of Thanksgiving has outgrown the original four people who began it.

"We put all our tables in long rows, and put extra chairs around the sides of the room so people don't have to stand in line," Deb Anderson said. Her husband added, "Believe it or not, we serve all those people here in our little place."

One charity that will receive this year's funds is the Relay For Life. American Cancer Society holds a special place in the Andersons' hearts. Deb is a melanoma survivor. Several other family members have had cancer as well.

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Events

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The event includes music, fireworks, free chili, hot chocolate, coffee and a visit from Santa. There is no cost, but donations to the East End Providers are accepted and donors will receive a star to hang on the tree.

**TWIN FALLS** — The Holiday Memory Tree will be lit at 7 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park, 2296 Kimberly Road.

Sunset Memorial Park, White Memory and Reynolds Funeral Chapel are decorating a tree with ornaments to honor the memory of loved ones and members of the military serving away from home during the holidays.

The cost is \$5 for each ornament. Luminary bags with the names will be displayed and lit during the tree lighting service. All proceeds will benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Magic Valley. Duplicate ornaments may be ordered because ornaments placed on the tree in the park will not be returned. Call Courtney at 733-5743 or Kevin at 733-6600.

**BURLEY** — The annual Christmas Film and Turkey Fun Show will be held at 10 a.m. at the Century Cinema 5.

Admission to one of two family films showing is one or more cans of food. Food collected will be donated to the Magic Valley Christmas Council. Proceeds from concession sales will go to Coats for Kids.

**OKALEY** — The Okaley Valley Arts Council annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3 to 4 at the Howell Opera House in Okaley.

The event is free and open to the public. Tribute will be paid to service men and women who are away this holiday season.

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls Gun Club Turkey Fun Shoot will be held at 11 a.m. at the north end of Washington Street.

Proceeds will benefit the Christmas for Kids program. Turkeys, hams and gift certificates will be awarded. Shoot and guarantee cards will be available. The event is designed for all age groups and abilities. Call 734-0639.

December 4

**KIMBERLY** — The East End Community Christmas Concert will be held at 6 p.m. at the Kimberly Nazarene Church, 600 Polk St. E.

The night of Christmas music will be performed by East End Community churches. The public is welcome to the free event.

December 6

**TWIN FALLS** — Head Start parent's night out will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 6 and 2 to 5 p.m. Dec. 10.

Head Start will watch children ages 2 and older for 55 percent of the cost at 296 Falls Ave. W. Children can be dropped off at 296 Falls Ave. W.

December 8

**KETCHICUM** — The Wood River Festival of Trees will be held at the neoStage Theatre, 120 Main St.

The festival will begin with a gala from 7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 8 with drinks and hors d'oeuvres, music and a live auction. The cost is \$25 each.

An alternative holiday gift fair will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 9. Refreshments will be served and the event is open to the public.

A teddy bear breakfast with Santa and a magic show will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 10. The cost is \$7 each. A winter wonderland gingerbread house building event will be held from 12:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Dec. 10. The cost is \$5 per child, adults are free.

For reservations or to volunteer, call 788-3468.

**GOODING** — The Gooding County Medical Hospital Foundation

Festival of Trees will be held from 8 to 7 p.m. Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 10 and noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind Round Building on 14th Avenue West.

Admission is \$2 for ages 5 and older. A gala opening and silent auction will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 8. The cost is \$20 per person.

A luncheon and style show will be held at 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m. Dec. 9. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the hospital or the College of Southern Idaho Northside Center.

A children's workshop and visit with Santa will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 10. A live cooking demonstration and tasting class of holiday recipes will be presented by Jake and Jane Rice of Hagerman Dec. 10. Tickets are \$10.

Entertainment will be provided by community and church choirs from noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 11.

Proceeds will go to the foundation. Call Cynthia Hoekstra at 934-5760.

**BURLEY** — The fifth annual Community Nativity Celebration will be held from Dec. 9 to 10 at the Burley West State Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Historical Ave.

The free event includes a viewing of nativity sets from all over the world, live musical groups, works of art, children's activities and live nativity scenes inside and out.

Senior citizens can come to the event from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and it will be open to the public from 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 9. The event will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 10.

People can bring their nativity sets to the church between 4 and 8 p.m. Dec. 8. Security will be provided.

December 9

**BURLEY** — The Nutcracker will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9 and at 2 p.m. Dec. 10 in

the King Fine Arts Auditorium.

General seating is \$10. Senior citizens are \$8. Reserved seating may be obtained by calling 678-4117. Reserved seating and patron seats are \$13 and \$15 respectively.

**TWIN FALLS** — A 2005 cabinet making/woodworking show and auction will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 9 for viewing Dec. 9 and 1 to 9 p.m. Dec. 10 for viewing and bidding in the Rick Allen room at the Herrett Center.

December 10

**GOODING** — The third annual Christmas Home Tour will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for everyone age 10 and older.

Local homes, decorated for the holidays, will be toured. Tickets, which are \$5, come with maps and people can start at any home they choose. The tour will end at the Gooding Hotel Bed and Breakfast. Refreshments and door prizes will be available.

Tickets can be purchased at Phil's Flowers, Gayle Jo's, Wilson Bates or the College of Southern Idaho Northside Center in Gooding. Proceeds will benefit the Gooding County Historical Society.

**BUHL** — Buhl High School choir will go caroling after the Buhl Night Light Parade.

Cocoa and cookies will be served at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., after the parade, then the select and jazz choir will lead songs. Admission is free.

**BUHL** — The Buhl Arts Council holiday open house will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St.

Festive decorations, exhibits by regional artists and holiday treats will be available. Admission is free.

**HEROME** — The Jerome Senior Center craft show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at

212 First Ave. E.

Handmade crafts and lunch with a potato bar will be available. Proceeds will go to the senior center. Call Ada at 324-5642.

**TWIN FALLS** — Café Mocha, 591 Addison Ave. W., is having a fundraiser. Local businesses have donated items to be raffled during the day. Proceeds will purchase toys for KMYT's Christmas for Kids program. Call Tuih Neil at 736-2003.

December 11

**TWIN FALLS** — "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will be held at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. No admission charge.

Local young people will perform in a skit based on Barbara Robinson's book.

**TWIN FALLS** — "Not a Silent Night" will be held at 6 p.m. at the First Assembly of God, 189 Locust St. N.

Young people will present a virtual real life musical and it is free of charge.

**TWIN FALLS** — The Junior Club 16th annual holiday home tour will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. to benefit Camp Itainbow Gold and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Tickets are \$8 each. Children and adults ages 8 and older are welcome. Tickets are available at Elements Day Spa and Le Duke Salon, Everybody's Business, Inspired Living, Java Jungle, Kelley Garden Center, Kimberly Nurseries, Kurts Pharmacy and Hallmark, Little Red Hen, Red Dots or any of the homes on tour. Gene and Donna Schultz, Joe and Dena Brooks, Sam and Suzanne Holian, Matt and Tammy Harr, Chris and Kaylin Hickman, Al and Trace Nickley, Danny and Sherry Marona and Robert and Mariann Griffith.

Pre-sale ticket drawings will be held for a holiday home tour package, which includes a lun-

chne dinner around the tour for the winter and seven guests, a spa package and dinner for two. Tickets must be purchased by Dec. 2 to be entered into the drawing. Call Andrea Huff at 736-7616 or Jennifer Clay at 732-0889.

December 13

**TWIN FALLS** — The Agape School Christmas program will be held at 7 p.m. at 181 Morrison St.

Agape School and child care children will present a Christmas program free to the public. Call Julie May at 734-3693.

December 14

**TWIN FALLS** — Ballet Idaho performs "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium, 315 Falls Ave.

Local dancers will perform and 50 local children will play baby mice, angels and flowers.

Tickets are \$10 for students and children and \$18 for adults. Tickets can be purchased by calling 732-6280.

December 15

**RUPERT** — The Minico High School Band holiday concert will be held from 7:30 p.m. in the Minico High School auditorium.

The concert will feature the Minico High School Concert Band and Jazz Band playing a wide range of holiday music.

**HURLEY** — Cassia Regional Medical Center's International Health Care Hospice will hold its annual Lights for Life Ceremony at 7 p.m. in the foyer of Cassia Regional, 1501 Hilland Ave.

Jaque Lee and Friends, with special guest, Stephanie Lucas, will perform. The ceremony is a remembrance of loved ones who have died or someone people would like to honor. Individuals, families and businesses can make tax-deductible donations to purchase an ornament in the name of

their loved one. Donations will help provide funding for volunteer training, medication, clothing, transportation and other critical needs.

The event is open to the public.

Donations can be sent to: MC Hospice, Cassia Regional Medical Center, 1501 Hilland Ave., Suite 13, Burley, ID 83318.

December 16

**HEROME** — The Life Church of the Magic Valley is having a "Christmas Through the Ages" at 7 p.m. Dec. 16, 17 and 18 at the Messersmith Building at the fairgrounds. The event is free, but donations are accepted.

All proceeds will go to the American Red Cross of Idaho. Tickets are available by calling 324-5076 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday. There is limited seating and guests must have a ticket.

**HEROME** — The second annual Procrastinator's Sale will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 16 and 17 at 219 Main Street.

Admission is free. Arts and crafts by local designers will be sold. The event is sponsored by the Lion's Gate Gallery in Herome.

**BURLEY** — Santa will visit the Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., for story hour.

He will arrive from the North Pole at 10:30 a.m. and will read stories to children. This is for all pre-school children.

For more information, call 878-7708.

December 18

**WENDELL** — A Christmas concert and nativity will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 650 N. Idaho.

The church choir will sing traditional Christmas hymns free to the public at 8 p.m. The free Christmas nativity display will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. About 100 sets will be on display.

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 Saturday, Dec. 3 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. • Sunday, Dec. 4 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
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HOLIDAYS

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## FANTASY FASHION LEAGUE FURNISHES RED-CARPET RIVALRY

By Elizabeth Wellington  
Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Erica Salmon invented the Fantasy Fashion League and launched it this fall to be a stylish solution to the plight of the football widow.

A mother of two who lives in Pitman, Pa., Salmon launched the online game two months ago. And already, thousands of women have formed leagues and started to play. The site, www.fantasyfashionleague.com, averages 2 million hits — some from as far away as Turkey — a month. It's a fact not lost on the fashion world, which immediately realized the promotional potential and turned Salmon into the latest "Mrs. It."

"We believe there is a chance that this could take off like a craze," said Amy Ford Keohane, vice president of development for InStyle magazine, who is developing a promotional partnership with the Fantasy Fashion League.

Essentially, Fantasy Fashion League is a girly version of fantasy football, which has been around for more than a decade.

"It's overwhelming how it's struck a chord with so many women. They are having fun and I think that's awesome," Salmon said.

Each player has a roster of designers and celebrities that make up the players' team. There are six teams in a league. Players log points for celebrity and designer sightings in three categories: red-carpet events (such as the Oscars); daily trade publications (basically Women's Wear Daily and InStyle.com); and 15 monthly fashion magazines.

Each person pays \$18 to play. You can let the computer draft your team, or if your league needs in person, you can haggle over who gets whom.

The game began with the Emmys, which aired on Sept. 18, and runs till the season finale of the Academy Awards on March 5. For example, players searched for points during Tuesday's Country Music Awards. Down the road are the sure-to-be-memorable People's Choice Awards and the Golden Globes.

You can form a league at any time, since everyone computes within their own league.

Also, if players don't like the way their selections are performing, they can drop and add team members on Fridays.

The strategy is to choose people who are hot, so it helps to know who has a movie coming out, which celebrity is launching a clothing line, or who the prime-time darlings are.

It doesn't matter if you think Teri Hatcher is too skinny; snubbing and slyly, if the stringbean has the potential to get you points because she and her "Desperate Housewives" crew are everywhere, pick her.

Celebrities and models with major endorsements are golden, too. That's why when Kate Winslet got dropped from H&M and Burberry, FFL players erased her from their teams. Celebrities most likely to be on the cover of magazines are hot commodities, too. That explains the wars over Oprah.

Bernadette Lawler, 29, owner of Mixed Company, an art and home furnishings store in Philadelphia, is in a league that convenes every Friday at Tony, an Old City Philadelphia boutique, for martinis and good chitchat.

The game is fun for her on several levels. In addition to getting together with girlfriends, she studies the publicity strategies of the stars.

"As a businessperson, I'm interested in results," Lawler said. "I want to understand how the publicists get them the publicity. It's about more than the points. It's about how they get them."

Salmon is learning something about publicity, too. Since she put the game online, she's been fielding calls from luxury shoe companies and spas vying for a promotional shout-out on her pink-wrapped Web site with its shopping-friendly 18-to-45-year-old audience.

InStyle.com is planning to offer a free trial to potential players in January, and AOL Time Warner will promote it on its Web site.

League winners will compete for a shopping spree at Zappos, an online shoe store.

California-based shoe designer Taryn has to sponsor a party at her West Coast boutique on the Friday before the Oscars for a chosen league. The following night, Rose will take the league as her guests to an exclusive pre-Oscar event.

"It's an opportunity to get to know and be



Bernadette Lawler, from left, Erica Salmon, Glinne Earle and Jane Hall discuss their Fantasy Fashion picks at Tony, a vintage clothing store in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Salmon launched the online Fantasy Fashion League, a celebrity-sighting game, a woman's version of fantasy football.

known by a captive audience that's willing and interested in fashion," Rose said.

It's hard to believe that all of this came from Salmon's need to get back at her husband, Neil, and she's just written a book called "The Mommy File," to be published in the spring, also by Andrews McMeel.

"I launched the game, Salmon hosted a party at Tony with flashing cameras and red carpet. Two years ago, Salmon covetore a coffee-table book, "Doggma" (Andrews McMeel, \$14.95). And she's just written a book called "The Mommy File," to be published in the spring, also by Andrews McMeel.

"We courtaged a team called the Bulldogs and he fired me because I made him draft Eddie George (all-time leading rusher for the Tennessee Titans) as running back," said Salmon.

"The George was really cute and he'd just gotten married. I reasoned that he was in love and he'd have a great season. But it was his worst season ever. So, my husband fired me."

Salmon developed FFL in the spring, testing it on a network of friends and family. At first Neil rigged up an Excel spreadsheet to help her chart the points. But that got out of hand, so Neil researched fantasy football sites online and found a program written by a Valley Forge-area company, HotLeague. The Salmons licensed the software and hired Visual Solutions, a Web development company in Merion, to "pink it up."

That's just the kind of thing Salmon likes to hear.

# For your holiday table, look for young wines

By Ben Gillberti  
Special to The Washington Post

The right wine choice for the Thanksgiving bird is easy — white or red. What really matters is not the color, but the style. To stand up to not only the turkey, but the yams, cranberry sauce, stuffing and all the other fixings, the wine has to be bold and beautiful. Because the guest list may be long, the wine should also be priced to please a good-sized throng.

Fortunately, the bounty of the Thanksgiving harvest is matched by the largess of recent wine vintages around the world. While there is a time and place for mellow old wines from the cellar, Thanksgiving isn't one of them. The bounteous fruit of younger wines matches better with turkey and the trimmings, and younger wines tend to cost less, too.

If you have enough glassware, serve both red and white, or to offer guests their choice. Reds should be served at cool room temperature. Remove whites from the refrigerator about 15 minutes before serving so the flavors are not numbed. Fill the glasses no more than halfway to let the bouquet expand.

Take this list with you to the store. No store will have every wine, so be open to alternatives. All are highly recommended. Prices are approximate.

### WHITES UNDER \$20

Grange des Rouquette 2004 Marsanne-Viognier Blanc (\$9-10; K&R Selections): In this wine, the exotic aromatics of the viognier interplay with the soft fruit of the marsanne grape with great panache.

Chateau Ste. Michelle Semillon Columbia Valley 2003 (\$9-11; NDC): Though often overlooked in favor of sauvignon blanc, Semillon, the other white grape of Bordeaux, is plush and honeyed. This lightly oaked example from Washington state is delicious.

Chapoutier Cotes du Rhone White

Belleruche 2003 (\$11-\$13; Paterno): Celebrity winemaker Michel Chapoutier can't hide that his true passion is white wine, whether it be the Ermitage White L'Ermitie 2001, which sells for \$300, or its peach-scented Cotes du Rhone blanc, which goes for \$12.

Beninger Alluvium Blanc Knights Valley 2003/2002 (\$17): This barrel-fermented blend of sauvignon blanc and Semillon is an eye-opener, similar in style and quality to more expensive new-wave blonds from Pessac-Leognan in Bordeaux. Impressive.

Fugel et Fils Gentil 2003/2004 (\$11; Frederick Wildman): A blend of Gewurztraminer, pinot gris, Riesling, sylvaner and muscat, this telegraphs the bold fruit of Alsace's recent vintages.

Chateau Grande Cassagne 2004 Marsanne-Roussanne (\$10; Kacher Selections); Chateau Grande Cassagne 2004 Hippolyte Prestige Blanc (\$12-\$13; Kacher Selections): Both are complex and racy. The Hippolyte offers more concentration from older vines and is finished with a luxurious dollop of new oak.

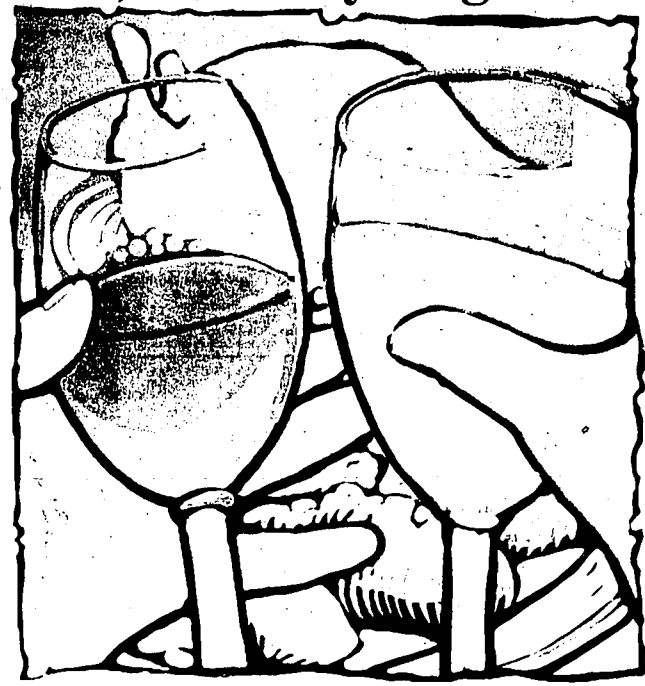
Cantina Terlano Alto Adige Classico Terlaner 2003/2004 (\$17; Washington Wholesale): Fascinating blend of pinot bianco and chardonnay, with 10 percent sauvignon blanc adding edging aromatic.

Lungarotti Torgiano Torre di Giano 2004 (\$19; Paterno): Great style in this wine, which combines flinty notes of the Umbrian soil with the bold flavors of traditional Italian grapes.

Ferrari-Carano Winery 2003/2004 Fume Blanc Sonoma County (\$15; NDC): Prestige at a fair price, the entry-level Ferrari-Carano fume blanc (another name for sauvignon blanc) is vivacious and fruity.

### REDS UNDER \$20

Sebastiani Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2004/2003 (\$16): Silky smooth and Please see WINES, Page G7



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**AROUND THE TABLE TODAY ...**

**Have you heard the one about the bad joke?**

By Doug Wozniak  
Knight Ridder News Service

"Tell me if you've heard this one: This grasshopper walks in to a bar and the bartender says, 'Hey, we've got a drink named after you.' The grasshopper says, 'Really? You've got a drink named 'Steve'?'  
(insert rim shot here)  
"There's nothing like a good joke. And that was nothing like a good joke."  
(insert rim shot here)  
Seriously, knowing how to tell a joke is a useful skill.  
In a wide range of circumstances — from delivering a speech to breaking the ice in social settings to amusing the family around the Thanksgiving table today — starting with a joke can loosen things up and relieve tension.  
Here are some tips:

**Know your audience:**

Using your favorite dumb-bland joke as the intro to your speech at the blond feminist Bocket Scientists and Brain Surgeons convention is a bad idea.

Which leads us to our next point ...

**Know what's appropriate:**

Laughter is a great healer. A good joke can break down communication barriers and put people at ease.  
An offensive joke can create tension and break down communication.  
It's important to understand that not everything is funny to every person.  
Err on the side of caution when telling a joke, especially if you don't know your audience well ...

**Know your limits:**

Some people excel at longer narrative jokes; others are better off sticking to knock-knock jokes. If you're not a natural storyteller, shorter jokes are probably more your style.

**Remember:**

Nothing kills a joke quicker than to tell it twice. "But wait, that's not it. OK, let me start over. I think I've got it now..." It doesn't matter if you're David

Letterman; one false start and your joke is dead.

**Set it up:**

In the set-up you provide the information necessary to make sense of the punch line, thus making the punch line funny. Consider this example from the Web site www.finetuning.com:  
"An usher at a movie theater is walking down the aisle and sees a guy sprawled out on top of three seats. The usher says, 'Sir, it's really quite rude of you to take up three seats. That's not the way we behave around here. Where'd you come from, anyway?'"

"The guy looks up at the usher and says 'The balcony'."  
(insert rim shot here)  
Don't get bogged down in details. In the example above there's no need to include information about what movie is showing or what the usher and the guy are wearing. Also, don't give too much information away in the set-up. If, in the example, you mention that the guy is sprawled out on the seats lying under the balcony, the punch line will lack punch.

**One more tip:**

Use the present tense in your setup. "A horse walks into a bar..." not "A horse walked into a bar..." Nobody knows why this makes jokes funnier. Scientists are currently studying it.

**Timing is everything:**

Pause ever so slightly before delivering the punch line. Then deliver it in an abrupt, casual manner. Which brings us to our next point ...

**Never laugh at your own joke:**

Especially while you're telling it. Fail to all jokes is the announcement beforehand that the joke about to be told is "The funniest thing you've ever heard."

So, tell me if you've heard this one: A horse walks into a bar. And the bartender says "Why the long face?"  
(insert rim shot here)

Sources: www.finetuning.com, www.who.com, www.budmontgomery.com

**Calendar**

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December 20**

**BURLEY** — The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra Christmas concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Paiko Ave.  
Tickets are available in advance from Welch Music and Book Plaza in Burley and the Book Store in Rupert.  
The cost is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students, \$2 for seniors and \$7 for families.

**December 24**

**TWIN FALLS** — Calvary Chapel's candlelight service will be held at 10 p.m. at the corner of Falls Avenue East and the road to Shoshone Falls.  
Jamie Theitten will perform at the free event.

**BURLEY** — A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at 8 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave.

**December 25**

**BURLEY** — Christmas Day worship services will be held at 10:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave.

**December 31**

**BURLEY** — The Burley Centennial Celebration Last Night celebration will be held at 6 p.m. at Centennial Park.

The event will include a closing ceremony and the passing of the "100" centennial lighted sign to the Rupert Centennial Committee to help kick off Rupert's centennial celebration.

**RUPERT** — The opening gala for Rupert's 100-year celebration will start at 7:30 p.m. at Minico High School.

The cost is \$5 for adults and children age 18 and younger are free. Tickets are available by calling 312-1556 or 436-3982.

The theme is "Hats Off to Rupert." A centennial proclamation will be read and dignitaries will be honored. There will be entertainment, dancing to live music, refreshments, a booth offering centennial memorabilia and an ongoing slide presentation of historic pictures.

Contests will be held for the best masochist and hat. A swing dance contest is also planned. Lessons are offered to anyone high school age or above. For more information, call 436-5823.

Tin hand-painted 6- by 8-foot backdrops depicting the historic district of Rupert will surround the auditorium. Family entertainment will be held throughout the evening. A balloon drop is planned and an outside fireworks display will be held.

Special invitations have been sent to the members of Bravo Company who will be honored at the event.

**Wendell Holiday Events**

**CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK - DEC. 3RD AT 6:30 P.M.**  
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• **Rosetta Assisted Living**, 1919 Hilland Ave. in Burley, has set up an Angel Tree which will be at the center through Dec. 15. The community is invited to come chose and ornament to "adopt" a resident for the holidays by buying them a Christmas gift. For more information, call the center at 677-5451.

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"Gift of Giving" food sales are available in all Smith's stores Nov. 1 through Dec. 17. Items will then be tallied and sent by case lots to the partner food banks from Smith's warehouses in Layton, Utah and Tallson, Ariz., to arrive in time for Christ-

mas. Smith's stores in Idaho will select a local food bank to receive the products purchased in their stores.

For more information visit [www.smithsfoodanddrug.com](http://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com) or [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com).

- Gifts of Love is holding parties at the following care centers and welcomes gift donations. Dec. 12: St. Benedicts Care Center at 2 p.m. and Mountain View Care Center at 7 p.m.
- Dec. 13: Snake River Rehab at 2 p.m. and Bridgeview Care Center at 7 p.m.
- Dec. 14: Gooding Care Center at 2 p.m. and Sunbridge Care Center at 7 p.m.
- Dec. 15: Shoshone Care Center at 2 p.m. and Twin Falls Care Center at 7 p.m.
- Dec. 16: Burley Care Center at 2 p.m.

For more information, call 734-9671.

• **Valley Community Helpers** are accepting applications for

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Applications are available at U.S. Bank, 225 Main, and the Lakeview Apartments, 856 S. 1900 E., both in Hazelton, or the Silver and Gold Senior Center, 210 E. Wilson in Eden. Applications are due by Dec. 9. Food baskets will be delivered Dec. 17 at the Silver and Gold Senior Center. Food or monetary donations for the baskets can be dropped off at the U.S. Bank in Hazelton.

For more information, call Diane at 629-5441.

• **East End Providers** are holding its annual drive for new toys, food and monetary donations to be included in holiday baskets.

Donations may be mailed to Box 4, Kimberly, ID 83341. Applications for baskets can be picked up at the Kimberly Kut and Kurl, 215 Main N. or by calling 423-4496. The deadline for

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Male: XL flannel shirt, socks, aftershave, beef stick.

Female: Medium jogging suit, medium shirt, 6 and one-half size slipper, size 7 underwear, socks.

Female: Large shirt and pants, underwear size 28 and one-half size slippers, thin socks.

Female: Pants size 20 elastic waist, 2XL blouse, 10 underwear, size 7 slippers.

Female: Large shirt, pants size 14 to 16, size 8 and one-half slip-

per, size 7 underwear, socks.

Female: 2XL blouse, pants size 18, size 9 and one-half shoe, socks, size 9 underwear.

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• **Safe Harbor** needs help with providing five Saturday lunches to the needy. Small Christmas gifts to give to those attending lunches are also appreciated. Saturday lunches are normally provided by various churches, an area restaurant, and local organizations. However, during the holiday season, lunches will be provided by Safe Harbor.

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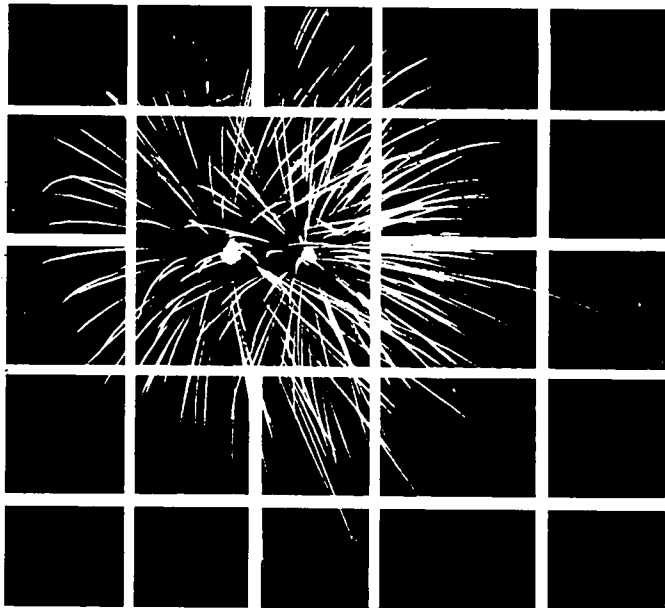
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**Television**

1. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
2. "Desperate Housewives," ABC.
3. "NFL Monday Night Football: Indianapolis Colts at New England Patriots," ABC.
4. "Without a Trace," CBS.
5. "Lost," ABC.  
(From Nielsen Media Research)

**Film**

1. "Chicken Little," Disney.
2. "Zathura," Sony.
3. "Derailed," Weinstein Co.
4. "Get Rich or Die Tryin'," Paramount.
5. "Jarhead," Universal.  
(From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

**Hot 5**

1. "Run It!" Chris Brown, Jive.
2. "Gold Digger," Kanye West feat. Jamie Foxx, Roc-A-Fella.
3. "My Humps," The Black Eyed Peas, A&M.
4. "Soul Survivor," Young Jeezy feat. Akon, Corporate Thugz/Del Jam/DJMG.
5. "Photograph," Nickelback, Roadrunner/DJMG.  
(From Billboard magazine)

**Albums**

1. "The Road and the Radio," Kenny Chesney, BNA.
2. Soundtrack: "Get Rich or Die Tryin'," G-Unit.
3. "Now 20," Various Artists, Sony BMG.
4. "12 Songs," Neil Diamond, American.
5. "All the Right Reasons," Nickelback, Roadrunner.  
(From Billboard magazine)

**Concert tours**

1. Paul McCartney.
2. Eagles.
3. Neil Diamond.
4. Dave Matthews Band.
5. Marc Anthony, Alejandro Fernandez and Chayanne.  
(From Pollstar)

**VHS/DVD rentals**

1. "Star Wars Episode III — Revenge of the Sith (Full Screen)," FoxVideo.
2. "Bewitched," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
3. "Batman Begins," Warner Home Video.
4. "House of Wax 2005," Warner Home Video.
5. "Herbie: Fully Loaded," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.  
(From Billboard magazine)

**VHS sales**

1. "My Little Pony: A Very Merry Christmas," ABC.
2. "Shrek2," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
3. "Shark Tale," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
4. "Dora the Explorer: Dora in the Rescue," Paramount Home Entertainment.
5. "Barbie and the Magic of Pegasus," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.  
(From Billboard magazine)

**DVD sales**

1. "Star Wars Episode III — Revenge of the Sith (Widescreen)," FoxVideo.
2. "Star Wars Episode II — Revenge of the Sith (Full Screen)," FoxVideo.
3. "Herbie: Fully Loaded," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
4. "Office Space: Special Edition (Widescreen)," FoxVideo.
5. "Batman Begins (Widescreen)," Warner Home Video.  
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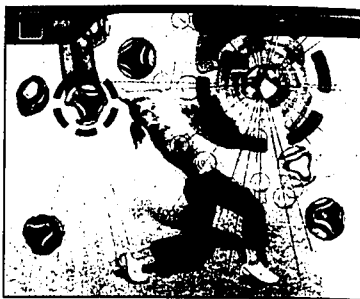
**Top iTunes downloads**

1. "My Humps," Black Eyed Peas
2. "Run It!" (remix featuring Juelz Santana), Chris Brown
3. "Snowdolls," The Pussycat Dolls
4. "Gold Digger," Kanye West, featuring Jamie Foxx
5. "Dance, Dance," Fall Out Boy  
(From Apple Corp.)

**Best-selling books**

1. "A Million Little Pieces" by James Frey (Anchor) (Non-fiction, paperback)
2. "A Feast for Crows" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam Spectra) (Fiction, hardcover)
3. "Light From Heaven" by Jan Karon (Wang) (Fiction, hardcover)
4. "A Series of Unfortunate Events, 12: The Penultimate Penitence" by Lemony Snicket (HarperCollins) (Fiction, hardcover)
5. "State of Fear" by Michael Crichton (Avon) (Fiction, paperback)  
(From USA Today)

## VIDEO GAME REVIEW



AP Photo

In 'EyeToy: Kinetic' a player engages in one of the workout modes. The new video game from Sony Computer Entertainment is a personal fitness trainer for the PlayStation 2.

# Three video games to make you sweat

BY MATT SLAGLE  
 The Associated Press

There's nothing too physically demanding about most video games. A few manufacturers, however, have decided the only proper way to enjoy one is to break a sweat.

A look at a some recent titles where getting off the sofa is a prerequisite to playing:

• "EyeToy: Kinetic" (Rated E, \$49.99, PlayStation 2) — "EyeToy: Kinetic" from Sony Computer Entertainment intends to be a personal fitness trainer for the 21st century, with mixed results. As with Sony's previous EyeToy games, "Kinetic" uses a USB camera peripheral to superimpose an image of yourself on the television screen, tracking your body movements.

Setup was a bit of a chore. It took me a while to properly focus the camera, and I had trouble getting it to consistently track my hands, arms and legs. You'll need plenty of square footage, too. I had to clear out the sofa and coffee table from my living room to make way for all the hanging, kicking and general flailing about.

When "Kinetic" worked as advertised, it was fun powering through the included four "fitness zones," such as combat mode, where you have to punch and kick colored spheres as they

bounce across the screen.

The advice from the male and female digital trainers does go much beyond mundane encouragement like "You're doing great! And without a heart rate monitor or other scientific gauge, I wonder how precise and personalized this sort of training can be.

Though it's going to cost a lot more, anyone who's serious about fitness will probably get more out of a gym membership. "Kinetic" is a good idea if you're looking for a way to break up your existing regimen. At times, I forgot I was getting a decent workout, and that's no easy feat for someone like me, who only runs if I'm being chased.

Two and a half stars out of four.

• "Dance Dance Revolution Extreme 2" (Rated E, \$59.99, PlayStation 2) — Konami Digital Entertainment's America raises its popular dancing game to new heights with "Dance Dance Revolution Extreme 2."

This one left me hunched over and panting after only a few minutes. You play by moving your feet on a special mat to corresponding arrows that scroll on the TV screen. You have to tap the same symbols on the mat at just the right time to do well.

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## Cover story

### Games

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I was huffing and puffing to a mostly electronic collection of music including "Block Rockin' Beats" by the Chemical Brothers.

I wasn't fit enough to do it for more than a few songs at a stretch, but at least I got a great cardiovascular workout. A workout mode even tracks the calories burned as I made an utter fool of myself.

If you're really looking for some fun competition, buy a second mat, invite some friends over and host a truly hilarious dancing grudge match.

Like Napoleon Dynamite, I'm now on some Gatorade-fueled quest to perfect my new dance moves.

I don't think I'll ever have his skills though, so don't look for me on any stage, ever.

Three stars out of four.

• "Guitar Hero" (*Bated I*, \$69.99, PlayStation 2) — OK, so "Guitar Hero" isn't really an exercise game. Unless you're a rock star wannabe like me, who found himself strutting around, head-banging and moshing to the music.

This is the game that will either cure that case of air guitar or make it worse.

"Guitar Hero" includes a stringless plastic guitar which plugs into the PS2 and acts as the controller.

There are five colored fret buttons and a strum bar instead of strings, as well as a whammy bar you can grab to oscillate those long power chords.

The game by Red Octane covers an excellent, if short, collection of some of rock 'n' roll's best guitar pieces, from the killer riff of Black Sabbath's "Iron Man" to more recent numbers by Frank Zappa and Sam 41.

I'm no musician so I started off on the easy mode, where my limited dexterity was still put to test, strumming up the ladder from unknown garage band to stadium-filling supergroup.

It may not have been the workout of "Kinetic" or "DJHR Extreme 2," but prancing around does burn calories, and at least I wasn't slouched on the sofa.

My only complaint was the quality of the guitar, a smallish, plastic number that seems destined to break well before I smash it on the floor in some fit of musical passion.

The connection cord was a bit short for full-on rock sessions, so, I'd like to see a wireless version.

Three stars out of four.



Photo: Steve Bejard

Tim Williams loads firework shells into a launching tube in preparation for the 2001 Christmas in the Nighttime Sky fireworks show at Kimberly Nurseries.

## Come glare at a rocket, help a kid

BY STEVE CRUMP  
Times News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — On the night after Thanksgiving every year, between 5,000 and 6,000 folks betake themselves to the eastern end of Twin Falls to watch a 7:30 fireworks show.

But only about 2,700 of them actually participate in the purpose of the evening: donating an unwrapped toy to be distributed to needy kids at Christmastime under KMYT's Toys for Tots program.

Sherry Wright of Kimberly Nurseries, one of the organizers of the event, would like to see more spectators come inside.

"We get an awful lot of people parking along Hankins Road to watch the fireworks," she said. "I'm sure a lot of them don't come inside because they think it's crowded, but this place is so big that it isn't crowded even when we get all those people in here."

### Park musicfest starts later

**T**he Scorpionist International's annual holiday season series of outdoor concerts, Christmas in Twin Falls City Park, will start a week later this year.

Traditionally, different choirs sing on the four Sundays before Christmas, but this year Christmas in City Park has been delayed back to three Sundays, starting Dec. 4.

Other free concerts are scheduled for Dec. 11 and 18, starting at 5 p.m. in City Park.

Christmas in the Nighttime Sky, organized 15 years ago by former Kimberly Nurseries proprietor Jack Wright and patterned after holiday season events he sponsored in Elko,

New, and in Pocatello, was designed to give families a break during what was then the busiest shopping day of the year — and to make them aware of less-fortunate neighbors by asking them to donate a toy.

The number of toys collected topped out in 1995 at about 3,600, but Toys for Tots has become an industry unto itself just the same, attracting dozens of volunteers to help KMYT and the service organizations it works with sort and distribute toys.

"It's pretty neat to see all the toys piled up," Wright said. "We put them close to the door so everyone can see."

In addition to a 15-minute fireworks show on Friday, there will be a free chili- and Idaho-potato dinner served from 5:30-7 p.m. There's also Santa Claus and a live nativity scene, in addition to entertainment by the Light-house Fraise Band.

The fireworks — which are

touched off in a fallow field across Addison Avenue from Kimberly Nurseries — are choreographed with Christmas music on radio station KJLZ at 7:30 p.m.

Parking is at a premium along Addison and Hankins near Kimberly Nurseries, so three free shuttle buses will run between Kimberly Nurseries and the Kmart parking lot a half-mile to the west until just before the show starts.

Plan to arrive early and take the shuttle. By 5:30 or 6 p.m., the area around Kimberly Nurseries is heavily congested with traffic.

"I meet people who have lived in this area for a while who tell me they've never been the Christmas in the Nighttime Sky," Wright said. "That's a shame; this is a great event."

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# Movies

## Now playing

# 'YOURS, MINE AND OURS'

### TWIN FALLS

#### Twin Cinema

"Chicken Little"  
 "Good Night and Good Luck"  
 "Dances"  
 "Henry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"  
 "The Ice Harvest"  
 "Just Friends"  
 "The Legend of Zorro"  
 "Hairs"  
 "Yours, Mine and Ours"  
 "Zathura"

#### Oshtemo Theater

"Denial"  
 "In the Mail"  
 "Picks and Prejudice"  
 "Saw II"  
 "Walk the Line"

#### Lamphouse Theater

"Grizzly Man"  
 "Saint Ralph"

#### The Orpheum

"Jarhead"

### HAILEY/KETCHUM

#### Magic Lantern

"Chicken Little"  
 "Rent"  
 "Yours, Mine and Ours"  
 "Walk the Line"

#### Big World Cinema

"Henry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"  
 "Just Friends"  
 "Rent"  
 "Walk the Line"

#### Big Screen Cinema

"Capote"  
 "Good Night and Good Luck"

### BURLEY

#### Century Cinema

"Chicken Little"  
 "Henry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"  
 "The Legend of Zorro"  
 "Yours, Mine and Ours"  
 "Walk the Line"  
 "Zathura"

#### Burley Theater

"Fighting"

### JEROME

#### Jerome Cinema

"Chicken Little"  
 "Henry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"  
 "Walk the Line"  
 "Yours, Mine and Ours"

### SHOSHONE

#### Shoshone Showhouse

"Dances"



When Helen (Rene Russo, center), a widow with 10 children, impulsively marries Frank (Dennis Quaid, left), a widower with eight kids of his own, the 18 kids trying to break up the marriage discover that families can't be built in a day in 'Yours, Mine and Ours.'

## Lucy and Fonda were funnier than Russo and Quaid

BY PHILIP MUNTICH  
 The Dallas Morning News

Before seeing "Yours, Mine and Ours," you must examine your inner child. If you're determined to adore each heavy handed gag, relish the story line's utter simplicity and bathe in the glow of its calculated warmth, you may tolerate it. Maybe even more than just tolerate it.

But if you have even the smallest hint of cynicism, beware. The movie is a loose remake of the 1968 surprise hit that teamed Lucille Ball with Henry Fonda. That film actually benefited from good dialogue, most memorably Fonda's definition of love. The new version stars Rene Russo and Dennis Quaid and shows how low our comic standards have fallen. Why strive for good dialogue if a food fight will get faster reflex laughs?

Russo, always an asset, plays Helen, a merry widow who

### Yours, Mine and Ours

Starring: Rene Russo, Dennis Quaid and Lincie Hunt.

Rated: PG (mild innuendo).

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- Twin Cinema
- Century Cinema of Burley
- Jerome Cinema
- Magic Lantern of Ketchum

believes in progressive, positive reinforcement when it comes to her 10 kids. (Four are biological; six are adopted because they were "irresistible.") She also has a menagerie of pets, all accustomed to instant gratification. Quaid plays Frank, a widower Coast Guard admiral, whose eight children accept his military regimen with weary good nature. Once upon a time, Helen and Frank had been high school sweethearts. Sparks fly again

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**Usher In the Mix** (13)  
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**Can You Make the Cut SAW 2** (R)  
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Antonio Banderas Catherine Zeta-Jones  
**The Legend of Zorro** (PG)  
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**Harry Potter Goblet of Fire**  
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 Daily 7:15 - 9:00  
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**Yours, Mine and Ours** (PG)  
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**Zathura** (PG) Daily 7:30  
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Rosario Dawson Taye Diggs  
**Rent The Musical** (13)  
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Ryan Reynolds Amy Smart  
**Just Friends** (PG) Daily 7:30 - 9:45  
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 (R)


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 Joaquin Phoenix Reese Witherspoon  
**Walk The Line** (13)  
 in Stereo Surround Daily 7:00 - 9:35  
 Thurs - Sun 1:00 - 4:00 - 7:00 - 9:35  
 Walt Disney Chicken Little (G)  
 in Stereo Surround Daily 7:10 - 9:00  
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**Yours, Mine and Ours** (PG)  
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# Movies

## Movie nuggets

• **"Capote" ★★★★★** Bennett Miller's dramatic take on the making and breaking of Truman Capote. "Capote" stars Philip Seymour Hoffman as the celebrated author whose "nonfiction novel" made him the most famous writer in America, a millionaire and ruined his life. The movie focuses on the span between Capote's first trip to Holcomb, Kan., following the murders of the locally prominent Coker family at the hands of drifters, Richard Hickock and Perry Smith, and the book's triumphant release six years later. A character study about the moral

compromises writers make, "Capote" explores the effects of the author's ambition and single-mindedness on his relationships and, ultimately, his soul. The film also stars Catherine Keener as Capote's childhood friend, Harper Lee, and Holly Babalon as Wilkie Moore of the "New York." Insightfully drawn by first-time screenwriter (and television actor) Dan Futterman from the biography by Gerald Clarke, "Capote" is a smart, moving portrait of a gifted artist at his best and worst. (1.55) R for some violent images and brief strong language.

• **"Chicken Little" ★★** The first fully computer-animated feature from the Disney Studios is also the first in its animation history to feel entirely generic. A mishmash of conflicting visual elements with a silly "War of the Worlds" alien invasion plot, the film boasts the wiles of Zach Braff and Joan Cusack and not much else. 1 hour, 21 minutes. G (nothing offensive, except for faint, colorful, and somewhat traditional ink-and-paint animation)

• **"Derailed" ★★** Clive Owen and Jennifer Aniston play successful execs who start an illicit affair that turns really, really bad. Fans of the if-you-cheat-you-burn-in-hell erotic thriller might wish to add "Derailed" to their lists, but it may drop there after "Dial M for Murder," "Double Indemnity," "Fatal Attraction" and "Unfaithful." (R sex, violence, profanity, adult themes)

• **"Dreamer" ★★** Dakota Fanning and Kurt Russell star in this charming girl-and-her-horse yarn, in which all sorts of obstacles and busted relationships have to be overcome. Elisabeth Shue, Kris Kristofferson, and a few indie vets add a few beautiful fills to suit. PG (adult themes, profanity)

• **"Flightplan" ★★** During an airline flight, the daughter of a recently widowed woman (Julie Christie) mysteriously vanishes. Foster gives a compelling, tense performance, but the film loses steam in the early PG-13 violence, intense plot material)

• **"Get Rich or Die Tryin'" ★★** Another feature debut of gangsta rapper Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson, three things are indisputable: He has the brooding dynamism that's fundamental to screen stardom, a lucky-in-a-dime director and is considerably less fortunate in his scriptwriter. This saga, reckoned by 50 Cent to be "about 75 percent faithful" to his own dreams to make it big without redemption song. It's strong violence, pervasive lan-

## About the rating system

The ratings in these capsules are by Knight Rider News Service review. 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor  
 gauge, drug content, sexuality and nudity)

• **"Good Night and Good Luck" ★★★★★** George Clooney's resonant, cautionary tale about newsmen Edward R. Murrow and his crusade against Sen. Joseph McCarthy asks timely questions about television's role. Political watchdog or entertainment showbiz? PG (mature themes)

• **"Grizzly Man" ★★★★★** Werner Herzog's unbelievable but true saga of Timmy Treadwell, self-styled scowarder and "Dr. Dooblite to the Alaskan grizzly." (R medical candor)

• **"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" No rating.** Director Mike Newell takes the helm for the fourth entry in the J.K. Rowling series. Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) is surprisingly selected to take part in a prestigious international wizardry tournament and must also land a date for Hogwarts' Yule Ball. Ralph Fiennes comes aboard as nefarious Lord Voldemort. With Rupert Grif, Emma Watson, Jennifer Cochrane, Michael Gambon, Brendan Gleeson, Jason Isaacs, Gary Oldman, Alan Rickman, Maggie Smith and Timothy Spall. Screenplay by Steve Kloves. PG-13 for sequences of fantasy violence and frightening images.

• **"The Ice Harvest" No rating.** John Cusack and Billy Bob Thorton play a pair of Wichita, Kansans who set out to embezzle \$2 million on a chilly Christmas Eve. With Connie Nielsen, Randy Quaid, Oliver Platt and Mike Starr. Written by Richard Russo and Robert Benton, based on the novel by Scott Phillips. Directed by Harold Ramis. R for violence, language and sexuality/nudity.

• **"In the Mix" No rating.** An ultraband New York City indie duo cozy with a Mafia chieftain's daughter. Usher, Emmanuelle Chriqui and Chaz Palminteri star. Written by Jacqueline Zambrano. Story by Chaz and Sara Dellaverson and Brian Rubenstein. Directed by Ron Underwood. PG-13 for sexual content, violence and language.

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Photo courtesy of Sony Pictures Entertainment

Members of the cast of the rock opera 'Rent' sing in a number in the new movie based on the Broadway hit due out this week.

## 'Rent'

BY DAVID GERAMIN  
 The Associated Press

Leaving the world of "Harry Potter" for Manhattan's low-rent district, director Chris Columbus has come up with something well shy of magical.

As he showed with the first two "Rent" movies, Columbus has a knack for making big movies that are far less interesting than their source material. With "Rent," Columbus delivers an elaborately constructed yet unimpressive rendering of the Broadway musical smash about lovers and friends coping with poverty, AIDS and addiction.

While the movie takes some of the action to the streets and balconies alleys and sidewalks, it still feels censored, with no strong sense that the story truly has moved off the stage into the real world.

Columbus has the grandest eye in the world to shoot in, but he has restricted much of the action to a static location. The musical numbers suffer for their duty presentation in this loft apartment of that squatter's lot.

When Columbus does move things outdoors, the settings often look sorely cast. He shows the "hooked" copies of New York streets, even though real and crew did a fair amount of shooting at actual exteriors throughout the city.

The music and lyrics of "Rent" creator Jonathan Larson, who died as the show was going into previews in 1996, are performed with gusto by the cast, most of them veterans of the original Broadway production.

The hard rock arrangements Columbus chose to back the songs are, best, bonny, mechanical instruments borne whose cheesy rhythms are an insult to the passion of the vocals.

A modern update of Puccini's opera "La Boheme," "Rent" centers on a group of bohemian pals and lovers determined to live for art and individ-

## Rent

Starring: Adam Pascal, Anthony Rapp and Rosario Dawson. Rated: PG-13 for mature thematic material involving drugs and sexuality, and for some strong language.

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- Big Wood Cinemas in Healy

ity in a 1980s world of commerce that views their kind as expendable.

Artist Central, where the gang spends much of its time, is the loft of song songwriter Roger (Adam Pascal) and filmmaker Mark (Anthony Rapp), who's perpetually shooting a documentary about "La Vie Boheme," their makeshift lifestyle.

Like James Roger, whose girlfriend contracted AIDS after learning she had AIDS, who has the infection herself, it gradually drains the romance with downstate's neighbor Nina (Rosario Dawson), an exotic dancer addicted to heroin who's also HIV positive.

Mark poses over former girlfriend Maureen (Idina Menzel), a performance artist who has taken a lesbian lover, attorney Joanne (Tracee Thomsen). Love also blossoms for their buddy Tom Collins (Leslie L. Martin), a phish-oph teacher who falls for the sanitar, HIV positive, transcendental street drummer Aggie (Wilson Jermaine Heredia), a fly-by-night who's the show's ringleader on Broadway.

During New York's winter lull in the film, Joanne uncovers a bottle of champagne, looking braced for an eruption of bubble, only to find it burble out in a feeble fizz. That sums up the movie version of "Rent." High hopes, fair results.



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## New on DVD Washington Post synopses of films recently released for home viewing.

Photo from *War of the Worlds*

Tom Cruise is blinded by the light in Steven Spielberg's *War of the Worlds*.

### "War of the Worlds" PG-13

This doesn't really feel like a "movie." Not a big-budget one starring Tom Cruise anyway.

There's a smallness to it, an offhand quality in the way it introduces us to its central characters: New Jersey crane operator Ray Ferrer (Cruise), a divorced screw-up who has agreed to take his kids, Rachel (Dakota Fanning) and Robbie (Justin Chatwin), for the weekend while his ex-wife, Mary Ann (Miranda Otto), goes out of town. Ray is late for the handoff. Mary Ann is angry but used to being let down: the kids are sullen and hungry, and there's no food in the house. Soon, however, the domestic-melodrama quality of the story gives way to a much different, yet no less vertiginous, style of filmmaking, as Ray, Rachel and Robbie's lives are turned, at times quite literally, upside down.

Rearing up without warning from beneath the streets of small-town Jersey, which buckle and break like sugar cookies, the first of the mysterious exterminating machines (or tripods, as they are quickly dubbed) is a sight to behold. And you can't even see it that clearly, what with the dust and smoke and shaky-camera pandemonium swirling all around it. All of which makes it that much more terrifying. What is it? And what does it want? Thirty minutes in, Spielberg's film feels and looks like a documentary about something too awful and too new to even define.

Of course, what it wants is simple. This soon becomes very, very clear, along with the fact that it isn't an "it" but a "them," as Ray and the kids race — in a stolen car at first and then later on foot, after a harrowing encounter with a crazed and homicidal mob — leaves them without wheels — past dozens of

### "The Polar Express" PG

An almost eerie adherence to Chris Van Allsburg's original storybook makes "The Polar Express" feel, at first, like a clinical operation. So what (you think to yourself) if they can perfectly replicate the images in the book with computer graphics? Where's the life? But almost immediately, this movie takes hold of you. Somewhere amid those computer-generated pixels, there is life, liveliness and magic.

Much of that zest comes from Tom Hanks, who plays five of the principal parts. Thanks to a process called performance capture, his movements, expressions, gestures, voice — basically, the whole acting instrument that is Hanks — have been regenerated into digital characters via body-hugging motion sensors. The same process is true for the rest of the ensemble, which includes talented performers Leslie Lieke, Zemeckis, Nona Gaye, Eddie Deezen and Peter Scolari.

The result is almost hypnotic: You are watching perfect representations of live actors, yet they are artificial. There is life in the machine, and machine in these lives. They are moving, beings unto themselves. Dancing in a fascinating intersection between real and computerized. It's as if the bedside book itself became animated, started talking to you, its characters sitting up from the flat page and becoming fully dimensional. Well, indeed, that's exactly what has happened.

A small boy (one of Hanks's six roles, but voiced by Daryl Sabara) is fascinated by the book, well known in the story as Hero Boy, has his doubts about Santa Claus's existence. He can smell the intrigue of his parents, who are doing their best to enlure the kids for the fat man's arrival. Right around midnight of Christmas Day, the boy is stirred

outer space.

"It's not a war any more than there's a war between men and magnets," says Ogley ("Tim Robbins"). He's the slightly — OK, seriously — nutty guy with a gun and a rool carrier who offers refuge to our heroes at the film's halfway point. By now, Robbie has gone missing, and Ray and Rachel quickly start to wonder whether they wouldn't have been safer taking their chances outside than agreeing to hole up in a basement with a fruitcake who fancies himself a member of the

Photo from *War of the Worlds*

Hero Boy ponders a Christmas Day train trip to the North Pole in Robert Zemeckis' "The Polar Express."

by the roar of a train coming to a rumbling halt outside his snow-bounded house. He runs out to investigate. Sees a large black train that has stopped for him. The conductor (Hanks asks him if he's coming aboard. Destination? The North Pole. After a little hesitation, the boy realizes he can't contain his curiosity, nor his desire to remain innocent and to believe. He hops aboard, still in PJ's and slippers.

He meets other children aboard: Hero Girl (Gaye), Know-It-All Boy (Deezen), and, joining them a stop later, Lonely Boy (Scolari). And when he makes a heroic attempt to retrieve Hero Girl's lost ticket on the roof of the moving train, he also meets the ghostly Hobo (Hanks), who rides above and below the train.

They shared experiences, onboard with the benevolent mysterious conductor (who punches individualized messages down their tickets). In the North Pole with Santa and his virtual civilization of helpers, then on the return leg, make a

compelling adventure.

Director Robert Zemeckis, who adapted this with William Broyles Jr., has blazed an inventive path for 20 years with "Back to the Future," "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," "Death Becomes Her" and "Forrest Gump." Here, he has done it again. There are some breathtaking scenes, such as the one in which Hero Girl's lost ticket flies out of the train, then takes a flutery, serendipitous route that includes getting stuck under the wheels, swooping down an arctic ravine and even landing temporarily in a bird's nest before getting sucked back into the train. And there's a wonderful interlude on a frozen scape where the train is confronted by an enormous herd of caribou that simply won't budge. These moments, richly detailed and always surprising, make for a truly satisfying holiday picture, the kind everyone can enjoy, and which may even restore a little lost childhood in many adult viewers. You can't ask for much more.

It's during this sequence that Cruise does some of his best acting. And it comes not when Ray is forced to make a necessary but morally bad decision regarding Ogley, but when Rachel asks him to sing her to sleep, and he realizes, with crushing disappointment, that he doesn't know any lullabies.

This is when it becomes clear that, despite all the special effects and spectacle — and "War" does some spectacular as the story progresses — the movie is at heart a tale of a

grounded and credible, even at its most epic moments.

But as is his wont, Spielberg can't resist stuffing the ending of the movie with a bit too much cheese and baloney.

Despite those quibbles, "War of the Worlds" is taut, gripping and surprisingly dark filmmaking. It earns its not-to-be-underestimated frights the hard way and not merely by boogeymen who jump out of the closet. Like its blue-collar hero, it works for a living.

118 minutes

## Music

## KARAOKE CORNER

## FRIDAY

## Twin Falls

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## Jerome

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## Buhl

Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Ganibaldi's. No cover charge. Ganibaldi's is located at 113 Broadway Ave. S.

## Rapert

Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar, 502 Sixth St.

Moonlight Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is located at 613 Fremont Ave.

## Burley

Miller Time Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Chasers. No cover charge. Chasers is located at 163 West U.S. Highway 30.

## SATURDAY

## Twin Falls

Karaoke with Lone Star Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. The Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

## Burley

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland Ave.

Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. No cover charge.

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## Sound bites: REVIEWS OF RECENT CD RELEASES

Madonna

## "Confessions on a Dance Floor"

Warner Bros Records

Making music that's fun takes hard work. You need air-brone melodies, insouciant hooks and a beat you can't resist. Such were the goals of Madonna's "Confessions on a Dance Floor," now in stores. As every breathing person knows by now, Madonna intends her new CD as a return to the zesty dance pop that launched her. "Confessions" aims to bring back the halcyon days when Madonna whipped every club to a frenzy with hits like "Holiday" and "Into the Groove."

The mandate comes at a telling time. Madonna's last album, the deadeningly literal "American Life," was the first sales boo-boo of her career (barely going gold in America). So, getting back the fun wasn't just a whim—it was a career necessity.

Of course, since we're talking about Madonna, the feat of making terrific dance records wasn't enough. She also has to teach us something. Thankfully, her windy bromides don't kick in until halfway through. And before they do, Madonna delivers such beat-crazed bliss, we can forgive her (almost) anything.

The first three tracks on "Confessions" pump so hard it may take you a while to get beyond them. (I suggest taking as much time as you can.) You already know the single, "Hung Up," a pulsating mangle of Giorgio Moroder beats and Abba-sampled pop that has the boogie-ooogie fever down pat. It's chased by "Get Together," a swirling blur of beats, followed by "Sorry," with a bass line that will drive deejays to distraction.

Other engaging tracks turn up. "I Love New York" not only celebrates our city (at the expense of Paris, London and L.A.), it boasts a hot chord structure recalling Iggy Pop's "New! Wanna Be Your Dog." "Future Lovers" has some of the hypnotic lure of Madonna's "Erotica."

In general, though, the dance styles cooked up by Madonna and DJ Stuart Price here aren't as daring as her earlier work was in its day. While "Confessions" means to balance retro-'70s disco with the future's kind, it lands closer to the former than the latter.



AP/WIDE

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The deeper problem comes when Madonna feels she has given us kids enough fun and it's time for some serious lessons. Starting on track six, the improbably named "Let It Will Be," Madonna sings "Now I can tell you about fame," as if she hasn't told us about it 100 times before. In "How High," she blah-blah-blahs about celebrity culture, a subject she seems to take to heart more than most. And, naturally, it wouldn't be the modern Madonna if she didn't work in a kaballa nod: the inorganic, Hebrew dance cut "Issac."

Whenever Madonna tries to be "meaningful" in this way, she winds up obscuring something far more substantial—the wit, sex and intelligence of great dance music. Only when she's content to deliver that does "Confessions" have the goods to move you.

—Jim Farber  
New York Daily News

Big &amp; Rich

## "Comin' to Your City"

Warner Bros Records

There's nothing fancy about the first-boy party humor of Big & Rich, who electrified Nashville but put it on the defensive with the over-the-top, politically incorrect hit "Save a Horse (Ride a Cowboy)." The duo's new CD, "Comin' to Your City," now in stores, does nothing to turn them into choirboys.

The new album may be the most disjointed record of the year. When the music is bad, it's ludicrous, but when it's good, it shows talent that moves beyond hookum and testifies to the creative freedom gained from selling close to 3 million copies of the duo's debut disc, "Horse of a Different Color."

How do you describe a CD like this new one? The two principals, Kenny Alphin and John Rich, open distastfully with "The Freak Parade" (the lyric goes, "Somebody has got to be unafraid to lead the freak parade"), which may have been funny back in the days of Country Joe & the Fish but is lame now. The shick-filled title

track follows, a shallow country-rock tune with the verse, "If you want a little sing in your zang, if you want a little ching in your chang chang, come along." Huh! A few dumb party songs don't help, such as "Caught Up in the Moment" (about sex on an airplane), "20 Margaritas," and the wretched "Talapeno," a disco knockoff with a lazy rhyme.

There are some diamonds in the rough. "I Pray for You" is a drop-dead gorgeous love song. The aching "Slow Motion" is a soulful look at romantic paralysis. The superb "Bin of November" (with narration from Kris Kristofferson) is a sincere story about a Vietnam survivor. And "Our America," with Gretchen Wilson and Cowboy Troy, is the studio version of the song Big & Rich did with the Boston Topps at the Hatch Shell on July Fourth. It adds up to an inconsistent record, but give them credit for stretching boundaries.

—Steve Morse  
The Boston Globe

Wico

## "Kicking Television: Live in Chicago"

Nonesuch

For some of us, Wico's studio albums have never been able to quite deliver on the all-rock artistry hard-core fans swear is there. Their music's too polite, too mannered, too vague with the lyrics, frankly, a little too dippy to carry the weight those same fans insist on ascribing to it.

All this changed after guitarist Nils Cline joined the band following the completion of its 2004 album "74 Cents is Born." Cline is a noisy jazz player who spent time in such avant-rock groups as the Gerelinde Fibbers, and man, is he a perfect fit. He was the final piece of the puzzle the X Factor, the straw that stirred the songs. Finally, Wico

could unlock their songs' juice and power, which this double-CD stunner does in spades. "Hell is Chrome"/"Handshake Drugs"/"I Am Trying to Break Your Heart" is thrilling and moving, while "Ashes of American Flag" finds its heartbeat and "Spiders" delivers on its motorik potential. Suddenly, they're a modern version of the Band, finding a new, gauri, cosmic American music, full of cranked-up guitar solos, unexpected harmonies, howls of feedback and Glenn Kotche's magnificent drumming. Here's nothing more or less than the 21st century's first truly great live rock album.

—Austin, Texas,  
American Statesman

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# HOW TO DISAPPEAR COMPLETELY

## Phish frontman Trey Anastasio's new beginning

NEW YORK (AP) — In an elevator at the Sony Music offices, two suited men breezily assess a fledgling artist's demo.

"How did you feel?" one asks. "I found it to be well, rather irrelevant," the other replies. "I'm sure she will find a response somewhere." Both evaluations are delivered in clipped British accents.

"I love the smell of commerce in the morning," Jason Lee arrived in "Mallrats." Yes, fall has signed at Sony Records. Decisions are being made, careers and images shaped, marketing strategies assembled, numbers crunched — all the things that the red-haired hipster aberration bopping coolly down the Sony corridors has spent the better part of his career skillfully avoiding.

It seems strange that Trey Anastasio should feel so relaxed in a place like this. Still, he happens to think that Anastasio, and during an interview told — and that anchors his new album, "Shine" — is largely painted atop a year of turbulence.

This is Anastasio's first year without Phish, the band he led in an astounding 20 years of grassroots success, a group consisting of three other college friends with whom he remains "inconceivably close." There's also Anastasio's newfound sobriety and a caustic backlash from a fan adoring fanbase. Anastasio, 41, is finally getting around to what most of his musical heroes have spent careers doing: demolishing a lucrative concept of himself, and discarding all the rules that went along with that identity.

"The guy who was just taking my photograph told me, 'My brother's big fan.' Anastasio says, "I said, 'Oh yeah? Cool!'" Anastasio's smile changes from humor to a wan, slightly wounded bemusement. "Yeah," he goes, "he just wants to have your head."

By the time Phish played its final show, they had like The Grateful Dead, become something more than a band — they were a lifestyle. And for thousands of disillusioned, pseudo-bohemian youths, they were a traveling home, as well as a bottomless vehicle for interpretation. The latter — propounded by fans armed with minute statistics — sharpened as the band's live performances dulled and their audiences veered from the majestic intimacy, atonality and extensive jamming of Anastasio's early



Trey Anastasio jams in the artists' lounge at Columbia Records in New York City.

compositions. "Groups," Greil Marcus wrote in "Mystery Train," are "reflections of community, and the problem with community is that you have to live in it." Phish made their early music at alternative dance, walled up in the backwoods, only to find their inability to reproduce the close upon itself. The fans' problems became their own, particularly Anastasio's.

By 2004, Anastasio was physically and emotionally drained. Gigs in Las Vegas found him looking washed-out and haggard, frustrated by Phish's inability to reproduce the easy moments of the late '90s, and more so by their relative apathy.

In mid-May, the band met to discuss his feeling that Phish had run its course. Key-boardist Page McConnell and drummer Jon Fishman conceded relatively quickly. Bassist Mike Gordon, was more reluctant and the polarity helped create the popular opinion that Anastasio closed the book on Phish himself. This was furthered when the breakup notice on Phish's web site was signed by Anastasio alone.

The backlash was of Lennon/Ono proportions, yet in many ways more visceral and personal because Phish was first and foremost a live act, with an extraordinarily intimate relationship with its fanbase. As all human beings seek blame in the face of tragedy, Anastasio became the man who had taken it away from them.

Anastasio began the summer with a triumphant solo performance at Bonnaroo, Coventry, however, was a disaster. With much of the audience (turning

away due to flooding-related parking and safety problems, many shouldered their camping gear and hiked up to 12 miles, leaving their cars on the side of the highway. Hampered by emotion and spectacle, the band's play suffered. "The Curtain With," the final song Phish ever performed, was played mostly in the wrong key.

For "Undermind," Phish's final album, Anastasio had approached producer Brendan O'Brien, known for the needle-pushing guitar and thumping drums and bass he employed on everything from Rage Against the Machine's "Evil Empire" to Springsteen's "The Rising." O'Brien declined Anastasio's invitation.

In early 2005, Anastasio had begun recording what would become "Shine" when he received a call from O'Brien insisting that he produce it. Anastasio, however, had a tiny 10-day window to record before embarking on a tour. Anastasio suggested that the work with O'Brien on a subsequent project.

"He said, 'Nope. I don't want to do the second record,'" Anastasio recounts, grinning. "I want to do this record with you now.

right after leaving Phish, when you're all hung out on a wire by yourself."

Anastasio packed a bag and flew to Atlanta, where he and O'Brien holed up in the producer's 20-by-20-foot home studio (much the same way, Anastasio points out, that he isolated himself in a cabin to write the tunes set for Phish's 1998 debut, "Junji").

In some respects, "Shine" is the music Phish had been meaning to make with "Undermind." It may as well be said: "Trey Anastasio has made a pop record."

Fittingly, though, the album is most meaningful when it isn't trying so hard to conceal the murkiness that lurks underneath those glossy surfaces. The song "Wherever You Find It" is, in that sense, its crown achievement, a marriage of despondency and perseverance that manages to speak beyond Anastasio's personal soap opera to grander realities which render it utterly meaningful, its chilling piano address and whipsperling intonations shattered to pieces by towering, tormented guitar solos.

Having written with lyricist Tom Marshall over the past 20 years, Anastasio is still coming to terms with being his own lyricist. In Phish's universe, most verses floated in a dreamlike, partially congealed flux, hanging imagery between states of consciousness to complete the music and be completed by it.

On "Shine," however, the lyrics are utterly and sometimes brutally transparent, and as a result, some of the writing slips into potholes of cliché. But like Anastasio, he creates a charm to that the album strives to tell the truth at all costs. It's not the best work Anastasio has ever done, but it's a good, sturdy rock album, provocative in its own way, which is mostly in the sense of brash optimism it exudes despite knowing that it's never been cool to be optimistic. Ultimately, only a music geek could pull off a sentiment like that.

## KARAOKE CORNER

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cover charge. The Riverside is located at 197 W. Highway 30.

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### Rupert

Moonlight Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is located at 613 Fremont Ave.

### Decio

Miller Time Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna. No cover charge. The Big Kahuna is located at 9 E. Main.

## SUNDAY

### Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

## MONDAY

### Burley

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Rendezvous Lounge. No cover charge. The Rendezvous Lounge is located at 109 E. Main St.

## TUESDAY

### Jerome

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### Paul

Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. at the Stampede Bar and Grill. Live dancing will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. No cover charge. The Stampede Bar and Grill is located at 118 E. Idaho St.

## WEDNESDAY

### Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is located at 1826 Colfax.



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# Events calendar

## FRIDAY

**Holiday/Twin Falls**  
The 15th Annual Christmas in the Highways. The event will be held at Kimberly Nurseries, 2862 Addison Ave. Admission is an unwrapped new toy per family suitable for children ages newborn to 16. A free chili and Idaho potato dinner will be served from 5:30-7 p.m. along with visiting with Santa Claus and a live nativity scene and entertainment by The Lighthouse Praise Band. The fireworks will be choreographed with Christmas music on KZJZ FM 95.7 at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit needy children of the Magic Valley. For more information, call Sherry Wright at 733-2717.

## Holiday/Rupert

The Minidoka County Health Care Foundation's Caring and Sharing Tree Festival begins at the Rupert Civic Center. The gala is scheduled from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Holiday decorations are open for public viewing from 5-10 p.m., following by entertainment after the lighting on Rupert Square. Admission is free. The Rupert Civic Center is located at 505 Seventh St.

## Rock/Buhl

Mistress will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at TJ's Lounge. No cover charge. TJ's Lounge is located at 112 Broadway Ave. S.

## Rock/Twin Falls

Rockin' Horse will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Oass. No cover charge. The Oass is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

## Variety/Twin Falls

DJ Kurt Kruger will perform from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Krue's Night Life. Cover charge is \$3. Krue's is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

## Variety/Twin Falls

Pure Country will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

## Country/Jerome

Country Classics will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Snake River Elk Lodge. Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. Everyone is wel-

come. Dinner also will be available from 6 to 9 p.m. The Snake River Elk Lodge is located at 412 E. 200 S. on Highway 93.

## Variety/Twin Falls

DJ West will be featured from 10 p.m. until closing at Phil Eddy's. No cover charge. Ages 21 and older. Phil Eddy's is located at 233 Fifth Ave. S.

## Country/Declo

The Fugitives will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is located at 826 Highway 81.

## Rock/Idaho Falls

Rockapella will play the Colonial Theater at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call (208) 522-0471. The Colonial Theater is located at 489 "A" St.

## Rock/Utah

GWAR and A Dozen Furries will perform at the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$17-can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South Temple.

## Rock/Utah

Trans-Siberian Orchestra will play the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$26-\$50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>.

## Rock/Gooding

Relax the Rock will play from 10 p.m. until closing at the Wood River Inn. No cover charge. The Wood River Inn is located at 503 Main.

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## Planetarium/Twin Falls

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will present "Mysteries from the Depths of Space" at 2 and 4 p.m., "Season of Light" at 7 p.m., and "Steamrolling Through the Holidays" at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

## SATURDAY

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The Minidoka County Health Care Foundation's Caring and Sharing Tree Festival continues at the Rupert Civic Center. A "Teddy Bear" breakfast is scheduled from 9:30-11 a.m. Holiday decorations are open for public viewing from noon to 8 p.m. Admission is free. The Rupert Civic Center is located at 505 Seventh St.

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## FRIDAY

**Yule love it**  
The first of a south-central holiday trees-and-Twinkly festival, this one at Rupert's Civic Center, begins today, with others to follow in Twin Falls and Burley starting Wednesday.

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• **Jakora's**, 1598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Almond-crusted halibut, steaks, pastas, Singapore Swing entrees, \$5.99-\$29.99. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, noon 10:30 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 9 p.m. Jake Jones, owner. 733-8400.

• **Johnny Carlin's**, 1921 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Soups and salads, spicy shrimp and chicken, pastas, and lasagna, \$5.99-\$13.99. Full bar. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Fred Up Inc., owner. 734-4533.

• **Kelly's**, 110 Main Ave. W. — Quarter-pound burgers, soup and salads, \$6.50-\$7.95. Hours: Mondays through Fridays, 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.; closed Saturdays. Kelly News, owner. 733-0466.

• **La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant**, 1288 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Scoring fajitas, tacos, steak and shrimp, \$3.95-\$13.95. Full bar. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Chelo Estrada, owner. 734-0685.

• **Molly's Bagel Bakery**, 1239 Pole Line Road. — Molly-to-go, espresso, bagged lunches with sandwich, chips, cookies, and pop, \$2.75-9.15. Hours: Mondays through Fridays, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Dana Jorg, owner. 735-1118.

• **New China Buffet**, 507 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Crab legs, salmon, sweet-and-sour chicken, pizza, \$5.99-\$9.99. Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; 7:30-12:25.

• **B Beans and a Burrito**, 793 Cheney Dr. — Burritos, chicken chiptole, carne asada, homemade tortillas, \$3.50-\$9.99. Beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Juan Alvarez, owner. 736-3773.

• **Warrior's Castle**, 803 Main Ave. W. — Jack or Jill burger with fries, Fridays

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owner: 734-4154.

baked-chicken with dressing, special homemade noodles, steak, seafood, \$1.95-\$12.95. Hours: Mondays through Fridays, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturdays, 6 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sundays, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Tom and Heidi Collins, owners. 733-9735.

• **Outback Steakhouse**, 1965 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Fresh seafood, steak house burgers, \$7.99-\$23.99. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 4 p.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays, 4 p.m.-11 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 11 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 9 p.m. John Lockhart, owner. 733-4585.

• **Perkins**, 1564 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Pot roast, steak, salmon, \$5.29-\$13.99. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 6 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 6 a.m. to midnight; Sundays, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Mike Nelson, general manager. 736-8417.

• **Phil Eddy's**, 233 Firth Ave. N. — Cajun roast pork, Crawfish Saba, Louisiana oak fish cakes, \$2.95-\$8.95. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11 a.m.; closed Sundays. Frank and Julie Sabie, managers. 735-5141.

• **Freeborn Sports Bar**, 1749 Kimberly Road. — Finger steaks, sandwiches, homemade soups, \$4.95-\$20.95. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. (dining 5:30 p.m.)-10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 4:30-10:30 p.m.; Sundays, 5-10 p.m. Stan Thomas,

owner. 530-10 p.m. Jaime Ponce, owner. 536-5584.

• **Pierisinos Restaurant**, Exit 157 off Interstate 84 — Steak, seafood,

• **Senior Caesar's Royal Restaurant**, 645 Fler Ave. W. — Burgers, Cheesy French dip, chicken broccoli cashew salad, \$4.95-\$9.95. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; closed Sundays. Greg Smith and Tom Olson, owners. 733-9716.

• **Shari's**, 1601 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Steak, seafood, lemon-tilapia salmon, peas, \$7.29-\$12.99. Hours: Open 24/7. Shari's Corp., owner. 734-2110.

• **Skipper's**, 334 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Pre-dusted new halibut basket, cod special, shrimp, \$4.99-\$7.99. Beer. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Jim Kasper, owner. 733-6977.

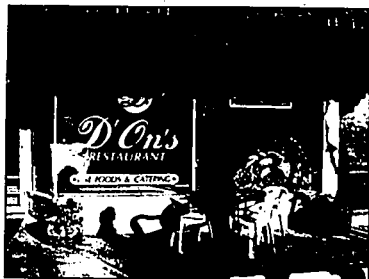
• **Steak Canyon Springs Bar & Grill**, 199 Canyon Springs Dr. — Burgers, Philly steak sandwiches, late-afternoon cod, crispy chicken salads, \$4.29-\$8.99. Full bar. Hours: Daily, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Jay and Terrielle Holstine, owners. 735-9194.

• **Torralba's Macaroni Grill**, 1309 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Steak, pasta, gourmet pizza, \$6.45-\$19.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; closed Sundays. Max Hurlbutz, owner. 735-9100.

• **Tau Restaurant**, 1021 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — General's Tac Chicken, Mongolian beef, crispy pawns, \$4.95-\$11.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Lan Tse, owner. 736-6282.

• **Trattoria**, 1021 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Prime rib, espresso, \$4.95-\$17.95. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Penny and Courtney Hornhorst, owners. 536-6688.

• **Tom and the D'Grazia**, owners. 673-6636.



WILL BATES/THE TWIN FALLS

A passerby strolls by the decorated window of D'On's on Saturday afternoon while shopping in downtown Twin Falls. D'On's occupies the ground floor of the old Twin Falls Bakery Company building, which was built in 1906.

## No neon at D'On's — just good food

BY WILL BATES  
Times News writer

### About D'On's

TWIN FALLS — Hardwood floors, tall ceilings, subdued lighting and good blackened salmon is about as close to culinary nirvana as I need to be. Although I seldom expect to reach the pinnacle of any single dining experience — great atmosphere, service and food — I hit the trifecta recently when I dined downtown at D'On's Restaurant.

The blackened dishes are the muscle of the menu. From the blackened salmon salad (\$8.95) to the blackened chicken wrap (\$7.25) and on to the palate-pleasing blackened halibut sandwich (\$7.95), it's easy to see why blackened offerings top the main menu categories.

But there is certainly more to D'On's. Much more. Like an interesting assortment of affordable appetizers, including Zing Wings (one-half pound for \$5.25), deep-fried veggies, quesadillas, nachos and potato skins. And three sizes of the daily offering of soup, ranging from a little thimble (\$2.25) to a "just got down off the mountain" bread bowl (\$5.49). Need to wash it down?

D'On's has just enough beer and wine selections to allow a quick and reasonable assumption of what will work, unlike some eateries where success is gauged by rows of taps with funky names. And, believe it or

117 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls — Appetizers, specialty salads, wraps, blackened salmon and chicken, burgers, \$4.75 - \$16.95. Mondays through Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fridays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., with live music. D'On Patisier, owner. 733-5716.

not, a good Idaho wine (\$4 per glass) can actually be found in — where else? — an Idaho restaurant! But I digress. For purposes of this review, check my dining partner Jaka wife, Angie) chose the blackened salmon salad, which is described as a "filet of blackened salmon, atop a bed of fresh greens, dried tomatoes and mushrooms, hand tossed in a raspberry, honey mustard dressing topped with fresh mango chutney." Special requests to discard the mushrooms and serve with dressing on the side was politely obliged.

Not to be outdone by the mighty salmon, I chose the blackened halibut wrap, which I described as a tasty tortilla wrap stuffed with tender halibut, mixed greens, cream cheese and vinaigrette and honey mustard dressing — complete with

### WEENDEL

• **El Tapalco**, 88 S. Idaho St. — Fajitas, seafood, \$4.99-\$12.50. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11

### ALBION

• **Sage Mountain Grill**, 255 N. Main — Pizza, pasta, burgers, salmon, rib-eye steak, \$5.90-\$16.95.

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# South-central Idaho dining guide

## HAGERMAN

• **Larry & Mary's Cafe**, 141 State St. — Steak, prawns, chicken fried steak, country style breakfasts, \$7.99-\$17.99. Hours: Tuesdays through Saturdays, 5 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.; closed Mondays. **Larry and Mary Goodwin**, owners. 837-6475.

## HAZELTON

• **Sagebrush Landmark Cafe**, 325 Main — Char-broiled burgers, prime rib, fish and chips, \$3.85-\$16.95. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; closed Sundays. **Karen Lay**, owner. 829-5308.

## HEYBURN

• **Connor's Cafe**, East 208 off Interstate 84 and Idaho Highway 27 — Turkey with homemade dressing, liver and onions, grilled trout, chicken-fried steak, \$3.75-\$14.95. Hours: Open daily, 5:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. **Kelly Worthington, Connie Paszay** and **Karen Fetzer**, owners. 679-9367.

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choice of fries, Tater Tots, snup, or salad.

The service was quick and friendly, not pushy. The presentation was magazine quality, very even and orderly. The salad offered tons of greens, topped with a filleted portion of salmon — and served as specially ordered. The salmon was, by any standard, excellent.

My blackened halibut wrap came as ordered, with the freshest and crisp. The wrap was split evenly in half, with lots of halibut and greens testing the elasticity of a just-cooked tortilla. My vocalized aversion to "would you like some fry sauce?" was met with a bottle of good old Heinz ketchup and a smile. Amazingly, nirvana reached.

Other menu fare that ceased to please included several burgers (\$6.95 to \$7.49), French dip, ham/ turkey or roast-beef sandwiches, low-carb and veggie plates and a limited child's menu. For those with a doggie bag in mind, the garlic sautéed shrimp (\$14.95), bacon-wrapped shrimp (\$16.95) or steamed salmon plate (\$14.95) is offered.

But getting into the gates of

• **Riley Creek Restaurant**, 171 State St. — New York/10-eye steak, finger steaks, shrimp, fresh salads, \$5.95-\$20.95. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. **Tammie and Dennis Nipper**, owner. 837-4333.

## JACKPOT

- **Canyon Cove**, Cactus Petes Resort Casino — Buffet featuring Italian, Mexican, American and Chinese cuisine, oysters on the half shell and crab claws; Friday night seafood feast. Breakfast: Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., \$9.99. Brunch: Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., \$12.99. Dinner: Monday through Thursday, 5-9:30 p.m., \$9.99; Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$14.99 per person. Sunday, 5-9:30 p.m., \$9.99.
- **Desert Room**, Cactus Petes Resort Casino — Home-style pot roast, chicken-fried steak and gravy, sandwiches and salads, honey-roasted turkey melt. \$6.29-\$17.95. Hours: Open 24/7.
- **Pancho Villas**, The Horseshoe

## HAILEY

• **KB's South**, 121 N. Main — New breakfast burritos, tacos, fish, \$6.25-\$8.75. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. **Brian Krieson**, owner. 788-7217.

• **Red Elephant Saloon**, 107 S. Main

— Pork tenderloin, prime rib, lumberjack pasta. Full bar. Hours: Daily, 5 p.m.-11 p.m. **Sal Carrozza**, owner. 788-6047.

• **Viva Taqueria**, 411 N. Main — Pork carnitas, burritos, fish tacos, \$5.15. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed

Sundays. **Bob Crown** and **Irendon Revilly**, owners. 788-3697.

• **The Wicked Spud**, 305 N. Main — Terrific chicken, hamburgers, pastas with cheese, \$4.45-\$7.95. Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. **Mike Branna**, owner. 788-0009.

## JEROME

• **Choate's Family Diner**, 400 W. Main — Fish and chips, chicken-fried steak, tantal shrimp, \$5.19-\$7.39. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed Sundays. **Ron and Sandy Choate**, owners. 324-4642.

• **Dino's Burger & Brew**, three miles north of junction of U.S. Highway 93 and Idaho Highway 25 — Chef salad, chili burgers, clam chowder, \$5.50-\$8.25. Wine, beer. Hours: Monday through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; closed Sundays. **Randy Bryant**, owner. 324-6591.

• **El Sombrero Restaurant**, 153 W. Main — Tacos, fajitas, enchiladas and some American dishes, \$4.75-\$10.95. Hours: Tuesdays through

Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; closed Mondays. **Rosa Paiz**, owner. 324-7238.

• **The Double A Cafe**, 200 W. First St. — Steak, shrimp, prime rib, \$4.75-\$14.95. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays, 5:30 a.m.-2 p.m. **Al Abbott**, owner. 324-2311.

• **T-Box Jerome Country Club**, 649 Golf Course Road — Scrimp shrimp, lobster, Swiss chicken, rib-eye steak, \$4.29-\$32.99. Full bar. Hours: Sunday through Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays through Saturdays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. **Jay and Terri Holtsche**, owners. 324-5081.



BY WTT/The Teton Times

Server Rebecca Dempsey serves a specialty salad to a dining guest Saturday afternoon at D'On's. The restaurant and catering business, which has been open about 16 months, occupies just one of many historic buildings in downtown Twin Falls.

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Paul McCartney performs at the Arrowhead Pond, in Anaheim, Calif., Nov. 12. The performance was beamed from the West Coast to the space station crew 220 miles above Earth and broadcast on NASA television, which showed live feeds from space.

Paul McCartney  
"Chaos and Creation in the Backyard"

On his new album, "Chaos and Creation in the Backyard," Paul McCartney descends to address, just a bit, some feelings that he hasn't so often pursued. Dark feelings.

"The negative side of things is normally something I just keep to myself, and work it out privately," he admits. "It doesn't often find its way into my songwriting. Though it does sometimes. 'Yesterday' and 'Eleanor Rigby' are pretty sad songs, really."

So McCartney, working with producer Nigel Godrich, who's made dark masterpieces with Fleck and Radiohead, thought this might be the time to stretch. And though he frames it as a songwriting challenge — "What you have to do is look for other areas you haven't explored, you've got to look for other goldmines" — the upshot is the same. This isn't the McCartney of "Good Day Sunshine."

"On a couple of songs I decided that it was a good idea to just look at something like rejection of friendship," he says, referring to the brooding "Riding to Vanity Fair," one of the album's key tracks.

"Even though I've had that happen to me a lot in life, as most people have — when you're just trying to be friendly and someone's not in the mood for it, and it rains your vibe kind of thing — normally, I'd just go 'OK,' and get on with it and not think to write about it. But it occurred to me that it's a pretty

rich source of material. It was interesting to explore another side of things."

With Godrich pushing him to try new things, "Chaos and Creation" is McCartney's first attempt in years to explore much beyond what he's done before.

Although his work with The Beatles established him as an innovator — the group was the primary force turning rock music into a serious art form — McCartney has continued to stretch. He was an early dabbling in electronic music, with two techno albums released under the name The Fireman, and has recorded his own symphonic compositions.

But what he hasn't had in some time is someone who would challenge him in the studio.

Was working with Godrich a return to the creative friction he had with Lennon?

"It reminded me of working with the group, not just John," he says. "I would be working with George on a guitar solo, you might clash, he'd want to play it like this, and I'd say, 'I don't think you should play it there.' But it's good clashing, it's professional clashing. Sometimes tempers get a bit frayed, but in the Beatles it happened just enough. It happened when it needed to happen, and it was sort of similar on this album. If you're lucky it stops just short of blows."

— David Barton  
The Sacramento Bee

Here comes the next 'Da Vinci Code'

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — You'd have to be insane to do a riff-off of a book that doesn't even have a publication date yet — wouldn't you?

No it isn't the sequel in "The Da Vinci Code," Dan Burstein says. Burstein is a publishing entrepreneur with a day job. He's the founder of a New York-based venture capital firm. Lately he's been on the road promoting "Secrets of the Widow's Son," which promises to prep readers for "Da Vinci" author Dan Brown's next venture into the world of secret societies, conspiracy theories, myths and alternative history.

All that's known about the still unscheduled Brown book is that when it's finally published — perhaps in late 2006 or 2007 — it will involve the Freemasons, will be set at least partly in Washington and will be called "The Solomon Key." That was enough for Burstein.

And why not? He'd already made a killing with last year's "Secrets of the Code: The Unauthorized Guide to the Mysteries Behind the Da Vinci Code" — of which there are well over a million copies in print.

Burstein says he got hooked on "Da Vinci" in June 2003, three months after Brown's religion-historical thriller was published. (Thirty-six million hardback copies are now in print worldwide, according to Brown's publisher, Doubleday.) He shelved out hundreds of dollars for books he related to Brown's narrative, in which the Genesis Gospels and Mary Magdalene figure heavily, and started thinking about a guidebook that could help readers separate fact from fiction.

He and a friend started a small company, Squibnoblet Partners, to pull "Secrets of the Code" together. They made contact with Barnes & Noble, which signaled significant interest. They signed up more than 40 contributors (with Burstein serving as editor) and by May 2004 the anthology was a New York Times bestseller. Later came a guide to an earlier Brown book, "Angels and Demons."

Ah, but these books exist! How can you do a guide to a book that isn't written?

One of Burstein's team, reporter David Shugart, supplied the answer by checking out a rumor that there was code embedded in the dust jacket flaps of "The Da Vinci Code." Sure enough, some letters on the flaps were in a slightly bolder



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face and spelled out "Is there no hope for the widow's son?" Researching that phrase led Shugart first to the history of the Mormon church and eventually — the details are too complex to get into here — to a predicted Washington/Freemason backdrop for Brown's next book. Brown later confirmed as much in a rare public appearance.

So if you're truly Brown-obsessed — or if you're just dying to read about the conjunction of Freemasonry, the Founding Fathers and the nation's capital — "Secrets of the Widow's Son," which Burstein commissioned Shugart to write, is there for you.

But for the publisher, there's more to it than that. Odds are the next Dan Brown work will be

one of the biggest sellers ever — and who do you think will be ideally positioned to rush a true guide into print? We intend to do a whole "Secrets of the Solomon Key," says Burstein, laughing, "once we can read 'The Solomon Key.'"

It's far from the only one piggybacking on Dan Brown. By now there are a couple dozen books with such titles as "Da Vinci Decoded" and "The Da Vinci Files" that serve as guides to or relations of Brown's megahit. And there's even another preview title — "The Guide to Dan Brown's 'The Solomon Key,'" by Greg Taylor — though it lags behind "Widow's Son" in Amazon sales rank.

Burstein isn't losing sleep about competition. "I people are so interested," he says.

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# Festivals of trees are booming holiday industry

BY STEVE CRUMP  
Times News writer

Hospitals don't hold telethons to raise money for services they can't otherwise find money to pay for, but in Idaho they've discovered an even more lucrative means of money-spinning come the holidays.

They shake the Christmas tree. South-central Idaho's hospital foundation festivals of trees — charity fiestas at which folks bid on decorated items for a good cause — begin their 17-day run on Friday when the Minidoka Health Care Foundation's Seventh Annual Caring and Sharing Christmas Tree Festival opens at the Rupert Civic Center.

Over the next 2 1/2 weeks, upwards of 20,000 people will spend between \$150,000 and \$175,000 to bolster the hospitals' Christmas wish-lists.

The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Festival of Trees, which starts next Wednesday in the old Anderson Lumber building on Eastland Drive in Twin Falls, is by far the largest. Last year, it attracted nearly 5,000 people and took in \$171,000.

Tree festivals provide a winning formula for funding causes ranging from hiring emergency medical technicians to cancer services and technology, and the idea is only a little more than 20 years old in Idaho. In 1984, Boise's Saint Alphonsus Foundation put up 14 trees in a warehouse and invited folks to come look at them and pay for the privilege.

By 2004, St. Al's Festival of Trees attracted 40,000 people to Boise's Centre on the Grove and raised \$330,000.

The serious money-making engine at festivals of trees is the opening night — or opening afternoon — gala, at which businesses and individual bid for decorated trees and ornaments. Gala revenues represented about two-thirds of the proceeds for St. Al's last year — a percentage consistent with festival of trees galas elsewhere in southern Idaho.

Here's this year's festival of tree lineup in south-central Idaho:

**Friday, Saturday,  
Sunday and Monday**

## Rupert

**Caring and Sharing Christmas Tree Festival** will be held at the Civic Center, 505 E. St. Hours are 5-10 p.m. Friday — the gala — scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



—Times News photo

—noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday and noon to 8 p.m. Monday.

The event is sponsored by the Minidoka Health Care Foundation and admission is free. The festival features decorated trees and wreaths, a gift shop, food court, live entertainment and Santa visits.

A Teddy Bear Breakfast will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday when children can bring a toy to be donated to the Christmas Council and eat breakfast with Santa. Following breakfast will be activities and photos with Santa. A church choir festival will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday and a Senior Social will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Monday. Admission to the festival is free.

## Wednesday and Dec. 1-4

### Twin Falls

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation will sponsor its 21st annual Festival of Trees at the old Anderson Lumber building on Eastland Drive. It begins with a premiere viewing and gala black tie optional gourmet dinner at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, with entertainment by Celtic Fire. There will be a silent auction of all decorated trees, wreaths and holiday decorative items, open

until 10 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person. For reservations, call 737-2480.

Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Dec. 1, 2-7 p.m. on Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Dec. 4. There will be continuous entertainment. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors age 60 and older and \$1 for children age 12 and younger. The Anderson building is located at 960 Eastland Drive.

On Dec. 2, there's a Ladies Night Out at 7 p.m., featuring hors d'oeuvres, champagne, live music and a silent auction. Tickets, which are \$40, can be reserved by phoning 737-2480.

Seniors' day is Dec. 1, children's day is Dec. 3 and family day is Dec. 4.

## Wednesday and Dec. 1-4

### Burley

Cassia Regional Medical Center will sponsor its 28th annual Festival of Trees beginning with a festival gala from 6-10 p.m. on Wednesday. Dinner, entertainment and a silent auction will be featured. Tickets are \$25 a person and may be purchased from the Cassia Health Care Foundation Board.

Trees can be viewed from noon to 9 p.m. on Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Dec. 3 and from

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Dec. 4. Admission is 50 cents for children and \$1 for adults. There will be entertainment, a holiday kitchen and a holiday store.

## Dec. 8-11

### Gooding

Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation will sponsor its Festival of Trees at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind's Round Building on 14th Avenue West.

Hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Dec. 9, from noon-4 p.m. Dec. 11.

Admission is \$2 for ages 5 and older. A gala opening and silent auction will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 8. The cost is \$20 per person. A luncheon and style show will be held at 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m. Dec. 9. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the hospital or the College of Southern Idaho Northside Center. A children's workshop and visit with Santa will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 10. A live cooking demonstration and tasting class of holiday recipes will be presented by Jake and Lane Rice of Lagerman Dec. 10. Tickets are \$10. Entertainment will be provided by community and church choirs from noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 11.

## Dec. 9-10

### Jerome

St. Benedict's Foundation will present its fourth annual Festival of Wreaths at the Sawtooth West Western Convention Center.

The gala is scheduled from 6-9 p.m. on Dec. 9, with music, food and beverages; tickets are \$15.

The event will be open to the public to view the wreaths from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Dec. 9 and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Dec. 10, with continuous live music. Tickets are \$3.

## Dec. 8-10

### Ketchum

The Blaine County Festival of Trees will be held at the nextJale Theater.

The gala, at which trees and decorations will be auctioned, is scheduled for at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8, an alternative gift fair at 5 p.m. on Dec. 9 and gingerbread-house making at 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 10. Admission to the festival is free; for information about tickets to special events, call 788-3468.

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## Travel

## HAUNTING TOMBSTONE

## It's still high noon at the O.K. Corral

BY ROSEMARY MOULDER  
Los Angeles Times

**TOMBSTONE, Ariz.** — They say ghosts walk the streets of this dusty desert town. It's easy to understand why.

With a name like Tombstone and a frenzied history of bloodshed, this outpost near the southwestern edge of the United States has a reputation that's... well, haunted. And it doesn't help to see a dozen gunslingers die each day in the town's sandy red dirt.

The fights are staged, but Tombstone's checkered past is real. Tombstone, which advertises itself as "The Town Too Tough to Die," surprised me. So did the spirits of its past.

Nearly half a million people — many of them European — make their way to this wind-swept corner of the Sonoran Desert each year, jogging 60 miles southbound from Tucson to relive the bitter-sweet pleasures of the frontier West. They find a three-block Old Town, where saloons outnumber restaurants, stagecoaches still rumble down the street, and locals often wear six-guns along with their Stetsons, kerchiefs and rawhide boots.

"It's amazing how many people here never grew past the age of 10 or 11," said local historian Hollis Cook. "They just keep on playing cowboy."

But in this town of Old West legend and fantasy, that's considered a plus.

Tombstone owes its notoriety to the media, particularly the Hollywood variety, which immortalized it in more than a dozen sagebrush sagas, including the bloody 1953 film "Tombstone," starring Kurt Russell and Val Kilmer. Ronald Reagan, Burt Lancaster and Henry Fonda were among other actors who brought fame to the streets of Tombstone.

The cinematic tales are based on the exploits of Wyatt Earp, who, with brothers Virgil and Morgan and comrade Doc Holliday, made history in the gunfight at the O.K. Corral on Oct. 26, 1881. When the 30-second fight was over, three of their adversaries — Frank and Tom McLauray and Billy Clanton — lay dead. Tombstone residents call it the most famous shootout in history.

Although that gunfight has garnered all the attention, it is only one of many deadly encounters that took place in a



Tombstone Cemetery is shown in a photo from Oct. 13 in Tombstone, Ariz. Nearby Boothill Graveyard is the town's first burial plot and the tourist attraction. Tombstone has had a colorful past — perhaps most famous for the 'Shootout at the O.K. Corral.' It was originally founded as a silver mining town

town where lawlessness often was the rule rather than the exception.

And modern Tombstone, which owes its livelihood to tourism, makes sure visitors take notice: Stroll through the Boothill Cemetery, where graves are marked with narratives such as "Margaria, Stabbed by Gold Dollar" and "Here lies Lester Moore, four slugs from a 44. No Les. No More." Or walk down Allen Street, where signs denote murder locations: "Curly Bill Brocius killed Marshal Fred White here on Oct. 28, 1880."

Given that so many of Tombstone's former inhabitants met a violent end, it's not surprising that shadowy tales of apparitions and phantoms swirl on the desert wind.

"A lot of people came to live here 100 years ago and never left," said Bill Hunley, chucking. "They're all still here, no doubt

about it." Hunley, who has lived in Tombstone for 64 years, owns the Bird Cage Theatre, one of the few remaining original buildings in town. Some say the spirits of its barely past still celebrate there.

A parapsychology team from Duke University in Durham, N.C., studied Tombstone's haunted sites nearly half a century ago, Hunley said. Others have conducted paranormal studies since, including the History Channel, which recently released a DVD called "Haunted Tombstone."

"Not everyone believes the stories. Historian Cook, for one, thinks they're nonsense." I never saw anything that would make me believe in ghosts.

Unlike Cook, I do believe in them. Well, I have no reason to disbelieve. I've always thought about them the same way I think about Bora-Bora: I don't have go

there to believe it exists. But it's much more interesting to see it for myself.

The motor trip from Tucson should have taken an hour, but I spent an extra hour with my motor idling, waiting for construction delays to clear on Arizona 80.

There was a mix-up at the motel, and no room was available for me despite having a reservation. I tried to rendezvous with a Los Angeles Times photographer and found that my cell phone, which works all over the world, wouldn't work in Tombstone.

I thought about spirits then, and when I took a seat at the daily 2 p.m. re-enactment of the shootout at the O.K. Corral and a cloudburst struck.

Perhaps the local spectators didn't share my eagerness to get acquainted.

"Things like that always hap-

pen in Tombstone," I was told by frequent visitor Ellen Hübrey of Phoenix.

I put aside my plan to meet a ghost and concentrated on the town instead.

Carved out of Apache land, Tombstone began as a silver-mining strike in 1877. It was named by prospector Ed Schiefelin, whose friends had warned him that the only thing he'd find in the region was his own tombstone; he had the last laugh when he found silver. By 1879, when the town was incorporated, miners, merchants, gamblers, prostitutes and pistol-packing cowboys had followed him.

As then, today there are plenty of places to slake a thirst. I wandered down Allen Street, stopping in at Big Nose Kate's Saloon, the Crystal Palace Saloon and, finally, the Dragon Saloon.



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where I ran into Mayor Andrew Deloumette, who owns the friar's bar.

The mayor, a fast-talking former Michigan resident who has lived in Tombstone for three years, has big plans for his adopted town.

Deloumette, 45, likes to talk about his vision for Tombstone. "This place is alive and vigorous, but it's not easy jiggering a town that's alive with a town that's history. It needs to improve its image."

The region is growing, with retirees and others moving in, he said, and prices are going up. Deloumette cost \$175,000 to \$275,000, "but you can still get four acres of land for under \$75,000."

A man in a wide-brimmed hat joined us. Tex Culpepper was parked and waiting for us. "I've seen him earlier when he played Morgan Earle in the O.K. Corral re-enactment."

"Why do you do it?" I asked. He explained. "This is history. When I do this, it helps keep the West alive." Culpepper, who said he'd been a cowboy most of his life, admitted the re-enactments take a toll, even though the gunfighters fire blanks. "It injures: 'a concussion, broken bones, shot once in the face.'"

Real-life controversy is alive in this town of 1,700. The National Park Service put Tombstone on notice last year that its historic district could lose its status as a National Historic Landmark because of inaccuracies, such as fake facades, nonhistoric colors and bogus dates painted on newer buildings.

"People just come in, find an empty lot and build a new old building," said Cook. "It's a problem."

In September, a plan was drafted to save the landmark designation, including changing traffic patterns and adding trees to Allen Street. The town's progress will be reviewed in two years by the park service.

Ok, what about the ghosts? A bartender at Big Nose Kate's pointed to photos on the wall that he said showed apparitions and ghostly orbs. I squinted at the hazy black-and-white prints. I couldn't see them.

Other shop clerks told me they had heard, seen and smelled things. Cigar smoke. Illuic perfume. A rowdy crowd when no one was there. One told me about a mysterious man in black who frequently is seen late at night near the Crystal Palace. The longtime resident Luffley told the same story, saying he had seen the man three times, loitering against a post near the Crystal Palace. Legend has it that

the mystery man is Virgil Earp, who was ambushed, shot and maimed outside the bar in 1881.

At the Bird Cage Theatre, I struck pay dirt. Employee Bill Clinton — a descendant of O.K. Corral victim Billy Clinton — said he often heard things he couldn't explain coming from the onetime opera house and gambling hall, now a dusty museum.

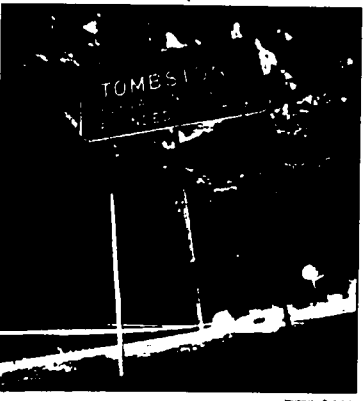
"They're always moving around in there," Clinton said, pointing to the museum.

"There's laughing and carrying on so you can't explain. You can smell smoke around the dice table. I tell them, 'You leave me alone and I'll leave you alone.'"

Sarah Washburn, a 19-year-old sales clerk in the Bird Cage gift shop, said she had a frightening experience her second day on the job. Washburn, whose work uniform is a dancehall costume — a low-cut taffeta and lace dress with red feathers in her hair — walked through the museum and seemed to catch a cowboy's eye.

"I'll be right down," he said to me. He was walking up the stairs to the second floor. She remembers he smelled like cigar smoke. She made some inquiries and found there was one in the museum at the time.

"I think he wanted to buy me," she said in amazement. "Oh yeah, I believe in ghosts."



A sign marks a road entering Tombstone, Ariz., on Oct. 14. Nearly half a million people make their way to this wind-swept corner of the Sonoran Desert each year, jogging 60 miles westward from Tucson to relive the bittersweet pleasures of the frontier West.

## Nuggets *continued from page 5*

★★★ **"Jarhead"** ★★ **Jake Gyllenhaal stars as Anthony Swofford, the real-life Marine whose memoir of his experiences in the first Gulf War makes for a somewhat luriduous combat pic.** Jarvie Fox is strong as the barking, belittling staff sergeant, and director Sam Mendes delivers some moments of real glory, but the narrative falters towards the end (violence, profanity, adult themes).

★★★ **"Just Friends"** ★★ **No rating.** Stranded in his New Jersey hometown due to bad weather, an ex-nerd turned hip music executive bumps into his high school crush whose rejection transformed him into an unrepentant lothario. Ryan Reynolds and Anna Faris star. Written by Adam Davis. Directed by Roger Kumble ("Cruel Intentions"). PG-13.

★★★ **"Pride and Prejudice"** ★★ **★** **Joe Wright's fresh and spirited account of the most frequently-filmed Jane Austen novel is the essential version.**

Starring the ever-charm Keira Knightley as Lizzie and the implacable Matthew MacFadyen as Darcy. PG (mild adult themes).

★★★ **"Rent"** ★★ **No rating.** Jonathan Larson's popular "La Boheme" inspired rock opera about starving East Village artists makes it to the screen with most of the original cast intact. Rosario Dawson and Jeremie Thomas join Taye Diggs, Wilson Jermaine Heredia, Jesse L. Martin, Idina Menzel, Adam Pascal and Anthony Rapp. Written for the screen and directed by Chris Columbus. PG-13 for mature thematic material involving drugs and sexuality, and for some strong language.

★★★ **"Saint Ralph"** ★★ **No rating.** Michael McGowan's fable of a Canadian teen-ager who sets out to win the Boston Marathon in order to save his dying mother. With Adam Butler, Shawna MacDonald

and Campbell Scott. PG.

★★★ **"Saw II"** ★★ **1 star.** A wanton, unconscionable display of blood and gore, "Saw II" takes the premise of the original film — a fendish serial killer devises elaborate games to toy with and torture his victims — to new depths of depravity. Violently vile, "Saw II" is the Phnom Penh of splatter movies. (Ripisly violence and gore, terror, language and drug content)

★★★ **"Walk the Line"** ★★ **No rating.** Joaquin Phoenix stars in the story of young Johnny Cash, who emerges from the 1950s Memphis rock 'n' roll scene. With Reese Witherspoon as June Carter, Ginnifer Goodwin, Robert Patrick and Dallas Roberts. Written by Bill Davies & James Mangold, based on "The Man in Black" by Johnny Cash, and "Cash: An Autobiography" by Cash and Patrick Carr. Directed by James Mangold ("CapeLand"). PG-13 for some language, thematic material and depiction of drug dependency.

★★★ **"Yours, Mine and Ours"** ★★ **No rating.** Two single parents attempt to merge their families, totaling 18 kids. With Dennis Quaid, Rene Russo, Rip Torn, Liza Hutton, Drake Bell, Miranda Cosgrove, Jill, Katia Bevec and Miki Ishikawa. Written by Bob Iuligenberg & Rob Muir and Ron Burch & David Kidd, based on the 1968 movie, screenplay by Melville Shavelson and Mort Lachman, story by Madelyn Davis and Bob Carroll Jr. Directed by Raja Gosnell. PG for some mild crude humor.

★★★ **"Zathura"** ★★ **1 star.** Favreau's thrilling action fantasy based on the Chris Van Allsburg book gets it just right: Three squabbling siblings define an entire universe. PG (mild profanity, scary monsters, suitable for 7 and up)

—Source: Knight Ridder News Service, Los Angeles Times

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when they meet 30 years and 18 kids later, and they quickly marry. Their offspring hate each other instantly and hatch nefarious schemes to drive their parents to divorce. The two newbies also discover that they have different views on children and almost everything else.

The screenplay tries to make Helen and Frank seem extra likable by making all other characters extra obnoxious. These

include Linda Hunt as a weird housekeeper who loves to watch wrestling on television, Rip Torn as a stuffy commandant and Jerry O'Connell as Helen's sadistic early suitor. It's an obnoxious family, scary monsters, suitable for 7 and up)

The same can't be said for the movie. Still, filmmakers may respond to its positive message: no matter how heavy-handed the delivery.

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## "Christmas Around the World"

960 Eastland Drive (former Anderson Lumber building), Twin Falls  
Benefiting area Quick Response Units and health programs of MVRMC Foundation.

### NOV. 30, OPENING NIGHT, PREMIERE TREE VIEWING AND BLACK TIE DINNER

Wednesday, November 30 • Festival Site • 6:00 p.m.

Social Hour • Formal Gourmet Dinner to Follow • Live Auction • Silent Auction open until 10:00 p.m.

Silent auction on all decorated trees, wreaths and designated holiday decorative items. Music by Celtic Fire!  
Photos available by Inkley's. Valet parking available. Don't miss this premier evening of the holiday season!

Tickets: \$100 per person, limited seating. For reservations, contact the MVRMC Foundation at 737-2480.

\*Gala\* Sponsors: HCM Holmstead plic, Idaho Nephrology Associates, Mountain States Tumor Institute (MSTI), Norco Medical, OMI, Regence BlueShield of Idaho, Sempra Energy, Southern Idaho Radiology PA, Taylor, Taylor & Pitts PA, Intermountain Spine & Orthopaedics/Dr. David Christensen

### December 1 - 4 - General Exhibition

Thursday, Dec. 1 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. • Friday, Dec. 2 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (closed for Ladies Night Out)

Saturday, Dec. 3 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. • Sunday, Dec. 4 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

General Admission Prices: Adults: \$4

Seniors: 53 - Except Thursday, Seniors Day (60 and over) free

Children 12 and under: \$1 - Except Saturday, Children's Day, (12 and under) free

All Festival attendees will receive free admission to the Herrett Center "Season of Light"

Continuous holiday entertainment by talented local singing groups, bands, dance groups and musicians.

Visit our "Pastry Party". This year we are also featuring Mrs. Cavanaugh's Chocolates - A Chocolate Affair.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY • THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Festival Site 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Senior Activities 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Free for all senior citizens 60 and over.

First 100 seniors will receive a free flu shot compliments of Drs. Lisa Burgett and Brian Fortuin. Complimentary photos from Inkley's Photo.  
*Branch decorated and served by Fred Meyer of Twin Falls*

Seniors' Day Sponsors: Alterra Wyoming, BridgeView Estates, Comfort Keepers, Heritage/Woodstone Retirement Center, Idaho Home Health & Hospice, MVRMC Senior Health Services, Sunrise Care and Rehabilitation, Twin Falls Care Center.

#### LADIES' NIGHT OUT - "DAUBLEN, HANGLEN & BEADN"

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 • 7:00 P.M.

Please note: Doors for General Admission close at 4:00 p.m. - re-open at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$40 per person. For reservations, call 737-2480

Fashion show with international flair, plus today's holiday fashions by local boutiques. Exciting Silent auction items.

Hors d'oeuvres sponsored by Magic Valley Women's Health.

Silent Auction 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Ladies' Night Out Sponsors: MVRMC Women's Imaging Service, Magic Valley Bank, Pioneer Federal Credit Union, Anonymous, Stevens, Pierce & Associates, CPAs.

#### CHILDREN'S DAY • SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Children's Activities, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Free for all children 12 and under. The first 150 children (ages 4-12) to arrive by 9:30 a.m. Saturday will view "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," a special performance by UNO Theatre. Club Delta Fun Center Santa Claus photo booth, special balloon to North Pole elves, Story Corner with Mrs. Claus. Photos with Santa by Inkley's Photo, only \$5. Sale Kids Free Car Seat Inspection 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Children's Day Sponsors: United Dairywomen of Idaho, Physics Center (Doctors: Bart & Lois Curtis, Mary Beth Curtis, Kenneth Harris, Matthew Jolley, Greg Jones, Laurence Marjens, Ronald Muller, Daniel & Jennifer French, Katherine Renee, Richard Sandstrom, Jane Scott, Bart Sepp, David Spitzire, Doug Vagge and Jack Trotter) and their staff.

#### FAMILY DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Complimentary admission to watch snowflakes from the Teton-Sawatch Center live a variety of performers and enjoy the day with your family and friends.

A Very Special Thank You to Charities Anywhere Foundation for their "Celebration of the Nativity" display and to Kim Prestwich, Coordinator for Student Multicultural Services at College of Southern Idaho.

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