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An Idaho State Police trooper, left, and a Twin Falls Police K-9 officer take cover behind a truck Tuesday along Sixth Avenue East while covering a house where a shooting suspect was thought to be hiding. A SWAT team consisting of members from both law enforcement agencies raided the house, but the suspect was not inside.

Man killed in daytime shooting

Police seek two men for questioning

By Terry Smith
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A 33-year-old Twin Falls man died from a gunshot wound to the abdomen after apparently being shot Tuesday afternoon near the corner of Idaho Street and 6th Avenue East.

Twin Falls police identified the victim Tuesday night as Jesse J. Narajon. Police Chief Jim Munn said the shooting is being investigated as a homicide.

Meanwhile, police were searching for two other Twin Falls men as "potential witnesses." They were identified as Juan Carlos Pina, 32, and Jay C. Martindale, 19.

Narajon was found in an alley Tuesday afternoon. Believing a shooter might still be in the area, police blocked off nearby streets for more than an hour while SWAT officers made sure a gunman wasn't hiding in a nearby home. As a safety precaution, partial lock down procedures were put in place at two nearby schools.

Officers entered the house at 325 6th Ave. East with weapons at the ready after they detonated a flash grenade inside. No suspect was found.

Staff Sgt. John Wilson said police received a 911 call of a gunshot at about 1:30 p.m. According to a written police statement, "Upon arrival officers discovered a male adult suffering from an apparent gunshot wound to the abdomen. The victim was treated by officers and paramedics, and was transported to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center where he later died."



Jay C. Martindale



Juan Carlos Pina

Police Capt. Brian Pak said the victim was "slaggering in the alley between 6th and 7th avenues, and Idaho and Jerome streets when officers arrived. A back door to the home at 325 6th Ave. was open, leading police to suspect a gunman may have hidden there.

Wilson said police were not certain that the shooting took place in the alley.

Police seek help

Anyone with information concerning the whereabouts of Juan Carlos Pina, 32, or Jay C. Martindale, 19, should contact the Twin Falls Police Department at 735-1357 or 311.

Traffic was blocked off on Idaho Street between 6th and 7th avenues, and on 6th Avenue between Idaho and Jerome streets from about 2 p.m. until about 3:15 p.m.

Partial lockdown procedures were implemented at nearby St. Edwards Catholic School and Bickel Elementary School. Twin Falls School District Superintendent Wiley Dobbs and St. Edwards Principal Luke Schroeder were at the scene coordinating with Pak, the incident commander.

SWAT officers from Twin Falls and Idaho State Police, along with K-9 units, kept the house under observation with M-16 assault rifles at the ready until entry was made. Swing shift officers were called in early to assist day shift officers in securing the area.

Police said no weapon was found at the crime scene.

The shooting remained under investigation Tuesday evening. Police said an autopsy will be performed on the body of Narajon.

Schools lock down following incident

Officials say training had them prepared

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Students and teachers at Bickel Elementary School and St. Edwards Catholic School had practiced the routine many times in the past, but Tuesday afternoon it was for real.

Following a shooting at about 1:30 p.m. near the corner of Idaho Street and 6th Avenue East, Twin Falls School District Superintendent Wiley Dobbs received a phone call from the Twin Falls Police Department notifying him of the incident. Dobbs said he immediately called Kelli Schroeder, principal at Bickel Elementary School, who partially locked down the school — a complete lockdown would confine students to their classrooms.

A few hours before the principal of St. Edwards Catholic School, stepped outside his school and noticed several police vehicles nearby. Although Schroeder was unaware of the events surrounding his school, he decided to secure St. Edwards.

It wasn't until he called his wife — who was busy securing her own school — that he learned about the shooting. Both schools were partially locked down within minutes of the incident.

Pak followed the procedures St. Edwards had practiced in the past, such as locking all the doors, refusing entry to any unknown person, calling the students' parents and only allowing the children to leave in the hands of their parents.

"I'm not letting kids out unless they are accompanied by a parent," he said. "And we have some parents who are even helping out."

Having Pak, whose child is enrolled at St. Edwards, stood by the front door and checked to see that all students were with a parent. But Pak wondered why there was no law enforcement near the school.

"Where are the police?" Pak said. "A little visibility is a good indication that the shooter might not come near here."

At Bickel, students were divided into Please see **SCHOOLS**, Page A2

BETTER BOTTLE?



Berlinger Glass' new unbreakable wine bottles are shown in the foreground as Bernice Wong drinks a glass of Stone Cellars' chardonnay in the background in Yountville, Calif., on Oct. 13.

Vintners buck tradition to make wine more appealing

By Michelle Locks
Associated Press writer

YOUNTVILLE, Calif. — The next big thing for the wine industry could be small, screw-capped and shatterproof. Single-serve plastic bottles are starting to show up on supermarket shelves in a bid to win over new customers by moving wine beyond posh white-tablecloth dinners to the informal ease of a picnic.

If one of these green bottles should accidentally fall on no problem. "There's a more active lifestyle people are living, they'd like wine to be a part of it and it

just was not convenient in the '70s milliliters typical wine glass bottles where you have to bring corkscrews, glasses, etc.," says Tom Stone, brand manager for Stone Cellars by Berlinger, which has been selling four-packs of unbreakable, single-serve bottles since this summer.

The new, 187 milliliter (about six fluid ounces) bottles are part of a larger trend in the industry that includes boxed wine, cans and carton-type packages.

"People, I think, are now into casual enjoyment of fine products," says Wilfred Wong, cellar master for Beverages & More, who sees the move toward uni-

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Best wages are still in the East

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans have been migrating south and west for decades, but it appears they've been leaving some high-paying jobs behind.

While there are many pockets of wealth in the South and West, the states with the highest wage earners line the East Coast, according to Census data released Tuesday.

Connecticut, with a median household income of \$56,409, supplanted New Jersey as the country's highest wage state in 2003, the most recent year available. New Jersey slid to second, at \$56,356, followed by Maryland, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Mississippi had the lowest median income, at \$32,397. West Virginia, Arkansas, Louisiana and Montana round out the bottom five.

The median household income for the nation was \$41,319.

Estimated median household income in 2003, by state

\$32,397	\$38,000	\$42,000	\$45,000	\$50,000
\$37,999	\$41,999	\$44,999	\$49,999	\$56,409

High: Connecticut \$56,409



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

Washington state ranked 13th, with a median income of \$48,185. Idaho ranked 35th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, with a median income of \$41,879.

Census figures show that Southern and Western states are catching up.

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FCC chair: Clean up act or else

Cable providers must do more to protect children, he says

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sexed-up, profanity-laced shows on cable and satellite TV should be for adult eyes only, and providers must do more to shield children or they could find themselves facing indecency fines, the nation's top communications regulator says.

"Parents need better and more tools to help them navigate the entertainment waters, particularly on cable and satellite TV," Federal Communi-

cations Commission Chairman Kevin Martin told Congress on Tuesday.

Martin suggested several options, including a "family friendly" tier of channels that would offer shows suitable for kids, such as the programs shown on the Nickelodeon channel.

He also said cable and satellite providers could consider letting consumers pay for a bundle of channels that they could choose themselves — an "a la carte" pricing system.

If providers don't find a way to police smut on television, Martin said, federal decency standards should be reconsidered.

"You can always turn the television off and of course block the channels you don't want," he said, "but why should you have to?"

Martin spoke at an all-day forum on indecency before the Senate Commerce Committee. It included more than 20 entertainment industry, government

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Wave of kidnappings sweeps Iraq

Latest hostages include an American, Briton, German and two Canadians

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Al-Jazeera broadcast Tuesday a video of four Western peace activists held hostage by a previously unknown group, part of a new wave of kidnappings police fear is aimed at disrupting next month's elections.

The news station said the four were seized by the Swords of Righteousness Brigade, which claimed the hostages were spies working under the cover of Christian peace activists. The captives — an American, a Briton and two Canadians — were members of the Chicago-based aid group Christian Peacemaker Teams, which confirmed they disappeared Saturday.

The footage showed Norman Kember, a retired British professor with a shock of white hair, sitting on the floor with three other men. The camera revealed the 74-year-old Kember's passport, but the other hostages were not identified.

However, Christian Peacemaker Teams identified the other hostages as Tom Fox, 54, of Clearbrook, Va.; James Loney, 41, of Toronto; and Harpreet Singh Sooden, 32, a Canadian electrical engineer.

The brief, blurry tape was shown the same day German TV displayed a photo of a blindfolded German archaeologist being led away by armed captors in Iraq. The kidnappers threatened to kill Susanne Osthoff and her Iraqi driver unless Germany halts all contacts with the Iraqi government.

Also Tuesday, a Sunni cleric was assassinated as he left a mosque, and six Iranian pilgrims were seized near a Shiite religious shrine.

In a statement, Christian Peacemaker Teams said it strongly opposed the U.S. invasion of Iraq and blamed the kidnapping on coalition forces.

"We are angry because what has happened to our teammates is the result of the actions of the U.S. and U.K. government due to the illegal attack on Iraq and the continuing occupation and oppression of its people," the group said.

Christian Peacemaker Teams does not consider itself a fundamentalist organization, a spokeswoman said.

"We are very strict about this: We do not do any evangelism, nor do we missionize," said the Phillips told The Associated Press in Chicago. "Our interest is to bring an end to the violence and destruction of civilian life in Iraq."



This still from video footage apparently shows a kidnapped German woman and her driver blindfolded and surrounded by three captors. German TV broadcaster ARD reported the image was taken from a video demanding Germany stop any dealings with Iraq's government.



This image taken from al-Jazeera television showing two of four peace activists taken hostage in Iraq was broadcast Tuesday. A previously unknown group claiming responsibility for the kidnapping, The Swords of Righteousness Brigade, said the four were spies working undercover as Christian peace activists.

The group's first activists went to Iraq in 2002, six months before the U.S.-led invasion, Phillips said, adding that a main mission since the invasion has been documenting alleged human rights abuses by U.S. forces.

The German woman and her Iraqi driver were kidnapped Friday, the German government announced. ARD public television said it obtained a video in which the kidnappers made their threats. The station posted

a photo on its Web site showing what appears to be Osthoff and her driver blindfolded on the floor with three masked militants standing by, one with a rocket-propelled grenade.

A German newspaper, the Neue Osnabruecker Zeitung, reported that Osthoff had received a kidnap threat last summer from extremists linked to al-Qaida in Iraq leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and that U.S. soldiers brought her from Mosul to Baghdad for her own

safety. Osthoff's mother told Germany's N24 news station that her daughter was an archaeologist who was working for a German aid organization distributing medicine and medical supplies since before the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq.

The six Iranian pilgrims were seized Tuesday near a Shiite religious shrine north of Baghdad, police said. Iranian television reported that all were freed Tuesday night.

Iraq was swept by a wave of kidnappings and beheadings of foreigners in 2004 and early 2005, but such attacks have dropped off in recent months as many Western groups have left and security precautions for those who remain have tightened.

Insurgents, including al-Qaida in Iraq, have seized more than 225 people, killing at least 38 — including three Americans.

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Bush: Withdrawal a mistake

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Tuesday a U.S. military pullout from Iraq would be a terrible mistake, beginning a new push defending his embattled war policy. His Pentagon chief said, "Quitting is not an exit strategy."

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said of the Iraqis, "They know that they're the ones that are going to have to grab that country. And it's time."

The administration is under pressure to convince increasing-

ly skeptical Americans that the president's strategy for Iraq, headed in the right direction. The president is to give a speech on the subject today at the White House.

The unrelenting violence continues to claim American lives has continued to erode Bush's popularity, to its lowest yet, and to growing doubt about the war. It also has led to debate in Congress about whether the 18,000 U.S. troops there should begin to come home.

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Clark: Saddam in 'good spirits'

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark said Tuesday he met with deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and found him in "extremely good spirits" even though the former president is isolated from friends and family.

Clark said he was having lunch Monday in Baghdad, where he attended Saddam's resumed trial for alleged crimes against humanity, when he was told he could meet Saddam.

He said he was left alone briefly with Saddam, then two soldiers joined them for part of the session. The soldiers left when a video camera was lowered from the ceiling, apparently to tape the remainder of the meeting, which lasted about an hour.

Clark declined to say who offered the meeting with Saddam, nor would he give any further details about where they met and the nature of the surroundings.

Saddam "has been in total isolation. He hasn't seen a member of his family, talked to a member of his family, met with a lawyer or met with friends he has known before," Clark said.

Before Monday, Clark said he last saw the former Iraqi strongman in February 2003, shortly before the U.S.-led invasion. Clark has been advising Saddam's Iraqi lawyers.

Clark, who was attorney general under President Lyndon Johnson, said he would argue in a Dec. 5 hearing that the tribunal is not a legal forum for the trial. He also said he would ask the judicial authorities to provide more security for lawyers defending Saddam after the recent slayings of two Iraqi peers.

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NATION/WORLD

Hurricane season finally coming to end

Forecasters say next year could be just as bad

MIAMI — The busiest and costliest Atlantic hurricane season on record officially — and mercifully — draws to a close Wednesday, with hundreds of thousands of Americans still dealing with the devastation wrought by Katrina, Rita and Wilma.

Despite the end of the June 1 to Nov. 30 season, hurricanes could still form over the next few months. In fact, a tropical storm took shape in the Caribbean on Tuesday. But no hurricane has been known to hit the United States between December and May.



Vic Lala lights a cigarette as he takes a break from clearing a spot for a FEMA trailer in front of his home, in Chalmette, La., on Tuesday. As the deadly six-month hurricane season closes, tens of thousands of Americans are still dealing with the devastation from hurricanes Wilma, Rita and Katrina — the nation's worst natural disaster in modern times.

1992's Andrew was the most expensive one on record (\$34.3 billion in insured losses).

- Total insured losses from hurricanes this year were put at \$47.2 billion, above the previous record of \$22.9 billion set last year when four hurricanes also hit the U.S., according to risk-analysis firm ISO.
- Wilma was briefly the most intense Atlantic hurricane on record in terms of minimum central pressure (882 millibars). It also was the fastest-strengthening storm on record — its top sustained winds increased 105 mph in 24 hours in the Caribbean.
- Forecasters exhausted their list of 21 proper names (Adele, Bret, Cindy and so on) and had to use the Greek alphabet to name storms for the first time. The worst damage of course, was inflicted by Katrina. Miles of coastal Mississippi towns

such as Waveland and Gulfport were smashed. Eighty percent of New Orleans was under water after its levees broke. The world saw families stranded on roofs and hungry and thirsty refugees stuck in the Superdome and Convention Center. Bodies lay on streets for days or floated in the tidal floodwaters. Hundreds of thousands of people have yet to return to their homes — or have no homes to return to.

So far, Congress has approved \$62 billion in mostly short-term relief aid, and estimates put the cost of rebuilding at up to \$200 billion.

The Bush administration was bitterly criticized for its slow response to Katrina. Michael Brown, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, lost his job, and the president's approval ratings sank.

Wilma, Dennis and Rita, the

other hurricanes that hit the U.S., were not as deadly or destructive, but they also exposed weaknesses: There were 14-hour traffic jams as Houston erupted out ahead of Rita, which struck the Texas-Louisiana coast on Sept. 24, and South Florida was crippled for days after Wilma knocked out power to more than 6 million people on Oct. 24.

The president has ordered the Homeland Security Department to review disaster plans for every major metropolitan area. FEMA is also pledging to manage the flow of personnel and supplies better.

"We have to make it a much more nimble, more adaptable organization... We've got good people in place to make it happen," said R. David Paulsen, FEMA's acting director. He added, "As long as I'm here, I can tell you, we will not have another Superdome."

Death row inmate spared

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia's governor on Tuesday spared the life of a convicted killer who would have been the 1,000th person executed in the United States since the Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume in 1976.

Robin Lovitt's death sentence was commuted to life in prison without parole a little more than 24 hours before he was to be executed by injection Wednesday night. Lovitt was convicted of stabbing a man to death with a pair of scissors during a 1988 pool-hall robbery.

In granting clemency, Gov. Mark R. Warner noted that evi-

dence from the trial had been improperly destroyed, depriving the defense of the opportunity to subject the material to the latest in DNA testing.

"The commonwealth must ensure that every time this ultimate sanction is carried out, it is done fairly," Warner said in a statement.

Warner, a Democrat, had never before granted clemency to a death row inmate during his four years in office. During that time, 11 men have been executed. Virginia is one of the most active death-penalty states, having executed 91 people since 1976.

And that is welcome news, particularly along the Gulf Coast, where Katrina hit three months ago, plunging New Orleans into the kind of chaos usually seen in the Third World, exposing the gap between rich and poor, and raising serious doubts about the country's readiness for another catastrophe, caused by man or nature.

The relief may not last very long. Forecasters say 2006 could be another brutal year, because the Atlantic is in a period of increased hurricane activity that began in 1997 and could last at least another decade.


Government hurricane experts say the increase is due to a natural cycle of higher sea temperatures, lower wind shear and other factors, though some scientists blame global warming.

The 2005 season obliterated many long-standing records.

- It had the most hurricanes in any year on record.
- This year had the most named storms (26), including Tropical Storm Ipsilon, which formed Tuesday, the most hurricanes (14), the highest number of major hurricanes hitting the U.S. (4), and the most top scale Category 5 hurricanes (4).
- Katrina was the deadliest U.S. hurricane since 1928, with more than 1,800 deaths and replaced

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Vatican defends ban on gay priest candidates

AMERICAN CITY — The Vatican defended a policy statement designed to keep men with "deep seated" homosexual tendencies from becoming priests, but said there could be no crackdown on gays who are already ordained.

The Vatican document, the first major policy statement of Pope Benedict XVI's papacy, was officially released Tuesday after being leaked earlier. Commentators have said it may help reverse the "gay culture" of many U.S. seminaries, where liberal critics complain the regulations will create moral problems among clergy and lead to an even greater priest shortage in the United States.

"The Rev. James Martin, a U.S. priest who has written on the issue, said American theologians, canon lawyers and other Catholic authorities will 'hope that the document will really be an open book at any time.' But he also said it is clear the Vatican wants to keep men from being ordained — even if they're committed to celibacy, and hopes bishops and seminarians will act accordingly."

Nation/World in brief

Roads still closed as snowstorm slams Plains
BISSMARK, N.D. — Crews on Tuesday gradually reopened major highways that had been closed by the Plains' first blizzard of the season, stranding post-Thanksgiving travelers. Thousands of people remained without electricity.

Five deaths were blamed on slippery roads in Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas. A sixth person was killed in a tornado spun off by the huge storm system in Arkansas.

Remnants of the system headed over the upper Great Lakes on Tuesday after the storm dumped snow as far south as the Texas Panhandle.

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New Orleans launches free wireless Internet

MIAMI — To help boost its stalled economy, hurricane-torn New Orleans is offering the nation's first free wireless Internet network, available to all in the city.

Mayor Ray Nagin said Tuesday the system would benefit residents and small businesses who still can't get their Internet service restored and the newly wired-out telephone network, while showing the nation "that we are building New Orleans back."

The system started operation Tuesday at the central business district and French Quarter. It will be available throughout the city in about a year.

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EDITORIAL

Silence won't suit T.F. residents on Sempra

Jerome County commissioners may have the final say on a coal-fired power plant in their boundaries, but some prominent Twin Falls residents want their city to chime in as well. As well it should.

That request was made to the Twin Falls City Council last week by a group of 10 area residents. The group is opposed to Sempra Energy's proposed 800-megawatt coal-fired plant for the area nine miles north-northwest of Jerome, and three miles off Highway 93.

Our view: Twin Falls and other cities neighboring the proposed Sempra plant need to study the project and weigh in on it. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

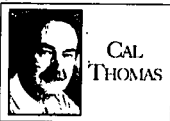
Jerome County commissioners have approved a meteorological tower that will begin gathering weather data this winter. Sempra must also gain an air permit from the Department of Environmental Quality and a water right transfer from the Department of Water Resources.

But now is the time for local municipalities, including Twin Falls, to begin their own due diligence and analyses on the plant's overall impact, especially pertaining to air quality. The pros and cons of Sempra's proposal have already been supported and criticized. But neighboring cities and counties should not be left out of the process.

If this year's legislative discussion fails to provide more state sitting authorities on power plants, neighboring cities should be ready to make an argument for why it's necessary. Speaking for the group, Bill Block said their opposition is largely due to a number of effects on local residents, from air quality to water quality to economic impact and way of life.

Council members took no action on the group's opposition, but the invitation to step up to the plate and weigh in on the matter deserves a response. Twin Falls city leaders and neighboring towns to Jerome County, have an obligation to speak up for the public process for Sempra begins.

The Bush administration is partly responsible for declining poll numbers and the growing public disapproval of the war in Iraq. Instead of responding immediately to questions concerning the reasons for the war and the honesty of top-level members of the administration, it allowed these allegations to fester until they became accepted, in many quarters, as fact.



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This led to an escalation in calls for troop withdrawals and exit timetables that the president and members of his administration wanted to avoid, for fear it would give our enemy the perception of a weak America with no stomach for protracted warfare. The "insurgents" are not the only reason the war is difficult. The United States is forced to fight differently from the terrorists. The insurgents use torture, beatings and "suicide bombings" that take the lives of noncombatants. But when someone charged that the United States uses inhumane or unusual (whatever that means) techniques to pry information from a captive that could save lives, war critics and the media go wild and suggest the U.S. military is replicating Saddam Hussein's torture chambers.

Terrorists are also winning the psychological warfare, partly because the jihadists are unified behind a goal and often are fanatics. They want territory and they want to kill "infidels." American leftists want "peace," without realizing that peace is a byproduct of defeating evil. The left also seeks the war for partisan political gain and, at the same time, seek to deprive President Bush of any credit for victory because it could benefit him politically. How sick is that?

Real estate listings for various properties in the Twin Falls area, including homes for sale and commercial real estate.

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LETTERS

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A laundry list of items evoking gratitude
In this unique time of the year, I am thankful for the many blessings, albeit in a left-handed way. I am thankful for the hundreds of pages of full-color glossy advertising in the Sunday paper because that gives me the chance to ponder what is of real value in my life. I am thankful that Sempra has chosen to come to town because that becomes an opportunity to renew a commitment to purity.

I am thankful for headstrong leopards because they help to remind me of who I really am, but don't like to admit. I am thankful for poor vision because it is an ever-present reminder of the wisdom of conservation which glasses represent. I am thankful for the vagaries of the stock market because that gives me a new lesson in who is really in charge of things. I am thankful for my own sinfulness because that serves as a contrast to what could be. I am thankful for death because it even in the struggles of life, large or small, whether caused or uncaused, there is the potential and the opportunity for gratefulness. Every cloud has a silver lining, my mama used to say. So in this season of Advent, otherwise known as "being watchful," be thankful—in all things. PHIL AITIH Berger

Water agency cannot avoid reform

The importance of the allocation of water to our state is well appreciated. The problem is not easily solved.

Fundamentally, we are confronted with a supply limited by a climate we cannot control and a demand we cannot limit. Fairness would dictate rationing so that everyone gets a fair share, but if rationing results, cutting the baby in two, it is untenable. Sharing water to the point of impoverishing everyone is untenable. Historically, building reservoirs, the Water Bank, informal borrowing and pumping of the aquifer have provided a reserve to draw on when supplies are short. Water users have "accounts" and managers of the Snake River can "bill water" because they have provided a reserve for a water user to borrow water from the river flow of another user's account and replace it later in the lender's reserve account. It is a procedure that works well if the climate cooperates, but if it doesn't, the shortage grows. We have credited water against a nonexistent balance of water.

READER COMMENT

Ted Quigley
The recent reporting on the process of determining water allocation seems to have left the Idaho Department of Water Resources' view. The IDWR is not a disinterested party. Its existence depends on its responsibilities in allocating and managing water rights. The state started some 30-odd years ago trying to solve our problem with the drafting of the State Water Plan. Since then, the IDWR has been trying to weaken the prior-use doctrine and use bureaucratic administration to govern water allocation. The latest gambit is to frame the discussion in terms of use versus prior use. It is an illusion worthy of a magician. All of the water supply comes from precipitation, and it is only temporarily stored in the surface and groundwater. Either it is evaporated or it ends up in the ocean. It is a single resource. If water can be managed at all, it must be conjunctive management. Priority of appropriation shall give the user the right as between those using the water...

managed at all, it must be conjunctive management. Priority of appropriation shall give the user the right as between those using the water... the Idaho Constitution sets forth the first rule of conjunctive management. Prior use is not in conflict with conjunctive management; it is the foundation of it. There were other rules considered and tried before prior appropriation was selected as the method for determining priority of right, but none were as practical and beneficial to the social good. Until a few years ago, conjunctive management was believed to be impossible because the connection between surface and underground water was not well enough understood. After years of study, the aquifer IDWR has a computer model, and this model can aid in the prediction of the effects of changing water allocations. It should help prevent the present situation of water surfaced with a water call from senior water user IDWR responds by adding for pool of water which junior user responds.

able for the shortage. It should make it unnecessary to incorporate into conjunctive management, rules which permit pumped to intercept water which surface users have claimed. The underlying conflict of the present argument is homes and communities (assets) versus economic development (income). The immediate issue is the rules IDWR has incorporated into its plan. In the short term, the courts will decide. In the long term, a more systemic reform is necessary. Either the IDWR will be given the power to reduce allocations in order to provide water for new development or the IDWR will be reduced to the role of conservator in a system that is already fully appropriated. Ted Quigley of Bull farms in the Castleford area and is a former member of the Twin Falls Canal Co's board of directors. He first became interested in water law when the State Water Plan was drafted and joined with other area farmers to lobby the legislature on aridland legislation.

Jerome food bank could use your help

In these times of "help the needy," I am writing to request more help. This is not for the victims of circumstances right here in our own area. It is for the hungry working with a local food bank in another area. Since working there, it has been a very eye-opening experience to see who is needy. Most everyone, who comes in, needs help. There is a very good reason for coming to get food. They are not lazy people as some folks label them. A good portion of them are the

working poor. They work for minimum wages and, by the time they pay the baby sitter and bills, there's no money left for food. Most of the people who come in have health problems, are elderly, live on fixed incomes or are handicapped and cannot work. The people are very grateful for what they do get. There are stores that throw away day-old food — meat and dairy products that these people would love to have. Please help out the needy night here in our own neck of the woods. No, they aren't victims of a world catastrophe, but they are victims of other unfor-

tunate circumstances. Some of these people may be related to you or your next-door neighbor, and they are too proud to let anyone know. There are not enough people in this area that we all could help in one way or another. Maybe it's baby-sitting for a young person who wants to work but all the check covers is daycare instead of paying the rent, how about the elderly who just need someone to come in and help them do things they can't do? There are many things we can do for others if we will just put forth some effort. If you have extra paper prod-

ucts, diapers or food (not home canned), there are other organizations that would make sure it was put to good use. If you are wondering how you can contact them, the following are some agencies or persons: South Central Community Action Partnership Northside, Chris Curry, 324-8856; Jerome Food Bank, Terry Meyers, 280-0160; or Barbara Arrington, 300-0478. Enjoy your holiday season knowing you have helped someone and their entire family that is in need of it. BARBARA ARRINGTON Jerome

LETTER

OPINION

Consumers agree: Cable ripoff must end

Three channels of MTV, hours of Spring Break coverage, four sarcastic and profane youngsters, and more. While they pay care to see. Sound familiar? So, if you never watch these channels, why do you have to pay for them? Three words: expanded basic cable.

Consumers watch, on average, just 17 channels. But to get them, consumers are forced to buy this bundle of channels because it opens up the universe of programming they do want, from Disney and Nickelodeon to CNN and C-SPAN to channels for sports fans and history buffs.

This "all or nothing" approach is more than just an annoyance. It's a consumer rip-off. And it forces parents to try to protect their children from cable programs they may consider unsuitable just to get kid-friendly channels.

There is something fundamentally wrong with requiring consumers to pay for a product they don't want and may even find offensive, in order to get something they do want.

It would be unthinkable for a magazine publisher to tell you in order to subscribe to the children's magazine, Ranger Rick, you must also subscribe to Playboy and Guns & Ammo. But that's exactly what the cable industry has been forcing cable subscribers

L. BRENT BOZELL AND GENE KIMMELMAN

to do for years. The practice limits choice, raises consumer costs, and prohibits new and independent programming on cable that may better reflect the diverse interests of viewers.

Despite political affiliations, there is one thing everyone can agree on, regardless of what programs consumers find objectionable and why, they should not have to pay for channels they don't want.

For consumers, the appeal of being able to choose which cable channels to buy is undeniable. And for parents who care about what their kids watch, the option is indispensable.

The cable industry knows there is growing consumer support for legislation requiring cable companies to provide this "a la carte" pricing—an option that allows subscribers to select and pay for only those channels they actually want.

To counteract this growing consumer sentiment, the industry announced that it would provide free equipment to subscribers to block unwanted channels. But of course, the industry puts the burden of blocking these channels on consumers, while still demanding they pay for those channels they block. This is an unacceptable option.

Why did it take so much public and congressional pressure for the industry to provide even this inadequate option to consumers? The answer is simple: cable's monopolistic leverage makes it unaccountable to consumers. Ninety-eight percent of consumers have just one cable option where they live. If they do not like what that company offers, there are few places to turn.

The cable industry is now attempting to scare consumers by forecasting increased cable rates for unbundled cable packaging. It takes some moxie for the cable industry to feign consumer concern after unilaterally raising subscriber rates by more than 60 percent over the last 10 years — two and a half times faster than inflation.

Cable companies claim the rate hikes are justified, in part, by the cost of providing new channels. But in many cases, the provider actually owns or is affiliated with these new channels. While including their own programming in their expanded basic lineup, they also use their market power to exclude programs with more diverse content offered by programmers not affiliated with them.

It's one reason you probably won't find Faith TV — a Christian movie channel — on Time Warner, but you will find Turner Classic Movies, which the cable company owns. And it's why you probably won't find Colours TV — a diverse, ethnic channel — on Comcast, but you will find TV One, Comcast's own network for African Americans viewers.

The point is not that consumers should choose one of these channels over the other; it is that they do not now have the option of choosing both or neither. "A la carte" pricing could help break that logjam by letting consumers vote with their wallets.

L. Brent Bozell is the president of the Parents Television Council (www.parentstv.org), a non-profit, non-partisan group committed to protecting children from graphic sex, violence and profanity on entertainment. Gene Kimmelmann is the director of Consumers Union (www.consumersunion.org), an independent nonprofit testing, educational and information organization.

LETTERS

Officer seeking thrills should go to Iraq

When reading the newspaper one day, I noticed a comment made by a police officer. "Then the fun began," about a high-speed chase through the residential neighborhood through fences and yards. It sounds like this officer is not very concerned about our safety, more about the thrill of the chase. Maybe he would have been easier to follow the vehicle and stop him in a parking lot or some place safe!

This might be a mistake to crucify the police, but if this officer likes the thrill of the hunt, join the service and go to Iraq. Front-line duty might give him a big rush.

BOB RIESE
Twin Falls

Lack of coverage for area event disappointing

Missed coverage of the dedication of the Southern Idaho Veterans Park on Friday, Nov. 11. You missed a great day and the dedication of and to the memory of our American veterans.

Need to check out the surrounding towns of Twin Falls. They may be small towns, but they are accomplishing big things.

Disappointed in coverage.
HERB AND BECKY ALLRED
Wendell

Floating holiday rewards dedicated workers

As a Minidoka County employee of more than 20 years, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the county commissioners for continuing to grant us the floating holiday that has caused such a stir as of late. I would also like to point a few facts that your editorial board chose to ignore (and why doesn't that surprise me).

1. The county does not give any year-end or holiday bonuses, even large appreciation dinners or banquets.
2. There is no office closed or services cancelled because of



this extra bonus day.

3. Probably more than 90 percent of the county positions are covered by existing staff, eliminating the need of extra help or overtime.

4. Each department head has to approve the day off, assuring that it will be during a time that does not compromise service or put undue burden on the other staff.

5. The county continually faces the issue of training personnel only to lose them to higher paying private sector jobs or to other government agencies that pay better or offer better benefits.

6. Many county employees work two jobs to make ends meet.

By my own admission, I have chosen this position I currently hold knowing my compensation would be as little as half as much as the same position in other areas. But it was my decision because this is where we

wanted to live and raise our family.

There are a lot of dedicated county employees that go beyond what is in their job description, many put in extra hours without compensation, and I have witnessed still others working on paid holidays because the work had to be done.

I feel that an extra floating holiday is one small reward for the many dedicated Minidoka County employees. And as to the local businessmen's comment that he cannot afford the same benefits, may I say to him that, to the best of my knowledge, there is not a single county employee that can afford to live in a large spacious home on the river.

PAUL ASTON
Burley
(Editor's note: Paul Aston is the director of community development for Minidoka County.)



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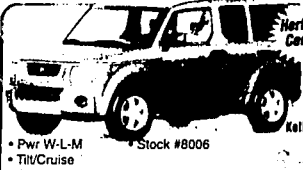
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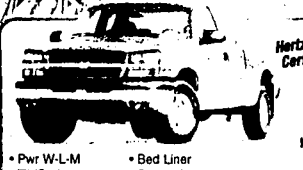
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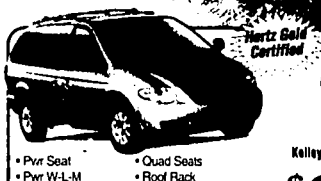
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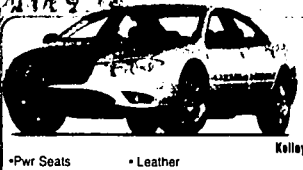
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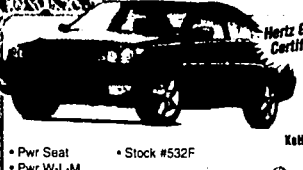
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Section B

It's early yet, but microbes are winning

My mother-in-law is a fascinating woman: bright, funny, well-traveled, informed. But she's not necessarily the best table companion come Christmas dinner. That's because Sally has a doctorate in microbiology, and she's only too happy to tell you what can go wrong with that heaping spoonful of stuffing that's pooled over your plate.

To microbiologists, turkeys and chickens are kind of walking petri dishes—a superb medium for growing noxious bacteria. But they're also birds, meaning that their pictures should be hanging in the post office as little, suspicious in the widely feared bird flu epidemic.

The particular strain of bird flu virus currently getting up a head of steam in Asia is a really, really close cousin to the microbe that killed close to 60 million people worldwide in 1918. And while that doesn't mean that this one will become a pandemic in 2006, it makes one hell of a scary story.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

Especially when told dispassionately, as only a scientist can do.

Sally, who taught at Sacramento State University before retiring, specializing in a tertiary virology — the bugs that bug cattle, sheep and goats.

After an afternoon of hearing about what goes on in the intestinal tracts of livestock, those Boca Burgers in the freezer look mighty good.

But, of course, the peril doesn't stop there. Flu, like a completely vertically integrated company capable of dispatching you from a tantalizing variety of sources, including the germs on that doorknob you're about to touch.

And beyond the world of viruses and bacteria lies more danger. Do you have any idea what spending a night in a room in a damp basement with a colony of mold can do to you?

Eventually, of course, you just have to tune it all out to avoid falling into a coma from the lysol-spraying, HEPA-filtered reclus.

It's sort of like radon. Radon is an odorless, colorless gas that occurs naturally in some subsurface rock and soils, and it's not uncommon in Idaho. It's also a carcinogen, so — in theory — building a house on a patch of radon-bearing rock can be dangerous for the inhabitants.

That fact became widely known — and a cultural phenomenon — in the 1960s, when paranoias was already thick in the air because of the Cold War and the perceived constant threat of Soviet bombers and missiles.

Everybody was buying radon detectors and sweeping their basements with them. But when the diags began to light up, the unfortunate homeowner was left with a conundrum: Very few people could afford to simply abandon their houses and start over, and if you got out that a place had a bad radon report, you'd never be able to sell.

But the Cmgens, who lived on the farm next to my aunt and uncle in Soda Springs, had an extra problem: While their basements tested positive for radon, so did their newly completed fallout shelter, out in the backyard a few dozen yards away.

Ironic, isn't it? If you stay outdoors, tested positive for radon, you're in almost as much trouble as you'd be if you went down into the fallout shelter, and vice versa.

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of 1999
Salmon	100%	21%
Big Wood	104%	20%
Little Wood	82%	18%
Big Lost	87%	18%
Little Lost	87%	18%
Henry's Fork/Teton	100%	20%
Upper Snake Basin	83%	20%
Oakley	87%	18%
Salmon Falls	87%	18%

*A comparison of Basin snowpack, on this date, with that of 1999 snowpack.

P&Z: Vacate Canyon Rim Road

By Terry Smith
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The City Planning and Zoning Commission would prefer to see a half-mile stretch of Canyon Rim Road converted into a pedestrian and bicycle path rather than remain a vehicle roadway.

The commission voted 8-1 following a public hearing Tuesday to recommend to City Council that the stretch of road be vacated. Commissioner Dusty Tenney, an impact area representative, cast the lone

dissenting vote.

The stretch of road in question is in the western part of Twin Falls, north of Federation Road. The request to vacate was made by Lance Fish, project manager for the proposed Settler's Ridge Subdivision, on behalf of developer Gary Bliek.

Fish said the existing roadway would be converted into a pedestrian and bicycle path that would tie into the city's canyon trail system that would eventually stretch to Shoshone Falls.

Several area residents, how-

ever, spoke against the proposal, saying it would benefit the developers financially and would restrict access to the canyon rim to the general public.

Chips Barlow presented the commission with a petition that he said was "signed by several hundred citizens who do not want this road vacated. From its inception, Canyon Rim Road has always been open for public use."

Area resident Tom Griggs said: "This project is taking something from the public to give to individuals. We need to

have at least one place in the county where people can drive and look at the canyon rim."

Several area residents spoke in favor of vacating the road. Jeff Bliek, son of Gary Bliek, said converting the roadway into a pedestrian and bicycle path is consistent with future planning for the city.

Fish told the commission that the proposed path will connect with a park planned as part of the subdivision and will allow handicap access. "I think it will be a great asset to the city," he said.

Commissioner Ryan Horsey said he's concerned that new development in the area will increase traffic and make driving the road a nightmare.

Commission Chairman Tom Frank said that public access will be better served by making the road into a path. "I'm for the vacation — the road can't serve the new traffic," he said.

Frank said the recommendation will be passed on to City Council, who will make the final decision. "This is one of those where we do not have the final say," he said.

COLD-WEATHER DELIVERY



Sharon Williams, a letter carrier with the U.S. Postal Service, walks through snow Tuesday afternoon on her route along Washington Street in Twin Falls. Williams has been a letter carrier for almost 10 years and says 'I prefer snow to the heat.' There is a chance for more snow today.

Utah judge denies Lafferty appeal

Murder victim was Kimberly native

By Debbie Hummel
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — A judge has denied an appeal by death-row inmate Ron Lafferty, who contended he was inadequately represented during the 1996 trial at which he was condemned to die for the murders of his sister-in-law, a Kimberly native, and his 15-month-old niece — a case made famous in the book "Under the Banner of Heaven."

Fourth District Judge Anthony Schofield issued his ruling Tuesday, denying Lafferty a

hearing where evidence would have been presented on the ineffectiveness of trial counsel and whether a specialist should have been brought in to help during the sentencing phase.

"I am of the view that (Lafferty) has failed to set forth specific facts showing that there is a genuine issue for trial," Schofield wrote, quoting previous case law.

Schofield wrote that Lafferty failed to support his claim of ineffective assistance by asserting only that his attorney didn't raise certain claims during his direct appeal. He needed also to show that those claims would have resulted in reversal on appeal, Schofield wrote.

"That is the burden which (Lafferty) must meet, but which

he failed to meet," Schofield wrote.

During an October hearing, Lafferty's current attorney, Alec Cramer, contended his client's 1996 legal team was ineffective because it failed to meet all the standards set by the American Bar Association for capital defense.

The U.S. Supreme Court in 2003 ruled that attorneys in death penalty cases must meet those guidelines, including having a specialist who makes sure a defendant is presented in the best possible light during both phases of the trial.

Such a specialist was not on the defense team in 1996, and Lafferty's lawyers said the standards should be applied retroactively.

Schofield's decision said Lafferty also failed to demonstrate that there was a particular need for such a "mitigation specialist."

"All I can say really at this point is that I respect the judge, but I disagree with him. I think Ron should have had a hearing on whether his prior trial counsel was ineffective," Cramer said Tuesday.

"I guess what we'll have to do now is argue that before the Utah Supreme Court," he said. "I have to (appeal) — his life's in the balance."

A message left for Assistant Attorney General Thomas Brunker on Tuesday said he did not immediately return.

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BSU president seeks support for school

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Public schools in Magic Valley are not the only ones seeking support from communities. On Tuesday afternoon, Robert Kustra, president of Boise State University, spoke to community leaders in Rupert asking them to support higher education.

"The fact of the matter is that we live in a relatively small state with a great educational infrastructure," Kustra said. "But we are finding it increasingly difficult to come up with the type of funding that universities had 25 years ago."

State tax dollars are distributed across the entire state, and are growing thin as the money is being used for more state services. He added that citizens of Idaho who support higher education — whether they have children who are enrolled or not — are supporting the state of Idaho.

After a meeting with local Rotary and Kiwanis club members, Kustra said he is hoping citizens of Idaho will support state officials who support education. "The support we're seeking is

at the polls, so to speak," Kustra said. "We're hoping citizens of Idaho will support their legislators who are in support of higher education."

Since his election as president of Boise State in 2003, Kustra has increased the number of graduate and doctoral programs, and he has sought to raise the admission standards at the university.

The university recently implemented the National Merit Scholar program — a four-year, full-ride scholarship for students who show outstanding academic achievement. University officials hope the scholar program will attract students who may look to out-of-state universities because they offer more substantial scholarships.

"We lose more students than we should to out-of-state schools, and many of them are the cream of the crop," Kustra said. "But if funding continues to decline while the school continues to grow, then the cost of tuition will go up to a point where we look more like a private school than public university."

BSU also began offering more Please see BSU, Page B3

District pulls plug on movies not tied to studies

By Marie Mitchell
The Times-News

RUPERT — Are movies in the classroom educational or entertainment?

That question was debated last week during the Minidoka County School District Board of Trustees meeting, when Superintendent Scott Rogers introduced a policy limiting movies in the classroom.

"Movies for strictly entertainment purposes are not appropriate," Rogers said, adding that he has received five phone calls from parents complaining about the number of movies their students are seeing.

During a recent tour of schools, Rogers said three classes taught by substitute teachers were showing feature films such as "Apollo 13."

"The issue is movies are being shown without being tied to the curriculum," he said.

Rogers proposed a new policy requiring teachers to obtain prior approval from their principal before showing a full-length feature movie to students during regular class time. The policy does allow teachers

to show clips from such movies for educational purposes.

Trustees approved the new policy and also reinforced the existing policy regarding the movies teachers are allowed to show.

Movies with an X or R rating are not permitted under any circumstances. PG-13 movies may not be shown to middle or elementary school students. Movies with profanity and nudity also are prohibited.

Rogers said this policy will prevent incidents like one that occurred last year, when a teacher sent permission slips home to parents before showing an R-rated movie despite the district policy prohibiting such movies.

A number of teachers present at the meeting said they were concerned the policy would keep them from showing any film, including those they now use in their classroom curriculum such as Minico High School's health occupation classes.

The trustees responded that the policy allows "wiggle room" by giving principals the right to approve movies.

Time of transition

Soldiers back on the job hunt

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's a time of transition for soldiers of the 10th Brigade Combat Team. After a tour in Iraq, they're back to being citizen soldiers with the Idaho Army National Guard.

"It's awesome," said Spc. Dave McKim about being home again. "It's kind of a culture shock. Being over there desensitized you. I appreciate everything now."

Some soldiers are back as full-time guardsmen. Others are part-time soldiers going back to their old full-time jobs. Some will be looking for new jobs and others will return to the classroom to embark on new careers.

Veterans and jobs

The local office of Idaho Commerce and Labor, 771 N. College Road, offers a number of services:

- Resume assistance
- Interviewing assistance
- Job search information
- Labor market information
- Veteran benefits
- Education
- Training
- Starting a business, call Johnny Moreno or Larry Hortley at the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor, 735-2500.

Idaho State Police has job openings.

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No matter what they decide, the local office of Idaho Commerce and Labor is there to help them. On Tuesday, the office held "Veteran Day" to introduce veterans old and new to the services available to them.

"It's a good place to be," said Wayne Wient, a consultant for Idaho Commerce and Labor. "The opportunities are just getting started."

Soldiers who have served at least six months of active duty are eligible for unemployment benefits, regardless of whether they were employed or not before they were activated. There is also help available to pay for college.

The local job service office offers one-stop shopping for the out-of-work veteran or veteran pondering a career change. With the click of a mouse, a veteran can search for job openings, both locally and around the country, fill out a job application with local employers, find out about education and training, take a career assessment and hand out a resume. The office will even supply the resume paper and envelope. And there, are people to help walk veterans through it.

"We can assist in linking veterans looking for jobs with employers looking for workers," said Johnny Moreno, the office's veterans employment representative. And Moreno said employers couldn't find better employees than veterans.

"These folks are highly motivated, flexible and used to working long hours," Moreno said. "Veterans have to do it right the first time — there may not be a second time to do it right."

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264.

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OBITUARIES

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Wanda Sue Fees



WENDELL — Wanda Sue Fees, age 65, of Wendell, died Sunday, Nov. 27, 2005, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding.

Wanda was born Jan. 13, 1940, in Sapulpa, Okla. She moved with her mother and brother to Camanche, where she married T.R. "Bud" Burros. They had three daughters, Margaret, Catherine and Wanda Hope. They were later divorced. She married Clayton Fees, Feb. 14, 1980. They moved to Hagerman, Idaho, in 1993, where they owned the Hagerman Mini-Mart. They retired and moved to Wendell.

She was preceded in death by her brother, William Lee, and her mother, Anna Mae Jones.

Survivors include her hus-

band, Clayton Fees; her daughters, Margaret Verbee (Jack Jr.), Catherine Gill (Francis) and Wanda Hope Parker (Richard); her father, Virgil Fees; sisters, Linda Baker

(Mike) and Virginia Fees; brother, Frank Fees (Gloria); stepsons, Jay Fees (Jane), Colin Fees (Brenda) and Britton Fees (Wendy); her grandchildren, Douglas Williams (Denise), Jack Verbee III, Jordan Verbee, Justin Verbee, Cynthia Gill, Matthew Gill, Hope Parker, Ryan Parker and Ritchie Parker; her step grandchildren, Fred Cote, Matthew Cote, Amy Fees, Dustin Fees, Morgan Fees and Emily Fees.

A funeral will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005, at the New Life Community Church in Wendell. Visitation for family and friends was from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Wendell.

Joanne Tsuneko Kawamura



BELLEVUE — Joanne Tsuneko Kawamura, 74, passed away peacefully at her home in Bellevue, surrounded by her family on Monday, Nov. 28, 2005.

Joanne was born in Pocatello, Idaho, on Jan. 29, 1931, 10 minutes before her twin sister, Marianne, to Dr. Tsunekichi and Grace Kihara. She attended high school in Pocatello. After graduating from Pocatello High School in 1949, she attended Grinnell University in Iowa and graduated from Colorado State University with a BS in zoology.

Joanne married the love of her life, William S. Kawamura, on Nov. 7, 1953, in a storybook wedding at the First Congregational Church in Pocatello.

Joanne worked at Westvaco as a lab technician for one year and then stayed at home to raise her three children on their Clubbuck farm. After graduating from the first class in the AMI course at ISU, she returned to the work force in 1968 in quality control at AMI. In 1970, she moved to Hailey with William when he started a new career. There she worked at the Triple S grocery store for Leo Stavros and Jack Holmes. When Atkinson's bought the store, she continued to work as a checker. Joanne's job was a joy to her and the people that she worked with through the years became like family. She loved the customers and enjoyed helping everyone, especially the senior citizens. She delighted in watching the children of customers and the box boys she worked with grow into young adults. In 1987, she began her arduous battle with health problems, but, through the understanding and generosity of the Atkinson family and managers, she was able to continue to work at the job she loved until her retirement in 1998.

Joanne lived life to the fullest and enjoyed everything. She was a wonderful cook and homemaker. Her warm home was always open to everyone for many good times. She enjoyed reading, movies, plays, music, tending to her flowers, walking and shopping. She loved traveling with William and especially loved forward to their trips to California to spend time with her grandchildren.

She had a special relationship with each of her grandchildren and taught them many lessons about life. She was a member of the Japanese American Citizen League of Pocatello/Blackfoot and of the First Congregational Church in Pocatello.

Joanne, though small in stature, had an enormous heart that she opened to everyone she met. Her smile and positive attitude made her precious to her family and friends. She faced many serious health problems with a grace and bravely fought cancer three times with her remarkable spirit and unwavering faith. Joanne was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandma, sister, aunt and friend. She will be deeply missed by all of those that loved her, but her sweet spirit will never be forgotten. Her life

was a gift to those lives she touched.

She is survived by her beloved husband, William; loving children and grandchildren, daughter, Linda (Donnis) Roulton, Grange, Calif.; son, Kim Kawamura, Bellevue; daughter, Bobette Kawamura, Pocatello; grandchildren, Dustin, Santa Monica, Calif.; Carly (fiance, David), and Dillon, Orange, Calif.; sister, Marianne (Bobby) Endo, Pocatello, and several special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Junior Kihara.

Joanne was blessed to have the prayers and love of her relatives and many friends. Her family would like to warmly thank the friends in the Wood River Valley that she loved for their many tokens of kindness. Through her years of health problems, Joanne also felt blessed to have the excellent care of the Wood River medical community. With grateful hearts, the family wants to give their deep appreciation to the wonderful hospice nurses, Carolyn, Leslie, Kath, Kristen and Barb for their gentle loving care that made her last days special and peaceful.

A celebration of Joanne's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at the First Congregational Church of Christ, 309 N. Garfield Ave., Pocatello. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, at the church. Interment of her ashes will be in Mountain View Cemetery, Pocatello in a private family ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, her family suggests that donations be made in Joanne's name to The Hospice of the Wood River Valley, P.O. Box 4320, Ketchum ID 83340.

Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey, Idaho.

Nikole Nelson: her parents and friends, Carla and Jack Nelson of Jerome, Idaho; brother, Rob (Mary) Nuckols of Riggins, Idaho; uncles, Rex (Dorina) Weech of Burley, Idaho; Dr. and Mrs. H.J. Nuckols of Birmingham, Ala.; nephew, George Nuckols of Riggins, Idaho; Peru SA; nieces, Dusty Nuckols and son, David, of Lewiston, Idaho; Cloe Nuckols of Foothill Ranch, Calif.; and Pearl Adair of Pocatello, Idaho; special friend, Evelyn Craig of Hansen, Idaho; and best friends, Jerry (Teresa) Phelan of Targent, Ore.; and Teresa Adair of Riggins, Idaho.

His sister, Jackie Nuckols: grandparents, Miles and Cloe Weech of Hales, Idaho, and Wanda and Jean Nuckols of Tualcoosa, Ala., preceded him in death.

At John's request, no services will be held.

If you wish to send a remembrance to be included in the Bros. Motorcycle Club (which he very much enjoyed), The club and John personally asked to help support our East End Providers, P.O. Box 4, Kimberly, ID 83341.

John R. Nuckols



HANSEN — John R. Nuckols, a free spirit who lived life on his terms, has left us. He passed away Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Born July 25, 1953, in Tuscaloosa, Ala., John was the son of Jack and Rae Nuckols. When he was 2 years old, John moved with his family to Seattle, Wash. In 1969, the family moved to Hansen, Idaho, where he, along with his parents, started Rock Creek Metal Craft, and where he worked till his passing. John was also a metal sculptor, selling pieces all over the country and giving many pieces to friends and family. His last piece, (an old-fashioned fire truck) will be sent to Iowa for the dedication of a new fire station. He still had ideas for pieces he had been commissioned to do that will now not be finished.

John was in the process of building his beautiful log home. It has been a long process — but he wished to build it all on his own and have it paid for completely by the time he moved in. He had many interests besides sculpting.

He was a wonderful chef,

enjoying making many large meals of all ethnic types of food for family and friends. He also enjoyed writing poetry to express his thoughts and ideas.

Having grown up on Puget Sound in Washington, his great passion was fishing, both locally and deep seas with his brother, Rob, and best friend, Jerry Phelan. He has many trophy fish on his walls, which show his fishing talent.

Surviving John are his parents, Jack and Rae Nuckols; Hansen, Idaho; stepdaughter,

Crump

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breathed all that radon gas for three to six weeks.

But eventually their septic tank failed, flooding their basement. The Cragens had to move temporarily into the fallout shelter while repairs were made to the septic system and to the house.

Mr. Cragen bought a kit that he'd seen advertised in the back of the Reader's Digest that promised to remove radon gas. Basically, it was a pump-and-fan system that recycled the air inside the shelter. He ran it for two or three days before he unplugged it, and with growing confidence the Cragen family moved into the shelter, ready to share their great adventure in comfort and safety.

Of course, living in a 12-by-18-foot subterranean enclosure with children 2, 4, 7 and 8 meant that Mr. and Mrs. Cragen breathed the same oxygen that the kids did.

And caught the same mumps.

I plan to ask my mother-in-law about the virulence of the mumps virus. After I step outside and get some air.

Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at scrump@magicvalley.com.

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OBITUARY

Ramona Lois Henderson Davidson

BUHL — Ramona Lois Henderson Davidson was born on 10 June 1923 in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Lois Edith Slack Henderson and Edward Albert Henderson. She was the eldest child of six. They lived in Hansen, Idaho, where her father farmed until about 1936 when they moved to Cozys, Ore., to follow her father's dream of having a homestead. Ramona graduated from high school and went on to Eastern Oregon College, working and paying her own way. She went to Eugene, Ore., for more school, where she met Gerald Adam Davidson whom she married in Nyssa, Ore., on 16 October 1945. Eventually, she graduated with a teaching degree from Eastern Oregon College.



Ramona Lois Henderson Davidson

Ramona and Jerry had three children: James, Larry and Larry. Ramona taught grade school in Toledo, Ore., when the children were very small. About 1952, they moved briefly to the Los Angeles area where Jerry taught high school and then to San Diego County where Ramona was a great stay-at-home mom while Jerry taught high school math. In the late 1960s Ramona returned to St. Ignace State College where she got a master's degree, specializing in special education. She taught special education in Twin Falls and then Buhl for about 17 years before retiring. During the summers, Ramona and Jerry took a unique opportunity, taking their family to Oregon where they worked for the Forest Service to supplement Jerry's teaching salary during the school year. In the remote mountains of NE Oregon, they had no electricity, running water, or indoor plumbing. What a special treat it was for Ramona when the forest ranger brought a gas-powered washing

machine so she would not have to wash clothes on a wash board. As Labor Day approached, back they would go to San Diego with paved roads, lots of traffic and lights that turned on with a light switch. At every opportunity, they took the children camping, to museums, to an observatory, to tour Navy battleships and submarines. Ramona never hesitated to wake the family at 5 a.m. to hear about events like the launch of Sputnik. In 1972, Jerry and Ramona moved permanently to Idaho.

When I think of Ramona, I think of her pioneer spirit, never afraid to do that which was difficult. Upon coming home from college one summer, the lumber purchased for her to build a bedroom for herself was stolen one night — so she built it out of an old chicken coop. She was fiercely independent. She loved to cook and was a master bread maker. When she raised chickens, they had no electricity, running water, or indoor plumbing. What a special treat it was for Ramona when the forest ranger brought a gas-powered washing

stitch she filled them with. She loved history and was a voracious reader. She loved animals, from the baby lambs she had as a child to the cat and dog she had in her later years. Ramona served her community as a member of Kivans and was honored to be awarded Kivansian of the Year. She loved to serve her family, especially around holidays with beautiful banquets. She took special pride that her children succeeded personally and vocationally, cheered their education on and bragged far more that she should have.

Ramona passed away 26 November 2005 in Buhl, Idaho, at the age of 82 after a seizure-related accident.

Ramona is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gerald Davidson; two sisters, Corine Henderson and Darlene Henderson Ford; and her brother, Glen Henderson. She is survived by her three children, Rebecca Egbert Kendall, James Davidson (Waive) and Larry Davidson (Mickey); two sisters, Winona Robbins (Merlinda) and Barbara Holloway (Robert); a brother-in-law, Walter Ford; a sister-in-law, Marilyn Wood Henderson; nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Ramona was a wonderful Mom, Grandma, sister and Aunt. We miss her very much. Very special thanks to Larry and Mickey Davidson and Barbara Holloway for the many love-filled hours spent helping fill Ramona's needs and keeping her independent.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth Ave., Buhl. No public viewing will be held.

OBITUARY

Iris M. Morrison



Iris M. Morrison

Jerome — Iris M. Morrison, 84, of Jerome, passed away Nov. 28, 2005, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

She was born Oct. 10, 1921, in Pocatello, Idaho, the daughter of Nels Peter Roholt and Freda Elizabeth Poulsen Roholt. Iris graduated from Jerome High School in 1940. She married Clyde Gayman Morrison April 2, 1941, in Olympia, Wash. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. Iris was a lifelong member of the LDS Church and served in various callings. She loved crocheting and gardening as well as fishing and camping. Mosty she loved her family and enjoyed spoiling her grandchildren.

Iris is survived by two daughters and one son, Peggy (Stan) Vogt of Pocatello, Nancy (Gary)

Hugh Roholt of Jerome, seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and many extended family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three children, Ernestine, Bonnie and Connie, two brothers, and five sisters.

A funeral for Iris will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 2005, at the Jerome LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 50 E. 100 S., Jerome, with Bishop Alan Levitt officiating. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

SERVICES

(Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Barbara R. Irwin of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the New Life Community Church in Wendell (Demary Funeral Chapel).

Billie Louise Strickland, formerly of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the First Christian Church, 334 Fourth Ave. W., Gooding (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Norma U. Bedke Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Oakley Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 N. Center Ave. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Donald D. Cote of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Stella "Sally" Rose Bosworth of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl, viewing one hour before the service at the church (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Gary Donald Oro of Jerome, memorial service 10-11 a.m. today at the Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; family will greet friends following the service.

Norma L. Voss of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at Apostolic House of Prayer. Friends may call one hour before the service today at the church (Hansen Mortuary/Rupert Chapel).

Eugene W. Sullivan of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, Irene and Washington Streets, Kimberly (White Mortuary).

Gregerson "Gilbert" Hafen of Caldwell, funeral at 10:30 a.m. today at the Caldwell Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3015 S. Kimball Ave., in Caldwell. Visitation from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. before the service in the Relief Society Room at the Stake Center (Dakam Funeral Chapel).

Marjorie Alice Perkins of Jerome, memorial service at 4:30 p.m. today at the landmark Baptist Church, 100 E. D St. in Jerome (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Carl J. Dalos of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at St. John's Lutheran Church, 12th and Poplar, Buhl

Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6925 Havenhurst Drive, Sacramento; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Harry A. Nauman Funeral Home, 4041 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento.

Cleon W. Duffee of Alma, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at the Alma Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and one hour before the service at the church.

Barbara Ellen Treat Powell Hook of Boise; visitation from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday at Relyea Funeral Chapel. A funeral will be held after the viewing at 6 p.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Raymond A. Hahn of Buhl, memorial service at 4 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

DEATH NOTICES

Clara B. Hicken
BURLLEY — Clara B. Hicken, a 91-year-old resident of Burley, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at her home.

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

W. Alfred Sandy
HAGERMAN — W. Alfred Sandy, 90, a resident of Hagerman, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at his home in Hagerman. Arrangements will be made by Demary Funeral Service in Gooding.

Arthur Eugene Richards
HAILEY — Arthur Eugene Richards, 80, of Hailey, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2005, at the Twin Falls Care Center. Arrangements will be made by Wood River Chapel of Hailey, Idaho.

Dorothy Jean Sandmark
TWIN FALLS — Dorothy Jean Sandmark, 86, of Twin Falls, died early Tuesday morning, Nov. 29, 2005, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

A private family graveside service will take place at Forest Lawn Covina Hills Cemetery in Covina, Calif. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Betty E. Watson
PARMA — Betty E. Watson, 80, of Parma, died Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, at a Caldwell hospital. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005, at Hafihl Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

Ramon Steele
HAGERMAN — Ramon Steele, 66, of Hagerman, died Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, in

Gooding. A graveside funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 2005, at the Hagerman Cemetery in Hagerman. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday at Demary's Gooding Chapel. A complete obituary will appear in a later edition.

Leo M. Day
BURLEY — Leo M. Day, an 83-year-old resident of Burley, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at Cassia Regional Medical Center. Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Steven Jay Cutright
GOODING — Steven Jay Cutright, 57, a resident of north Gooding, died Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, at his home. Arrangements will be made by Demary Funeral Service in Gooding.

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advanced areas of study in an attempt to keep research within the state of Idaho. On Thursday, the university will propose a computer and electrical engineering program before the State Board of Education, and Kustra said there are plans to add a masters program in community planning and design, as well as an executive MBA program. At this point, the university's biggest challenge is its growth. Kustra said he would not be sur-

prised if the university reached 24,000 to 25,000 students after ten years — there are currently about 13,000 student enrolled. Kustra said the school's enrollment is increasing at an annual rate of about 2 percent.

Kustra also visited area high schools to speak with administrators and students.

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Caleb Lind, 4, looks out at the two monorail trains that clipped each other on Saturday above Fifth Avenue in downtown Seattle. The trains were separated from their crunched positions early Tuesday. Center: All were built for the 1962 world's fair.

SEATTLE (AP) — A giant hydraulic crane and a powerful tow truck were used to separate the two Seattle monorail trains that jammed when they derailed each other on a narrow section of the elevated tracks over the weekend.

The basic strategy worked as planned but the trains could not be moved as far as officials hoped before the work was halted early Tuesday, and officials said it would take at least one more night of work to get the damaged trains to the system's maintenance shop.

"We're very happy with the progress as it's been going," said Perry Cooper, a spokesman for the Seattle Center, which owns the monorail.

The trains derailed on a curve near the downtown station Saturday evening. Crews helped 84 passengers down from the 28-foot-high tracks. There were no serious injuries.

The maintenance operation is at the other end of the line, about a mile to the north, near the Space Needle in the Seattle

hovering around 40 degrees to watch the start of the operation.

"We wanted to see the last of its karma, at least for a while," said Andrew Snelling, 23, a car dealer who watched with his wife Kiley.

"It's deep curiosity," contract writer Ann McFarland said of her desire to be at the scene. "Now, just sitting there, it's looking old and sad... I hope this isn't its last hurrah. It would be sad for Seattle."

A signal system has prevented similar accidents at the curve, where the tracks are too close together for the two trains to pass freely. The southbound train is supposed to stop and wait for the northbound train to pull out of the Westlake station before passing the curve.

Investigators from the state Department of Transportation and the National Transportation Safety Board will try to determine whether the problem was operator error, a signal malfunction or a communication breakdown.

For avid tourists, the Monorail carries as many as 23,000 riders a day. A 13-year campaign to expand the system was rejected by voters this month, the first no vote in five elections on the issue in eight years.

ISP wants to hire Guardsmen

BOISE (AP) — Idaho officials estimate about 10 percent of Idaho National Guard soldiers returning from Iraq are out of work, but a number of state agencies are available to help them find jobs, and at least one wants to hire them.

The Idaho State Police is hoping to recruit some of the soldiers as state troopers. "We need people who will be able to handle all manner of situations from handling firearms to driving an emergency vehicle,"

approaching a car during a traffic stop, investigating accidents, dealing with sometimes combative or unstable people, you name it," Tim O'Leary, ISP Human Resources Officer, told The Spokesman-Review. "We believe the experiences our returning military veterans have could make them a good fit in our organization."

Federal law guarantees returning Guard members their old jobs, but sometimes the jobs no longer exist, or Guard members were self-employed.

Lafferty

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Lafferty's story was the subject of the best-selling book, "Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith," by Jon Krakauer that chronicles the religious extremism that led Lafferty and his brother, Dan, to conspire to kill the 24-year-old wife of another brother, Allen, and their toddler, Erlea.

Both Brenda Lafferty and the little girl had their throats slashed in their American Fork home on July 24, 1984. The brothers said they directed them to commit the murders.

Brenda Lafferty was a Kimberly native and still has relatives in the Magic Valley. Ron and Dan Lafferty were convicted of the murders in separate 1985 trials. Ron Lafferty was sentenced to death, while Dan Lafferty's jury deadlocked on a death sentence and he was sentenced instead to two life terms in prison.

In 1991, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals vacated Ron Lafferty's death sentence after finding the trial judge, J. Robert Bullock, used an improper standard to determine Lafferty's competence to stand trial.

Ron Lafferty was found competent after a sixth competency hearing and ordered to stand trial again.

During the 1996 trial, a handwritten revelation was presented that showed Ron Lafferty had called for the killings of four people.

Along with Brenda and her daughter, Ron Lafferty also called for the deaths of Chloe Lee, who had helped his ex-wife move to Florida with their children, and Richard Stowe, a bishop in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, who played a role in Lafferty's ex-communication from the mainstream church.

Ron Lafferty was convicted again in the two murders and sentenced to die.

Lawmakers look at worker pay options

Some employees could be cut to raise pay of other state workers

BOISE (AP) — Lawmakers on a special joint committee are recommending that some state programs be eliminated and some state workers be let go so that the pay of workers who remain can be increased and made more competitive.

The joint legislative interim committee on state employee compensation made the recommendation Monday. The Legislature created the committee to study ways to change how it pays state employees because state workers have been leaving their jobs for higher-paying agencies that can find people to replace them.

The committee did not say how many employees might be affected, nor what programs might be cut.

"We realize that something needs to be done," Sen. Mike Jorgensen, R-Hayden Lake, told The Spokesman-Review.

State employees receive wages that are 16.5 percent below market rates, according to state agencies. They received a 1 percent merit-based bump this year, a 2 percent raise last year, and no raises for the two

years before that. "I think it will make a statement coming out of this committee to the governor, that we think funding for the state employees ought to come first, not last," said Sen. Dick Compton, R-Coeur d'Alene.

The committee approved a motion by Sen. Joe Stegner, R-Lewiston, to delete a requirement to raise state pay to at least 95 percent of market rates. However, it approved a motion from Shirley Ringo, D-Moscow, to raise the pay of employees who are meeting goals to market rates within five years.

"To me, the worst nightmare that could come out of this committee would be something that allows us to follow the same failed policies that we've been following the last few years," Ringo said.

The committee plans to meet one more before presenting its final recommendations to the full Legislature, which convenes in January. Dona VanThrace, executive director of the Idaho Public Employees' Association, said

Tuesday she was concerned that if some jobs were cut, the remaining employees would be asked to do those workers' jobs as well as their own.

"We'll work hard to make sure the changes they include stipulate some kind of guidelines that will prevent them from arbitrarily eliminating workers every time there's a money crunch," VanThrace said.

During the meeting, committee members became embroiled in an open meeting discussion.

The majority of Republicans wanted to take a break to meet in caucus behind closed doors. The minority Democrats also wanted to meet but said their caucuses were open to the public.

Rep. Jana Kemp, R-Boise, objected. "I believe that the issue of employee pay is a nonpartisan issue, and as such, I would pro-

pose that we conduct all business here in the interim committee," she said.

She was outvoted 11-1. She remained in her seat in protest as the other lawmakers left for their respective party caucuses.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Barley, later issued a statement saying closed-door caucuses were not appropriate for joint committees.

"I would like to make it clear as speaker of the House, that our policy is that no committee, meeting or interim, have a session in which a subcommittee meets behind closed doors," Newcomb wrote.

The Idaho Press Club is suing the Legislature for holding more than half a dozen closed meetings of official committees. The case is scheduled to go before the Idaho Supreme Court on Jan. 9.

House-mover to appear in court for manslaughter

CALDWELL (AP) — The driver of a semi-truck moving a house at night that authorities say was poorly lit and led to the death of an 18-year-old motorist is scheduled to appear in District Court Jan. 11 for a preliminary hearing.

Caleb Ray, 25, of Caldwell, was charged Oct. 3 with vehicular manslaughter. Ray could spend up to 10 years in prison if convicted.

Ray was driving a semi pulling a 28-foot-wide house from Meridian to a new location in Canyon County early on June 14. The house stretched across both lanes of Idaho 55 near Marsing, about 30 miles west of Boise.

Justin W. Anderson died after he passed two pilot cars and entered into the house at about 5 a.m.

Investigators said the truck used to haul the home had no warning devices, no red reflectors on the rear, no tail lights, no stop lights and no brake lights.

The trailer had no brakes on the left or right side, no break-away device, no stop, turn or tail lights, and no red reflectors on its rear.

Investigators said the house was covered in black tar paper, and that the two pilot cars traveling ahead of the house failed to warn oncoming motorists.

Ray's brother tried to warn Anderson by shining a spotlight on the road and then on the trailer. Ray told investigators he attempted to get off the road just before Anderson's pickup hit the house.

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Take the 'wild' out of cooking game

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Whether it's prepared in a 7UP or baking soda marinade, or braised in a Dutch oven, local chefs say taking the wild out of game is simple for at-home cooks.

Here, Kirt Martin, chef of Snake River Grill in Hagerman and author of "Cooking on the Wild Side," Tony Ise of Ise and Jade Chinese restaurants in Twin Falls, and Brian Standlee of the Wild Flour Cafe in Burley, share tips for preparing wild game tasty enough even for the skeptics.

"When we do our dishes, I have yet to not win them over," said Martin, whose restaurant hosts wild game dinners.

Cut and chilled

The key to good flavor starts on the hunting trip. Washing out the stomach cavity, quartering the meat and packing it with ice are vital to preserving good flavor.

"That's the most important thing — to get the pre-cut stuff done while you're still out in the field," Standlee said.

Cutting the meat into steaks and roasts and filleting fish is the next step to prepare meat for proper freezing. Don't toss a whole steelhead in a sack and throw it into the freezer, Martin said.

Freeze the meat airtight.

Ise and Martin recommend using a vacuum sealer. It's not a big expense when considering the entire cost of the hunt and the value of preserving quality flavor, Martin said.

Freezer burn on wild meat tastes a lot funkier than, say, beef, Standlee said.

"If you freeze burn an elk steak, it's going to be ruined. You're not going to want to eat it," he said.

Tender and juicy

Standlee suggests home cooks marinate their wild game in a citrus-type soda pop.

"No matter what, I always marinate my wild game in a hint of Tabasco sauce and 7UP," he said.

The citric acid in the soda loosens up the meat by breaking down fibers, tenderizing it and allowing it to absorb flavor.

"Timing the marinade depends on the meat. Venison has the most wonderful flavor," Standlee said, and a 45-minute-to-an-hour marinade would be enough to remove the game taste. A couple of hours would do for an elk steak. Less choice meats or cuts can be marinated longer. Standlee promises that a 24-hour marinade makes even a plate of carp — a nongame fish — taste good.

The chefs at Ise and Jade employ the same trick with baking soda. A bit dissolved in water has the effect of loosening up and tenderizing the meat. But don't use too much, Tony Ise cautioned, or the meat will taste like baking soda. A bit of sesame oil in the marinade will bring out the flavor, he said. The restaurants often prepare wild game stir fry or finger steaks for customers who bring in their hunts.

Whatever methods at-home cooks may choose, don't overcook the meat, Martin advised. That's the secret to a tough cut of meat. He recommends braising — or moist cooking — for people who prefer their well-done.

"Be delicate with it," Standlee said. "Cook it slow on low heat. It'll be tender and juicy."



Amanda Thomas breads elk finger steaks in preparation for a multicourse wild-game dinner at Snake River Grill in Hagerman. Thomas has worked for the restaurant for four years.

Chef's artistry pays respects to moose, bear

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — Nate Steen of Kimberly had a particular Hagerman chef in mind when he shot a moose last year.

In the field, immediately after the archery kill, he packaged the tenderloin filets separately and cooled them quickly.

"Just treated it like it was Kirt Martin dinner all the way," said Nate.

Nate, a cousin of my husband, Mark.

And Nate offered to share.

Mark and I never turn down a trip to Hagerman's Snake River Grill for a Martin-made wild game dinner. We have friends who feel the same. So last month, Nate turned over to Martin the moose filets, the ham of a black bear.

Nate shot north of Stanley this spring, local blackberries and home-processed apple cider — and made a dinner date for it.

Sure, relinquishing prime cuts of game and sitting down to a restaurant meal is a gamble. But we never were disappointed.

Martin plans his wild game dinners after he checks the condition of the meat, working currently available fresh products into the meal, for days, the idea evolved.

This time, Martin started out with a slatka mushroom soup gratin, with a little cabernet sauvignon resting atop the bread and cheese. As usual, he emerged from the kitchen in his white jacket, sneakers and crazy-vegetarian pants — to give an exuberant explanation of the course.

And to admire a picture of the mountain goat Lowell Wolters bagged this fall. While the sight

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Snake River Grill's head chef, Kirt Martin, sits a French onion-mushroom soup that will be the diner's first course. One of Idaho's wild-game experts, Martin is a third-generation chef and has the philosophy "keep it simple."



Above, Bobby Moeztazum, front, and Drew McGuire cut some garnishes for the wild-game dinner. The special five-course meal took three to four hours of preparation.

BRAISED ANTELOPE ROAST

From Snake River Grill in Hagerman

- 1 antelope hindquarter roast, about 6-8 pounds (or substitute with wild game of your choice)
- Flour to dredge
- Paprika to coat
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 quart beef stock
- 1 cup white wine
- 1 teaspoon chopped rosemary
- 3 sprigs thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 12 peppercorns
- 4 cups new red potatoes, scrubbed
- 4 cups chunked carrots
- 4 cups garden peas
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar

Place olive oil in a Dutch oven over high heat. Generously coat the roast with paprika and flour. Place roast in Dutch oven, and brown all sides. Reduce heat to medium and add stock, wine, thyme, rosemary, bay leaves, garlic, brown sugar, peppercorns, celery and onions. Add potatoes and carrots. Cover and bake 1 1/2 hours at 375 degrees. Arrange meat on plates with halved potatoes and carrots. Ladle sauce over meat and potatoes only. Garnish with peas that have been cooked 1 minute in 2 cups of boiling water. Serve at once. Yields eight portions.



STUFFED FLANK STEAK

From Wild Flour Cafe in Burley

- 1 large flank steak (elk or venison works best)
- Flour to dredge
- Citrus flavored pop
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- Pepper and thyme to taste
- 1/2 cup sliced chives
- 2 tablespoons minced parsley
- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 4 slices white bread
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 2 cups finely chopped fresh greens (spinach, lettuce or other)
- 4 tablespoons grated cheddar cheese
- 6 slices bacon, fried and crumbled
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 bay leaf
- Butcher's twine (available at grocery stores) to secure meat

Marinate steak for about 45 minutes in a citrus-flavored soda pop such as 7UP or Sprite. Pound both sides of steak with a wooden mallet. Mix salt, pepper and thyme and rub seasonings on steak. Place steak in a large dish and add chives, parsley and red wine vinegar. Marinate in refrigerator overnight, basting and turning steak a few times.

Remove steak from marinade and drain well. Soak bread in milk, drain and then mash bread into a smooth mixture. Mix it with greens, cheese, bacon and nuts. Spread mixture on steak. Roll steak and tie with butcher's twine.

Heat olive oil in a casserole dish and lightly brown steak roll on all sides. Cover steak with boiling water and add bay leaf. Simmer for three hours on low to medium low heat. Drain, chili and slice steak roll into thin pieces for serving. Serve cold with fresh beans, green salad, corn on the cob or hot rolls.

WILD GAME CHINESE STIR FRY OR FINGER STEAKS

From Jade and Ise restaurants in Twin Falls

- Meat: Wild game of your choice
- Marinade: 1/4 teaspoon baking soda dissolved in 1/8 cup of water, per pound of meat
- Pepper
- Powdered or minced garlic

- 1/4 teaspoon sesame oil, per pound of meat
- Slightly less than 1/4 teaspoon five spice (available at Asian food stores), per pound of meat

Prepare marinade, adding seasonings to taste. Chop meat either in cubes or

strips depending on preference for stir fry, or in strips for finger steaks. Marinate 6-12 hours.

For stir fry: Add corn oil to hot wok, and saute meat. Serve with rice and stir fried vegetables.

For finger steaks: Bread meat using breading of your choice, and deep fry.

FOOD & HOME

Festive plants can have not-so-merry effects

Mother said, "Never go empty-handed." So we take small gifts to our friends' homes when we go. Often, the small gift is a plant.

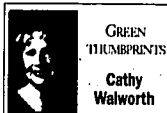
There are many blooming plants available now. But so many of them are not so great gifts — if the family has pets or small children.

While we know that poinsettias are not poisonous, they can cause stomach upset in cats. And cats are notoriously nosy when it comes to nibbling on plants. Poinsettias do exude a milky sap that can cause skin irritation. So it's a good idea to wash off the sap right away if it gets on your hands.

Holly wreaths were sent to newweds in ancient Rome to express congratulations and goodwill. Like other people around the world, the Romans believed the holly ward off evil spirits. In England, holly protected against witches, dogs and wild beasts. In every house, church, street corner and market was decorated with holly.

Just don't eat it. Holly causes stomach upset in people and can be fatal to dogs and cats. If small children eat a lot of holly berries, they can become sick with vomiting, diarrhea and stupor.

Washing under the mistletoe comes from a Norse tale.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

Balder, the Norse sun god, had a caring mom, Frigg. Balder's mother, feared for her son's life. She extracted promises from every living thing not to kill Balder. She forgot mistletoe.

The rival god Loki made a sharp arrow of mistletoe wood and shot Balder. As the myth goes, Balder's light (the sun) lessened, and Frigg's tears turned to mistletoe berries. So impressed were the other gods that they saved Balder. Frigg was so overjoyed that she kissed everyone who walked beneath the mistletoe.

The moral of that story: No dining on mistletoe, just kissing beneath it.

Mistletoe upsets stomachs and can cause heart collapse in pets. Mistletoe berries can give a person acute stomach and intestinal irritation with diarrhea and slow pulse. Some say that Indians used to chew mistletoe leaves to relieve toothaches. Recently, though, a drug was derived from mistletoe to lower blood pressure. Don't try this at home.

Hibiscus causes diarrhea if pets eat it. It's not listed in my copy of "Human Poisoning from Native and Cultivated Plants" (James W. Hardin, Dr. Jay M. Arena, Duke University Press, 1974). Still, it's hard to believe that hibiscus is something a person would want to eat.

Chewing on pine needles can make your pet sick. That would seem to be only half your troubles if that pet got so interested in the Christmas tree that she pulled the thing over into the middle of the living room. Maybe that's why some folks suspend their Christmas trees from the ceiling. You suppose?

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What's bugging your garden? Write to former Twin Falls resident Cathy Walworth in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at cwalworth@msn.com.

Game

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and smell of the soup made my mouth crazy).

Martin's mushroom soup elaborates on the French onion soup gratin recipe that's been around forever. As he puts it, you don't reinvent salt. "You just add your twist to it." His is the addition of shiitake mushrooms, fresh herbs "and a few other things."

The bear appeared next, in two unexpectedly elegant hors d'oeuvres.

Of course, the bear was at its best to begin with. Nate shot the animal with an arrow in the spring, when bears are carrying less fat and eating easily digestible fare like grass and new, green shoots. Bear salad, Nate calls it. He figures the bear was about 5 years old — not young enough to excite his wife's sympathies, but not old and tough, either.

Still, game-averse diners might regard bears as big, scary creatures. So Martin — Snake River Grill's owner, a third-generation chef and a graduate of Le Cordon Bleu Paris Ottawa Culinary Arts Institute in Ontario — gleefully presented a dainty bear hors d'oeuvre.

"What's fun is roasted don't expect it," he said. Martin wood-roasted some of the meat for a smooth bear pate inside pate a choux pastry — the same egg, flour and butter pastry used in eclairs.

"When you finish the bite, you end up with a little bit of smoke," Martin told us before we passed the platters. Precisely true, we found.

For an entirely different hors d'oeuvre — one with the boldness of garlic and celeriac — Martin marinated the rest of the bear meat overnight in a tomatoillo salsa. The tender meat showed up in quesadillas with tomatoes, green onions, celloped and black beans, topped with chipotle alio, avocado and Snake River Grill's fresh salsa.

Taking food to artistic extremes shows respect to the animals that died, Martin explained as his servers distributed the first entrée — mouse cutlets lightly breaded with fresh herbs, bread crumbs and a little parmesan regiano, then topped with mango and

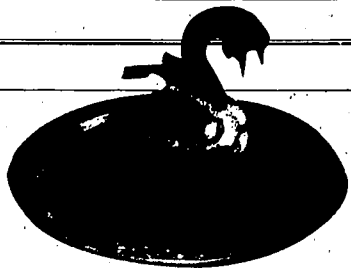


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Pate a choux pastry swans, stuffed with blackberry chantilly, fish & moose and bear meal at Snake River Grill in Hagerman.

asparagus saute and red and green bell peppers.

The cutlets didn't have the incredible tenderness of the marinated bear. Yet Nate's moose meat, like the bear, was quality stuff.

"He does a very good job of wrapping it and keeping it airtight," said Martin, who advocates vacuum sealers as a hunter's best defense against freezer burn.

Next, moose en croûte. Though the 10 at the table were groaning already.

Martin filleted a moose cutlet, pounded it to tenderize, stuffed it with wild rice pilaf, rolled it and baked it. After chilling, it was wrapped in puff pastry and finished off in the oven. For a pairing-on-a-plate presentation, he sliced the rolls and served them with both a sauce of Hagerman apricots and lemon beurre blanc, or lemon-butter sauce. Vegetable garden saute completed the offering.

Wow. This moose was tenderer than the cutlet and complemented nicely by the apricot.

I survived by slipping bits of each course onto Mark's plate. The pate a choux pastry ap-

peared again at dessert, forming the bodies, wings and heads of swans stuffed with blackberry chantilly. Each swan, ringed by those blackberries Nate and his wife picked, floated in a lake of apple cider under a dusting of powdered sugar snow. Martin reduced the cider — from Lowell's home press — to intensify its flavor.

The apple zing and berry sweetness were bliss. Even on a full stomach.

"You were having way too much fun back there," Nate told the chef.

But it's not arduous fun. Martin insists that the servers place the swans just so in front of each person — angled to present both the diner and the person across the table a full 3-D view. Table talk, naturally, turned to other wild game dinners we've relished at Martin's restaurant. Many of those meals capitalized on Lowell's hunting.

"It always makes me feel good when I'm inspiring greatness," Lowell said.

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Rudy's schedules class for Tuesday called 'Flambe – Desserts on Fire!'

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A class next week could fire up your deepest inspirations and help you wow your friends.

Scott Wamsley, a chef for Sun Valley Lodge's dining room, will teach "Flambe – Desserts on Fire!" from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, at 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$40.

Wamsley will share classic flaming desserts and some

new ideas. He'll teach about the equipment needed for home-flambeing as well as the proper "mise en place" preparation — to create the fiery delicacies.

The class menu: Bananas Foster; Cherries Jubilee; Crepes Suzettes; Baked Alaska; and Pineapple with Dark Rum and Green Peppercorns.

Wamsley graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in 1980 and worked in Vermont, Colorado and California

before coming to Sun Valley in 1983, where he has been chef of the Sun Valley Lodge dining room since. The four-diamond restaurant was featured on several television shows. And Wamsley twice represented the state with "Taste of Idaho" dinners at the James Beard House in New York City.

He uses Northwest ingredients with classical haute cuisine techniques.

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

Can you freeze artichokes?

By Jane Snow
Knight-Ridder News Service

Question: My husband found a fantastic deal on artichokes, so he loaded up. We have over 30 artichokes, and I would like to know the best way to freeze them. — C.M., Kent, Ohio

Answer: Before freezing, you must trim the artichokes and blanch them in boiling water for 10 minutes to preserve the texture and flavor. Trim off the tough outer leaves, remove the choke with a teaspoon, trim the stem to a nub and cut off the top third of the artichoke.

To prevent the artichokes from darkening, add 1 tablespoon lemon juice for each quart of water and bring to a rapid boil in a large pot. Submerge the artichokes and begin timing. After 10 minutes, remove the artichokes and place them in ice water for 15 minutes to stop the cooking process; then drain, package and freeze.

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Bulbs the way nature intended

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

When it comes to planting spring bulbs, some people are determined to grow up their flowers in the traditional rows. Bulbs don't grow that way in nature, so why do we? Ask a tip from two renowned landscape designers from Holland — Piet Oudolf and Jacqueline van der Kloet. Bulbs work best when the gardener relaxes.

Mix them up, scatter them like birdseed, plant them where they fall, and don't worry about setting each on its little base in an ordered grid. Bulbs planted en masse can be expensive, and getting them in the ground is back-breaking work, but when you give up worrying about order, suddenly the annual chore becomes liberating.

Novel combinations rather than strict uniformity fill the bulb fancier with anticipation. Why not, as van der Kloet suggests, scatter the crocus Blue Pearl among wood squill and the demure white tulip variety Little Wonder?

The idea of sowing nature is not entirely new. For more than a century, influential garden-makers have been urging home gardeners to plant clumps of natural looking bulbs, especially daffodils, snowdrops and crocuses. But even if you follow a toss-and-plant method, many people can't seem to resist the neatnik impulse as they bury bulbs underground, and what might have been vividly wild colonies often emerge in spring as defined amoebas, a little too man-made.

Fifteen years ago, van der Kloet decided to take the method of naturalized planting a step or two further. Before scattering the bulbs, she mixed varieties together, not random bedfellows but considered pairings that would look harmonious. As she tried combinations each year in her two one-third-acre trial garden in the small Dutch town of Weesp, she would find particularly effective bulb groupings, or varieties that worked well at the same time, some that bloomed sequentially and some that flowered weeks apart. She refined the mixture recipes and was careful not to worry if, say, the scattering left a few outliers.

And by repeating the same groupings in various parts of the garden, the eye picks up on the subtle design intent. "I'd repeat it in many places, maybe four or five times the same mixture," she said. "I have a rather large garden in Holland where I experiment with these mixes and it always turns out very beautiful," she said.

This approach has been fueled by a revolution in small



Blue Spike grape hyacinth with hosta Halycon.



Tulip Lilac Wonder.

bulbs, which used to be called minor bulbs for their size and place in the marketplace, as opposed to major league tulips, daffodils and hyacinths. Today, however, these petite bloomers are all the rage. Some of the minor bulbs — now called specialty bulbs in the trade — include the familiar grape hy-

acinths, crocuses and snowdrops, but also lesser-known varieties such as dogtooth violets, winter aconites, sallims, anemones, fritillaries and ornithogalums. In addition, the trend has fostered a healthy market in diminutive varieties of daffodils and tulips, far daintier than the normal fare,

Bright bulbs

Some mail-order sources for specialty bulbs:

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including round-hugging tulips that open flat, and, unlike the big hybrids, come back year after year.

The arrival of specialty bulbs and natural ways of using them has coincided with the rise of the naturalistic garden of perennials and grasses, and the two go well together, says van der Kloet, who was one of the principal designers of the 2002 Florida, the Netherlands' once-a-decade exposition of horticulture and landscape architecture, but back your perennials to lay bare your beds and plant the scattered bulbs within. Once happily installed, bulbs and perennials will look good with little maintenance for years, she said.

Right stand is critical for healthy Christmas trees

By Alan J. Heavens
Knight Ridder News Service

Any day now, Christmas trees will turn up for sale everywhere, including street corners and church parking lots. And while fans of real trees will spend a fair amount of time circling around looking for the perfect fir, few will spend as much time trying to find the right stand to set it in.

The stand is a critical first step in keeping your tree healthy, so it doesn't fall over from the weight of the ornaments and lights. Even more important is its role in maintaining your tree's freshness through the holidays.

Need to know? Experts say we should be less concerned with the ability of the stand to keep the tree upright than with the amount of water the stand will hold. Checking the water level daily is critical. A tree can use up to one quart of water per day for every inch of stem diameter. If you have a tree that is about six feet tall with a trunk that measures about four inches in diameter, you will need to have a stand that holds at least one gallon of water.

Remember to factor in displacement. Information that comes with a tree stand typically includes how much water the stand holds, but doesn't account for the amount of water the tree will displace once it's in the stand. Look for a stand with literature on this point.

Operating manual: A stand should be wide at the base and able to hold the tree firmly, safely and straight. The stand should be completely stable when you place it on the floor without the tree. The best stands sit flat on the floor, although those with legs should be made of metal or hard, durable plastic. If screws are used to force the tree to sit evenly in the stand, the screws should be made of metal, rather than more breakable plastic. Some stands come with a metal spike in the middle, so the tree can be lodged into it.

The stand also should be durable, meaning that the water has been sitting in it, the

parts aren't covered with rust. A stand doesn't come in one piece. It should be relatively easy to put together.

What it will cost: You can buy a stand for \$10, but I wouldn't. You're probably going to reuse it for many years, so why not spend more for something that not only lasts a long time but that you'll grow so accustomed to using, that putting up the tree will be a snap every year. About \$10 to \$15 is a good range.

Innovative stands: Here are two stands, found on Internet searches, that "stand out" from the rest.

Grimm's Last Stand: This is a tree stand with a strap and ratchet, and is a moveable water tank. It's available at www.grimmschristmas.com. Grimm's Christmas tree stand, XSL-12, \$79. It uses a foot pedal to adjust a clamp and the trunk installation system. www.ambitair.com

Don't do this: Do not make a hole in the trunk to make a water fill stand. This can lead to rot on the sides. Trimming the trunk to make a hole to make the tree stand wobbly too. If the trunk is too wide, you'll need to buy a tree stand. Some stands have a long, flat ring at the top and the stand holds, but doesn't account for the amount of water the tree will displace once it's in the stand. Look for a stand with literature on this point.

Good advice: Instead of trying to insert the tree into the stand upright, put plastic sheeting on the floor to protect it and lay the tree down. Lower the tree into the stand that allows you to raise it into the tree in place, so you don't have a wide berth to do the tree in. Tighten the screws to hold the trunk ends up on the stand. Then get some help to help you get the top up and move it to the tree top.

If the stand has a hole in the side, position the spike in the center of the trunk. Push the spike into the middle, so the tree can be lodged into it. The stand also should be durable, meaning that the water has been sitting in it, the

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Books offer home improvement, repair helps

By Alan J. Heavens
Knight Ridder News Service

Question: My stepson has moved into a townhouse and is learning the ropes of home ownership. Years ago, I had a Readers Digest book on home repairs that used a lot in my first home. Can you recommend a good book for a novice to use in making

ing home repairs?

Answer: The Readers Digest book is still available in updated form. But there are other books I consider better. One is "Home Book: The Ultimate Guide to Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance" (Creative Homeowner, \$40). The other is "Black & Decker: The Complete Photo Guide to Home Improvement"

(Creative Publishing, \$34.95). The reasons I prefer these two? One of the chief merits of TV do-it-yourself programs is that they show you what things should look like. Before "This Old House" and HGTV, I often found it difficult to visualize the process. Most how-to books were just a lot of words, often in need of a dictionary translation.

As DIY shows proliferated, books like these not only included more step-by-step instructions and more detailed illustrations. Here's a must-buy: "Reviving Your House: 500 Inexpensive and Simple Solutions to Fix Home Maintenance Issues" by Alan Dun Ome (Stony Books, \$14.95). It will help you develop a checklist to keep your house whole.

Desk-top diners should mind words of caution

Knight Ridder News Service

If you're one of the millions of American workers who regularly eat at their desks, keep in mind that your keyboard and desktop should be cleaned regularly. You can avoid food-borne illnesses.

The American Dietetic Association recommends cleaning your keyboard and desktop daily.

Also, have you looked inside the office microwave lately? If you have, you'll understand why it's important to keep

foods covered when you use the appliance. Wipe down spills as soon as they happen to prevent illnesses that could be caused by spilled foods that spoil.

Also, keep these items at your desk if you insist on dining there: hand sanitizer, paper towels and spray disinfectant or disinfectant wipes. And as dorky as you might feel doing this, it wouldn't hurt to use a stem thermometer to check the temperature of your office fridge. It should be set at 40 degrees or lower to keep food safe.

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This range hood has special switches that sense the finger's touch without any moving parts. It has a three-speed fan control with memory of the last speed used.

Range hood is a better option than open window

DEAR JIM: My old range vent hood is noisy, and I want a modern, quieter one. How can I tell what size to get and what features are important? Is it better to just open a window a little instead of ones that waste money?

—Char Z.

DEAR CHAR: New kitchen range hoods are much quieter than the old ones, both by design and from the fact they are new. There is a huge range of features from which to select, and prices range from about \$140 to more than \$700.

To answer your second question first, turning a range hood is more effective and efficient than just cracking a window open to vent the kitchen cooking. Opening a window does not remove the most moisture, odor and grease-filled air being blown out the window. Also it is easy to forget to close the window.

Even if a range hood is very quiet you won't forget one is running. When you are doing serious cooking and you have the range hood speed set to high, it might be wise to open a window a little in the kitchen. This will allow outdoor makeup air to be drawn in the window and not from the rest of the house. This is not needed when opening it on low or medium speeds.

Most range hoods are located under the cabinets so the height above the range is fixed. At this height, generally less than 30 inches, a blower size of 30 x 30 cm cubic feet per minute or an airflow per foot width of the range is adequate. If the duct from the range hood is long and has many bends, it may require a more powerful blower. It should be the same width as the range.

All range hoods have several speeds depending upon your pattern of cooking needs. Typically, variable speeds offer the most control but in practicality, three to four speeds are generally adequate. Run it on as low a speed as you can to adequately exhaust the air. Lower speeds are less noisy, use less



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electricity and draw less already heated air from your home.

A nice safety feature to consider is an automatic heat sensor inside the range hood. When it senses an unusually high air temperature, it switches to its maximum speed to quickly exhaust the fumes or smoke from the range.

Consider the lighting options and controls on the range hood. The range hood should supply adequate lighting so you do not have to turn on other bright kitchen lights which use additional electricity. Dual halogen bulbs should provide even, bright white light for viewing the foods while cooking. Controls with several brightness settings are best and most efficient. Lights which slowly brighten and dim to off are easier on your eyes.

DEAR JIM: I thought about diverting the water from the gutter downspouts into storage containers to use for plants when it was too dry. Is there any way to divert the water only when I want to store it?

—Paul M.

DEAR PAUL: You should be able to purchase and install a diverter valve. This may be one similar to those used on cisterns when rain water is diverted to a second tank after the first time is full.

If you cannot find one, you should be able to make some type of diverter yourself using sheet metal. Downspouts are easy to cut through with shears (wear heavy gloves). It does not have to be a perfect fit to divert most of the rainwater.

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Chesapeake is a handsome family home

Associated Designs

Painted shutters, slender porch posts and a trio of gables attract appreciative glances to the Chesapeake, a mid-sized home with a dash of Cape Cod flavor. Arched openings on the covered porch and a round window in the central dormer also catch the eye.

Entry and great room are vaulted, creating a striking sense of spaciousness. Light spills down from the round window in the merleand dormer, and more light washes in through the windows and French doors that fill most of the rear wall.

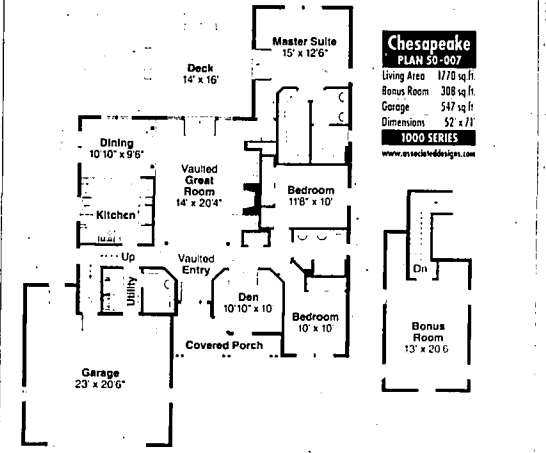
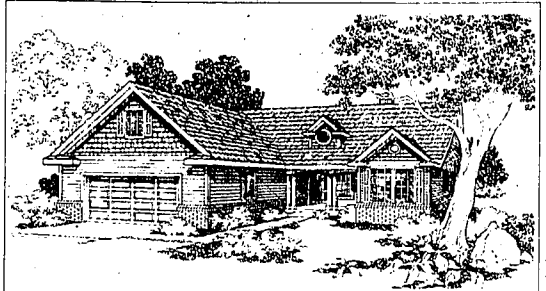
Plant shelves encircling the entry are visually appealing whether filled with plants or left open. Square columns with capped half walls mark the boundaries between the entry, great room, and hallways that lead off to the right and left.

Fireplace, bookshelves and an entertainment center fill one wall of the great room. Across the way, an arched opening leads to the dining room and kitchen. Amenities in the kitchen include an eating bar, desk, pantry and plenty of counter and cupboard space.

Utilities and a small powder room line the passageway to the garage, while steps to the front room over the garage are just around the corner.

Bedrooms are all on the right. Access to the master suite is at the rear of the great room, across the hall from a large linen closet. Double doors open onto the rear deck. Other luxuries include a roomy walk-in closet and dual-compartment bathroom with double vanity.

Three secondary bedrooms share another bathroom with twin beds. The room closest to the Chesapeake's entry could be furnished as a den or home office.



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A gift this perfect ... they should bottle it

By Fred Tasker
Night Rider News Service

Wine "maketh glad the heart of man." It says so right there in the Psalms. For that reason, it also maketh an excellent holiday gift. Most people enjoy a nice bottle from time to time. Even those who don't might like something to serve guests.

Given this, you can plan through the year your gift list in an hour at your favorite wine shop. They might even be pouring samples in making for a far more congenial atmosphere than trading elbows in crowded department stores.

Here are some wine-gift tips: Choose the appropriate price range before you start. No

matter how good a wine is, if the recipient Google's it and learns it set you back a paltry \$5.99 while he spent \$45 on the neon necktie he gave you, you're a cheapskate. If you spend too much, you've embarrassed the recipient and topped the ante for future holiday gifts.

Know something about the wines you give. If you can tell the recipient that Berninger's 2001 Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of grapes from all of its Napa Valley vineyards, and that authoritative wine writer Robert Parker gave it a 96 rating, it makes the gift more meaningful. The recipient might be even more impressed if you reveal that the

wine cost \$100 a bottle, but you'd never hear that story.

Besides, you can work the same trick with wines for less than \$20. Google albarno, the crisp, white wine from northern Spain, and you can tell the recipient that this is the best holiday wine with bottled octopus. If your friend turns pale at that news, you can point

out that albarno also is good with shrimp, clams, octopus and most mild, white fish.

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Festival of Trees will hold recipe demonstrations

The Times-News

COOKING: A new feature of the Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation's Festival of Trees this year will be a demonstration of holiday recipes presented by lake and farm chefs.

The Blues who own and operate Elm Tree Inn and Wild Rice Catering in Hagerman, will share some of their culinary and entertaining adventures at the festival. Their education includes culinary classes in Sonoma, Calif., "gourmet chafing

at local restaurants, and self-teaching, an event announcement.

Participants will receive tips and instructions, as well as samples and recipes.

The "Holiday Entertaining" cooking demonstration is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind's Found Building on 14th Avenue East in Gooding. Cost is \$10 per person, with tickets available at the door. For information, call executive director Chelmsom (Cyndi) Hoekstra at 943-6240.

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Mr. Mum



Above and top right, a peacock created from about 2,500 chrysanthemum plants by Bill Doepkens on his farm in Davidsonville, Md. The peacock covers a third of an acre.

At right, Marjorie Doepkens, Bill's mother, helps out on the farm where he raises flowers for sale by working the cashier's hut on weekends. Now 80, she also helps plant his annual mum mural.



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Bill Doepkens is a farmer and floral artist

By Darragh Johnson
The Washington Post



Bill Doepkens's other mum designs have included a setting sun, a watering can and a swan. He sketches, plots, blueprints and color-codes, and every Memorial Day weekend he, a few friends and his mother plant a third of an acre of mums, in an oversize grid.

Behold the humble mum, workhorse of the hortiverse. It's autumn's pumpkin, the spiky, flowering plant best known for sitting vigil at Thanksgiving, for filling in at budget weddings, for standing ready at the grocery to bail out a remorseful son who just remembered, at 11:30 p.m., his mother's birthday.

Yet every fall, the Mum Man gives chrysanthemums their moment. On his family farm in Anne Arundel County, Md., Bill Doepkens turned 1,300 of them into a sweeping, strutting rooster one year. 1,300 became an exultant sunburst another fall. 2,500 mums, planted across his "green canvas," became, this year, a puke-eyed peacock's tail.

Last year, a massive watering can. Two years ago, an enormous swan with cattails and a setting sun.

Each display is like a gigantic, reconfigurable pillow, and each is embroidered by Doepkens, a 38-year-old farmer who, for 11 years, has found himself in the grip of this great, flowering ob-

session. "It's 'plant-by-number,'" he says, modestly playing down the creativity behind these mum marvels. He sketches, plots, blueprints and color-codes, and every Memorial Day weekend he, a few friends and his mother, who is now 80, plant a third of an acre of mums, in an

oversize grid. "We do," he insists and shrugs. "We plant by number."

His father died in the spring of 2000, at 84, and that year's mural memorialized him with an abstract design of rings and rays, and a great red heart inside a circular white background, all centered on a white cross.

This fall, for the first time, Doepkens went 3-D, and "it's the best we've seen," crows one of Doepkens's neighbors, Henry Stoeck. Doepkens wanted to do a peacock, but not like the NYC cliché. Near the barn rises a tall, regal neck and head concocted from feathery bamboo painted blue. The body is cornstalks laced onto a pipe frame. The tail is all mum: a downhill sweep of 95 varieties of 2,500 mums total — swirls that include yellow (official color, Erica), and red (Regina) and deep, deep maroon (Eaglet).

"They are executions of just a thought," Doepkens says quietly. "It doesn't mourn the mural's inevitable fade. In sepa-tinged death, Doepkens sees art: 'It almost looks like a negative,'" Doepkens says, "or a silver print."

And when winter's snow arrives and dusts the mural's inevitable fade, he finds himself no longer paying so much attention.

"I got it done, and now I'm already thinking about next year," he says. "That's the problem with me."

Cooking with pumpkin? Don't dismiss those cans

By Donna Pierce
Chicago Tribune

When a chill hits the air, pumpkin displays replace summer melons in the supermarket's produce section. And with them come questions about cooking with pumpkins. How does canned pumpkin stack up to fresh? What's the difference between pureed pumpkin and pumpkin pie filling?

"Unless you're dead-set on experimenting, use the canned variety — one of the few foods better canned than fresh," Doris Iovoski writes in "The Cook's Companion."

Why? Because supermarket pumpkins tend to be stringy. Even the smaller "pie" pumpkins recommended as sweeter and more tender may not match canned pumpkin puree for intense flavor.

Ken Haedrich also gives a high grade to canned pumpkin in his cookbook, "Pie," and includes a half-dozen recipes for pumpkin.

"Most of the time, I reach for canned pumpkin when I want to make a pumpkin pie," he writes. "...it would take one sophisticated palate to tell the difference between canned and fresh pumpkin puree."

Read the ingredient list to pinpoint the difference be-

PUMPKIN CHIFFON CAKE

Yield: 14 servings
2 cups sifted cake flour
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon each: ground cinnamon, salt
1/2 teaspoon each: ground cloves, ground or grated nutmeg
1/2 cup vegetable oil
4 large eggs, separated
1/2 cup water
3/4 cup cooked fresh pumpkin or canned pumpkin
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
1. Heat oven to 325 degrees. Sift cake flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, salt, cloves and nutmeg into a large bowl. Make a well in the center of the

flour mixture. Add, in order, the vegetable oil, egg yolks, water and pumpkin, mixing after each addition; beat until very smooth.

2. Combine egg whites and cream of tartar in a separate bowl; beat with a mixer on medium-high speed until stiff peaks form. Pour egg-yolk batter in a thin stream over entire surface of whites, gently folding to blend.

3. Gently pour mixture into an ungreased 10-inch tube pan; bake 55 minutes. Increase heat to 350 degrees; bake until a wooden pick comes out clean, about 10 minutes. Invert on rack to cool completely; remove from pan when cool.

ween pumpkin offered in cans. Canned pumpkin puree is pure pumpkin; pumpkin pie filling has added sweeteners and spices. Recipes usually specify which is called for.

But don't let the thought of tackling thick-skinned pumpkins intimidate you. Baking halved pumpkins softens the shell and eases peeling. Use sweet, or pie, pumpkins that weigh less than 3 pounds. Haedrich offers the following advice for those with an "urge to bake with real pumpkin and make a genuine pumpkin pie

from scratch."

* Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Place seeded, halved pumpkins flesh-side down in a roasting pan filled with 1/2 cup water.

* Bake until fork-tender, about 50 minutes to an hour. Cool completely on a rack be-

fore pulling the skin away. Use the flesh in recipes that call for cooked pumpkin, such as pies, casseroles, soups, bread or this cake recipe.

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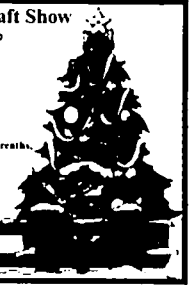
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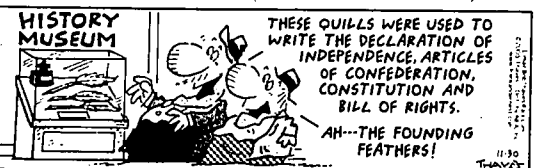
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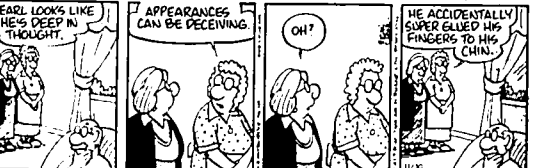
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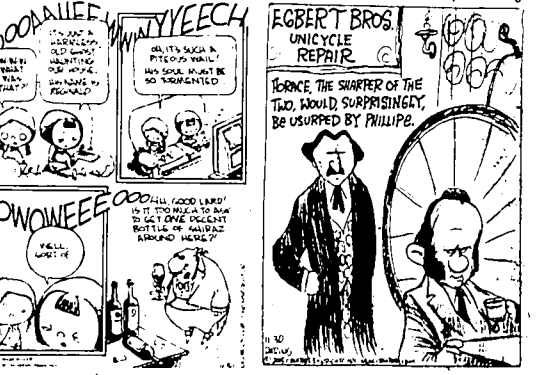


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By Wiley

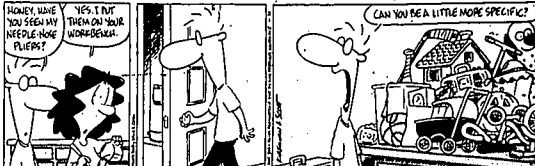
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Baby Blues

By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



Brevity

By Guy & Rodd



Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Luan

By Greg Evans



Pearls Before Swine

By Stephan Pastis



Rose Is Rose

By Pat Brady



Go ahead, Capricorn - leap!

HOROSCOPE

IF NOV. 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: With Mars traveling through your sign of the cosmic pit, you have plenty of energy and loads of enthusiasm to tackle any important projects. January could bring a turning point when you may be torn between past allegiances and attractive new vistas. It may be necessary to honor past commitments while engaging in some crucial changes, but eventually things will calm down. In February be sure to be as generous and honorable as possible if your ethics are challenged by a trying situation. By the end of 2006, a new romance or a new home may be in the picture.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Fearlessness can get you past the sticking point. While confidence levels are high, it is a good time to set a good example and be a model of industry. Projects started now may need tweaking.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Those who hammer too hard could split the wood. Leadership abilities are highlighted and confidence is high, but you could steer others off the road unless you exercise a bit more caution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Under these stars people are more forthright than usual and likely to say exactly what they feel. You may be easily swayed by emotional appeals, so be prepared to change your mind tomorrow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Those in close connection may be more edgy than usual and ride roughshod over tender feelings. Sports or exercise with a loved one will quell restless energy that requires a suitable outlet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The moon and Mercury hang out in your sign today, so you may be more aware of emotional issues. If you have been yearning to make a change; now is the time to set the wheels in motion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put your foot down. The power to make your destiny known will put you in the winner's circle. You can't pussyfoot around major issues — especially if a major change is needed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You don't always need to look before you leap. A major change can be initiated if you push the right buttons today. Talk things over with a loved one, as you will hear more than mere facts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Wheels set in motion now may need to be put in reverse later. Use this energetic atmosphere to get key projects completed rather than starting something new. Don't be pushed around.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stand up for your rights. If you have been put in a subservient position, you can break the pattern now. Be a straight shooter when dealing with others without being rude or unpleasant.

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

1. I WANT TO SHOW THE GENERAL THIS STUPID NOTICE I JUST FOUND ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

2. LT. FUZZ WANTS TO SHOW YOU THE NOTICE YOU PUT ON THE BULLETIN BOARD, SIR.

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

1. BUMSTEAD! GET IN HERE!!

2. AND I MEAN RIGHT NOW!!

3. BUMSTEAD!! I THOUGHT THE NUCLEAR WAR WOULD BE OVER.

The Som Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

1. HOW DOES BRUTUS DO IN OUR BALLROOM DANCING CLASS?

2. HE TRIPS OVER HIS FEET SO OFTEN...

3. IT'S MORE LIKE BARROOM DANCING!

Garfield By Jim Davis

1. GARFIELD... SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

2. REALLY??

3. HE CAN SHARE MY ROOM!

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

1. YOU KEEP YOUR NOSE TO THE GROUND THIS YEAR, AFTER YEARS...

2. AND WHAT DO YOU GET FOR ALL THAT EFFORT?

3. A VERY SORE NOSE?

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

1. TRIxie IS STARTING TO DEVELOP A SENSE OF HUMOR.

2. MAYBE SHE'LL BE A STAND-UP COMEDIAN.

3. DO YOU HAVE TO STAND UP TO BE FUNNY?

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

1. WHERE ARE THE RESTROOMS?

2. BACK THERE.

3. GEEZERS GEEZERETTS

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

1. I KNOW THE MOVIE WAS OVER, BUT I WASN'T READY TO LEAVE. I STILL HAD SOME POPCORN LEFT!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane

1. Know what, Mommy? You have pretty all over your face.

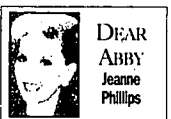
Two dads deserve to walk down the aisle with bride

DEAR ABBY: I'm engaged to a very special young lady I'll call "Rhonda." Our wedding date is approaching soon. We're both excited about the prospect of being married.

The problem is, Rhonda can't decide who should walk her down the aisle — her father, who wasn't a big part of her life while she was growing up, although they have a good relationship now, or her ex-stepfather, whom she feels deserves the honor.

The real problem is the grandparents. If she chooses the stepdad, her grandparents will be upset, and she doesn't want to do that. However, if she chooses her daddy, she feels she will not have given her ex-stepfather the respect he deserves.

Please help.



you'll probably keep him around longer.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is controlling and verbally abusive. It's his way or no way. We separated, and after two months, he asked if I would come to his place — so I did and stayed the weekend.

He told me about a woman he had met, but he said he wanted me to come back home. I wanted to give our marriage one more try.

After one week, he was seeing the woman again. Two weeks later, he ordered me to leave. He said he loved her and wanted to see if their relationship would grow. He said if it doesn't, he will call me.

Should I wait for him or go on with my life? My emotions are so raw because of the turmoil that I'm not thinking clearly.

— DOWN AND OUT IN MISSISSIPPI

birth father should walk her as far as his line extends on the piece of paper, her ex-stepdad should take her the rest of the way. Unless they both walk her from start to finish, I think that would be a fair compromise.

DEAR ABBY: I need advice on how to stop picking at my boyfriend. It drives him up the wall, and I know it — but I can't help myself. If he has a bluish tint to his face, I want to pick it out. It's a horrible habit I have gotten myself into. I have tried to stop, but it drives me crazy. Please help me.

— SWEET MONKEY IN SEATTLE

DEAR CONCERNED FIANCÉE: I have a suggestion. Ask Rhonda to draw a line on a piece of paper, symbolizing her line from birth to today. Parallel to it, she should draw another line illustrating how much of her life her birth father had a relationship with her. On the other side of her "lifetime" she should draw a similar line representing how long her ex-stepfather has been there for her.

Now, let's pretend the center line, the lifeline, is the aisle. Her

DEAR DOWN AND OUT: The good Lord has given you a blessed gift, the chance to escape from a controlling and verbally abusive man who does not value you. Please take the break that has been offered, and go on and make a happy life for yourself. If you allow this relationship to continue (one can hardly call it a marriage), the cycle will only repeat until you have no self-esteem left.

DEAR SWEET MONKEY: You appear to be the obsessive-compulsive where your boyfriend is concerned. (For a moment, I was afraid you'd be telling me that you eat the fleas you groom out of his coat.) One way to stop "picking" at your boyfriend would be to concentrate more on your own imperfections than on his. If you do, I predict

Stalking tiger killed 436 in India

A tiger that stalked Champawat, India, was blamed for killing 436 people from 1903 until she was killed in 1907.

This day in history: Elizabeth Huhlt Lodge of Sylacauga, Ala., was relaxing in her sitting room on Nov. 30, 1934, when an 8-pound meteorite crashed through the roof, smashed her radio and gave her a bruising wallop on the hip. She was otherwise unharmed; the rock is now housed at the Smithsonian. As far as we know, she is the only person ever hit by a meteorite.

Don't get your hopes up as the end of the year approaches. According to a survey of U.S. companies, 60 percent don't intend to give any holiday bonuses this year.

Reader Stephen LeQuere wants us to pass along the term winemakers use for the space left between the top of the wine and the cork: they call it the "ul-



patent against the real inventors, charging them a \$5 "royalty fee" for every car produced in the United States. Finally, in 1911, Henry Ford sued Selden and his patent was voided.

The only set of parents to outlive their president son were Joseph and Rose Kennedy, mother and dad of John F. Kennedy.

Lift your glasses! Ad hoc literally means "to this."

A nar is the result when you mate a one-humped camel with a two-humped camel. A nar splits the difference between its parents and sports one elongated hump.

At every corner in Caracas, Venezuela, the law requires you to honk. It isn't heavily enforced, but that's the law.

lage." (Thanks, Stephen — and cheers!)

Years before golf became all that rage in Scotland, the Chinese played a stick-and-ball game called Chuiwan, or "hitting ball."

What does "neighbor" really mean? It's a combination of the English words "nigh," which means "near" and "ghur," meaning "dweller."

In 1895, a man named George H. Selden patented the automobile. It turns out that he wasn't an inventor but a sharp lawyer who found a loophole. Selden then used his

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All winners, these Christmas candies

One Christmas when I was a child, my oldest brother's wife challenged my mother to a candy-making competition to prove, once and for all, who was the champion fudge maker in the family. Even as a kid I knew the idea was not a good one.



VALLEY COOKING
Dixie Thomas Reale

(optional)

Butter sides of heavy saucpan and combine sugar, cream, chocolate, salt and corn syrup in pan. Heat over medium, stirring constantly, until sugar dissolves, chocolate melts and mixture boils. Cook 10 soft ball stage (234 degrees on candy thermometer), stirring occasionally. Remove from heat, add butter and cool to lukewarm (110 degrees) without stirring. Add vanilla and beat vigorously until the fudge starts to lose its gloss. Add nuts if desired, and quickly mix into the fudge.

Spread in shallow pan or on platter. Score into squares while warm, and, if desired, top each square with a walnut half. Cut after cooled and firm.

WHITE CHOCOLATE FUDGE

Makes 2 1/2 pounds

1 1/2 cups sugar
3/4 cup sour cream
1/2 cup margarine
12 ounces white chocolate
1 (7 ounce) jar marshmallow cream

1 teaspoon vanilla
3/4 cup chopped walnuts or macadamia nuts
3/4 cup chopped dried apricots, dried cranberries or dried cherries (optional)

In a heavy saucpan, bring sugar, sour cream and margarine to full rolling boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Boil for 7 minutes or until candy thermometer reaches 234 degrees (soft ball stage). Remove from heat; stir in chocolate until melted. Stir in remaining ingredients until well blended. Pour into greased 8- or 9-inch square baking pan. Cool several hours or overnight.

FANTASY FUDGE

Makes 3 pounds

3/4 cup margarine
3 cups sugar
2/3 cup evaporated milk
1 (12 ounce package) semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 (7 ounce) jar marshmallow cream

1 cup chopped nuts
1 teaspoon vanilla
In a saucpan, melt the margarine. Add sugar and milk and mix well.

Cook on medium heat until the mixture boils, stirring frequently until the mixture reaches 234 degrees on a candy thermometer (soft ball stage).

Remove from heat and add the chocolate chips, marshmallow cream, nuts and vanilla. Beat until the chocolate is well blended. Pour into a buttered 9-by-9-by-2-inch pan. Score into squares while warm; cut when cooled and firm.

OLD-FASHIONED FUDGE

Makes about 1 1/2 to 2 pounds

2 cups sugar
3/4 cup heavy cream
2 ounces unsweetened chocolate squares

Dash salt
1 teaspoon corn syrup
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

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Wednesday, November 30 • Festival Site • 6:00 p.m.

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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: \$3 - 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 Parlor." 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 Inky's Photo. Brunch donated and served by Fred Meyer of Twin Falls.

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LADIES NIGHT OUT • "BAUBLES, BANGLES & BEAUTY"

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.
Flors 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, Power Federal Credit Union, Anonymous, Steven Pierce & Associates, CPAs.

CHILDREN'S DAY • SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

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 CSI's The String Club (Elita Ra Ortega, Santa, two reindeer, two sleigh riders, special hotline to North Pole elves, Story Corner with Mrs. Claus. Photos with Santa by Inky's Photo, only \$5. Sale kids Free Car Seat Inspection 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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FAMILY DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Complimentary admission with coupon from The Times-News. Come see 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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Holiday Entertainment • Main Stage

Thursday • December 1

- 10:30 A.M. Immanuel Lutheran School Pre-K music & finger puppets. Directed By Verna Sherrills
- 12:00 P.M. Clover Trinity Lutheran School & Chime Choirs
- 12:30 P.M. Clover Trinity Lutheran School & Chime Choirs
- 01:00 P.M. Filer High School Madrigals & Jazzband
- 01:30 P.M. Filer High School Madrigals & Jazzband
- 02:00 P.M. Immanuel Lutheran School Pre-K music & finger puppets. Directed By Verna Sherrills
- 02:30 P.M. Oregon Trail Elementary Honor Choir & Drum Corps
- 03:00 P.M. Yelena Bagdasarova - Voice Soloist
- 03:30 P.M. Twin Falls High School Drum Corps
- 04:00 P.M. Hot Country Fiddlers
- 04:30 P.M. Elite Dance Co.
- 05:00 P.M. Melanie's La Vaci School of Performing Arts
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- 06:00 P.M. Willa Dean Nielsen's Stargazer's Dance Co.
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- 07:00 P.M. Amy & Allison Higley Piano duets violin
- 07:30 P.M. Rocky Top Cloggers
- 08:00 P.M. Rocky Top Cloggers
- 08:30 P.M. Troy Williams & Carolee Remington
Vocalists accompanied by: Cindy Price

- 02:30 P.M. Nashville Country Christian Artist Bryon Hildreth
- 03:00 P.M. Morningside Elementary Honor Choir
- 03:30 P.M. La Danse Studio Directed by Broe Nelson
- 04:00 P.M. Doors Close for Ladies Night Out

Saturday • December 3

- 10:00 A.M. Julie's Jazzworks (Dance)
- 10:30 A.M. Julie's Jazzworks (Dance)
- 11:00 A.M. Klass Act Kids
- 11:30 A.M. Magic Valley Eagles Cheerleading
- 12:00 P.M. Immanuel Lutheran School Festival Choir
1st-5th grade
- 12:30 P.M. Strings Alive
- 01:00 P.M. Sanjuria International
- 01:30 P.M. Robert Stuart BelCanto Choir
- 02:00 P.M. Willa Dean Nielsen's Stargazer's Dance Co.
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- 03:00 P.M. Planet Cheer Directed By Amanda Shaw
- 03:30 P.M. Top Hat Tappers
- 04:00 P.M. The Dance Center
- 04:30 P.M. The Dance Center
- 05:00 P.M. In Motion Dance Team of Amazing Grace Fellowship
- 05:30 P.M. Maudins Dance Academy
- 06:00 P.M. CSI LDS Institute Choir
- 06:30 P.M. O'Leary Jazzband Directed By Mr. Bortz
- 07:00 P.M. Maudins Dance Academy
- 07:30 P.M. Calvary Chapel Good Friday Band
- 08:00 P.M. LDS College 2nd Ward Choir
- 08:30 P.M. LDS College 2nd Ward Choir

Friday • December 2

- 10:00 A.M. Roberta Beck Kimberly Grade Choir/handbells. Directed By Mrs. Fern
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- 11:00 A.M. Hansen Elem. Honor Choir & Girls Vocal Ensemble Boomhacker & Kazoo band
- 11:30 A.M. Hagerman Joint School District Band
- 12:00 P.M. Central Songsters
- 12:30 P.M. Celtic Fire Irish Dancers
- 01:00 P.M. Poppleswell Elementary Choir
- 01:30 P.M. Immanuel Lutheran School 6th grade handbell choir
- 02:00 P.M. MVCHS Choir Directed By Msty Kalbfloesch

Sunday • December 4

- 11:00 A.M. Jill Skoom
- 12:00 P.M. Rose Payne
- 12:30 P.M. Jennifer Tanner
- 01:00 P.M. Debbie Angi & Maria Voice Trio
- 02:00 P.M. Job's Daughters Bethel #56
- 02:30 P.M. Alaina Davis
- 03:00 P.M. Heavenbound Bluegrass Band
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- 04:00 P.M. Allison and Amy Higley
- 04:30 P.M. Middle East Dancers of Magic Valley

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Section D

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“The teams that get remembered are not the ones who have great regular seasons, they are the ones who do something in the playoffs.”

— Indianapolis Colts head coach Tony Dungy

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
What did New York sculptor Frank Eliscu design?
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School
BOYS BASKETBALL
Minico at Pocatello, 7:30 p.m.
Burley at Preston, 7:30 p.m.
Raft River at Rockland, 7:30 p.m.
Carey at Oakley, 7:30 p.m.
Richfield at Murtaugh, 7:30 p.m.
Twin Falls at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
Hansen at Community School, 7:30 p.m.
Light House Christian at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Dierich at Valley, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI players sign letters of intent

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho head baseball coach Boomer Walker announced Monday that three Golden Eagles players took advantage of the NCAA early signing period to sign letters of intent to play for three separate Division I programs during the 2006-07 academic year.

Sophomore right-handed pitcher Trey Grandy will head to Louisiana State University. The 6-foot hurler finished 8-4 with a 1.86 ERA as a freshman for the Eagles, tallying 85 strikeouts in 74 1/3 innings pitched and earning All-Region 1B honors.

Sophomore lefty Todd Privett will head to the University of New Mexico to play for the Lobos. As a freshman, Privett finished 4-4 with a 3.42 ERA in 13 appearances.

Sophomore catcher Jeff Vickers will go to Beaumont, Texas to play for the Lamar University Cardinals. Vickers hit 309 with two home runs, 26 RBIs, and 40 runs scored as a freshman, and finished with a .992 fielding percentage in 56 games played. He threw out 12 of 50 base stealers on the season.

CSI hosts winter hoops camp

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball programs will hold their winter junior basketball camp Dec. 30-31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. The camp is open to boys and girls grades K-6 and the registration fee is \$80. Participants will receive a camp T-shirt, a CSI poster, and an open ticket to any of the Eagles' remaining home games. The camp will be led by the CSI coaching staffs and players, and will provide participants the opportunity to interact with their former Golden Eagles players. For more information, contact men's head coach Barrett Peery at 732-6496, women's head coach Randy Rogers at 732-6490, or athletics office manager Christi Uhl at 732-6486.

T.F. Soccer Club Invites new players

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Rapids soccer club is looking for boys and girls ages 8-10 to compete in a competitive spring soccer program. For more information contact Patty Riveland at 734-7637 or coach Sasha Pavlovic at 733-9411.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER

The Heisman Trophy, which probably is the most recognizable trophy in college or pro sports in the United States.

Bruins edge Jerome 35-33

By Nathaniel Garrabrandt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Once again the Battle of the Bridge lived up to its billing.

And one more time, it was the Twin Falls High girls taking the prize. But unlike many of the rivalry's recent games, the Bruins left the Baun Gymnasium floor breathing a sigh of relief, holding off a determined Jerome team for a narrow 35-33 victory.

The Tigers rallied from a six-point deficit in the final 1:50 to within one, 34-33. But the comeback fell short when a go-ahead layup rolled off the back of the rim with 5.5 seconds remaining. Bruins guard Ashley Irons snagged the rebound and sealed the win with a free throw at the 3.6-second mark.

"We were looking forward to this game," said Jerome coach Will Harbison. "Last year, we didn't play very well twice against them. We just wanted to come out and play hard."

They did, dominating the hosts in the third quarter to transform an 18-11 Bruins half-time lead into a 22-11 tie heading into the final quarter.

The Tigers' momentum seemed to have turned the tide when junior Megan Parrish opened the quarter with a pair of free throws for a 24-22 lead.

But Twin Falls junior forward Kelsey Jardine, who to that point had contributed just a bucket, came alive with six points to put the Bruins back up by four at 28-24.

In addition to a game-high 10 rebounds, Jardine finished the night with a team-high nine points, which included a clutch 5-for-6 performance from the free-throw line in the fourth.

"She did a good job," said Twin Falls head coach Joe D. Shepard. "Because that's been something we've been lacking in our four losses is somebody to make free throws and make shots in the fourth quarter."

It came down to determination for Jardine.

"We were not going to lose to Jerome," she said. "When I got up to the line, I was just concentrating and just thinking about my free throws."

Twin Falls led by eight with just under two minutes left.

But Jerome (2-2, 1-0) responded with a 9-2 run capped off with senior All-Germansapping a pair from the charity stripe with 22 seconds left to cut the score to 34-33.

A pair of missed opportunities from the line for the Bruins with 17.3 seconds remaining enabled the Tigers to get the length of the



Lindzie Kulm of Jerome drives to the basket Tuesday night as Twin Falls post Amber Petersen tries to steal the ball at Baun Gymnasium in Twin Falls.

floor once more, but they were unable to cash in.

"I thought the key to the whole game was our defense," said Shepard. "We didn't have any of our good shooters that shot well tonight."

Much of the credit for the Bruins' win went to the bench, which scored 10 of Twin Falls' 13

second quarter points.

"It felt good," said Bruins senior post Brenley Box, who scored five off the bench. "I've played Jerome since I was 12 years old and it felt good to come away with the win as a senior."

Twin Falls (3-4) hosts Burley next Tuesday. Jerome travels to Century on Thursday.

Twin Falls 35, Jerome 33	
Jerome	28-11-11-2
Twin Falls	35-19-12-2
Points	24-14-14-14
Rebounds	24-14-14-14
Assists	24-14-14-14
Steals	24-14-14-14
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High expectations

Twin Falls boys look to improve on two straight third-place state finishes

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's high expectations as usual in Baun Gymnasium.

The Twin Falls High boys have the tools needed to advance to the state championship game for the first time in three tries.

The Bruins boast a resurgent inside game led by 6-foot, 5-inch senior post Brett Vriesman and 6-6 senior wing Brady Jardine, a Utah State signee.

"We're not as deep as last year," head coach Matt Harr said. "We're better inside but we're not as quick outside."

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The Bruins still have plenty of athletes, but Harr suggests the team may not man-pressure as much, instead relying on a mobile group of bigs to set up traps.

Vriesman is a third-year letterman who averaged 8.5 points and five rebounds per game as a junior while Jardine averaged 2

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For Marlins, there's their memories of '97 — and not the good ones

The Associated Press

MIAMI — The offseason is usually when hope truly springs eternal for most baseball fans, the time when rumors run wild about which players will be acquired and when championship dreams are hatched.

Not in Miami this year.

That traditional "wait-til-next-year" mantra doesn't apply these days in South Florida, where three high-priced stars already have been traded, where roster shakeups are likely. And the team says it may move after the 2007 season.

"I believe it's a market that can handle baseball," said third baseman Mike Lowell, who spent seven seasons with the



Marlins before being traded last week to the Boston Red Sox. "I'm just not sure if it's a baseball market yet."

Years of plans for a baseball-only stadium went nowhere, and the Marlins have abandoned their hopes of building a new \$420 million, retractable-roof facility adjacent to the Orange Bowl in downtown Miami. The team's lease at Dolphins Stadium expires in 2010. The Marlins will not renew that deal.

They could stay in the area, which owner Jeffrey Loria says is his preference.

Other cities mentioned as potential Marlins suitors include Las Vegas, Portland, Ore., and Charlotte, N.C.

"I don't think baseball can abandon the Miami market," said Andrew Zimbalist, an economics professor at Smith College. "If MLB does let that market go vacant, I think it'll be one of the biggest mistakes they ever made."

The Marlins have had a cyclical existence since their first game in 1993, with two World Series titles eventually followed two roster dismantlings — many called them fire sales.

They won the World Series in 1997, after former owner Wayne Huizenga took a bit of a gamble and loaded up on big-ticker players such as Bobby Bonilla

and Moises Alou. Huizenga won a trophy, but said he lost more than \$30 million that season — so the team was broken up that winter, and the 1998 club went 54-108, by far the worst ever for a defending World Series champion.

Now two years removed from the 2003 World Series title, Florida officials call this offseason's plan a "market correction."

But most observers simply say "fire sale" again.

"Unfortunately, here we are," Doug said in a statement last week. "Four years after purchasing the Marlins, with no new stadium and no sure prospects on the horizon for such a facility."

The only real prospects the Marlins have now are the ones arriving in trades.

Seahawks have yet to prove anything

By Gregg Bell
Associated Press writer

KIRKLAND, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks have rarely been very good — and almost never lucky — over their 30 mid-dling, maddening years.

So why should they apologize for being both good and lucky right now?

They have the best record in the NFL at 9-2. The only other time the Seahawks were 9-2 was in 1984, the season of their last playoff win.

They are close to getting home-field advantage in the postseason for the first time ever, since they have just one game remaining against a winning team: A Christmas Eve treat with unbeaten Indianapolis coming to Qwest Field, where the Seahawks are 20-4 since 2002.

They are also one win away from tying the 21-year-old franchise record of eight straight victories, and are headed east to meet a desperate Philadelphia team on Monday night.

But after the nation saw New York Giants kicker Jay Feely shut away a win three times over, one has to wonder: Are the Seahawks ready for real?

Are they lucky?
Or just really lucky?
"Are you suggesting we were fortunate (Sunday)?" coach Mike Holmgren said, smiling. "Yes, we are."

In three of the wins in their current seven-game streak, these changed Seahawks have had enough luck to bankrupt Las Vegas, Oct. 23 against Dallas, the Cowboys' defense stuffed the league's top-ranked offense over the first 57:59. Seattle had 208 total yards before they awoke for an 81-yard touchdown drive with 40 seconds left.

Then Drew Bleske gut-wrapped a wayward sideline pass that was intercepted and returned into Jim Brown's field goal range.

Two Sundays ago in San Francisco, the Seahawks took a 27-12 lead with 1:18 left in the third quarter. Then the 49ers nearly rolled in to overturn it, but for a slipped two-point conversion pass with 28 seconds left.

Then came Sunday's even more improbable finish, with Brown's and kicker kicking the ball through the same uprights that Feely couldn't seem to find at any distance.

"I really don't know how good we are yet," Holmgren said. "It sounds odd, but we are still figuring out some things about ourselves. We were fortunate (Sunday). But, you need to have that happen once in a while."

For Seattle, that rare, but for as about as common as December

Last year, the Seahawks surged from the mediocrity, finishing 11-5 and winning the N.F.C. West. But when St. Louis came west in the wild card playoffs, the Seahawks' usual bad luck resurfaced. Down 27-20 and facing fourth down with 27 seconds left, Matt Hasselbeck was rebounded by Bobby Engram's hands in the end zone.

Same old Seahawks.

The January before that, Seattle took Brett Favre, and the Packers to overturn in frozen Green Bay. With Seattle driving near midfield, Al Harris intercepted Hasselbeck and ran 52 yards the other way for a touch-

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SPORTS

Bliss boys blitz TFCA

By Diane Philbin Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — For at least one night, the 0-20 memory of last season can now be left in the past for the Bliss boys basketball team.

hard and like basketball. They all have great work ethics. They practice and play like they are playing each game for the state championship.

It will get to the Bears. It still can't be said. Twin Falls Christian coach Dan Johnson. 'They are still learning new plays and learning how to play with each other and to communicate.'

Minico holds off Preston in fourth

The Times-News
RUPERT — Minico overcame a flat fourth quarter to defeat visiting Preston 44-20 Tuesday night in Great Basin Conference action.

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men's rebounds which was the key to the game." For Castleford, Cindy Lopez led the scoring with 12 points.

the end of the first quarter. But a rally in the second put Wendell (4-1) within three by halftime.

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Hansen girls shoot past Lions

By Wes Smalting Times-News correspondent

The Huskies had a steady first half, shooting a perfect 4-for-4 from the free-throw line and hitting three of their six 3-point attempts.

Hansen committed 19 fouls to Lighthouse Christian's 12. Preston led Hansen with a game-high 16 points, including two 3-pointers.

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Carey 76, Community School 27

CAREY — Carey erupted for a 29-point surge in the second quarter to put away The Community School in a 76-27 Magic Valley Northside Conference win Tuesday.

Richfield at Mackay, rescheduled

RICHFIELD — Snow and bus troubles prompted the rescheduling of Tuesday's girls' basketball game between Richfield and Mackay to Jan. 20 in Mackay.

Boys basketball Valley 56, Filer 36

FLER — Filer tumblers helped Valley play away the second quarter en route to a 56-36 nonconference road win Tuesday over the 3A Wildcats.

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No. 12 Illini hold off Tar Heels

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Dee Brown scored 14 points and Brian Randle grabbed a key rebound in the waning seconds, helping No. 12 Illinois hold off North Carolina 68-64 Tuesday night in a rematch of last season's NCAA championship game.

The quarter of Hanshrough, Ginyard, Bobby Frasor and Danny Green scored all 29 points in the second half, including six clutch free throws from Hanshrough and 3-pointers by Frasor and Ginyard down the stretch.

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No. 2 Texas 82, Texas-Pan American 54

AUSTIN, Texas — LaMarcus Aldridge scored a career-high 23 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, and Texas shook off poor shooting in the first half to beat Texas-Pan American.

Hansen head coach Jim Lasso attributed his team's second half foul trouble to his players getting "lazy" on defense.

North Carolina's Marcus Ginyard, right, is pressured by Illinois' Dee Brown (11) and Marcus Arnold during the second half in Chapel Hill, N.C., Tuesday.

No. 21 Alabama 73, Louisiana Tech 63

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Jermareo Davidson had 15 points and 16 rebounds, sparking the decisive victory for Alabama's win over Louisiana Tech.

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No. 22 Wake Forest 91, Wisconsin 88

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Justin Gray scored a career-high 37 points, including six free throws in the final 28 seconds, to lead Wake Forest past Wisconsin in the ACC/Big Ten Conference game.

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KIMBERLY — Wendell senior guard Hallie Kelsey nailed a 3-pointer to tie the Bulldogs late in the fourth and with a few added baskets, the Trojans defeated the Bulldogs for a 70-42 win.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Kimberly volleyball team fund-raiser planned

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly volleyball team is selling Christmas poinsettias as a fund-raiser for camp. If interested, contact any volleyball player or Jan Hall at 423-4170 ext. 3125.

Charity volleyball tournament announced

HILLER — A co-ed volleyball tournament to benefit the Iceberg for Kids program has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Filer High School Gym. The entry fee is \$80 per team and a new jersey from each team member. A-B-C divisions will be available. For more information, contact Pam Perini at 324-0354 or 404-6014.

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The 44-year-old Noteboom, a resident of Doylston, said his mother died of emphysema in January 2005, shortly before the Eagles' Super Bowl appearance.

"She never cared for any other team except the Eagles," Noteboom told WVPI-TV after he was released from custody Monday. "I know this is the last handful of ashes I had and laying on the field, and will never be taken away. She'll always be part of Lincoln Financial Field and of the Eagles."

Noteboom, a bar owner in Arizona, was charged with defiling a corpse. He has a hearing scheduled for Dec. 27.

Eastern Wash. QB a finalist for Payton Award

CHENEY, Wash. — Eastern Washington quarterback Erik Meyer is one of three finalists for the Walter Payton Award, given annually to the best player in NCAA Division I-A national championship games.

The other two finalists are New Hampshire quarterback Ricky Santos and Brown running back Nick Hartigan. Finalists were announced Monday, with ballots cast by media and sports information directors from throughout the country.

The winner will be announced Dec. 15 in Chattanooga, Tenn., on the eve of the NCAA Division I-A national championship game. Meyer passed for 4,003 yards and 30 touchdowns over the season.

Cincinnati crew team claims school biased

CINCINNATI — A lawsuit filed against the University of Cincinnati by its women's crew team charged that the school shortchanged women's sports while spending millions on the men's.

"The University of Cincinnati has treated the women's rowing team like orphans," attorney Robert Newman said Tuesday.

The suit claims the university has violated the women's rights to equal protection under the law, citing the Constitution and Title IX, the 1972 law that bans sex discrimination in any educational program receiving federal funds.

The university awarded \$1 million more on scholarships for men's athletics than for women during the last academic year, Newman said. He failed to provide a promise of a new facility for the team, according to the suit filed Monday in U.S. District Court.

Mets close deal with closer Billy Wagner

NEW YORK — Billy Wagner, a free agent, has failed to provide a promise of a new facility for the team, according to the suit filed Monday in U.S. District Court.

Wagner saved 38 games for Philadelphia last season and turned down an offer of just more than \$30 million over three years to stay with the Phillies.

The 34-year-old left-hander, whose fastball reaches 100 mph, appeared at Shea one day after the Mets held a news conference for Carlos Delgado, acquired last week from the Florida Marlins.

Lacy, Calzaghe set date for unification bout

NEW YORK — For left Lacy, a unification bout with Roy Calzaghe is something he's been looking forward to since he won the IBF super middleweight title last year.

For Calzaghe, who's defended his WBO title 17 times, a fight with Lacy is simply career-defining.

The two champions announced Tuesday that they will meet March 4 in Manchester, England, in a fight that will be broadcast live on Showtime at 7 p.m. MST — meaning it will start around the time local time — and feature fighters with a combined record of 61-0 with 38 knockouts.

Arrested fan dumps mother's ashes on field

PHILADELPHIA — A man arrested for running onto the field during the Philadelphia Eagles game against the Green Bay Packers on Sunday told police he was spreading his late mother's ashes.

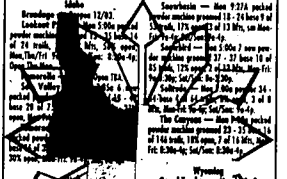
Christopher Noteboom, of Terrey, Ariz., ran onto the field holding a plastic bag, leaving a cloud of fine powder behind.

As he reached the 30-yard line, he dropped to his knees, made the sign of the cross and laid down on his stomach. Security personnel reached him moments later and he offered no resistance as he was escorted from the field.

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Golf

- Hong Kong Open, TBC, 11 p.m.

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Advertisement for Middlekauff GT40, featuring a large image of the car and text: 'Middlekauff Has Been Chosen to Showcase the New... GT40... Come In And See One Today!'

SPORTS

Emery wins record ninth straight

OTTAWA (AP) — Ray Emery won his NHL-record ninth straight game to start his career, stopping 27 shots to lead the Senators to a 4-0 victory over the Montreal Canadiens on Tuesday night.

The 23-year-old Emery broke the record of eight straight wins set by Philadelphia Flyers' Bob Froese during the 1982-83 season. Emery is 6-0 this season after winning once in 2002-03 season and twice in 2003-04.

Dany Heatley extended his point streak to 21 games, and Jason Spezza — the NHL's offensive player of the week — scored for the fifth straight game and picked up his 30th assist of the season on Daniel Alfredsson's team-leading 20th goal.

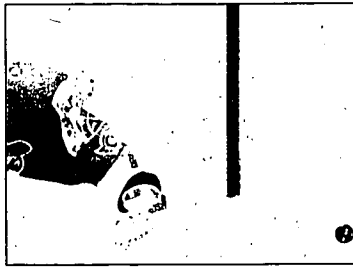
Heatley, the other winger on Ottawa's potent line, also drew an assist on Alfredsson's goal 5:45 into the second period, prompting a loud cheer from the team-record crowd of 19,858. He is the only player in the league to record a point in each of his team's games this season.

Flyers 4, Islanders 3

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Simon Gagne scored his NHL-leading, 22nd and 23rd goals — including the winner with 7:13 left — and the Philadelphia Flyers rallied to beat the New York Islanders 4-3 Tuesday night.

Gagne, who also assisted on Joni Pitkanen's goal, took a pass in front from Jon Sim and beat Garth Snow to give Philadelphia its only lead.

New York nearly tied it with 0:2 seconds left, but a video review revealed the puck didn't go in.



Ottawa Senators goaltender Ray Emery makes a save in the third period against the Montreal Canadiens to make a shutout and a 4-0 win at the Corel Centre in Ottawa Tuesday.

Hurricanes 4, Thrashers 3, OT

ATLANTA — Frantisek Kaberle scored 32 seconds into overtime to give the Carolina Hurricanes a 4-3 victory over the Atlanta Thrashers on Tuesday night.

Eric Staal had two goals in the Carolina's first victory over Atlanta in three meetings this season.

Kaberle's fourth goal of the season came on a slap shot from the left circle that ricocheted off the right goal post and behind Thrashers goalie Michael Garnett.

Sabres 3, Penguins 2

PITTSBURGH — Ales Kotlari's power-play goal early in the third period put Buffalo back in the lead and the Sabres won in Pittsburgh for the first time in nearly five years, beating the slumping Penguins 3-2 Tuesday night.

With goalie Martin Biron winning his fourth in a row by making 30 saves, the Sabres ended an 0-5-2 wireless run in Pittsburgh since they last won there Dec. 2, 2000 — a few weeks before Mario Lemieux's comeback game for the Penguins.

Lemieux returned again Tuesday after missing one game and two of his previous four with flu-like symptoms, but was held without a goal for his sixth consecutive game and the seventh time in eight games.

Devils 3, Bruins 2

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Alexander Mogilny scored the game-winner with 32 seconds remaining, and Brian Gionta extended his goal-scoring streak to five games in the New Jersey Devils' 3-2 victory over the Boston Bruins on Tuesday night.

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Shockey putting up big numbers while shedding bad-boy image

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Jeremy Shockey's career appears to be settling into its triumphant third act.

In Act I, the free-spirited rookie from a small town in Oklahoma comes to the big city and unleashes his vast talents on the NFL, making the Pro Bowl and setting team records at his position.

Act II is the inevitable fall from grace as the team stumbles and the hero's brassiness begins to look more like self-aggrandizement. Several ill-timed — some would say vulgar and indignant — public comments only fan the flames.

Now comes Act III, in which the chastened hero mends his manners, is reallocated to his craft, and again becomes a star with Giants fans through the team leader of sorts.

With five regular-season games remaining, the New York Giants tight end already has seven touchdown catches, one more than his career best. His 713 yards are second among NFL tight ends behind with Giants fans, though the team's 101-22 record in 2003 and 2004 undoubtedly fueled their discontent.

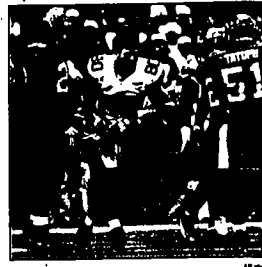
"All I can really control is what I do on the field, how I play on Sundays and how I work during the week," Shockey said Tuesday after his 10-catch, 127-yard, one-touchdown performance in last Sunday's overtime loss to the Seahawks. "I can't really control what people think of me. They praise me now, but I guarantee if I start not doing well, they're going to start hating me."

"That may be a harsh assessment considering that, from almost any perspective in the Giants Stadium parking lot, Shockey's No. 80 reigns supreme before home games, ahead of Eli Manning, No. 10, Eli Manning, No. 21 and Michael Strahan, No. 92.

"And the jersey won't become obsolete — Shockey signed a five-year, \$31.2 million contract extension in October.

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New York Giants tight end Jeremy Shockey retrieves his helmet after being hit in a first-half play against the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday at Qwest Field in Seattle. The Seahawks beat the Giants, 24-21, in overtime.

Burress, signed as a free agent in the offseason. Burress leads the team with 60 receptions for 929 yards, and has opened up room in the secondary for Shockey.

"I think they are very much helping each other in the attention that teams have given them," said Giants tight ends coach Mike Pope. "Both of them are pretty tall and good jumpers, so teams have to think about putting those 5-9 guys out there to cover them."

He won't come out and say he has learned from his public mistakes — such as throwing a cup of ice into the stands in San Francisco that inadvertently hit two children or calling Cowboys coach Bill Parcells a derogatory name in a magazine article.

But it's clear the new Shockey has adopted an all-business, all-time attitude when it comes to football and is a respected part of the team. He and Barber were the two players invited to the deathbed of Wellington Mara, the team's owner and the NFL's patriarch, on the day before he died — and he was one of the straight-faced Mara's favorite players.

"There is nothing that has surprised me, because I think I know the player and he's practiced well and performed well in games," coach Tom Coughlin says. "It's done a lot of good things, and hopefully there are a lot more good things to come."

O'Neal helps Pacers paste Jazz, 84-60

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Jermaine O'Neal got his fifth double-double in the last six games with 21 points and 15 rebounds and the Indiana Pacers increased their winning streak over the Utah Jazz with a 24-point win in a row with an 84-60 victory Tuesday night.

Jamal Tinsley added 14 points for the Pacers, who closed the third quarter with a 12-2 run and have won five of six overall. Indiana has won the first two of a five-game road trip, which continues Wednesday night at Phoenix.

Bucks 113, Mavericks 111

MILWAUKEE — Rookie Andrew Bogut made two free throws late in overtime, then blocked a potential game-tying shot at the buzzer to beat the Dallas Mavericks 113-111 Tuesday night.

Bogut, the No. 1 pick in the draft, finished with a career-high 19 points. He added 14 rebounds.

Seahawks

Continued from D1 down to end the game.

Starting to sound familiar? So after Feeley's three misses Sunday, Holmgren was justified in saying, "I would say it evened up a little bit, yet."

Holmgren knows who he inherited upon the Super Bowl with Green Bay at the end of the 1996 season, that to win a championship, you need to beat the good players. Otherwise it's the same old Seattle Seahawks — the team that has snuggled against the 500 mark as if it was a warm sunny blanket.

So Seattle has finished within one game of 8-8 in all but two of the last 10 seasons.

Last season, Philadelphia had a seven-game winning streak en route to the Super Bowl. But that was because in Week 5, the Eagles pulled out an overtime win at 3-3 Cleveland.

In 2003, mighty New England needed overtime to beat good Houston in late November en route to winning their second straight Super Bowl. And who

T.J. Ford had a career-high 24 points, including a key 3-point shot with 31 seconds remaining. Bobby Simmons led Milwaukee, playing without leading scorer Michael Redd, with 26 points.

Rockets 100, Hawks 85

HOUSTON — Tracy McGrady is back. Maybe now Houston can finally recover from its dismal start.

Sidelined since Nov. 18 with a back injury, McGrady returned to score 25 points and the Rockets snapped a seven-game losing streak by beating Atlanta.

Clippers 93, Timberwolves 84

MINNEAPOLIS — Sam Cassell shook off flu-like symptoms to hit a big 3-pointer down the stretch, staving off a furious rally by the former team and Los Angeles over Minnesota.

The Clippers led by 16 points with 10 minutes to play in the game before Kevin Garnett and the Wolves responded with a 14-0 rally. Garnett finished with

29 points and 13 rebounds.

Sixers 107, Trail Blazers 83

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson scored 38 points and Chris Webber had 16 points and 15 rebounds, leading Philadelphia over Portland.

Kyle Korver added 16 points for the Atlantic Division-leading Sixers (8-7).

Spurs 90, Lakers 84

SAN ANTONIO — Manu Ginobili scored 15 of his 22 points in the second half as San Antonio fended off a late charge by Los Angeles.

Kobe Bryant, averaging better than 40 points in his last five games, struggled to get open shots while being defended by Bruce Bowen. Bryant finished with 25 points, but shot 9-for-33.

Bulls 85, Magic 76

CHICAGO — Kirk Hinrich scored 20 points and tied a career high with 14 assists to lead Chicago over Orlando.

The second-year pro had 14 assists for the third time in his career.

can forget the Snow Bowl/Tuck Rule luck the Patriots needed to beat Oakland in overtime in the playoffs the season before? Al Davis sure can't.

So, yes, the Seahawks have been lucky. But they've also been good. They have the league's top rusher in Shaun Alexander running behind two Pro Bowl linemen, left tackle Walter Jones and left guard Steve Hutchinson. That, and Hasselbeck's general avoidance of the careless, forced throws that doomed previous seasons, is why Seattle has the league's top offense.

And it is an offense that can grind to win in the playoffs, when the weather gets as rough as the opposing defenses.

As Holmgren will privately acknowledge, the young defense — starting two rookie linebackers and missing two starting defensive backs due to injury (Ken Hamlin and Kelly Herndon) — is a concern. It gives up bushels of yards, such as New York's 490 Sunday, but has al-

lowed just 298 points in 11 games, tied for 10th best in the league.

"Puntin' allowed is the most important thing, (but) I would like us to be able to get a few more three-and-outs if possible," Holmgren said, after getting just one in 15 drives Sunday.

"They are getting a lot of yards and then all of a sudden we put on the brakes, it seems like, I don't have a great answer for that."

It's going to have to find one by January.

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Chamber seeking award nominations

TWIN FALLS—Nominations for the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Person of the Year and Lifetime Achievement awards are due by 5 p.m. Friday. The Chamber considers Person of the Year candidates' impact on business and community spirit over the past year. The Lifetime Achievement Award aims to honor exceptional community service of residents who have lived here at least five years. Written nominations for either award should include contact information for the candidate, the primary reason for the nomination, biographical information, and a listing of volunteer work. For nominations to (208) 733-9216, e-mail them to shawn@twinfallschamber.com, or drop off at the chamber office, 850 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Ford offers limos free gas tank upgrade

DETROIT—First it's stretch limousines. Now it's stretch limousines. Ford Motor Co. is offering a free safety upgrade to owners of Lincoln Town Car stretch limos, gas tank shields to reduce the risk of fires in high speed, rear-end crashes. The move comes as Ford prepares to defend a wrongful-death case involving a fire that killed three North Carolina sisters in a Town Car stretch limo. The tank shields are the same ones Ford gave police departments three years ago after several officers died when their Crown Victoria cruisers were rammed from behind and burst into flames. While extending the upgrade to a second type of vehicle, Ford continues to defend the safety of its limos, at other cars with the same fuel system — one that rival manufacturers, and even Ford, have largely abandoned.

Consumer confidence soars in November

NEW YORK—The outlook for the holiday shopping season brightened Tuesday with news that consumer confidence soared in November in response to a drop in gasoline prices and a pickup in the job market. The surge in the Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index raised hopes that Americans will be shopping enthusiastically by the end of the holidays despite this past weekend's mixed start to the season.

Lawyer blames Vioxx for man's heart attack

HOUSTON—A lawyer representing the widow of a man who claims the Vioxx he took caused her husband's death argued on Tuesday that taking the pain reliever for one month was enough to cause the 53-year-old man's heart attack. But Merck countered in opening statements at the first federal Vioxx trial that its extensive studies of the painkiller before introducing it in 1999 showed no evidence it caused heart attacks with short-term use, and that heart disease, not Vioxx, led to Richard "Dicky" Irvin's death.

Kroger to Webcast conference call

CINCINNATI—The Kroger Co. parent company of Fred Meyer, will host a conference call about its third quarter with investors at noon Tuesday. It will be broadcast live over the Internet at www.kroger.com/financialinfo_investorconference.cfm. Click on "Webcast Events" to access the event. Kroger is one of the nation's largest retail grocery chains.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Kodiak gains lease in Burley

By Renee Wells
For the Times-News

BURLEY—While it is still no shoo-in, Kodiak Northwest is one step closer to being able to move a portion of its snowplow manufacturing business to the former Rite-Aid building on Ponderosa Avenue. Burley City Council members approved a conditional lease on a 4-1 vote at a special meeting Monday afternoon. When Burley was gifted the building, the City Council accepted the lease in mind, said Councilman Dave Ringle, de-

fending the council's decision to allow Kodiak Northwest to occupy the building at \$2,800 per month rent for the first five years. Some audience members said they were upset the city wasn't seeking a rent near the market value of the property. The lease would allow Kodiak to rent the building for \$2,800 a month for five years, then it would be required to pay \$4,200 per month for the next five years. After that period, the rent would be determined annually based on the consumer price index, although the company

would still sign five year leases, with an option through 2046. Kodiak has agreed to put about \$250,000 into renovation of the building. This amount is in addition to an anticipated \$500,000 community block grant the city plans to use for renovation and infrastructure improvements. Councilman Dennis Curtis was the dissenting vote. "I am more concerned than you'll ever know about keeping Kodiak Northwest, but I am very concerned about the (Albertson's supermarket) adjacent to this industry," he said. "I'm not

certain they can be harmonious." Kodiak, said the city, has the most to lose, said Ringle. "If they move in and don't meet the conditions placed on them with a special use permit, they get shut down," Ringle said, adding that Kodiak would still have to pay rent. Council members, after approving the lease, reminded an unsettled crowd that the lease still does not guarantee Kodiak a home at the former Rite-Aid building. The company must now apply for and meet the conditions of a special use per-

mit that will have to be approved by the city's zoning board. "We've got a zoning board that can decide if the business can be compatible there," Ringle said. "Let's take a vote and let them do their job." The company has yet to seek the special use permit, so no date has been set for any public hearings, although city officials expect the application to be submitted in short order.

Renee Wells writes for the South Idaho Press.

MAKING THE GRADE

College climate attracts many entrepreneurs

By Madlen Reed
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK—As a student at Davidson College in North Carolina, art-lover Drew Crawford saw business potential in the small college town. The nearby suburbs of Charlotte, N.C., were growing, and the town saw a steady stream of students and their parents each year. So Crawford developed a plan for a gallery featuring functional art such as hand-carved furniture, blown glass and pottery. Last year, he brought Weston Stone to life right in Davidson.

CSI a major player

The College of Southern Idaho plays a major role in the Twin Falls region's economic growth. CSI is probably not the first what we've heard from employers like Dell and Hiles Poly, irreplaceable," said economist Greg Rogers of Idaho Commerce and Labor. "They're absolutely one of the most proactive community colleges in the nation. Without CSI none of this would happen. Examples of the college's efforts include tailoring training programs for companies like Dell Inc. and keeping up to date on what career training courses will be in demand," Rogers said. These are major reasons the area has a "world class work force," he said.

"It's centrally located, there's a booming population, it was perfect," Crawford said. "Because of the college, we had this arts draw already."

Entrepreneurs looking for a growing, diverse consumer base and young, talented employees are finding that college towns — and frequently, their own undergraduate stomping grounds — fit the bill. College-age populations are booming, operating a business is usually cheaper in a small town than in a big city, and college towns boast cultural advantages and educated young workers. Because knowing the lay of the land is a big advantage, many entrepreneurs turn toward their old alma maters. Shannon Williams, a 1999 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, got interested in real estate after she bought a small house in Austin on a



TriBecca Realty owner Shannon Williams, a 1999 University of Texas graduate, on Monday. She started her business in Austin, Texas, because of the number of college students in need of affordable housing.

\$27,000-a-year teacher salary. She placed the place up, and sold it nine months later for a \$200,000 profit. She decided to start TriBecca Realty in Austin because she knew there were thousands of students and recent graduates like her in need of affordable housing. Her first clients were students whose parents wanted to buy investment properties, and now about 30 percent of her business consists of investment properties and student housing near cam-

pus. "I really did think, maybe I should move to Dallas or Houston," said Williams, who has since expanded into other markets. "But I realized there was a market for people my age here." Austin isn't a cheap town — it's the most expensive city in Texas, Williams said — but it has growth potential. The city of Austin has grown from 463,000 people in 1990 to more than 650,000 in 2000, and is projected to reach 800,000 by 2010. Young, open-minded con-

sumers are another advantage to starting a business in a college town. "There's more tolerance for out-of-the-box ideas," said Rich Kargard, publisher of Forbes and author of "Life 2.0: How People Across America are Transforming Their Lives by Finding the Where of Their Happiness." When Dan White created his reusable ink-cartridge business, he thought it would be easier to

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Bankruptcy court judge OKs Delta request to sell planes

The Associated Press

NEW YORK—A U.S. bankruptcy court judge on Tuesday approved Delta Airlines Inc.'s request to sell some of its airplanes and to reject an Atlanta office. Judge Prudence Carter Beatty said she would allow Delta to sell an undisclosed number of aircraft including Boeing 737, Embraer 120, Boeing 737 models. It was not evident whether Delta already has a buyer for the aircraft or how much it might get for them. No details were disclosed on the office.

The union representing the pilots, has offered \$90.7 million in concessions and has threatened a strike if the court grants Delta's request. Delta maintains

such a walkout would violate the Railway Labor Act. On Monday, Delta chief financial officer Edward Bastian said the cuts were needed to keep the airline alive. Delta lost \$2.6 billion in the first nine months of this year. Asked if Delta had considered the possibility of a strike by its pilots, Bastian said Monday a strike "would be devastating." If the court approves Delta's proposed cuts, they would be on top of \$1 billion in annual concessions the pilots agreed to in a five-year deal reached in 2004.



Several Delta Connection jets prepare for takeoff at the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport in this file photo. Delta Air Lines Inc. is being allowed by a U.S. bankruptcy judge to sell an undisclosed number of aircraft.

'A la carte' TV plan threatens preachers

By Jobe Shiver Jr.
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON—Trying to preserve their electronic north, the nation's religious broadcasters find themselves in the unusual position of fighting an effort by anti-indecency groups to thwart channels offering raucous programming. The issue involves a debate over whether cable companies should continue offering subscribers mainstream and niche channels in bundles, or let them buy what they want on an "a la carte" basis. Consumer groups are pushing to let people choose their channels rather than pay for ones they don't watch. One Federal Communications Commission study showed people on average regularly watch only 17 of the more than 100 cable channels they typically receive.

But what started largely as a consumer issue has now morphed into a larger controversy involving whether cable operators should be required to continue exposing subscribers to niche channels, including religious ones, that people might not order on their own. "We don't just want to preach to the choir; we want to reach the unchurched," said Paul Couch Jr. of the Family Broadcast Network in Santa Ana, Calif. "The bottom line is that we want to be everywhere on cable." On Tuesday, the controversy is expected to come to a head when media executives, televangelists, government regulators and consumer activists gather for an "Open Forum on Decency" held by Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska. Lawmakers and advocacy groups have seized on the a la carte system as a way to give cable TV subscribers more flexibility to drop channels with adult or raucous programming as the plastic surgery drama "Nip/Tuck" on FX that regularly features sex and gore. "A la carte is a solution that was immediately addressed the issue of indecency on cable," said Tim Winters, executive director of the Los Angeles-based Parents Television Council. The debate has created unusual bedfellows: religious

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MONEY

The Times-News

BOISE - Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000
Christina M. Stice, 410 Broadford Road, Bellevue, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42728.

Jerome Edward Gwin Sr. and Mary Ann Gwin, 218 W. Main, 45, Jerome, individual, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42737.

Levon Raymond Neimeyer and Michelle Dawn Neimeyer, also known as Amanda Jean Heyburn, 269 Heyburn Ave., Twin Falls, individual, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42748.

Sergio M. Rodriguez, 818 Oakley Ave., Burley, individual, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42776.

Mirna Jean Thanner, 2011 Castle Parkway, Heyburn, individual, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42785.

Michelle Jay Willett and Amanda Jean Mason, 50 E. 277 S., Burley, individual, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42789.

Morgan Hanson, also known as Morgan Buckman, 547 S. 270 S., Dr. erich, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42802.

Randy A. Crowley Jr., 225 Caswell Ave., Twin Falls, individual, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42911.

Dale Robert Hopper, also known as Robert Dale Hopper and Bonnie Hopper, 539 N. Road, Revere, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42913.

Warren Oliver Davis and Rosemary Lynn Davis, also known as Rosemary L. Davis, formerly doing business as Davis Accounting & Tax Service, 455 Jackson St., Twin Falls, individual, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42921.

Amy Jo Wickham, 270 E. Valley Road, Hagerman, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42925.

Vernon Kyle Knight, also known as V. Kyle Knight, 811 Martin Lane, Bellevue, individual, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42931.

Patricia Ann Hogue, 2913 E. 3600 N., No. 11, Twin Falls, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42935.

James J. Nevarez, also known as Rene Rodriguez, and Margarita G. Nevarez, also known as Margarita Gonzalez, 609 Holland Ave., No. 10, Burley, individual, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42937.

Victorie Gaspar, also known as Vicente Gaspar-Govarubias, and Amanda Dawn Gaspar, also known as Amanda Jones, 628 Seventh St., W. Gooding, individual, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42960.

James Delaney III, 1235 I.S. Highway 26, Gooding, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42969.

Eric John Larson and Jennifer Lynn Larson, also known as Jennifer Lynn Larson, 202 Second St., Hopper, individual, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42984.

John Lee McPherson, 996 Blake St., N. Twin Falls, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-43002.

Alma McDonnell, 2901 Rocky Road, Burley, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-43027.

Melissa Miller, also known as Melissa Thornton, 800 Second Ave., N. No. 16, Twin Falls, individual, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-43063.

Melanie Jane Engel, also known as Melanie Jane Nielson, Melanie Jane Dunbar, 1018 Lincoln St., Twin Falls, individual, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-43063.

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Dwayne D. Frazier, 1545 Frazier, 25, Jerome, and Lori A. Bennett, formerly known as Lori A. Bennett, 2359 E. 4000 N., Burley, individual, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-43153.

Joann L. Barzee, 530 Second Ave., W. Gooding, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-43161.

Mark Dewitt, 2051 Bob Burton Highway, Wendell, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-43161.

Tommas Gandiaga and Casey Ann Gandiaga, also known as Casey Ann Gray, 315 Fifth Ave. E., Jerome, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-43165.

Suzanne Marie Crane, 325 W. Main St., Burley, individual, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-43165.

Robert G. Woodbury and Lesca A. Woodbury, 594 S. 300 S., Burley, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-43172.

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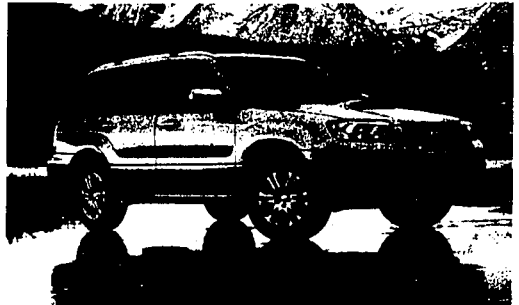
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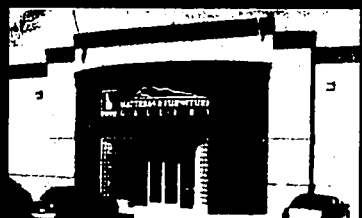
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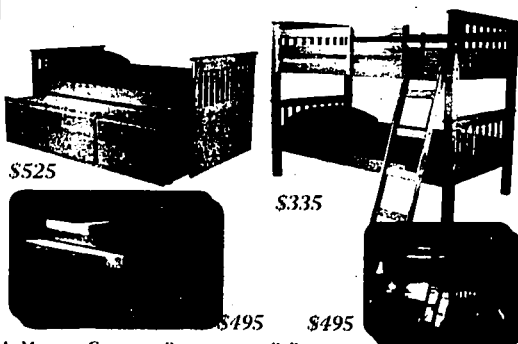


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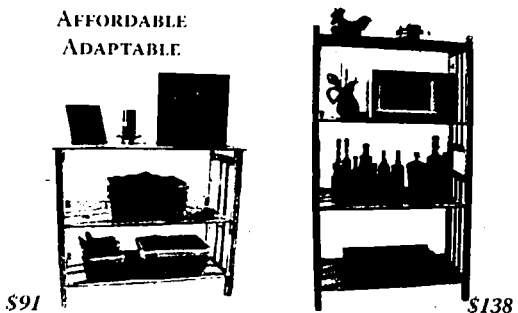
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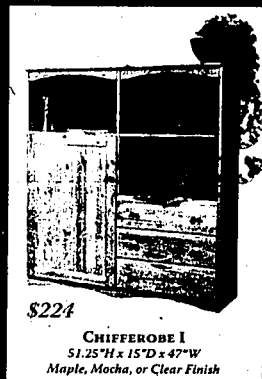
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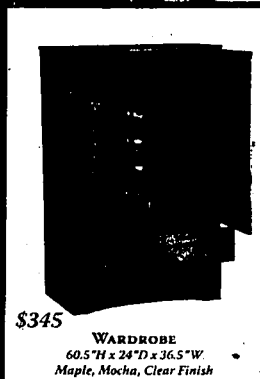
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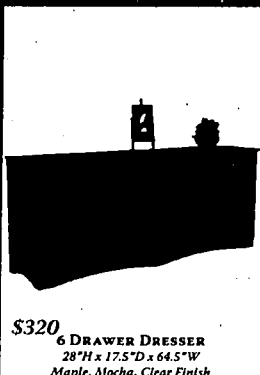
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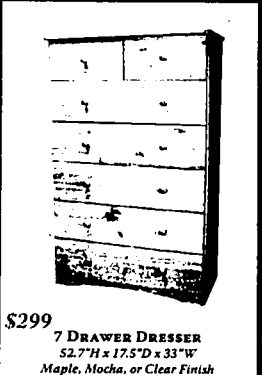
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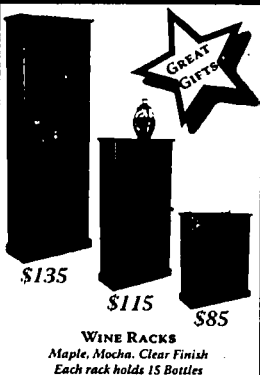
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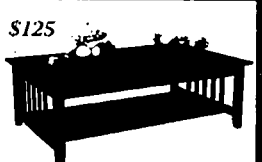


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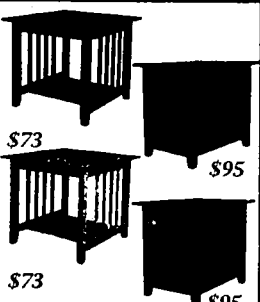


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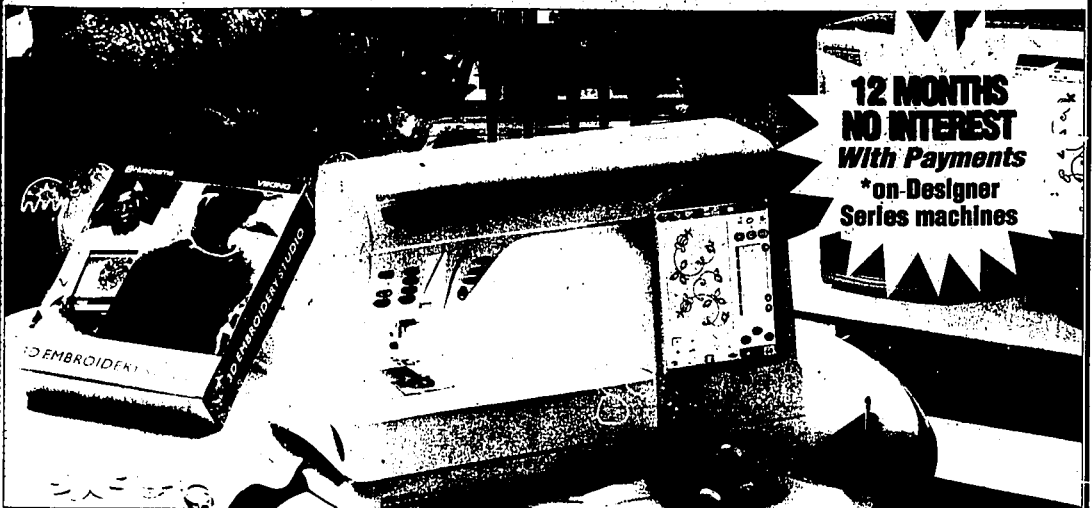


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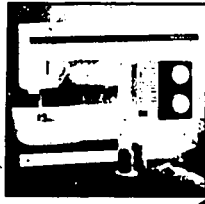
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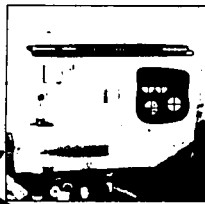
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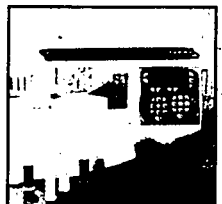
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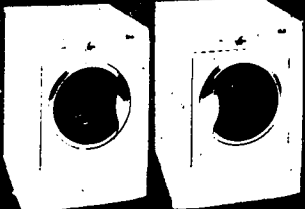
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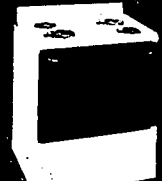


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Public can be first to get this year's hottest Christmas Gift: uncut sheets of real money

By Mary Beth Andrew
Times-Herald Staff Writer

(HMS) Everybody loves the gift of money. But now people are getting full sheets of real money and it feels like winning the Lottery.

And here's how everybody wins. For the first 48 hours, full uncut sheets of real money are being given up, not to banks, not to dealers and not just to the rich and famous, but directly to the general public.

"We're bracing for all the calls. Please tell everyone to just keep trying. With only 48 hours we're doing our best to make damn sure everybody gets through," promised Stephen Speakman, National Director of Hotline Operations.

At precisely 10:00 a.m. today, the National Hotline first opens. Those whose last name begins with A-N are given a special number to call and those with last names beginning with O-Z will have their own special number to call.

"The money is being handed over on a first come first served basis," Speakman said.

The National hotlines will only stay open for 48 hours to distribute the valuable sheets of real money through this special arrangement. But after midnight tomorrow, callers will be turned away.

Those who get in on this now will be the really smart ones. Just think what they could be worth years from now.

"Values of currency always fluctuate. It's difficult when you are comparing apples to oranges, but according to the Official Standard Guide to U.S. Paper Money which provides the guide of valuations, some uncirculated 1928 one dollar bills have increased in value by over 6,400%. In fact, a full uncut dozen of 1928 dollar bills sold for \$18,400.00," Speakman said.

"You would expect to see uncut money sheets on display in the Oval Office or under guard at the Smithsonian," he said.

Until now, only those lucky enough to be "in the know" online could get their hands on uncut sheets of real money at the Bureau of Engraving offices in Washington. In fact, banks don't even have them. But now you can get them direct by calling the hotline number.

"You can actually spend it. It's real money. But anyone would be an absolute fool to cash them in because they're worth so much more," Speakman confirmed.

There's going to be a lot of excited people when they unwrap these valuable full sheets of money this Christmas. It's a ton of money when you see the full Banker's Stack of all four sheets.

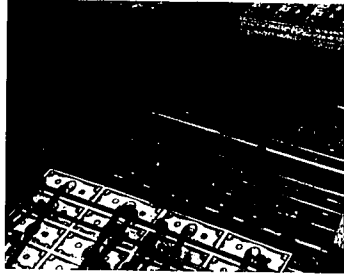
"These sheets of money make it so easy to take care of everyone on your gift list all at once without having to waste your time shopping. You can take care of parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, clergy, co-workers, friends, the mailman and even the hardest person to buy for. They will all be so impressed," Speakman said.

Once they get them they'll try to get more but it may be too late. When they're gone, they're gone.

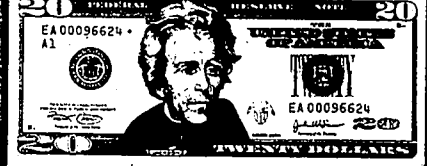
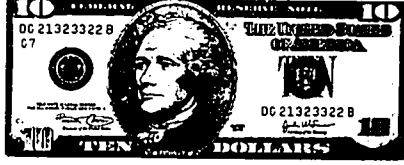
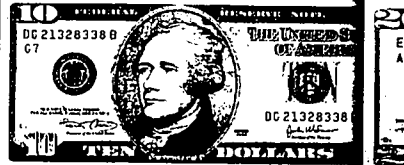
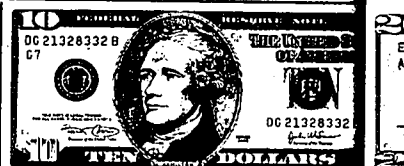
That's why the next 48 hours are so critical. It is important that the general public follow the local time clocks and call the assigned Toll Free numbers below to beat the deadline.

So, on your mark, get set, go. Now you'll be the first to have your shopping done this year. ■

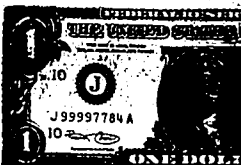
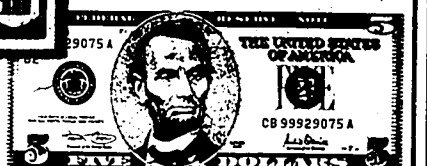
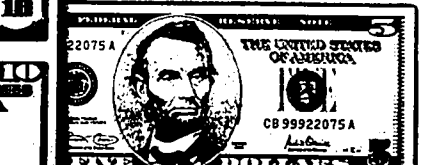
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