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# IEA initiative would raise sales tax

By Anne Wallace Allen  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The Idaho teachers' union is gearing up for a campaign to raise the state sales tax by a penny on the dollar to 6 percent, generating funds for salaries, supplies, and other public school needs.

The Idaho Education Association filed paperwork this week for a 2006 ballot initiative that will ask voters to approve that change. Under terms of the ini-

## Statewide teachers group wants to bring back extra penny to generate revenue for education

tiative, school districts would have to spend the money on classroom materials, teacher salaries, programs and building maintenance.

The IEA surveyed its members before deciding to go ahead with the initiative drive. The group doesn't believe the Legislature

will raise more money for education in the upcoming session, and more is needed, said IEA spokeswoman Gayle Moore. The state education budget is now around \$1 billion.

"Our members have been telling us for more than a year now that they're dissatisfied with

the funding situation, and we just feel like we can't wait," Moore said. "We need to find a large sum of money to infuse into public education as quickly as possible."

In Idaho, as in other states, most legislation is enacted by lawmakers. But Idaho also is

among states that permit citizens or groups to offer binding ballot initiatives that are voted on at election time. To get its question on the ballot, the IEA will have to gather signatures from 6 percent of Idaho voters — at least 47,801 people.

While some initiative campaigners hire people to gather petition signatures, the teachers union doesn't believe that will be necessary.

"We hope that we'll have  
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# FADING INTO HISTORY

## Ranks of servicemen who witnessed Pearl Harbor are declining

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Each year, there are a few more empty chairs at meetings of the local chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

This year, 16 members remain, down from 47 when the chapter formed in the mid-1970s. Back in their younger years, back when they were still strong enough to travel freely, the survivors gathered four times a year to plan projects, have dinner and share memories of that fateful December morning 64 years ago. Today, in their ninth decade, getting around isn't so easy anymore and their memories have grown dimmer with the years. It's a mighty challenge to get together even a couple of times a year anymore. So they've decided to disband for good.

Iray Roessler, of Gooding, the chapter's secretary, has packed up the chapter's records and mailed them to chapter president Chris Harame in Pocatello.

"Members are getting too old and many of them are sick," said Roessler, who was a sergeant with the Army's 24th Infantry Division when he looked up to see the Japanese planes bombarding Wheeler Field. He pulled out his .45-caliber pistol and shot back at one of them.

A few of the chapter's members will gather for the last time today in Pocatello.

"We're having a meeting to see what we're going to do," Harame said. "This year, everybody was sick and we didn't even have a meeting in June. We don't even have a quorum for a meeting."

Harame, who served as a gunner's mate on the USS Detroit that was docked across from the doomed Arizona, said some members have a hard time remembering these days. He remembered calling a member who had missed a meeting.

"He said, 'I couldn't find the Memorial Building so I went home,'" Harame said.

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Leroy Kohntopp, a survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack, sits in his home Tuesday evening in Filer. Now 88 years old, Kohntopp was 24 and serving on the USS Maryland when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The local chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association is closing because many of the men are getting too old to attend the meetings.

# Dozens of police killed in attack

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Two suicide bombers detonated explosives inside Baghdad's main police academy Tuesday, killing at least 43 people and wounding more than 70, police said. Al-Qaida in Iraq claimed responsibility for the attack, the capital's deadliest in months.

The assault on the academy was carefully planned to maximize casualties, all of whom were police officers or is taken hostage.

The first bomber struck near a group of students outside a classroom, a U.S. military statement said.

Thinking they were under mortar fire, survivors rushed to a bunker "where the second bomber detonated his vest," the statement added. One of the wounded was an American contractor.

A statement on an Islamist Web site in the name of al-Qaida in Iraq said "two blessed brothers" staged the attack on the academy, "which continues to produce the dogs that shed the blood and violate the honor of Sunni Muslims."

Iraqi police also said the attackers may have been policemen or students. Fresh evidence that insurgents have infiltrated the country's Shiite-dominated security forces.

The attack was the deadliest against Iraqi security forces since Feb. 28, when a suicide car bomber struck a crowd of mostly Shiite police and army recruits in Hillah, killing 125. In September, at least 86 people were killed in a suicide car bombing in a heavily Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad.

# Ozone hole slow to recover

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The eventual recovery of the gaping ozone hole over Antarctica, first discovered two decades ago, may take years longer than previously predicted, scientists reported Tuesday.

Researchers suspect that because of all the older model refrigerators and air conditioning systems in the United States and Canada that are still releasing ozone-killing chemicals. Both countries curbed those chemicals in newer products.

If scientists are right, that means longer-term exposure to harmful ultraviolet radiation, which raises the risk of skin cancer and cataracts for people. Long-term UV exposure is bad for the biodiversity of the planet, too.

Since the discovery of the ozone hole over the South Pole in the 1980s, satellites and ground stations have been monitoring ozone. Current computer models suggest the ozone hole should recover globally by 2040 or 2050, but Tuesday's analysis suggests the hole won't heal until about 2065.

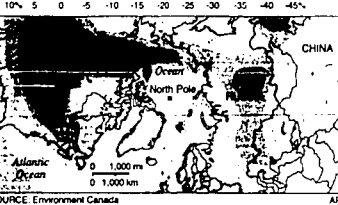
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## Ozone levels lower at the poles

Ozone levels over parts of Antarctica are almost less than half the normal levels. Over parts of the Arctic, ozone levels have deviated up to 20 percent from normal.



Ozone level deviation from normal (Dec. 5), in percent



SOURCE: Environment Canada

# PREPARE THE ERASERS

Magic Valley puzzle fiends welcome Sudoku

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

## Try your hand

Today's Sudoku puzzle is on page E5. It's rated "easy," so it's a good one to get you started.

TWIN FALLS — Katie Touchette is having nightmarish fun. No, monsters aren't chasing her. She isn't falling, nor is she naked at work. Rather, it's numbers that haunt this 48-year-old Sudoku novice.

Touchette is addicted to Sudoku, a puzzle that in September began running daily in The Times-News. Since then, the number problems have garnered a loyal Magic Valley following, even though they can just about drive a person to madness. Or nightmares.

Touchette tackles the puzzles just before bed, which may explain her recent sleeping woes. She also works the problems anytime she has a few minutes to spare.

But she didn't get hooked right away. In fact, when she saw the puzzle for the first time, she flipped the page. The numbers turned her off.

"I didn't do them at first because I thought it was about math," she said. But then Touchette took a closer look

and discovered that, although the puzzles contain numbers, they're actually logic problems.

Here's how the puzzles work: Nine large boxes form a grid. Each big box contains nine smaller boxes. Puzzlers are given a handful of numbers in some of the smaller boxes to get started. The object is to fill in the remaining boxes so that every row, column and 3-by-3 large box contains the digits 1-9.

Sound tricky? It is. Puzzles are easy early in the week, then get harder as the week continues. Touchette handles the easy puzzles without frustration. The hard ones, now they're a different matter. She likes to draw out the grid on a sheet of scrap paper to avoid burning eraser holes in the newspaper. She's been able  
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TRIP FALLS FORECAST

Today: Extremely cold with fair skies. Highs upper teens. Tonight: A light breeze developing and helpful breeze. Temperatures above zero. Lower single digits. Tomorrow: Temperatures lifting out of the deep freeze. Highs upper 20s.

BURLEY FORECAST

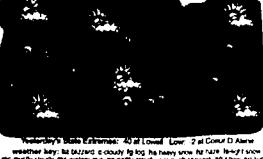
Today: A partly cloudy and very cold day on tap. Highs upper teens. Tonight: Mostly dry and cold with fair nighttime skies. Lower single digits. Tomorrow: Not as cold and partly cloudy. A little breeze at times. Highs middle 20s.

HAILEY FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Temperatures will start off in the deep freeze today, but hit our icy come tomorrow and Friday. No winter precipitation is expected for several days. Weekend travel conditions to the slopes will be good.

BOISE Today will be extremely cold with sub-zero and chills likely. Temperatures will start to recover tomorrow and continue to edge upward into the weekend.

NORTHERN UTAH The next several days look to be really nice for December. We will be running a forecast cold, but no snow is in the near forecast.



GREGG MIDDLEKAMP'S QUOTE OF THE DAY "The simplest form of leadership is one who leaves where he wishes to go, and gets up and goes."

TRIP FALLS FIVE DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Table with 6 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset. Includes monthly trends and specific values.

Table with 2 columns: Moon Phases, Moonrise and Moonset. Includes dates and times for moon phases and moonrise/moonset.

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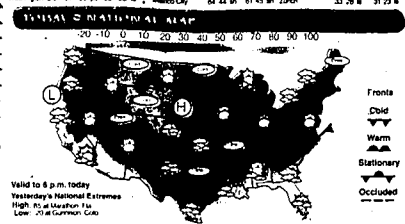
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IEA

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According to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Idaho's sales tax has changed six times since it was enacted at 3 percent in 1965. Many local areas have used temporary sales-tax increases to raise money.

The IEA measure would restore a two-year sales-tax increase of one percentage point that expired in July, and would raise about \$190 million per year, Moore said.

The initiative would require school districts to report to voters each year how the additional revenue was spent.

"The IEA said in a release that the money would help reduce class sizes, buy textbooks and give more students access to college-preparatory courses and technical courses.

The Idaho attorney general's office is reviewing the IEA's ballot initiative. If it's approved, the group will have until April 30 to gather signatures, which must then be verified by county clerks.

Sudoku

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self drawn to the puzzles. Dell Magazines claims to have invented Sudoku in 1979, when the puzzle-book company published its first Sudoku product, called Number Place.

In the 1980s, a Sudoku craze hit Japan, where the puzzles got their current name, which means "single digit."

Then earlier this year, a London newspaper began running the brain busters, and they became wildly popular. A New York Times writer picked up on the craze and now many American newspapers publish Sudoku puzzles. Some papers have even swapped crosswords for Sudokus.

That's fine with Touchette. The more puzzles the better. Now if she could just get some sleep.

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Spokane mayor ousted in recall

The Associated Press

SPokane, Wash. — Mayor James E. West was recalled from office Tuesday in a special election prompted by news accounts that he offered City Hall jobs and perks to young men he met in a gay Internet chat room.

West, 54, a Republican former state legislator who voted against gay-friendly bills, said he never knew the election results are certified Dec. 16.

Just over half of the 110,000 ballots mailed to city voters were counted in the first batch of results, released Tuesday night. Of those, 38,718, or 65 percent, voted to recall West, while 20,681, or 35 percent, voted to retain him.

It was unclear how many more ballots would be received; they had to be postmarked by Tuesday to be counted.

"I said I'd abide by the will of the voters, obviously, and they've spoken," West told the Associated Press.

"I'm at peace with their decision and disappointed," the mayor said he was very proud of his accomplishments in office.

West has spent 25 years in public office and is the city's first elected chief executive to be ousted before his term expired.

He said he planned a Wednesday news conference to "prepare to make the transition and pass the baton."

The Spokane-Man Review newspaper conducted an undercover investigation and reported in a series of articles be-

ginnings May 5 that West was a closeted homosexual who visited gay chat rooms on his city-owned computer and offered mentorships and other favors to young men he hoped to have sex with.

The recall petition contended West used his political office for personal benefit by offering a city internship to someone he thought was an 18-year-old man he'd met in a gay online chat room. The person, who West knew by the screen name "Moro-Brock," actually was a computer expert hired by the newspaper to track the mayor's activities in a Gay.com chat room.

West, who described himself as the victim of a "brutal outing," has acknowledged having relationships with young men but denied doing anything illegal. West has said he plans to sue The Spokesman-Review.

Ozone

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Meanwhile, the lesser-damaged ozone layer over the Arctic is slowly recovering by about 2010, according to new modeling done by John Austin of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Measurements of ozone depletion vary every year, making it hard for scientists to predict the long-term effects of changes and how it may affect recovery.

The size of this year's Antarctic ozone hole reached the all-time biggest hole detected in

2003. In September, the hole over the South Pole peaked at about 10 million square miles, or the size of North America. That was a notch below the 2003 record size of about 11 million square miles.

Chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, in refrigerants, aerosol sprays and solvents have been largely blamed for most ozone depletion.

Experts generally agree that the man-made chemicals are leveling off since more than 180 countries in the 1980s signed the Montreal Protocol, which phases out some CFCs and other ozone-damaging compounds such as chlorane and bromine.

As a result, chlorine has declined in the lower atmosphere since the mid-1990s, while the growth rate of bromine has slowed.

But new research suggests

that chlorine and bromine are not being depleted as fast as expected. In 2003, the ozone-depleting chemicals in the United States and Canada made up about 15 percent of total global emissions even though the two nations have stopped producing the chemicals.

It takes decades for these chemicals to dissipate and that may delay ozone hole recovery, said Dale Hune, a research associate at the NOAA Global Monitoring Division.

New satellite images suggest that seasonal weather patterns may also affect ozone hole recovery. New observations by a NASA satellite found that chlorine converts into a more dangerous form in cold Antarctic winters, leading to ozone loss. Because conditions are warmer in the Arctic, the impact is not as profound.

Survivors

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Richard Hansing, of Twin Falls, said he'll miss the chapter's get-togethers.

"We had our good times," said Hansing, who was a Navy maintenance sergeant class on the USS Nevada when the ship's alarm went off 64 years ago.

"I thought the world was coming to an end," Hansing remembered. "I thought this was it."

Leroy Kohntopp, of Filer, plans to attend today's last chapter meeting. Kohntopp was a Navy fire controlman second class on the USS Maryland. He was working in the plotting room downstairs when all hell broke loose.

"I'm not sure," Kohntopp said. "There was smoke and fire all around us." Kohntopp said members of the local chapter could opt to join the Boise chapter, which includes survivors from northern Idaho. But, he said, "Boise's numbers are getting thinner, too," and "we'd have to amble up there every 90 days."

Remember Pearl Harbor

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese planes attacked the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, killing more than 2,300 people.

About 6,000 Pearl Harbor survivors remain, down from about 15,000 on the 50th anniversary 14 years ago.

Nationwide, about 500 Pearl Harbor survivors die each year. About 50 Pearl Harbor survivors remain in Idaho — 16 of them in the southeastern part of the state.

Sources: The Library of Congress and Pearl Harbor survivor, Leroy Kohntopp, of Filer

50-ace spread in Filer with his wife, Wanda. He said he'll miss the chapter get-togethers, but he still has plenty to keep him busy.

"I'm looking forward to each day — to doing something different," Kohntopp said. "I have no problem getting older at all. If it snags all night, I'm out there showing in the morning."

Haramie said he'll send the chapter's records to the national Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. When the chapter receives a response from the national office, it will be officially closed.

"It makes me feel sad," Haramie said. "We've been together a long time. There's no way to get new members, so you just have to turn off the lights and go home."

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NATION/WORLD

# Plane strikes apartment building

## At least 115 die in Iran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A military plane loaded with Iranian journalists crashed into a 10-story apartment building Tuesday as the pilot attempted an emergency landing after developing engine trouble. At least 115 people died, the Tehran police chief said.

The C-130, a four-engine turboprop, crashed in the Azad suburb of Tehran, site of the Towhid apartment complex that is home to air force personnel and near Tehran's Mehrabad airport.

Before firefighters extinguished the blaze, flames roared from the roof and windows in several of the upper floors. Panicked residents fled the building. Police held back a crowd of thousands, many of them screaming and weeping that they had to find friends or loved ones who were in the building.

Scuffles broke out and police beat back onlookers and those trying to reach the building to keep the way open for emergency vehicles.

Several hours after the crash, the building still was smoldering, with black smoke hanging in the air.

"It was like an earthquake," said Reza Sadeqi, a 25-year-old merchant who saw the plane hit the building. He said he was thrown about nine feet inside his shop by the force of the crash.

"I felt the heat of the fire caused by the crash. It was like being in hell," he said.

Witnesses initially said the plane hit the top of the building. But officials, including Police Chief Mortaza Taleai, said one wing of the transport plane hit the second floor as the fuselage crashed to the



Rescue workers and policemen carry a body covered by a blanket after an Iranian military transport plane crashed into an apartment building in the suburbs of the capital Tehran, Iran, on Tuesday as it was trying to make an emergency landing.

ground, gouging out a huge crater and causing a fire that spread through the structure.

Everyone on the plane — 81 passengers and a crew of 10 — was killed. Most were Iranian radio and television journalists heading to cover military maneuvers in southern Iran.

Twenty-one people in the apartment building also died and 90 were injured, Tehran state radio said. Only nine of the injured were hospitalized late Tuesday, Taleai said on Iranian television.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who was visiting Saudi Arabia, sent condolences.

"Rescue teams are required to employ their maximum capability to save and help the survivors," state-run television quoted Ahmadinejad as saying. He asked one of his deputies to take charge and en-

sure survivors receive the help they need.

The plane, which belonged to the army air force, had just taken off for Bandar Abbas in southern Iran when it developed engine trouble. As it headed back to Mehrabad airport, the pilot was unable to maintain sufficient altitude and hit the apartment complex, state-run television said.

The report discounted sabotage or terrorism. Aviation officials were not available for comment.

Witness Iraj Moradian told The Associated Press the plane appeared to be circling the airport when its tail suddenly burst into flames, leaving a smoke trail as it plummeted. He said he fled when he thought the plane was going to crash into a gas station, but turned in time to see it hit the building.

The C-130 is built by Lockheed. The plane may have been sold to the Iranian air force when the United States had close relations with the Iranian monarch, Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, before the Islamic revolution in 1979.

In April, an Iranian military Boeing 707 with 157 people aboard skidded off a runway at Tehran airport and caught fire, killing three people. In 2003, a Russian-made Ilyushin-76 carrying members of the elite Revolutionary Guards crashed in the mountains of southeastern Iran, killing 302 people.

In 2002, a Ukrainian-built aircraft carrying aerospace scientists, crashed in central Iran, killing all 44 people aboard. And in 1988, an Iran Air A300 Airbus was shot down by the USS Vincennes over the Persian Gulf, killing 290.

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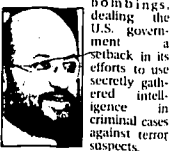
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# Ex-professor acquitted in case seen as a test for Patriot Act

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A federal jury in Tampa acquitted former Florida professor Sami al-Arian Tuesday of conspiring to aid a Palestinian group in killing Israelis through suicide bombings.



al-Arian

The U.S. government's setback in its efforts to use secretly gathered intelligence in criminal cases against terror suspects.

The trial was a crucial test of government power under the USA Patriot Act, which lowered barriers that had prevented intelligence agencies from sharing secretly monitored communications with prosecutors. The case was the first criminal terrorism prosecution to rely mainly on vast amounts of materials gathered under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), whose standards for searches and surveillance are less restrictive than those set by criminal courts.

The jury deliberated 13 days before rejecting arguments laid out over five months by prosecutors that the former University of South Florida computer engineer and three co-defendants conspired with leaders of Palestinian Islamic Jihad — which the United States has designated a terrorist group — providing it money, strategy and advice. The accusations were based on 20,000 hours of phone conversations and hundreds of faxes, secretly monitored beginning in 1993.

Al-Arian, 47, was found not guilty on eight of 17 counts, including conspiracy to commit murder. Jurors deadlocked on the rest of the charges, including those that the aided terrorists.

Al-Arian wept and was hugged by attorney Linda Moreno after the verdict, according to news accounts, before returning to jail, where he will wait as prosecutors decide whether to retry him on the counts that resulted in deadlocks.

Two co-defendants, former Florida graduate student

Sameeh Taha Hammomdeh and Chicago dry cleaner Ghassan Zayied Ballut, were acquitted of all charges. The jury acquitted a third man, Haim Naji Fariz, manager of an Illinois-based Muslim charity, of 25 counts, and failed to reach a verdict on eight others.

Juliette Kayyem, a terrorism legal analyst at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, said the outcome shows that U.S. juries can consider seriously both government accusations of terrorism and any evidence.

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WORLD

Saddam loses temper at trial — again

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Waving a finger and pounding his desk, Saddam Hussein told the judges in his trial to "go to hell" and vowed not to return to court Wednesday.

The outburst came at the end of a daylong session Tuesday in which a woman, speaking behind a beige curtain and with her voice disguised, told of beatings, torture and sexual humiliation at the hands of security agents when she was a teenager.

The ousted Iraqi president sat stone-faced and silent while she spoke. But after hours of testimony from the woman and another two witnesses, he exploded with anger.

Saddam, dressed in a dark suit and white shirt and clutching a Quran, complained that he and the seven other defendants were tired and had been deprived of opportunities to shower, have a change of clothes, exercise or go for a smoke.

"This is terrorism," he declared.

Throughout the trial, which began Oct. 19, Saddam has repeatedly staged confrontations with the court and attempted to take control of the proceedings with dramatic rhetorical flourishes.

The defendants are charged in the deaths of more than 140 Shiite Muslims in retaliation for an assassination attempt against him in the town of Duqaj in 1992. Saddam accused Iraq of ordering the attempt on his life.

Five witnesses — two women and three men — testified Tuesday in the fourth session of the trial. They had been kept from the public view and with their voices disguised to protect their identities.

The most compelling testimony came from the woman identified only as "Witness A," who was a 16-year-old girl at the time of the crackdown. Her voice breaking with emotion, she told the court of beatings and electric shocks by the former president's agents.

"I was forced to take off my clothes, and he raised my legs up and tied my hands. He continued administering electric shocks and whipping me and telling me to speak," Witness A said.

Witness A said she was an Iraqi intelligence officer who died of cancer last month while in American custody. The woman broke down several times as she struggled to maintain her composure. "God is great. Oh, my Lord!" she said, moaning.

Such treatment of a young woman is gravely offensive in traditional Arab culture, and Saddam was careful to avoid any insulting gesture in Tuesday's session, which was televised in Iraq. On Monday, he had angrily challenged male witnesses, insulting them and suggesting one needed psychiatric treatment.

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Former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein speaks during his trial Tuesday.

es disguised to protect their identities.

The most compelling testimony came from the woman identified only as "Witness A," who was a 16-year-old girl at the time of the crackdown. Her voice breaking with emotion, she told the court of beatings and electric shocks by the former president's agents.

"I was forced to take off my clothes, and he raised my legs up and tied my hands. He continued administering electric

shocks and whipping me and telling me to speak," Witness A said.

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Cheney: Don't lose nerve

FORT DRUM, N.Y. (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney told military troops Tuesday that terrorists can win in Iraq only if we lose our nerve and abandon our mission. He rejected calls for a speedy drawdown of troops.

"This would be unwise in the context of the war," Cheney said. "We were not in Iraq in September 2001 and the terrorists hit us anyway."

ministration's most forceful advocates of toppling Saddam's regime before the war.

"Some have suggested by liberating Iraq from Saddam Hussein, we simply stirred up a hornet's nest," Cheney said. "They overlook a fundamental fact: We were not in Iraq in September 2001 and the terrorists hit us anyway."

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American reported kidnapped in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Al-Jazeera aired an insurgent video Tuesday claiming to have kidnapped a U.S. security consultant and showing a blond, Western-looking man sitting with his hands tied behind his back.

The video bore the logo of the Islamic Army in Iraq, an insurgent group, and showed a U.S. passport and an Arabic identification card with the name Ronald Schulz. The spelling of the name was uncertain because it was written in Arabic.

The embassy spokeswoman Liz Galtan said U.S. authorities were aware of the Al-Jazeera report and were investigating.

The authenticity of the video cannot be independently confirmed. If true, the man would be the seventh Westerner abducted in Iraq since Nov. 26 and the second American taken hostage in the last two weeks. A U.S. citizen was among four peace activists taken hostage by a group calling itself the Swords of Righteousness. Two Canadians and a Briton also were seized.

The British Broadcasting Corp. aired a video Tuesday in which the captive peace activists, captured by British and British Prime Minister Tony Blair to pull their nations' troops out of Iraq.

The BBC said the excerpt was a previously unseen section of a video broadcast last week by Al-Jazeera in which the Swords of Righteousness threatened to kill the four men unless prisoners in U.S. and Iraq detention centers are freed by Dec. 8. The network said it obtained the new footage from the Internet.

U.S. and British troops out of Iraq and leave the Iraqi people to come to their own decisions on their government." A British-accented male voice, presiding over that of Briton Nurman Kember, said in the new excerpt.

A male voice with a North American accent then said: "As a representative of Christian Peacemaker Teams, we feel that continued American and British occupation is not in the best interest of the Iraqi people."

On Tuesday, Bush said the United States will work for the return of captive Americans in Iraq but would not submit to terrorist tactics. "We, of course, don't pay ransom for any hostages," Bush said.

"What we will do, of course, is use our intelligence-gathering to see if we can't help locate them," Bush said.

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# Most Americans are OK with torture

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans and a majority of people in Britain, France and South Korea say torturing terrorism suspects is justified at least in rare instances, according to AP-Ipsos polling.

The United States has drawn criticism from human rights groups and many governments, especially in Europe, for its treatment of terror suspects. President Bush and other top officials have said the U.S. does not torture, but some suspects in American custody have alleged they were victims of severe mistreatment.

The polling, in the United States and eight of its closest allies, found that in Canada, Mexico and Germany, people are divided on whether torture is ever justified. Most people opposed torture under any circumstances in Spain and Italy. "I don't think we should go out and string somebody by their thumbs until somebody talks. But if there is definitely a good reason to get an answer, we should do whatever it takes," said Billy Adams, a retiree from Tomball, Texas.

In America, 61 percent of those surveyed agreed torture is justified at least on rare occasions. Almost nine in 10 in South Korea and just over half in France and Britain felt that way.

Accusations of torture, reports of secret CIA prisons in Eastern Europe and claims of shadowy flights carrying terror suspects have further strained U.S. relations with some European countries.

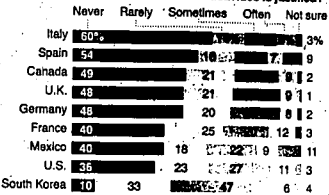
Maritella Sabit, who works for a humanitarian organization in Rome, said: "Human beings, as well as their rights, have to be defended, no matter what individuals are suspected of, or charged for."

The disagreements make cooperation on law enforcement and counterterrorism more difficult, said Lee Feinstein of the Council on Foreign Relations, a

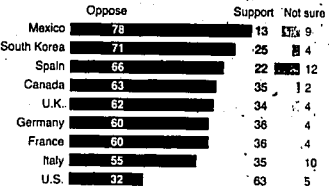
## Differing views on interrogation tactics

A recent poll shows how public opinion among U.S. allies varies regarding how suspected terrorists should be interrogated.

Do you feel the use of torture against suspected terrorists to obtain information about terrorism activities is justified?



Would you support or oppose allowing the United States to secretly interrogate suspected terrorists in your country to try to obtain information about terrorist activities?



NOTE: Interviews conducted Nov. 15-26 with approximately 1,000 adults in each country, margin of sampling error of ± 3 percentage points.

SOURCE: Ipsos for AP

Group of scholars and other specialists in foreign policy.

During a visit to Germany on Tuesday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was peppered with questions about U.S. anti-terrorism policies, including the five-month detention of Lebanese-born Khalid al-Masri and reports of secret CIA prisons and use of European airports and airspace to move terror suspects, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said the

United States had admitted making a mistake in the case of al-Masri, a German who contended in a lawsuit in Alexandria, Va., on Tuesday that he was wrongfully imprisoned by the CIA and tortured.

Officials with the European Union and in at least a half-dozen European countries are investigating reports of secret U.S. interrogations in Eastern Europe.

Rice aggressively defended

U.S. tactics against terrorism as tough but legal. She has refused to comment publicly on the reports of secret CIA prisons.

In the poll, about two-thirds of the people living in Canada, Mexico, South Korea and Spain said they would oppose allowing U.S. officials to secretly interrogate terror suspects in their countries. Almost as many in Britain, France, Germany and Italy said they felt the same way. Almost two-thirds in the United States support such interrogations in the U.S. by their own government.

The Bush administration has taken the position that some terrorism suspects are "enemy combatants" not protected by the Geneva Conventions, international treaties on the rights of prisoners of war.

"The Bush administration policy is against torture of any kind. It's prohibited by federal criminal law," said John Yoo, a University of California-Berkeley law professor and former Department lawyer, he helped write internal memos in 2002 designed to give the government more leeway in aggressive questioning of terror suspects.

"The debate is whether you can use interrogation methods that are short of torture," he said. "Some who have been critical of the Bush administration have confused torture with cruel, inhumane treatment."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., is among those pushing to ban the use of torture as well as "cruel and inhumane treatment." His legislation was approved in the Senate by a wide margin and will be considered in House and Senate conference committees on an amendment on two defense bills.

The polls of about 1,000 adults in each of the nine countries were conducted between Nov. 15 and Nov. 26. Each poll had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

## The Bush suit

he said he was interrogated harshly in Afghanistan and was asked repeatedly if he knew Mohamed Atta and Ramzi Binalshibh, two Sept. 11 conspirators who had been active in Germany.

Al-Masri professed his innocence, and after a hunger strike in which he was force-fed, he said, he was visited by a German who told him he had been released soon. He also said a prison "director" told him he had been held because of "mistaken identity."

Rice and Rice learned of the mistake, according to the Washington Post report, and eventually told German officials but asked them not to discuss the case.

Al-Masri is seeking at least \$75,000 in damages for "prolonged, arbitrary detention and torture." His lawyers are using the Alien Tort Statute, which allows foreigners to sue over conduct by U.S. officials overseas.

# German held in secret prison files suit

## Man targets ex-CIA director, claiming he was tortured while in custody

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — A German citizen whose the CIA abducted from Macedonia and held in a secret prison in Afghanistan for five months sued former CIA Director George Tenet on Tuesday, saying he'd been tortured.

"I want an apology, and I want to know why this happened to me," Khalid al-Masri said during a video hookup from Germany. "What happened to me was outside the bounds of any legal framework, and should never be allowed to happen to anyone else."

Al-Masri's lawsuit, filed by ACLU lawyers in Alexandria, Va., sheds light on the CIA's secret practice of "extraordinary renditions," using special teams to capture suspected terrorists and transport them to countries that practice torture or to one of the secret prisons in Eastern Europe or Asia.

Questions about al-Masri's treatment dominated Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's visit

Tuesday in Germany, where the case has put intense public pressure on the government of Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Rice said that "when and if mistakes are made, we work as quickly as possible to rectify them." She declined to admit error in al-Masri's case, either during a news conference with Merkel or, according to U.S. officials, in their private meeting. Senior administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the legal and diplomatic sensitivities, said admitting error would be a boon to al-Masri's lawsuit.

A CIA representative said, "We don't comment on matters before the courts." In the four years since the Sept. 11 attacks, the CIA has captured about 3,000 people, including some top al-Qaida leaders, according to a Washington Post report. Intelligence committees in Congress have been told that the CIA's inspector general is investigating possible "gross errors" in renditions.

U.S. officials refuse to confirm or deny the existence of secret prisons.

Human rights groups and several European leaders have criticized the rendition program, which has shipped some suspects to countries such as Egypt, Jordan and Syria, which use torture, or to the CIA's own reported secret detention centers. At least four suspects then were taken to the U.S. prison camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Al-Masri said he was beaten and threatened regularly in custody, kept in a squalid cell in Afghanistan and denied medical treatment. He said an American told him that "you are now in a country with no rule of law — you might get buried here."

Al-Masri, 42, was born in Kuwait to Lebanese parents. He moved to Uban, Germany, in the 1980s, became a citizen in 1995 and has five children. His saga began on a visit to Macedonia, where that nation's security forces detained him on Dec. 31, 2003. The CIA suspected that he was involved with Sept. 11 conspirators.

Seven or eight black-clad men blindfolded, handcuffed and beat him, dragged him and dragged him onto a plane, al-Masri claims in the lawsuit. He

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## EDITORIAL

### Affordable college makes a difference for rural Idaho

About 10 or 20 years ago, it would have been a rare sight to see the president of the largest Idaho university in a rural Idaho town.

These days, it's more of a necessity. Boise State University President Bob Kustra came to the heart of Mini-Cassia country last week, visiting with local civic clubs and schools about the need for higher education support.

Kustra went over the list of strong marks found on the Boise campus which had over 12,600 full-time students, and 17,000 total students in 2005. He plugged the additional programs and doctorate degrees on campus, along with new scholarships for merit and research fellowships.

Nothing to scoff at here. The problem, however, is in the numbers. The pocket-book numbers, to be more precise. Idaho's higher education system is failing to capture its own students because of high student fees and tuition. Kustra says the problem will continue unless legislators share up more financial support. For that to happen, Idaho citizens need to demand more support from the general fund.

"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."

Why is Kustra sending this

message in Rupert? Because, like much of rural Idaho, it and other nearby communities have an enormous amount to gain by promoting higher education goals among its students.

For today's high school graduate to survive, he or she needs a technical skill or a college education. It's that simple. Studies show repeatedly that those with that kind of training and education earn more and live better than those who don't.

Yet the costs of a college education are skyrocketing. In 1995, full-time undergraduate student fees at Boise State, Idaho State and University of Idaho averaged around \$1,650 a year. Now it's around \$3,700 a year.

According to the Budget and Policy Analysis office for Idaho's Legislative Services, the drop is directly linked to smaller appropriations from the general fund. Today, student fees account for nearly one out of every three dollars appropriated to Idaho colleges. A decade ago, they constituted only a fifth of that money.

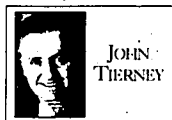
Kustra's lobbying effort isn't just for his university or its students. It's also for all of Idaho's economy - including rural Idaho. With an affordable higher education system, more of Idaho's students, including the brightest ones, stay in state. An educated population and an adequately funded university system attracts more employers. And when those jobs come, they keep Idaho's college graduates close to home.

The cycle that prevents that prosperity needs to be broken. But only when learning opportunities are more affordable for Idaho students.

**Our view:** Idaho's higher education system makes a valid connection to prosperity in rural communities. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

# The Pentagon's vanity press

Now that the Pentagon has been outed for planting articles in Iraqi newspapers, we face with one of the easiest questions of the year: Is it proper for the government to manipulate public opinion through self-serving, one-sided journalism?



Of course not. In a free democratic society, biased journalism is the responsibility of billion-dollar foundations and the reporters they buy.

The private sector could have done it cheaply and discreetly, but the Pentagon made a mess of it. It was caught not only planting articles but also - even more humiliating - paying newspapers for the privilege. The first rule of vanity publishing is to hide the money.

The Pentagon might want to blame this fiasco on the Lincoln Group, the Washington-based firm it hired to place the articles. Pres at all are supposed to get stuff in the paper without straight payola. But in this case, they may have an excuse.

If you've ever been a freelance writer, you know that trying to get an editor in America to accept an unsolicited article is humiliating enough. But the scribbles at the Lincoln Group had to pitch stories to editors in a foreign country, and they weren't even hustling their own stuff. The stories were concocted by those masters of prose and creative - Pentagon bureaucrats.

The Lincoln freelancers were offering stories with headlines like "The Sands Are Blowing Toward a Democratic Iraq," as Jeff Gerth reported in The New York Times. Gerth shared with me (free of charge) a stack of other stories flogged by the Lincoln Group, and after reading them I have new sympathy for these freelancers.

With a couple of exceptions



— notably a piece headlined "Iraqi Forces Capture al-Qaida Fighters Crawling Like Dogs" — this material is Missive Impossible. Try getting someone to take "Iraqi Soldiers Improve Leadership Skills" or "Honorized Facilities Help to Bolster Security in Mosul." As I read them, I kept imagining rejection letters like:

"Thank you for the opportunity to consider 'Iraqi Electing the Future.' It thoroughly differentiates the Coalition of Independent and Nonpartisan Election Monitors (CINEM) from the Civic Coalition for Free Elections (CCFE) and the Election Violence Education and Resolution project (EVRN). Unfortunately, though, it's not quite right for our target audience."

"I was intrigued by the headline of 'An Iraqi Success Story.' But I found the opening rather slow — 'Telecommunications is arguably the sector most affected by the 2003 liberation of Iraq' — and then got bogged down in the key paragraph. And while there were initial disputes over the process that

awarded Egypt-based Oracom Telecommunications (Oracom, Kuwait-based MTC Ather and Kurdish-owned Asiacell the first 24-month Iraqi cell phone licenses in December 2003, their growth can only be rated as an Iraqi success story."

Perhaps a rewrite could "punch up" the story to suit our needs, but I fear it still might not work. Have you considered a specialized business publication?"

"Or... There is much to admire in your article on the Iraqi Security Forces. You memorably describe them 'moving across the desert sands like the wind.' But you do not introduce us to any of these 'heroic' figures or describe their activities beyond a list of the weapons they seized. You write that these soldiers 'fight for freedom, wherever there's trouble,' a revelation that would indeed be newsworthy to our readers across Iraq. I would not mention the American military advisers. But our readers would remain skeptical unless you could provide more evidence."

## President Bush's head is buried in the sand

In the Christmas spirit, the White House has come to the reality-based community to reach out to the White House. The Bush warriors are so deluded, they're even faking their fakery.

This week, the president presented a plan-like plan for "victory" in Iraq, which Scott McClellan rather pompously called the unclassified version of the top secret master plan. But there's no way to achieve victory from the plan even if there were a real plan. It is this what they're telling themselves in the Sit Room, we're in bigger trouble than we thought.

Talk about your unknown unknowns, as Humpty would say.

The National Strategy for Victory must have come from the same PR genius who gave President John the "Mission Accomplished" banner about 48 hours before the first centenary war of the 21st century broke out in Iraq.

It's not a military strategy — classified or unclassified. It's political talking points — and not even good ones. Are we really supposed to believe that anybody, even the most deeply deluded Bush sycophant, believes the phrase "Our strategy is working"?

The president talked about three neatly definable groups of insurgents. But, as Dexter Filkins reported in Friday's New York Times, there are



dozens — perhaps as many as a hundred — of groups fighting the U.S. Army in Iraq, and they have little, if anything, in common.

The "ident Bush's presentation claimed that the United States was actually making progress in Iraq. But outside the Bush-Cheney-Obama bubble, 10 more Marines were killed by a roadside bomb outside Fallujah, for a total of 2,125 U.S. military deaths so far.

The administration must realize it needs a real exit strategy because it's advertising for one. The U.S. Agency for International Development is offering more than \$1 billion for anyone — anyone at all — who can come up with a way to pacify and rebuild 10 Iraqi cities seen as vital to the war.

Maybe the White House should apply — UNAMI's profanity that invitation is open to any type of entity. When Bush officials weren't telling us fairy tales about the big, bad WMD in Iraq, they were assuring us that the unprovoked war would be a kindness for Iraq, giving it democracy. But not only are

they failing to bring democracy to Iraq, they are also degrading democracy in America as they help Iranian-backed militias install an Islamic republic with Saddamist torture chambers.

They've tarnished American moral leadership with illegal detentions, torture, secret CIA prisons in countries only recently freed from the Soviet grip, and Soviet-style propaganda built at home and in Iraq.

Guess the Bush administration didn't learn anything this fall when federal auditors charged it with violating the law by buying favorable news coverage of education policies. The administration got right back into the fake news business, paying to plant propaganda in the Iraqi press.

They outsourced this disinformation campaign to something called the Lincoln Group — have they no shame?

You have to admire Scott McClellan, the president's spokesman. He kept a straight face when he called the United States "a leader when it comes to promoting and advocating a free and independent media around the world." He added, "We've made our views very clear when it comes to freedom of the press."

Exceedingly clear. The Bushes don't believe in it. They have left to save the pieces and try to disclaim the whole democratic system of checks and balances. At the Naval Academy, Bush

after a few of these letters, any freelancer would look for a new strategy. Pentagon payola would be the only way to maintain your self-respect.

I hope the Pentagon is getting out of the news business. But if the would-be journalists can't help themselves, they should at least do a good job of propaganda. No more stories headlined "Border Security Is in Full Swing on All Levels." Go tabloid: "Osama's Orgy: The Tape Al-Hazem Won't Show You"

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"Drunken Zarquawi Insults Saddam's Wife"

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"Bomb's Report From Afterlife: No Virgins."

I can't guarantee these would be any more credible. But the Pentagon wouldn't have to pay to publish them. Its hacks might even get a dollar a word.

John Tierney is a columnist for The New York Times.

## Correction

Sunday's editorial incorrectly described changes made in 2003 in the local public interest doctrine of Idaho water law.

The rewritten local public interest law limited the public's ability to protest water rights transfers beyond interests tied to water use.

It was another law, however, that limited public

comment on local counties' siting of confined animal feeding operations. That was limited comments to those who live within a one-mile radius of a proposed area. That restriction was in place to the Local Land Use Planning Act, not public protests of water transfers.

The Times-News regrets the error.

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## LETTERS

### Taking a living blue spruce was senseless

One of two blue spruce trees was cut and stolen from Cedar Creek Estates entrance in Felix the night of Nov. 27 or 28.

If we had known that the person or persons who stole the tree needed it that badly, we would have purchased one for them instead of having them cut down our living blue spruce.

Whether they cut it down to use or to sell, we hope that their Christmas is not as good as the kind of people they are. RON AND JANNIE PERCIE, Twin Falls

### Shopping during the holidays — for Christmas

Regarding the issue of "Happy Holidays" versus "Merry Christmas,"

Today (Nov. 23) is Thanksgiving, and like millions of other Americans, I'll be spending the day with my family giving thanks for my many blessings. I won't be thanking the faster bunny out of the ground, that makes his head out once a year. I'll be thanking God, the giver of blessings.

And during the "Christmas" holidays, I'll be well aware of the "reason for the season," the birth of Christ. For more than 2,000 years, we have celebrated his birthday. He was taken him out of the equation, there is no reason for the holiday.

Like Jean Foster, I also won't be shopping at merchants who are celebrating to everybody. I wish you all a "Merry Christmas holiday." DALE NASH, Jerome

### Bush squanders all of his opportunities

The idea that George W. Bush Jr. can do anything right has finally become a hard fact. It is a single-speak banner about 48 hours before the first centenary war of the 21st century broke out in Iraq. It's not a military strategy — classified or unclassified. It's political talking points — and not even good ones. Are we really supposed to believe that anybody, even the most deeply deluded Bush sycophant, believes the phrase "Our strategy is working"?

George Bush is a professional failure. The life he had prior to becoming a bona fide politician was a star-studded failure. His oil business went gony sack early. His stint as a baseball team owner even more so. His steady Diet of Bozz had him stumbling and floundering in the mud hole of life. From the little "senior" boy of a past CIA president, suddenly became a bona fide yes man for corporate oil of America. Today, he is a lonely president, gone with nowhere to go but down. The men and women he has put in the "wheel house" of America are a bunch of lost-

cause, reaps. There is only one option left for our people. That is for Congress to step up to the plate. Both parties. They are all we have left to save the pieces and try to put our country back together. This is what we elected them to do. They are almost as much to blame as Bush. The congressman, "Murtha," a decorated war hero, laid it on the line — wrong war, wrong time, wrong president, gone the wrong way. All Congress has to do now, and what it should do, is take over. Take the power from

Bush. Tell him to stay in Crawford, period, till they try and fix this mess.

Pay attention. B.J. "BARNEY" ROWLAND, Hagerman

### Don't call the White House for a foreman

Bush for jury duty. George won't have to go, according to Judge Ralph Strother. After all, he can't make any good decisions in office so why would anyone want him on a jury. RICHARD A. DAVIS, Hagerman



OPINION

LETTERS

More facts about the fate of Hess

I am writing in regard to the article appearing in *The Times-News* on Nov. 20, Page 14: "60 Years Later."

Rudolf Hess was not tried in Poland and hanged. History will tell he flew to England, was captured, later tried in Nuremberg where he was condemned to a life in prison at facilities in Spandau-Berlin, where he died.

CHRISTEL BENOUDT  
Twin Falls

Searching for the best servers in Idaho

There ought to be some kind of ultimate reward for people on the low end of the wage scale — like the movies "Oscar" and TV's "Emmy." Something for those who work hard and long with little chance of recognition, who never get their "day in the sun."

I am thinking of professions like mail and waitresses or waiters. Their work is hard, tedious and undervalued, and their wages are among the lowest.

I would like to see them get a big reward for exceptional work performance. Perhaps they could compete for a national title for the best maid or waitress in the country.

Each year all restaurant owners would enter their best waitresses in competition for "America's Best." Each chain could run their own competition, then the winners go to the nationals and compete for the big award. Independent owners could possibly compete and enter, too.

The winner could get a two-week vacation for two anywhere in the world, with transportation, food and lodging furnished and \$10,000 spending money. Second place could get two weeks for two anywhere in the United States and \$5,000 cash. Third place would receive one week in the United States and \$2,500 to spend. (More would be OK.)

Each of the chains could give its winner, if they don't win the nationals, three days in the United States and \$1,000 to spend. The runner-up could receive three days and \$500 to spend. Third place might get two days in a company edifice and \$300 cash. (If some reward of this nature.)

In Bar Harbor, Maine, there is an annual waitress-waiter competition. Other places (Vegas) have something similar for waitresses or cocktail waitresses. Local winners could advance and compete right up the scale to a national championship.

Expenses would come out of "advertising" and the contests will give good advertising for sponsors.

The same for maids. Make the country's best the "Maid of Honor."

These people deserve something like this.

How about it, Karmada, Motel 6, Shilo Inn? How about it, Baker's, IHOP, Applebee's, etc.?

Local competition would be great!

How about Idaho's best as well?

RAY L. MANLEY  
Twin Falls

Mining Law rewrite goes behind closed doors

Public lands are home to more than half of the nation's blue-ribbon trout streams, are strongholds for all of the imperiled native trout in the western United States and brook trout in the east, and contain some of the best remaining habitat for migrating salmon and steelhead.

On Nov. 18, the House of Representatives passed the House Reconciliation Bill (HR 4241) which, if passed into law, could lead to extensive damage to trout and salmon watersheds on our public lands.

Sections 6201-6207 of the bill amend the 1872 Mining Law to allow public lands to be patented, or sold off, to mining companies that expressed an interest in mining an area for \$1,000 per acre. The measures were inserted into the bill without any public hearings by Congressman Richard Pombo of California. Rep. Pombo's fire sale of public lands would reverse a 30-year congressional mandate that public lands should remain in public ownership.

Honorable representative,

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please call the conferees and ask them to strike these offensive provisions from this bill.

TERRY RING  
Ketchum

Lincoln knew thanks were to the Almighty

While visiting family in the Twin Falls area, I read Michael Ableman's Thanksgiving opinion which began with a quote from Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Day proclamation of October 1863. The only problem with the quote Ableman used is that he stopped short of what Abraham Lincoln saw as "the source" of the blessings and from where they came. Ableman went on to identify the source as the earth or the land. Is that the source Lincoln had in mind? Hardly!

What Lincoln actually said was "The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties which are so constantly enjoyed, we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. No human counsel hath directed nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God."

Lincoln's source was God almighty, maker of heaven and earth, giver of all good gifts and blessings.

WAYNE HOAG  
Truckee, Calif.


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

# Ask A.N.G.U.S

The Ask A.N.G.U.S. columns are hilarious questions, with answers and statements posed to a very sticky cow named Angus. Angus, born and raised in Southern California, has already suffered from the effects of breathing in toxic-rancid air and grazing on mercury-poisoned lands. Angus has stepped forward in order to unite us against the devastation of a coal-burning plant smack in the middle of Jerome County.

**SEMPRA = Stinking Emissions, Mercury Poisoning, Ruined Agriculture.**

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**Q.** Hey Angus, are the INL and the DoE upset that SEMPRA wants to move to Southern Idaho?


**A.** Yup, the INL and the DoE wanted the "Exclusive Rights" to destroy and contaminate Idaho's Drinking Water, Air, and Food supplies. **COMPETITION, IT'S A WONDERFUL THING!**

**A Stinking Bad Idea For Southern Idaho! Idaho Destroyed Forever!**

ANGUS prefers that all your comments in the Semptra coal plant be directed to the Jerome County Commissioners, Veronica Lierman, Joe Davidson and Charles Howell, Jerome County Commissioners, 3001H Lincoln Floor, Jerome, ID 83338. But if you must: A.N.G.U.S. P.O. Box 5852, Ketchum, ID 83340


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## Tree tinsel: Yule's crucible of character

There are two kinds of people in the world: Folks who hang tinsel on their Christmas trees one strand at a time and those who just throw it on in unsightly clumps.

I, of course, belong to the latter group, although my admiration for those who don't is unbounded.

There's real virtue to be found in someone patient enough to dispense 100 strands of foil, painstakingly and in sequence.

Truth be told, they've probably already been accepted to heaven under an early decision program.

But that's not me, and it's probably not you either. Anybody who never quite gets around to putting a new roll in the toilet paper dispenser — and keeps it instead on the vanity next to the sink — is not a good candidate for Master Festooner.

For if you deck the halls properly, you must do it with care. Pine boughs and cones, Martha Stewart finery and antique ornaments do not lend themselves to willy-nilly.

That's unfortunate, because you and I do willy-nilly really well.

If it were possible, we would call Pizza Hut and have Christmas delivered. We somehow never manage to work up much holiday stress because there's very little stress to be found on the couch.

But that doesn't mean we don't feel bad about it. Every year about this time, I start to think of my Uncle Richard.

Richard was very particular about Christmas. Decorating the tree was a week-long labor of love; heck, I've seen him remove every tinsel and ornament and start all over, because the completed tree didn't look "balanced."

My friend Debra is the same way. I watched her decorate her Christmas tree Sunday night, and when she was finished, I counted 128 twinkling lights on the left half of the tree and 127 on the right. Astonishing.

When it comes to the tinsel, hearken to the word of thought expressed by Jackson Pollock.

Pollock was a 20th-century American abstract artist famous for dripping, throwing or splashing paint on the canvas. One of those paintings sold for \$5 million two years ago, so how can it go wrong by tossing itself?

Such decorating may or may not be art, but it's certainly finished.

And, really, isn't that what we all want? For Christmas buying, wrapping and decorating just to be done.

Of course, there is a class of people — those too highfalutin to frequent King's or Kmart, mostly — who echos tree tinsel entirely. They're of the opinion that enough lights in Kool-Aid colors, garland and new-fangled Christmas giv-gav-gans can somehow make one forget that there's no tinsel on their trees.

As of Dec. 8

# A 'GLIMMER OF HOPE'

## Idea gives new life to teacher talks

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — An unexpected phone call from the federal mediator after contract negotiations between teachers and administrators collapsed Monday night has given both parties hope that a compromise can be reached.

The school district and the teachers' union were working behind the scenes Tuesday night on a proposed contract agreement. The flurry of activity came after mediator Jim Bailey presented an idea to both sides

while he was flying back to Portland, Ore.

"Last night there was some activity that we needed to step back from and crunch the numbers," said Twin Falls School Superintendent Wiley Dobbs.

"This morning we crunched the numbers and now we're in the middle of working with what we have."

After five hours of mediation on Monday, both sides left without an agreement. It was another step in the bargaining process, which has been exhausting for teachers and administrators.

"Just when you think all hope

is lost, there seems to be a glimmer of hope," said Steve Hoy, chairman of the Twin Falls Education Association. "I was very upset and exhausted last night when we had a deal in our fingers and then it fell away."

Mediation failed late in the evening when neither side could agree on an insurance benefit package for teachers.

Hoy said the TFEA bargaining team was scheduled to discuss the proposal Tuesday night. If the bargaining team supports the proposal, the team will gather TFEA members to vote on it.

Both sides remained cautiously optimistic.

### NewsTracker

■ **Last we know:** Federal mediation between the Twin Falls School District and the Twin Falls Education Association failed after five hours of discussion.  
■ **The latest:** The federal mediator offered a new proposal on Tuesday morning,

which both sides began discussing later in the day.  
■ **What's next:** the TFEA supports the proposal, it will be brought before voting members of the TFEA for approval. If the TFEA does not support the proposal, the bargaining process will go to fact finding, and the TFEA will move forward with its lawsuit.

"There is some work afoot to further the mediation process," Dobbs said. "I'm hopeful we can come to an agreement that can be brought to teachers."

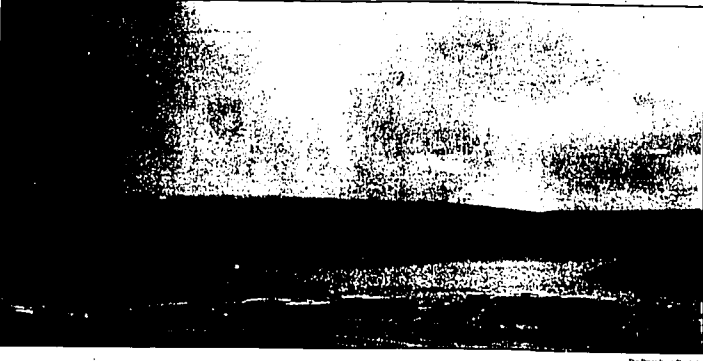
Hoy said contract bargaining is something that many hope

will end soon because it is swarming down both parties.

"It's not emotional roller coaster that has been really tough," Hoy said.

"But we didn't sit there all day in mediation just to walk away with nothing."

## Mercury levels drop, but not enough



The Department of Environmental Quality recently released its October results from mercury tests at the Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir.

## Latest round of water sampling ends at Salmon Falls

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

SALMON FALLS CREEK RESERVOIR — There's good news and bad news on mercury here.

The good news is that the latest round of water sampling at Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir shows that mercury levels are down from previous months.

The bad news? "They're still very high," said Michael McIntyre, surface water program manager for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

However, the levels could rise again. DEQ, together with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has launched a year-long monitoring program at the reservoir for mercury, a neurotoxin especially harmful to pregnant women and infants.

Since the state has no major source of mercury emissions, officials have been curious about the cause of high mercury levels in the reservoir. On Tuesday, DEQ released to The Times-News a copy of results from water tests conducted in late October.

### NewsTracker

■ **Last we know:** State and federal officials found mercury levels at the Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir to be 180 times greater than what is considered normal.

■ **The latest:** The latest round of water sampling from Salmon Falls shows a drop in mercury levels, although officials say the levels remain significantly elevated.

■ **What's next:** The state awaits lab results on mercury concentration in fish taken from the reservoir.

16 ng/L mercury can become a concern for aquatic life and for human health.

When mercury enters water, it can transform into methylmercury — the form of concern to humans when they eat fish with high concentrations of the chemical. The state has issued a fish advisory for Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir.

The water that feeds into the reservoir didn't show levels of mercury nearly as high as water in the reservoir itself, McIntyre said. If mercury doesn't appear to be coming from the reservoir's water source, then where might it be coming from?

Early results pointed to mercury emissions blowing north from the Nevada gold mines as a potential source. However, the president of the Nevada Mining Association has suggested that other sources of mercury, such as the Idaho National Laboratory and old Idaho mining sites, should be examined as well.

Nevada mines have been involved in a voluntary mercury reduction program, and Nevada recently published a new regulatory program. McIntyre says that the team will investigate four potential

sources for the mercury in Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir: old mines in the area, hot springs, natural weathering of soils with high mercury concentrations and aerial deposition.

However, the strength and proximity of some of the sources put them in question, said Michael Abbott, an environmental scientist who works with the Idaho National Laboratory. Abbott has conducted air quality samples for DEQ and EPA's study at Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir.

"We know the wind patterns very well," Abbott said.

Results from air monitoring in July and August showed increased mercury when the wind blows from northern Nevada, which is the prevailing wind at Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir.

However, Abbott isn't ready to call the results conclusive. "It's just not something we're going to figure out in a couple of months," he said.

Times-News reporter Michelle Dunlop can be reached at 735-3237 or by e-mail at mdunlop@magvetvalley.com.

## Local horse trainer places in world show

By Laurie Welch  
For The Times-News

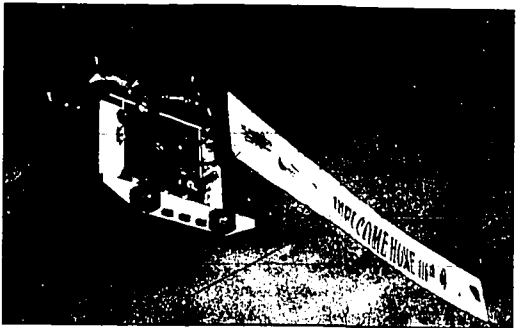
RUPERT — A Minidoka County man is gaining nationwide recognition for skills known in the high desert simply as a man and his good cow horse.

Professional trainer, Wade Reaney, took third place with Lenax Gray in a field of 58 during Oklahoma City's American Quarter Horse Association World Show Nov. 8-19.

Reaney competes in the senior working cow horse category and is currently the National Reined Cow Horse Association's points leader. A competitor in this class maneuvers his horse through a reining pattern and handles a cow during what is known as fence work.

"With a 2-year-old I can tell

## SALUTING THE 116TH



Twin Falls Fire Department firefighters Aaron Hudson, left, and Mike Shawmaker hang a new 'Welcome Home 116th' banner across Shoehorn Street on Monday in honor of the National Guard unit's return from Iraq.

## Buhl prepares for parade

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

BUIH. — A parade doesn't just magically appear down Main Street, as Buhl's Chamber of Commerce knows. The plans have been laid out for quite some time for Saturday's Night Light Parade.

Buhl Chamber of Commerce Administrative Assistant Linda Winn said, "It's something that we have been organizing for about a month and the parade is in the back of your mind all year long."

If you go ...

Buhl's Night Light Parade is set to start at 7 p.m.

To sign up ...

If you would like to register for the parade, call the Buhl Chamber office at 543-6682.

About a month ago, the Chamber decided on the parade's theme, "A Vintage Christmas," and sent invitations to local businesses to participate.

"Last year we had about 21 entries," Winn said. "We always get most of them signed up at the last minute."

Besides mailing notices for the parade, the Chamber also advertises in its newsletter and local newspapers.

Winn is pleased with the parade's following. She said, "I think that we get a few more entries each year and the community participation grows each year as well."

Mimi Ford, a Chamber member, said, "This year it isn't just the Chamber working to make the night a success, it is really the whole town working together."

She stated that caroling will take place at the Eighth Street Center after the parade, as well as at the Kivans Chili Feed beforehand.

"We have to continue between other activities besides

Please see BUIH, Page B3

## Complaints over mink farm continue

By Renee Wells  
For The Times-News

RUPERT — Minidoka County commissioners have been upset in a letter from U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson to take a closer look at a local mink farm.

Simpson's office forwarded a letter they received from Heyburn resident Cathy Jones, who complained about a mink farm a couple of miles west of North Overland Avenue.

Residents there are pressuring the county for action because the number of animals at the farm, operated by Lee Moyle, is out of compliance and they want the county to do something about it.

Paul Aston, community development director for Minidoka County, said Moyle's

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	Normal level
Salmon	121%	29%
Big Wood	127%	30%
Little Wood	114%	28%
Big Lost	118%	27%
Little Lost	100%	26%
Henry Fork/Teton	119%	29%
Upper Snake Basin	115%	30%
Lower Snake Basin	118%	27%
Salmon Falls	125%	28%

As of Dec. 8

\*A comparison of basin snowpack, on the day of, with a 30-year average. \*\*An index of snow cover.

MAGIC VALLEY

DEATH NOTICES

**Marjorie Diamond**

TWIN FALLS — Marjorie Diamond, 92, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, at Cenoma House.

Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

**Letha M. Gingerich**

BRUNEAU — Letha M. Gingerich, 92, of Bruneau, died Monday, Dec. 5, 2005, at a local care center in Mountain Home.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, at the Bruneau American Legion Hall in Bruneau.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rest Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel, Mountain Home.

**Albert James Filmore**

BURLEY — Albert James Filmore, 93, of Farmington, Utah, and formerly of Burley, died Sunday, Dec. 4, 2005, at his home due to causes incident to age.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, at the Springdale 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 200 S. 475 E., Burley. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery, next to his beloved Lenna. Friends may call one hour before the service at the church.

**Brian Nicolas Cabral**

Brian Nicolas Cabral, beloved newborn son of Adolfo and Carina Cabral, died shortly after birth on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, at Sunset Memorial Park, with Father John Koelsch officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

**Nancy K. Sheridan Smith**

BUIH. — Nancy K. Sheridan Smith, 51, of Buhl, died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005, at her home.

Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

**Barbara P. Menci**

TWIN FALLS — Barbara P. Menci, 82, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, at her home.

Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

**Les Hill**

BUIH. — Les Hill, 70, of Buhl, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, in Buhl.

Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

**Frank Robinson**

RICHFIELD — Frank Udell Robinson, 75, of Richfield, died Dec. 5, 2005, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome.

**Helena DeBoer Barlow** of Layton, Utah, and the widow of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Clearfield 22nd Ward Chapel, 151 N. 1000 W., Clearfield, Utah. Visitation one hour before the service at the church (Lindquist's Layton Mortuary).

Alta C. Gennon of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth Ave., Buhl.

Cleo Jackson of Hagerman, funeral at 1:30 p.m. today at the LDS Church in Hagerman.

Edgar Clinton Culbertson of Boise, a former Magic Valley resident, cryptside service at 1 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary).

Jess Wilson of Buhl, funeral at 1 p.m. Thursday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N., Buhl. Viewing start at 9 a.m. until the time of the service Thursday.

Eldila Ayala De Ocampo of Heyburn, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday.

SERVICES

day at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday and from noon until 12:45 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Helen L. Allen of Twin Falls.

memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church (White Mortuary).

Luke Jones of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

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**Katie Rose Walsh**



Katie Rose Walsh, loving Crusader for Christ, and beloved of her family and friends, passed away Dec. 3, 2005, as the result of a sudden illness while engaged in mission work in Croatia.

Katie was born in Gooding, Idaho, on Dec. 21, 1978. She attended school in Wendell where she lived with her family and she graduated from Wendell High School. One of her treasured memories was playing for Wendell in state volleyball play-offs. She was also a graduate of the University of Idaho and, after graduating, she taught at Central Elementary for two years and coached seventh- and eighth-grade volleyball. She also taught summer school for Blaine County School District. She then joined the staff of

Coeur d'Alene, Japan, San Diego, Las Vegas, Slovenia and Croatia.

Katie is survived by her loving grandmother, Maxine Watkins of Bridgeview Estates; parents, Blake and Deborah Walsh; and brother, Thomas Walsh, all of Wendell; uncle and aunt, Art and Becky Watkins of Hazelton; and cousins, Brooke (Dan Weekes) and Travis; uncles and aunt, Peter, David and Sandra Walsh; and cousins, Daniel and Abby, all of Australia; and she is remembered fondly by all those she touched.

A memorial service will be conducted at Twin Falls Reformed Church, in Twin Falls, at a date and time to be announced. The family requests that tributes to Katie be made in the form of memorials to

Campus Crusade for Christ or to Camp Sawtooth.

Regarding Camp Sawtooth, please make your check payable to Living Waters Presbyterian Church and earmark Katie Walsh Camp Sawtooth Memorial. A lasting endowment is established with proceeds routinely being donated to Camp Sawtooth where Katie served and gave so much of her life. Donations can be mailed to Living Waters Presbyterian Church, P.O. BOX 218, Wendell, ID 83265.

Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that you were raised him from the dead, you will be saved," Romans 10:9.

Harold Haas of New Rockford, N.D.; sister, Barbara (Cath) Hansen of Gardnerville, Nev.; sister-in-law, Faye Haas; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Her parents: brother, Lester; and her beloved husband, Dwight, preceded her in death. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls, with Pastor Lawrence Vedder officiating. Private family inurnment was held at the Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, Idaho.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Home of the West Good Shepherd Communities California Region, in care of Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Flier Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**June E. Testerman**



June E. Testerman, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and Queen of the Nile, passed away Monday, Dec. 5, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. June was born June 17, 1920, in New Rockford, N.D., the daughter of Lutzl Haas and Clara Haugen Haas. She grew up and attended schools in New Rockford.

She played the saxophone in the Governor's Band in high school, graduated and went on to attend nursing school in Fargo, N.D., where she received her RN. She thought she was going to travel, but fate stepped in and she moved to Visalia, Calif., where she met her future husband, Dwight. They were married on Dec. 1, 1946, and there they started their family with daughter, Cindy and son, Tom. They

moved to the Alvord Ranch in Oregon where the closest grocery store was 110 miles away, 80 miles of which was dirt road. June looked forward to moving from there to Lakewick Meadows, a ranch near Gilroy, Calif., where the town was 10 miles away, but when she got

there she realized there was no electricity. She still managed to raise three children, as by now daughter JoAnn had joined them. One of her favorite past-times was taking long walks along Gayote Creek where she became Queen of the Nile to her grandchildren. She loved to sew, did crafts and cooked impromptu dinners with her neighbors. She was a longtime member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Gilroy, Calif., and a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. She loved Bible Study Groups.

In recent years, she was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls.

June is survived by her children, Cindy (Mike) Gibson of Twin Falls, Tom (Kathy) Testerman of Eureka, Calif., and JoAnn (Daniel) Granger of Turpin Springs, Fla.; brother,

**Helen Hannah Zillner**

as a salesclerk for Van Engelen's Department Store and the Idaho Department Store. She enjoyed arts and crafts and was an excellent seamstress. She also enjoyed playing golf. She was an active member of Little Flower Catholic Church in Burley. Following her husband's death, Helen remained living in Burley, until six years ago when she moved to Henderson, Nev., to live with her daughter, Joan. She is survived by her children, Joan Egdorf of

Henderson and Joseph Zillner of Port Aransas, Texas; three brothers, Isaac (Pearl) Lee of St. George, Utah, Ralph (Patricia) Fargson of Palm Springs, Calif., and Victor Fargson of Rupert; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Phyllis Hatch.

A vigil service with recitation of the rosary will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8,

2005, at Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave., Burley. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, also at Little Flower Catholic Church, with the Rev. Father Juan Garata as celebrant. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery.

Friends may call prior to the rosary and prior to the funeral Mass at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

BURLEY — Helen Hannah Zillner, a 91-year-old former resident of Burley, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at Saint Rose Dominican Hospital in Henderson, Nev.

She was born July 30, 1914, in Burley, Idaho, the daughter of Isaac and Rose Orlenslager Lee. She received her education in Burley, graduating from Burley High School. She was married to Joseph William Zillner and they had two children, Joseph and Joan.

Helen worked several years

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# Temperatures plunge across the Rocky Mountains

**DENVER (AP)** — A storm front packing the potential for up to 16 inches of snow pushed into Colorado on Tuesday, bringing with it bitterly cold, clear air that has sent temperatures plummeting throughout much of the Rockies.

The mercury dropped below zero before sunset in Casper, Wyo., and

Gunnison, Colo., was bracing for another frigid night after a low of 24 degrees below zero overnight Monday. The Colorado ski resort town of Steamboat Springs, basking in heavy snow, was forecasting a low of 25 below early Wednesday while the forecast high in Grand Junction was not expected to reach 10 above.

"Colorado is one of the most beautiful places, but this is too much," complained Manuel Urbano, 30, who moved to Denver from Colombia in South America about six years ago. Hands stuffed in his pockets and pacing to keep warm as he walked to fill up his car's gas tank, Urbano said the tropical climate was calling.

"I liked it at the beginning, but now I'm ready to get out of here," he said. The storm front has been creeping southward since the weekend, dropping temperatures from Montana into the Midwest, where a late afternoon wind made it feel like 15-below in Sioux Falls, S.D., and Wednesday's forecast high was a miserly 5 above.

## Horse

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within five months of working with him whether or not he will be a performance or show prospect," said Reaney, who lives and works on his ranch just north of Acequia.

On average, Reaney works with 17 horses at a time, their owners scattered throughout the Pacific Northwest. A good cow horse has to have a natural instinct (as well as a drive) to work cattle on its own, he said.

He trains his animals in the Spanish horseman's tradition of "vaquero," that demands the horse be graceful while working cows in the roughest terrain. A succession of bits are used to teach the horse to become responsive to different types of slight pressure.

While training a horse (up to 4 years old) a snaffle bit is used, which has a hinge in the middle near the corners of the mouth that makes the horse learn to follow its nose. The snaffle bit is a one-girth bit that is gilded with two hands, Reaney said.

At 4 years old, the horse graduates to a hackamore bit which works on the chin, he said.

When the animal is 6 years old, it is introduced to a bridle with two reins guided by one hand. The bridle combines the previous two lessons and gives the animal much more information, Reaney said.

Owned by Kathy Blickenstaff of Nampa, stallion quarter-horse Lenas Gray's curious eyes watch through locks of mane as Reaney swings a leg over his back and speaks to him in their silent language.

The animal moves toward the opening of the stable and Reaney guides him to an outdoor arena. He warns the horse's muscles by trotting him around and begins to put him through a reining pattern, moving him forward, backward and around in circles.

Lenas Gray's eloquence is evident and he wastes no movement. The man and his horse work seamlessly as they complete the pattern.

Reaney, who grew up in Burns, Ore., worked on a ranch and was interested in training horses from a young age.

"So, I decided to pursue a career in it," he said. When well-known horse

trainer Dan Roeser asked him to come aboard and train, Reaney did. He worked alongside Roeser for nine and a half years before venturing out on his own.

Reaney says professional horse training is a hard business.

"When I first went out on my own, it was very, very tough," he said. "It was a real eye-opener."

The hard work is starting to pay off and this year he took three horses to the Oklahoma show, a four day drive from home. Bringing home the dirt place trophy made all the effort worthwhile.

"It's really nice to come home with something the owner can put on their mantle," Reaney said. "I was really excited. I think there are a lot of people who are really successful in this business that don't ever win the trophy."

As the association's points leader he will compete for his next title in Stephenville, Texas, in February.

Reaney said a competitor has to be nervous but also has to know how to lay it aside and just do his best.

"It's hard work and you have

to take your lickings," he said. "Hopefully you have trained your horse and you have them ready, but your fate is with that guy watching you do your run. If you don't make as high as you like, you go home and work harder."

For now, Reaney is satisfied with his third place win, up one from his fourth-place victory in Oklahoma last year. He says the still dreams of someday bringing home a championship.

As Reaney well knows, along that road lies hard work and he once again heads out to put Lenas Gray through his paces.

He stops on his way out of the house and grabs his black cowboy hat. A smile lights up his face and he says, "I don't want to look like a city boy."

He swings up and moves off with the ease and grace of a lifetime in the saddle. Hat or not, there's probably not much chance of anyone mistaking him for a city boy.

Laurie Welch writes for the South Idaho Press. She can be reached at 677-8767 or by e-mail at lvelch@southidaho.com.

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## Mink

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special-use permit has been revoked. That permit, issued in 1986, waived setback requirements for a farm expected to hold 1,000 breeders, or about 6,000 or 7,000 mink in peak season.

"I can't encroach on that setback requirement now," Aston said.

But that is the only issue in question, he said. The farm is allowed to fall under the county's Confined Animal Feeding Operation ordinance.

Aston said a fur-bearing animal up to 10 pounds equals .01 animal unit, and the county's CAFO ordinance doesn't kick in until an operation reaches 200 animal units.

At 10,000 mink, the farm has only 100 animal units. "If these little mink weigh one pound apiece, you could have up to 20,000 mink with no permit whatsoever," Aston said.

## Crump

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They are sadly mistaken, and their children will grow up believing that Christmas trees and all they represent can be purchased entirely — decorated and maintenance-free — in the garden department at Lowe's or Home Depot.

While in truth, the only Christmas tree worth having is one worth suffering for.

Uncle Richard, for example, would chop his own tree in snow up to his chest, soak the tree in a bucket filled with a special solution for three days,

Moyle could not be reached Tuesday for comment.

Commissioners did not say how they will handle Stupitsky's letter.

Commissioner Lynn Hunsaker said it would be forwarded to the zoning board for review. "I really don't think there is anything we can do," Hunsaker said. "In essence, they can have mink there without a permit and there isn't really anything we could do about it."

Hunsaker said Moyle, the farm's operator, will not run the farm in the same way as the previous owners.

"Lee has probably 10,000 mink right there in Heyburn where he lives and no one even knows they are there," Hunsaker said. "I hate to see neighbors at odds with each other, but I don't believe if these neighbors would give Moyle a chance, they would find he runs a good farm."

stand it up ramrod straight by using a level, and proceed to create a holiday vision to make the angels sing.

At our house, we'd just spray the tree with white flocking and let it dry against the wall.

And then, in the glow of holiday magic, we'd add the tinsel — if we got around to it. If we didn't, we just left the boxes of tinsel under the tree.

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## Buhl

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the parade," Mimi said. "But it is worth it to make it more of a community festival than just a parade."

Scott Neff, Buhl High School band director said, "We have been practicing for the parade for a while now and with our concert the following Monday we have been extremely busy."

He stated that the band will be getting their trailer Saturday morning and will be making and decorating banners for the evening's parade.

"We can't even get the trailer or until Saturday," he said. "But we'll be ready to play."

The Eighth Street Center's holiday open house will feature the Buhl High School select and jazz choirs. 18

freshments will also be served.

The chili feed, sponsored by the Buhl Kiwanis, will take place at the West End Senior Center at 1010 Main, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. On the menu is chili, corn bread and honey. Cost is \$4 per adult and \$3 for children 6 to 12. Children 5 and under are free.

The parade entries will be lining up in the parking lots of the Valley Country Store and Chamber of Commerce parking lots before trekking towards town.

"We want the whole town to enjoy the night," Ford said.

Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at [blair\\_206@hotmail.com](mailto:blair_206@hotmail.com) or by calling 316-2607.

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# Psychic worked on Groene case

Investigators say they were desperate for any help that could bring the kids home

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Law enforcement officers were so stymied by the search for kidnap victims Shasta and Dylan Groene last summer that they began working with a psychic investigator.

Shasta was rescued alive before the tips that psychic Noreen Renier provided could be used, but Renier said she's confident that she had been able to "see" where Joseph Edward Duncan III was allegedly holding the children in a Montana forest.

Renier had a telephone conference on June 30 with Kootenai County sheriff's Detective Brad Maskell, lead investigator on the case.

"I was willing to try just about anything in an effort to rescue those two kids," Maskell said this week. "This case was the first where I actually participated in a (psychic) session. It was interesting. It was obviously unusual."

Because Duncan's murder trial is scheduled in April, Maskell said he couldn't discuss specifics of the session.

Though many things Renier told him during the session were very general and could be interpreted several ways, Maskell said some of the information was similar to what detectives learned after Duncan's arrest in the murder and kidnapping case.

Renier said she described a wooded area where Duncan held Shasta, 8, and Dylan, 9, to Maskell.

"I did see where (Duncan) had them," Renier said.

Authorities contend Duncan held the children at remote, primitive campsites near St. Regis, Mont. Dylan was killed, but Duncan returned to Coeur d'Alene with Shasta on July 2 where he was arrested at a Denny's restaurant.

The session with Renier was conducted over the telephone, as she lives on the East Coast.

Renier said that she can touch an object belonging to a missing person or a murder victim and get an impression from that object. She said she can hear and feel the actions or experiences of a victim or murderer.

In the Groene case, Renier said she mailed toys belong-

ing to both children. Because the toys were from their father's home, and not the rural home where the children's mother, older brother and mother's boyfriend were killed, Renier said she was limited in seeing what had taken place at that murder scene.

Certain objects are more easily read, she said. In a homicide case, that might be something off the victim's body like a watch or a shoe, she said.

"If they have a murder weapon, that's perfect," she said. No murder weapon has been found in this case.

Renier has worked on more than 450 cases in her 30-year career as a psychic detective. She

said it's important to note that psychics don't solve cases, but can help police.

Maskell and Coeur d'Alene FBI Supervisor Donald Robinson said investigators received many tips from psychics during the search for the missing kids. Those tips were evaluated using the same criteria investigators use for any other lead, Robinson said.

Duncan is charged in Kootenai County with three counts of first-degree murder. He is accused of breaking into the home shared by McKenzie and Brenda Groene and three of her children on May 16, 2005. McKenzie, Brenda Groene and 13-year-old Shasta Groene were bound and bludgeoned to death. Shasta and Dylan were kidnapped.

Dylan Groene's remains were found shortly after the arrest in a Montana forest.

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## 1-On display

### Magic Valley collectors take hobbies to new realms

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Angels are watching Thelma Brown. And not just in the metaphysical sense.

The 87-year-old shares her home with more than a thousand crystal, stone and ceramic cherubs. They keep watch over their host from tables, shelves, cabinets, windowsills and counter tops. They perch on the floor. Every inch of space, save a few pathways, is occupied by angels. In fact, there might be more angels in Brown's Twin Falls home than the entire kingdom of heaven.

She is a collector, to say the least.

No, scratch that. Folks with a few rare coins are collectors. A kid with a shoe box of baseball cards is a collector. Brown, to be more accurate, is a Collector. Somewhere along the way, Collectors cross the line between hobby and obsession. And now Brown is in deep, maybe too deep.

See, angels have become

ambulance on the way to the hospital. He pulled through, but not before seeing a few divine messengers of his own.

"He said he saw angels," Brown said, "just like this one." She lifted a Barbie doll-size figurine dressed in a white gown from her living room floor. She held it for a moment, pondering the gravity of the story, then carefully replaced it.

"I have a guardian angel, I feel."

Williamson, a 79-year-old Beanie Baby enthusiast, has a lighter connection to her collectibles, though that doesn't mean she's not a serious Collector. It's the thrill of the hunt that drives her.

"I just think they're cute," she said of the tiny stuffed creatures. "And I wanted to work for them."

Indeed, at the height of the Beanie craze, Williamson regularly camped out at stores waiting for the gates to open, waiting to be the first in line for the newest stuffed bear, dog or fish. And, swearing never to pay more than \$5, she usually got what she



Photo by MEGAN L. HANCOCK / The Times-News

Thelma Brown holds an angel statue that her daughter-in-law gave her on account of the resemblance. It shares with Brown. The Twin Falls woman thinks she has more than a thousand angels and says, "They're running me out of house and home."



Marie Williamson sits with the dog section of her Beanie Babies in her Twin Falls home. Williamson says she plans to sell off most of her Beanie Babies for a charity scholarship.

And a life-size Santa, which sings and dances, greets visitors at the front door. At Christmas time, the Williamson home looks more like Santa's house at the North Pole than a Twin Falls bungalow.

Come Valentine's Day, all this — except for the Beanie Babies and a few owls — gets boxed up and sent to the storage room. That's when the home goes from Santa's Village to live shack.

Williamson collects just about anything she can get her hands on. She's got collections for each holiday, and some, such as her wind chimes and wicker baskets, that are perpetually on display.

"The biggest thing she collects," said her husband, Rudy, "is me." He roared with

laughter. But all the organizing, boxing, unboxing, classifying, filing and sorting is taking its toll on the Williamsons. They're starting to cut back, displaying fewer items and making purchases less often. Collecting, they said, can be hard work.

Brown agrees, though most of her items stay on display year-round. The only downside to having thousands of angels is cleaning them. It takes a long time to dust under a few hundred figurines without breaking any. So far, she's had good luck, only clipping the wings of a few. Nothing a little glue won't fix, she said.

Crawford, the Teddy Roosevelt enthusiast, manages

his collection fairly well, too. His T.R. campaign buttons, books, knick-knacks, sculptures, paintings, teddy bear, coin bank, campaign hat, Spanish-American War knife, postcard album and Roosevelt decanter are all displayed in his Twin Falls basement — next to the insect collection.

Crawford is an entomologist, so he's got almost as many bugs as Roosevelt artifacts. His wife-relegated the collections to a corner in the basement, but he doesn't mind.

Such is the price Collectors pay.

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her basement is a Beanie shrine, with more than a thousand of them neatly classified and displayed on tables, shelves and in baskets. She has two of almost all of them. Her prime Beanie: the coveted Princess Diana purple bear.

her life, her passion. For Collectors, objects of obsession are home-decor themes. And some go to great lengths to acquire collectibles.

Marie Williamson, a Beanie Baby addict, used to hide out at the mall waiting to surprise the UPS carrier bringing, she hoped, the latest shipment. Dennis Crawford spends hours poring over Teddy Roosevelt books so he can acquire postcards from all the places the former president visited during his lifetime. And Brown has so many angels, most of her storage space is devoted to boxes of figurines that won't fit anywhere else.

So what is the appeal? "Well, I just like angels," Brown said matter-of-factly. The truth is, she has a sentimental connection to the celestial beings. Her husband bought her the first angel in her collection in 1954 — the same year he died. Shortly after that, her son was in a car wreck that killed two people. He died twice, she said, in the

wanted.

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But Williamson has grown tired of Beanie Babies. She's hoping to sell most of them for charity, like she did with her Cabbage Patch Kids collection earlier this year. Yes, Williamson collects more than Beanie Babies. You might say she collects collections. This time of year, it's snowmen, Santas and owls. There are 26 stuffed Santas, two on each step, on her basement staircase. More than 50 are piled around the wood stove in the living room. Her owl Christmas tree — she has several trees — is adorned with countless owl ornaments. Nine owl-themed decorative plates are on one wall, next to a bumper sticker that reads, "Bankrupted by Beaniees."

## Tell us about your tree this season

The Times-News

Know of a Christmas tree that's particularly nostalgic or especially original? Please tell us about it.

Several Times-News feature writers are looking for a handful of Magic Valley's most remarkable decorated Christmas trees — remarkable, perhaps, for their simplicity, or for elegant artistry, or for some touching expression of family togetherness.

If that's the tree at your house — or your neighbor's, or your nephew's — let us know about it. (Trees at homes only; no businesses, please.) Call our feature editor, Virginia Hutchins, at 735-3242 or send an e-mail to virginia.hutchins@tw-n.net.

But please hurry. We'd like to feature a selection of local trees on this page next week, and we'll need time for research and photography.

## Move over, '70s fondue

### Raclette cooking comes to America

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Raclette cheese, raclette grill, Raclette parties. "What does it mean?" It's merely the hottest trend to hit the world of home entertaining since fondue graced these shores in the '70s, a downtown store said in its announcement for an upcoming class. "This special way of tabletop cooking from Switzerland has been in use for centuries."

Local raclette aficionado Dorette Schaal will teach a class dubbed "Raclette" — An Alpine tradition" to shed light on the melted-cheese dish. It's set for 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, at 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$35.

Schaal learned about the ram cheese from her Swiss family members. Schaal, who has catered events large and small, says Swiss cuisine is her specialty, including raclette, fondue and Zurich Gae chuetzelets with Spätzli for family and friends. In April, she spent time cooking with an aunt, who is a chef in Zurich.

The class menu: raclette cheese over red potatoes with grilled mushrooms and onions; selected sausages on the raclette grill; Swiss-style salad with mustard vinaigrette; eggs and cheese on the raclette grill; and Rosti, a Swiss-style potato with onions.

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



Photo courtesy of MEGAN L. HANCOCK

Mary Michener made this gingerbread house, commissioned as Mix 103's entry in the Southern Idaho Learning Center contest.

## Gingerbread village contest benefits center

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Feel up to a little Yuletide creativity? Try your hand at competitive gingerbread making.

A Gingerbread Village contest and display will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls.

Admission to the display is free. There will be professional, commercial and amateur entries to admire; gingerbread-themed quilts; gingerbread cookie decorating for children; a raffle; and spectator-favorite awards. The event will benefit the nonprofit Southern Idaho Learning Center, which provides educational services to children with learning problems. The professional entries will be auctioned. There is no cost to enter. Blank contest entry forms are available at the center, 564 Shoup Ave. W.; at Rudy's, 147 Main Ave. W.; or by calling 734-3914.

## Mexican cooking show promotes Idaho products

The Times-News

MONTERREY, Mexico — Idaho's agriculture is getting an airing in Mexico.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne touted the quality of Idaho's food products this week during the taping of a televised cooking show in Monterrey, his office said in a statement.

Kempthorne is on his fourth trade

mission to Mexico since 1999. He was the guest of celebrity chef Lulu Pedraza whose program, "Sabrosas Conversaciones con Lulu" (Tasty Conversations with Lulu), reaches viewers throughout Mexico.

"Think of cooks as consumers. It's all about trade relationships and the quality of Idaho commodities."

"Lulu has been a fantastic supporter of Idaho and Idaho

agriculture," Kempthorne said in the statement. "Her program has been instrumental in educating Mexican viewers about the superiority of Idaho food products. They know they can have confidence in Idaho products because they're serving the same food we feed our own families."

During the taping of "Sabrosas Conversaciones," Kempthorne

shared one of his favorite recipes, the Governor's Potato and Onion Fritatta. The dish features some of Idaho's well-known commodities — potatoes, onions and cheese.

Pedraza's show airs Monday nights on Televisa, the largest television station in Mexico. The program with Kempthorne is expected to air Monday.

FOOD & HOME

# Adding screen/storm doors can save money

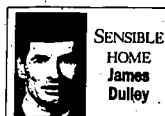
**DEAR JIM:** I should add storm/screen doors on my front and back doors to save energy and for security. I don't care how the back looks, but I want the front to look good. What designs and features should I consider?

**— Stu G.**  
**DEAR STU:** Adding either storm doors or combination storm/screen doors can save energy in almost any home. Most entry doors are efficient these days, but creating the extra dead air space by adding a storm door will still reduce energy loss. It will also reduce the amount of outdoor air which leaks indoors.

Before you go out and buy your storm doors, make sure your existing entry doors are in good condition. Installing a storm door over an old, leaky front or back door will not be very effective. Check and repair the weatherstripping on your existing doors to make them relatively airtight.

Combination storm/screen doors are likely your best option for year-round energy savings. These will block the cold winds during the winter and allow for ventilation during the summer. Some of the designs are very secure with deadbolt-type latches, so you need not be concerned about leaving your entry door open for ventilation. Since combination storm doors generally have quite a lot of glass/screen area, the insulation level of the core is not as important as with storm doors with less glass.

The primary features to look for in combination doors are strong construction materials and good-quality weatherstripping and workmanship. For your front door, you might con-



**SENSIBLE HOME**  
James Dulley

sider selecting an ornate solid wood combination door. The best and strongest ones use true mortise and tenon joints. You can make them natural to be stained or primed from the factory. Brass-painted decorative hinges can add a classy touch to the door.

Some very ornate steel and wrought iron doors would also look good on the front and provide substantial security. These come with actual deadbolt locks and vault pins. On most doors, you can select extra-heavy-gauge stainless steel screening for added security.

Another decorative option for the front are doors made of a composite of crushed rock and fiberglass. These are a full 1 inch thick, and because they are molded, there are no seams or screws. The color and grained finish are molded into the door so scratches are not very noticeable. These are also ideal for back doors which children can give quite a beating.

Standard foam- or particle-board-filled aluminum skin doors are most common and reasonably priced. Simple designs are generally the best option for back doors. High-style models with decorative stained, floral art and leaded glass are available for the front door. A self-storing model with two sliding glass panels (top and bottom open) provides the best ventilation.



This storm door is made of aluminum skins permanently bonded to a solid core. Strong, tarnish-free brass hardware is used.

**DEAR JIM:** I want to use a natural drain cleaner which is less harsh than many of the commercial ones available. I have heard about using baking soda and vinegar to clear drains. How much of each do I use?

**—Tim C.**  
**DEAR TIM:** Some drain cleaner chemicals can be quite harsh and may not be particularly good for the environment. If you have a septic system, keeping the proper microor-

ganism balance is important, and chemicals may alter this. Baking soda and vinegar are natural products. Dump a standard box of baking soda in the drain. You may use just a little water to get it down. Pour in a cup of vinegar. After the bubbling stops, turn on the hot water.

Send inquiries to James Dulley, 6506 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit [www.dulley.com](http://www.dulley.com).

## How can I freeze almond paste?

**Knight Ridder News Service**

Question: I make a recipe at Christmas that calls for half a package of almond paste. The box says almond paste can't be frozen. Why not? I hate to just throw it away.

Answer: You can freeze leftover almond paste, and the new boxes of Odense Almond Paste say so. Pam Simmons, director of recipe development for Andre Prost Inc., the importer, says she doesn't know why in-

formation to the contrary was printed on the old boxes.

She suggests you double-bag what's left in the tube, return it to the box and double-wrap the box. Although frozen almond paste will remain safe to eat indefinitely, it begins to lose some of its flavor after six months, she said.

For those unfamiliar with the product, almond paste is a stiff mixture of ground almonds and sugar. It is similar to marzipan, but with a less smooth texture.

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## Home is where the haiku is

By Spencer Rumsey  
 Newsday

The haiku — not unlike a firm foundation. The Japanese unrhymed poem consists of 17 syllables arranged in three lines: five beats on the top, seven in the middle and five below. This structure is perfect for expressing "the essence of a moment keenly observed," as the dictionary explains.

Haiku also works quite well in "expressing these little moments that we feel before, during, and after the home-buying process," say Jerry Blatch and Sherry Karver, creators of "Homeowner Haiku," a charming little book just out from Trout Ltd. (North Atlantic Books, \$9.95). Blatch is a Realtor and a poet; Karver, his wife, is an artist. They know the territory, you might say.

Reading the Sunday real estate section inspired this offering. "Diamond in the rough — \$100,000 bucks later, rougher than we thought." The details of buying a house prompted this haiku, which seems more relevant than ever: "Not earthquakes, floods, plague — what's homeowner's insurance good for these days?" Of course, it's not all doom and gloom.

Here's one of the joys of ownership: "Music on till 2 a.m. dancing in the kitchen — no one to complain." And this one particularly resonated with this writer: "Sunday afternoon, lawn chair and cold beer — what home improvement project?" This slim volume of 100 poems would be the right gift to give out at your closing, when you're sitting around the table wondering who all these strangers are who want your money.

But here's one I'd like to see in the office: "No room to borrow nothing has gone through the roof/gassing bubble burst."

## How big is a 5-pound bag of flour?

**Knight Ridder News Service**

Question: How many cups of flour are in a 5-pound bag?

Answer: A pound of flour is equal to about 3 1/2 cups of unsifted flour, so a 5-pound bag

contains about 17 1/2 cups of unsifted flour.

The important word is "unsifted." Weighing is much more precise than volume measures for dry ingredients such as flour, which is why most

of the world's cooks express flour measurements in weight.

Scop the flour and level it off with a knife, or buy some inexpensive kitchen scales. They'll come in handy for other projects, also.

## Don't refrigerate coffee

**Newsday**

Coffee should not be stored in the freezer or refrigerator, according to Millstone Coffee. Doing so

will cause the coffee to absorb food odors, and condensation inside the container will make it go stale.

Once it's open, store the bag in an airtight container.

## This week in The Times-News

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# Modest duplex quite a charmer

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Each of the Rothbury's two units looks like a single, charming Craftsman-style cottage. And in fact, each is. This is a duplex where not only the garages share a common wall, but the two-bedroom, two-bathroom unit is a mirror image of its opposite, so only one will be described.

Two gables face the street. The lower one highlights the entry porch, which is supported by handsome wooden columns. Posts, in turn, are supported by larger, square bases covered with lap siding. This porch is large enough for hanging an old-fashioned wooden swing, great for enjoying a warm, breezy afternoon.

The upper gable has a steeper slope, but nicely echoes the gable below while accentuating the multipaned windows on the second floor.

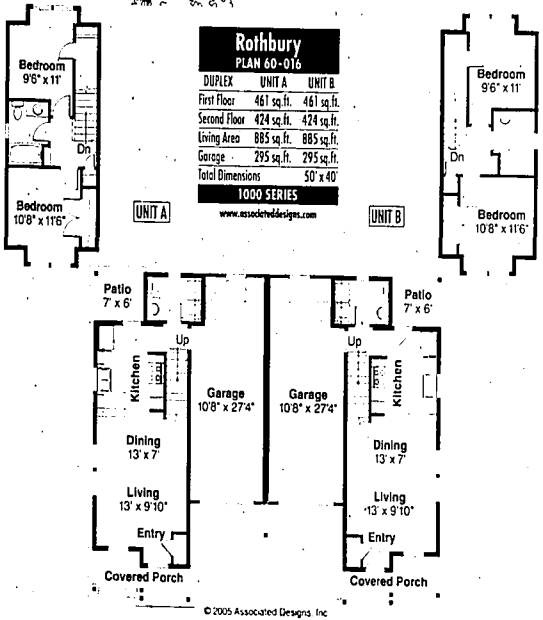
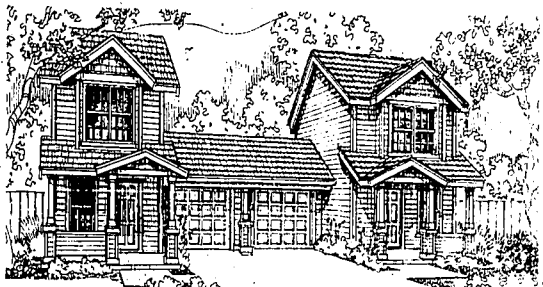
A coat closet is just inside the door. Family gathering spaces are all on the ground floor. The living room up, front frowns seamlessly into the dining area, which is open to the kitchen. A raised eating bar marks the juncture.

Appliances are built into the galley kitchen. The dishwasher is right next to a kitchen sink with a window in front of it, and the refrigerator is only a step or two away. Range and oven are on the opposite side of the room, as is a pantry.

Laundry appliances are nearby where they share space with the powder room. A covered patio is also at the rear, where it's ideally located for enjoying meals outside when the weather is inviting. Each patio is well-isolated from the other unit's patio, so even outdoor meals can be private.

Upstairs, wide rectangular window bays in the Rothbury's bedrooms provide plenty of light and a feeling of expansiveness.

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## How to find a great tree impostor

By Jura Koncius  
The Washington Post

Fake, faux, pre-lit, artificial: Whatever you call it, more and more of us are forgoing the pleasure of dragging home a real Christmas tree. More than 70 percent of the U.S. households that put up a tree choose a specimen born of factory, not farm. According to the National Christmas Tree Association, 8 percent of American households will purchase a fake tree in 2006, a number that sounds low until you realize that artificial trees can last for five to 10 years or more.

Plenty of tips exist for those shopping for real firs or pines. We decided it was time for a buyer's guide for the faux. We consulted Bill Quinn, president and founder of [www.christmas-treestore.com](http://www.christmas-treestore.com), a Dallas-based online resource that sells about 35 types of artificial Christmas trees.

- Check needle construction. Look for trees with thicker, stronger needles for more durability. Some trees offer mixed tips that mimic the look of new growth and mature branches. Tips should be rounded. Do a pinch test to see if the needles bounce back quickly.
- Examine branches. Look for

models with metal hinges that allow trees to fold up. Branches should be permanently attached to the tree. Avoid older models requiring insertion of individual branches, a very time-consuming process.

- Evaluate the lights. A good pre-lit tree should have about 100 lights per foot. Lights should have a milliamperage between 170 and 200 to give a bright, crisp light. Lights should be designed to allow bulbs to burn out without causing the entire string to go out.

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FOOD & HOME

# In the design department

## Keeping apace with changing trends

By Ann Brenoff  
Los Angeles Times

There was an episode a few years ago on HGTV's "House Hunters" about a first-time buyer looking for a home big enough to accommodate her dining-room table. The table wasn't an heirloom; it wasn't even terribly attractive. But it was big — very big.

So with viewers collectively groaning and shouting variations of, "Just toss the stupid table already," at their TVs, the buyer turned up her nose at the house after her realtor she found one that fit her table. In today's home market, that dining-room table is a flat-screen television.

Homes last for decades, but their designs often don't. The problem is, when homes no longer keep up with the way people live, they can linger on the market and are less likely to bring top dollar. And designs that don't factor in flat-screen TVs are today's prime example.

For much of the 1990s, homes were designed with an alcove in which to put a television center. Marketers touted how wonderful it would be to stick an armoire in there with a device that be shut, keeping the TV flat and out of electronics out of sight when not in use.

And then along came the flat-screen TV intended to be hung on a wall like artwork, not hidden behind closed cabinet doors and shoved into an alcove.

Almost 11 million flat-screens were sold last year and industry experts predict an additional 20 million units will be bought this year and more than twice as many in 2006 as prices continue to drop.

"I can't tell you how many times during showings I hear, 'It's not big enough for my flat-screen,'" or "The room is too small to watch the TV," said Tricia LaTone of Keller Williams Realty in Valencia, Calif.

For their part, builders of tract homes say the design process begins with marketing research to learn which features are important to most people and what price the public is willing to pay for them.

But trends sometimes move more quickly than builders, said Gopal Ahluwalia, chief research economist with the National Association of Home Builders' Research Center.

Flat-screen TVs are a touchy topic with Ahluwalia. They



Pam Mitchell's back door opens into a bathroom for easy cleanup of her pets.

weren't around five years ago, he said, and then two years ago they suddenly boomed. Who knew?

"They hit us in a big way," he admitted, "once the prices of those TVs dropped, everyone wanted one."

But builders responded with a vengeance, determined to be ahead of the next curve. And that curve, they've decided, is energy management systems, which are being built into new homes to help control energy waste and costs.

Builders, Ahluwalia said, listen to what consumers tell them. That's why new garages are built 2 feet deeper than they used to be — to 22 feet — to accommodate minivans and SUVs.

And when consumers apparently really want to live in out-of-door homes, so builders are building new homes with outdoor kitchens and living spaces. At Canyon Gate in D.E. Horton development north of Los Angeles, one model includes a courtyard and "tranquillity garden with a fountain."

And when consumers apparently want their builders' gifts, builders take heed. Set good by living rooms. One-third of all new homes built in 2004 had no living room, and the remainder is swinging toward living rooms in houses.

"People tell us they don't use their living rooms anyway," Ahluwalia said, and perhaps an important to builders, "40 percent of the people we asked said they would buy a house without a living room in it if it had other features."

The American Institute of Ar-

chitects' national Home Design Trends Survey recently found that what consumers want is more formally, greater room-use flexibility and more ease of maintenance. Some survey highlights:

- Thirty percent of the responding AIA companies reported an increase in the popularity of dedicated hobby and game rooms.

- The demand for home offices has grown substantially.

- Private space for some family members (such as in-laws) and caregivers is hot — and explains the advent of bedroom nook the kitchen or garage.

- Elaborate laundry rooms.

- Some design "flaws" aren't flaws at all; they are a matter of changing lifestyles. When the kids are small, we want the family room far, far away and preferably soundproof.

- But some flaws fall squarely on builders.

- Not everyone wants a master bedroom suite that's half a mile away from the other bedrooms. Nor is it wanted to have the dining room not adjacent to the kitchen unless the house comes with live-in help to serve the evening meal.

- And who told builders that eye level was the optimal height for a built-in microwave? In fact, who told them to even build in microwaves? — arguably the most rapidly evolving kitchen appliance?

- What are the common complaints real estate agents hear? Few want bedrooms larger

than 10 feet by 10 feet. Town-home buyers want a yard, however small, for their pets and children. And double ovens are nice, but double dishwashers are redundant in all but the most upscale homes.

What's ahead? Putting the sink in front of the window-sow may be passé.

Sometimes, owners are to blame when houses have design features that can make the home hard to sell. Some owners add features without thinking about resale or what the next owner might want.

Pam Mitchell would defend being a case in point.

"I had features added to our blueprints because I knew what I wanted," she said.

She has a 20-acre spread near Los Angeles with eight horses and four dogs, and when she is finished riding — dogs loping alongside her — she likes to clean up before she comes into the main part of the house.

So, although her architect did his best to obfuscate her from having her back door open into a bathroom, she insisted. "I asked if I really wanted strangers — guests — coming into the house and the first thing they see are my most private things," she said. But substance won out over style, and she got her own small bathroom entrance and a separate doggie shower in the room.

And what about when she tries to sell?

"This is a horse property," she said. "I expect they'll appreciate the convenience just as much as I do."

## Keep Christmas lights friendly to trees, shrubs

'Tis the season to string lights. Over the shrubs, across the garage and around and around the trees, the lights twinkle and make us merry. But how do the trees feel about that tangled string of lights?



GREEN THUMBPRINTS  
Cathy Walworth

More and more lights are used in trees these days, sometimes year-round. Do you know the best way to light up a deciduous tree? First, let's talk about what we don't do.

Don't attach electrical boxes and conduit tightly to the tree trunk nor the branches. Don't wrap tape, cords, wire or twigs, things to hold the lights to the tree branches. They are living, growing things, and if you don't watch out, they could grow right around those wires and outlet boxes. A few years ago, the city of Cincinnati's Urban Forestry Department figured out what we should do.

Use one-inch screw eyes. Use one every four feet or so up the trunk and main branches. Then thread your twigs, things or wires through the screw eye and attach the light string. Nothing wraps around the tree to strangle it later when you've forgotten it. The Arbor Day Foundation says that trees will hardly even

notice the screw eyes, and you can either replace them every five or six years, or take a pair of pliers and back them out of the bark a little every year.

Santa tip of the week: Speaking of tying up growing plants, check out Quick-Tie, the Vetro tape. You can make a circle with the stuff that will keep vines, tomatoes and whatever from tumbling across the yard and climbing in your bedroom window, but it won't choke the plant. A roll makes a great stocking stuffer. You'll find it at good garden centers and catalogs.

Just for fun: If you've got online access, click on to [www.farmersalmanac.com](http://www.farmersalmanac.com).

What's bugging your garden? Write to former Twin Falls resident Cathy Walworth in care of The Times-News or e-mail her at [cwalworth@msn.com](mailto:cwalworth@msn.com).

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## Seashells gain popularity as design accent

By Ella Lotz  
Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — In the annual shell show, seashells have a great pedigree. They inspired ancient architects to add those graceful spiral flourishes to the tops of their Grecian columns. The nautilus' shell influenced Leonardo da Vinci's invention of the spiral staircase. And in the 19th century, the rococo style of art and architecture got its name from a nautilus shell used to describe the shell grooves then wildly popular among the wealthy.

So it should be no surprise that shells are emerging once again as a high-style design element. No longer banished to beach houses or seen as strictly kitsch, shells are all over the place — in jewelry, home decor and catalogs lately, showing up in textile designs and pillows, displayed as eye-catching

home accents.

In a revival of an 18th-century fashion, they are even being applied by the thousand to chests, mirrors and lighting fixtures to create shell-encrusted home furnishings.

"Shells are a laborious way of bringing Mother Nature into your home," said Christopher Gow, whose Manhattan shop Ruz/zetti & Gow (www.ruzzettandgow.com) sells silver-coated specimen shells, as well as custom-made shell furniture and mirrors. He got the idea for the furniture after he bought a cache of 1930s and '40s shell-covered pieces in France.

"People laughed when I suggested them to Sotheby's in 1996," Gow said. "They said, 'That's what Sotheby's has been reduced to, selling shell-encrusted furniture.' But the prices went through the roof. A chest I thought would sell for \$10,000 went for \$36,000."

Christa Wilm, a West Palm Beach, Fla., antiques-store owner, started creating shell-beaded furniture six years ago.

"I made myself a mirror for my powder room, and people just loved it," she said. "Then I did a pair of round mirrors and put them in my shop, and a couple of designers from New York bought them right up."

Now Wilm's company, Christa's South Seashells (www.cssshell.com), offers everything from shell-covered consoles and coffee tables to chandeliers, which start at \$1,000.

"I think people are looking for things that aren't mass-produced," she said. "With shells,

no two pieces are alike, and there are very few things you can get besides antiques that are truly unique."

Many observers credit the 2002 book "Shell Chic: The Ultimate Guide to Decorating Your Home With Shells" with helping to bring shells back into design consciousness. Author Marlene Hurley, Marshall offers shell décor history, shell craft projects and a glimpse of contemporary homes that utilize shells.

Among them: The New York apartment of former Elle Decor and House Beautiful editor Marian McEvoy, who glaucinated fantastic shell patterns to walls, fireplace mantels, even ceilings.

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# 1 + 1 = Sophisticated cooking for two



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When cooking for one or two, chefs know good things come from foil packets. Here, salmon in minutes: From left, layer the parboiled potato slices with herb drizzle and then the vegetables. Next add thin slices of salmon fillet with lemon and more herb drizzle. Fold the packet tightly so that no steam escapes.

## Good things can come in foil packages

By David Hagedorn  
Special to The Washington Post

People who ask what chefs cook at home are often disappointed. They don't want to hear, "Oh I fried up a steak, zapped a potato and made a salad." They expect a hand waved in the air and something like, "Oh, nothing much. Pine Nut-Crusted Back of Pork With Thai Basil Foam, Truffle-Scented Gnocchi With Wild Mushroom Ragout, Twenty-Vegetable Brunaise, a Triple-Chocolate Souffle ... you know, the usual."

Those things are a breeze to prepare when you have a staff of 10 ... do the grunt work and scrub the pots. When chefs cook at home, we keep things simple and make them fast. We keep our eyes on the same prize as other people: the sofa.

When cooking for one or two, for example, we know that good things come from foil packets. They are especially useful for hurried city-singles like me: my small apartment has no grill and a tiny kitchen that features a ventless, electric range-oven combo with a noisy fan that turns cooking vapors into facial. Such limitations require either ingenuity or a large collection of home-delivery menus. (As a chef, I possess both of those things.)

Foil packets are interpretations of paper packets and commercial heat-resistant nylon baking bags. The method involved, basically a form of oven-braising, has several advantages: It creates an intensely savory product with little prep time and no messy cleanup. Close wrapping with tight seals allows flavor to cycle back into the contents of the packets instead of evaporating.

I started experimenting with this technique when I had a hankering for barbecued ribs. I needed to figure out how to make them in my tiny kitchen and still approximate the carbon-crusty smokiness that grill does. In my first attempt, I added water because I was not sure there would be enough liquid to braise the ribs. I discovered that there was sufficient water in the meat and ketchup to do the job, and that it was better to add water to the sauce at the end of the process because the flavor was more intense.

Braising the meat after the packets were opened was crucial: the sugar in the ketchup caramelized and combined with the rub to make a charred crust on top of the ribs. Chicken thighs and wings barbecued just as nicely. A chipotle hot



The result of 10 minutes' prep work and about 15 minutes' oven time: a single serving of Jiffy Papillote of Salmon, Vegetables and Herbs, baked in foil.

### JIFFY PAPILOTTE OF SALMON, VEGETABLES AND HERBS

- 2 servings
- What looks like too many vegetables will cook down to just the right amount to serve with the tender salmon fillets. Be sure to use fresh herbs.
- 1 tablespoon chopped rosemary
  - 1 tablespoon basil, oregano or tarragon
  - 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
  - 2 scallions, both white and light-green parts, chopped
  - 1 teaspoon kosher salt
  - 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
  - 1 teaspoon sugar
  - 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (from 1 lemon)
  - For the packet:
    - 2 medium red bliss potatoes, 1/4-inch-thick slices, parboiled 5 minutes
    - 1 red bell pepper, seeded, cored and cut into julienne (very thin strips)
    - 1 carrot, peeled and cut into julienne
    - 1 zucchini, cut into julienne

of sand and julienned. One 12-ounce skinless salmon fillet, sliced on the bias (like flank steak) into 6-inch-wide, 1/2-inch-thick slices (any remaining pin bones should be removed)

1 large lemon, sliced into eight 1/4-inch slices

Freshly ground black pepper

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into eighths

Chopped flat-leaf parsley (optional)

Set an oven rack on the middle level and preheat oven to 400 degrees.

For the herb drizzle: Combine all the ingredients in a small bowl. Set aside.

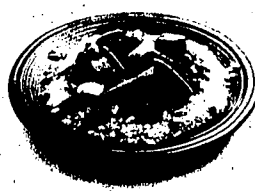
For the packet: In a small bowl, toss the parboiled potatoes with 1 tablespoon of the herb drizzle. Set aside.

In a large bowl, toss the pieces of bell pepper, carrot, zucchini, squash and leek with two tablespoons of the herb drizzle. Set aside.

Place a 22-inch-long piece of aluminum foil on the counter. Line overlapping drizzled potato slices down the center, leaving a 4-inch border on each end and 2-inch borders on the sides. Top

with remaining vegetables. Lay salmon slices over the julienned vegetables to cover them (from long side to long side of foil). The salmon slices should not quite touch each other. Spoon the remaining drizzle over the salmon slices. Place one lemon slice on top of each salmon slice. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste and dot each salmon slice with one bit of butter. Place a 24-inch piece of foil on the top and mold it over the packet ingredients. Starting with one of the long sides, fold the bottom foil edge a half-inch over the top foil edge and seal firmly with index finger. Make another 1/2-inch fold and seal firmly. Repeat until you reach the enclosed mound. Seal the other long side. Seal the ends in the same fashion. Place on a rimmed baking sheet pan and bake for 10 minutes. (The packet will puff up during baking.)

Transfer to a work surface and, being careful to avoid the escaping steam, use scissors to open a rectangle in the top of the packet. Carefully transfer the packet onto a plate, and using a spatula, ease its contents onto the plate while pulling the foil away. Garnish with chopped parsley, if desired. Serve immediately.



Packets are perfect for home cooks who have little time to cook. Here, Moroccan Vegetable Tagine, served with Easy, Breezy Couscous.

### EASY, BREEZY COUSCOUS

- 2 generous servings
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth
  - 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
  - 1/4 teaspoon ground turmeric
  - 1 cup medium quick-cooking couscous
  - Salt
  - Freshly ground black pepper
  - 1/2 cup pine nuts (optional)
  - 2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley or cilantro
- (optional) Combine the broth, olive oil and turmeric in a 1-quart Pyrex bowl. Microwave the liquid on high uncovered and bring to a boil (2 to 3 minutes). Remove carefully, stir in the couscous and cover tightly with plastic wrap for 5 minutes.
- Puff the couscous with a fork and season with salt and pepper to taste. Fold in the toasted pine nuts and chopped parsley or cilantro, if desired.

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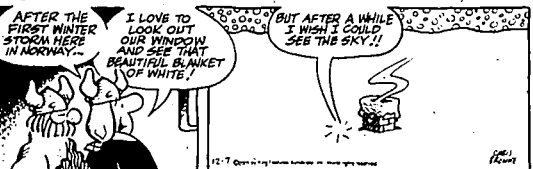
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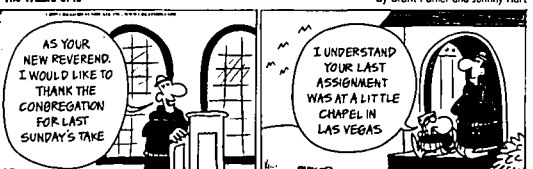
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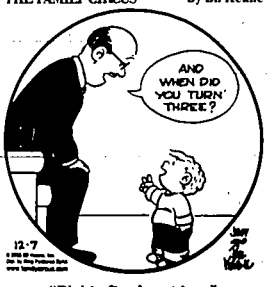
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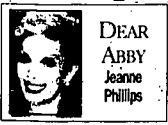
Disclosure not required on wigs

DEAR ABBY: I wear wigs and hairpieces because I have thinning hair. They are always clean and well-groomed, and I have been told they look very nice. That's the problem! People — strangers, co-workers — often approach me and say things like, "Your hair always looks so nice. Who's your hairdresser?" or "How do you keep your hair looking so perfect in this humidity?" Do you color your own hair?

I'm not ashamed of the fact that I wear wigs, but I don't feel I should have to explain it to total strangers. On the other hand, I don't feel right just saying thank you. I feel I'm deceiving people. And when I tell people I'm wearing a wig, the compliments stop. What should I say to these people, Abby?

BE-WIGGED AND BE-WILDERED IN OHIO

DEAR BE-WIGGED: You are no more obligated to reveal to a stranger or casual acquaintance that you're wearing a wig than you would be to tell someone who compliments you on your figure that it's really silicone or sea sponges. It would not be dishonest to reply that you don't go to any hairdresser in particular (it's the truth) and add, "I love nice of you to say that." Then shut your mouth and smile like the Mona Lisa. It's not dishonest, it's discretion.



DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced more than four years. The marriage was an extremely unpleasant chapter in my life, but I have moved on. The problem is that my mother refuses to take down a photograph of me and my ex-husband that hangs in her home. She says it's a good picture of the two of us, and she won't take it down.

I tell her repeatedly that it reminds me of an unhappy time in my life, something I'd prefer not to relive, and I don't want to see it when I visit. Mom says I'm being childish and I should 'get over it.'

Is it childish to ask her to remove something that has negative connotations to me, even though it's in her home?

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DEAR KIMBERLY: I don't think so, and frankly, I see your point. I find it fascinating that your mother finds it necessary to cling to something she knows makes you uncomfortable.

Is it that the picture is unusually flattering of you? If that's the case, consider having a lovely

studio portrait done of yourself, complete with hair, makeup and professional lighting and present it to her for her wall.

If that doesn't do the trick, I wouldn't blame you if you limited your visits to your mother's.

DEAR ABBY: I share an office with someone whose religious beliefs prohibited her from eating during the day for 30 days. I found it awkward at lunchtime whenever I brought food into the room and she was sitting there, obviously starving, but could not eat due to her religious beliefs.

Should I have moved my lunch to another space, although I tend to eat at my desk and work through the lunch hour? I felt like I was being completely rude, although I asked her if my lunch bothered her and she replied no. Your thoughts would be appreciated.

DIDN'T WANT TO BE RUDE, ROCKVILLE, MD.

DEAR DIDN'T: Fasting is a sacred vow of office that makes willingly, and she has already told you that having your lunch in front of her doesn't bother her. If she was uncomfortable, I'm sure she was free to leave during the lunch break. However, because it made YOU uncomfortable, in the future, eat your lunch elsewhere during the 30 days she's fasting.

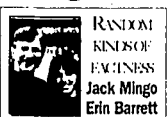
Sailors behind origin of term 'hooker'

Despite legend, the term "hooker" didn't come from the notorious camp followers of Civil War Gen. Joseph Hooker. The term was in use two decades earlier in and around Corkin's Hook, a notorious part of New York City which catered to the recreational needs of sailors.

This day in history: "I excommunicate you!" "Oh yeah? Well, I excommunicate you!" This, more or less, is what transpired between the pope and patriarch of the Roman and Orthodox churches in 1054. After 111 years of doctrinal ping-pong, on Dec. 7, 1965, their successors officially lifted the mutual ban against each other.

Perhaps you've heard of Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte and wondered who, what or where "Wuthering" is. It's an old word that means blustering like a wind among trees.

Did someone knit you a



"chiengora" sweater? Well, that means you're really pining for the dog, because chiengora is the fancy name for yarn made from dog hair.

Look on the bright side of things. Sure, the London Fire of 1666 destroyed 80 percent of the city, including priceless architecture. On the other hand, it saved thousands of human lives by wiping out the rats that harbored the black plague. After hundreds of years of recurring devastation, the plague never hit the city again after 1666.

Republican presidents with feet in the White House have tended to have dogs. Democra-

tic presidents have tended to have cats.

Admiral Byrd carried with him a daily ration of a pack of Necco's for each person on the Antarctic trip in 1938. That equated about 2.5 tons of the chunky candy.

Necco, by the way, got its name from the initials of the New England Confectionery Co., which still makes the candy in Cambridge, Mass.

Here's a tip: We picked up from an old London Daily Telegraph letters section: The hymn "Oxford Christian Soldiers," sung in a not-too-brisk tempo, makes a very good egg timer. If you put the egg into boiling water and sing all five verses, and checked the egg, will be just right when you come to "Amen."

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Angry taxi driver takes a nibble

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — A taxi driver in Denmark bit off the tip of a man's finger in a brawl about how many people could fit in the cab, police said Monday.

The dispute started early Sunday morning when a group of five men hailed a taxi in Odense, in central Denmark.

Police said things erupted when the 37-year-old driver insisted he could only take four passengers. It wasn't clear who started the fight, but police said a 48-year-old man claims he grabbed the driver by the collar after the driver spat at him.

The driver who was bruised but not seriously injured, said the man grabbed him by the jaw and punched him. The driv-

Odds & Ends

er claims he accidentally bit off the tip of the man's ring finger in the commotion, police said.

The 48-year-old was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment. Some of the men were identified in line with Danish privacy rules.

Police were investigating but had not filed any charges Monday.

Slow down! Speed limit set at an odd 17 mph

TULSA, Okla. — A transportation official is hoping an odd speed limit will get the attention of drivers, and slow

them down in construction zones.

Larry Slaughter, an Oklahoma Transportation Authority engineer, has posted speed limit signs of 17 mph at three toll plazas that are under construction.

He said he can't scientifically measure the effectiveness of the unusual speed limit, but he's convinced it works.

Toll collector Vickie Fletcher said she gets at least five questions a day about the 17 mph limit.

Slaughter said the speed limit will be raised to 25 and 30 miles per hour after construction is complete, but the signs are not compiled from wire reports

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# FOOD & HOME

## Foil

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measuring cup. Late all the ribs, but the serving was ample for two.

Giddy with success, I attempted other dishes. Moroccan vegetable tagines and salmon packets turned out nicely, but lack of Lamb With Basil Foam and Chocolate Souffle failed. Which just goes to show that not every creation can be satisfied by reaching for the foil.

Each of the main-dish recipes given here can be made as two separate packets, using one 12-inch-long sheet of aluminum foil for the bottom and one 11-

inch sheet for the top. I used regular aluminum foil, but heavy-duty is more reliable. It is important that the packets remain completely sealed; take extra care to keep any ingredients from poking through the packets.

The packets can be assembled for baking and refrigerated up to a day in advance.

A word about the rub recipes: Because I use them so often as quick flavor injections for fast dishes, I make extra amounts of these rubs. They'll keep, stored in airtight containers, for up to a month.

### BARBECUE SPARE RIBS, CHICKEN THIGHS OR CHICKEN WINGS

2 servings

Seize this in-house version of barbecue with cornbread and coleslaw or a green salad.

3/4 cup thick ketchup, such as Heinz

3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce  
1 teaspoon chipotle-flavored hot-pepper sauce, such as Tabasco, or more to taste

OR  
1 large bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs, rubbed on both sides with a total of 2 tablespoons Barbecue Rub

OR  
12 chicken wings, joints separated, tips discarded, rubbed on both sides with a total of 2 tablespoons Barbecue Rub

1/4 cup water  
Set an oven rack on the middle level and preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

In a large bowl, combine 1/2 cup of the ketchup, the Worcestershire sauce and chipotle-flavored hot pepper sauce and toss with the barbecue-rubbed ribs or thighs or wings. Place a 22-inch piece of aluminum foil on a work surface. Line the ribs (skin side up) or wings (skin side up) down the center, leaving a 4-inch border on each end and 2-inch borders on the sides. Place a 24-inch-long piece of foil on the top and mold it over the packet ingredients. Starting with one of the

long sides, fold the bottom foil edge 1/2 inch over the top foil edge and seal firmly using your index finger. Make another 1/2-inch fold and seal firmly. Repeat until you reach the enclosed mound. Seal the other long side. Seal the ends in the same fashion. Place on a rimmed baking sheet and bake at one of the following times:

- 70 minutes for the pork.
- 40 minutes for the thighs.
- 30 minutes for the wings.

(The packet will puff up.) Transfer to a work surface and, being careful to avoid the escaping steam, use scissors to open a larger rectangle in the top of the packet. Return the baking sheet to the middle rack and broil for 10 to 15 minutes, until the meat has a nicely browned crust.

Transfer the packets to a work surface. (Cut the ribs, if using, into separate pieces.) Form a little pouring "lip" along the long side of the packet that is away from you. Carefully pick up the foil packet by the sides (it should be cool enough to handle; otherwise, use mitts) and slowly drain off just the orange-colored fat. Pour the remaining sauce into a 2-cup glass measuring cup and discard any remaining fat. (There should be about 1/2 cup of sauce.) Add the water and the remaining 1/4 cup of ketchup, stir and microwave for 1 minute on high. Taste for seasonings and add more chipotle-flavored hot pepper sauce, if desired, and mix well to combine. Spoon the sauce over the meat or serve on the side.

### BARBECUE RUB

Makes enough for 2 servings

4 teaspoons sweet paprika  
1 tablespoon chili powder  
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper or ground chipotle powder

1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
Combine the ingredients in a small bowl, or store in a resealable plastic bag for up to 1 month.

### MOROCCAN VEGETABLE TAGINE

2 generous servings

This tagine, with its rich, deep red sauce, is set off nicely atop a mound of couscous and garnished with chopped scallions. Make sure the leak is resealed and thoroughly free of grit. Serve the tagine with Easy Brezy Couscous.

1 medium leek, halved lengthwise, cut into 1-inch squares

1 medium red pepper, seeded and cut into 1-inch squares

1 small zucchini, cut into 1-inch cubes

1 small yellow squash, cut into 1-inch cubes

1 carrot, peeled, cut into 1-inch cubes and parboiled for 3 minutes

1 small sweet potato, peeled, cut into 1-inch cubes and parboiled for 3 minutes

1 cup (4 ounces) sugar snap peas

2 garlic cloves, smashed

1 bay leaf

2 tablespoons finely chopped, cleaned dill stems

1 tablespoon chopped fresh onion

One 14 1/2-ounce can diced tomatoes (1 1/2 cups)

1 cup chick peas, drained (15-ounce can)

2 tablespoons Moroccan lamb-chopped scallions, for garnish (optional)

Set an oven rack on the middle level and preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

In a large bowl, combine the ingredients.

Place a 22-inch-long piece of aluminum foil on the work surface. Line the vegetables down the center, leaving a 4-inch border on each end and a 2-inch border on each side. Place a 24-inch-long piece of foil on the top and mold it over the packet ingredients. Starting with one of the long sides, fold the bottom foil edge a half-inch over the top foil edge and seal firmly using your index finger. Make another 1/2-inch fold and seal firmly. Repeat until you reach the enclosed mound. Seal the other long side, and then seal the ends in the same fashion, making the packet as airtight as possible.

Place on a large rimmed baking sheet and bake for 15 minutes. (The packet will puff up during baking.) Transfer to a work surface and, being careful to avoid the escaping steam, use scissors to open a rectangle in the top of the packet. Discard the bay leaf and the packet foil. Spoon the vegetables and the sauce over the Easy Brezy Couscous and garnish with chopped scallions, if desired. Serve hot or at room temperature.

NOTE: Parboiling is partially cooking food by briefly boiling it in water. The process ensures that multiple ingredients of different densities will complete cooking at the same time.

### MOROCCAN RUB

Makes enough for 2 servings

1 tablespoon Barbecue Rub  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground allspice  
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves  
Combine the ingredients in a small bowl, or store in a resealable plastic bag for up to 1 month.

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### Packet cooking tips

Packets are perfect for home cooks who have little time on their hands or remote controls in them. Here are some tips to keep in mind for foil-packet cooking:

- Mold the top piece of foil closely to the ingredients to make the packet as airtight as possible.
- Do not let the packet contents poke holes in the foil. Heavy-duty foil is less likely to be breached.
- Make sure the seals are tight. With each folding of the foil, press the crease firmly with the index finger. Make at least three folds so the seals can withstand the pressure of the steam within the packets.

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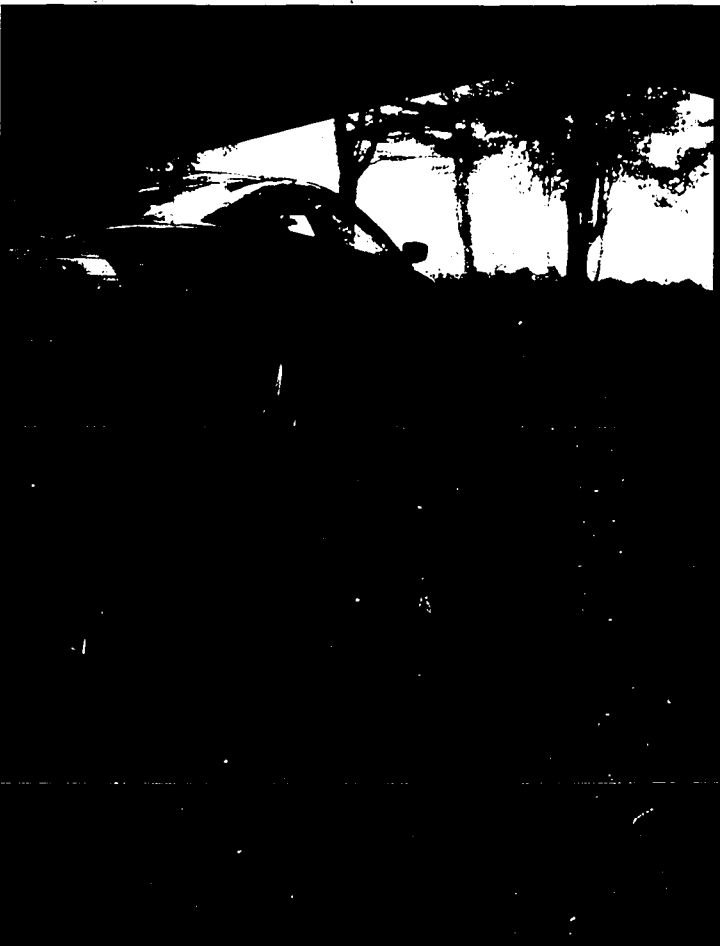


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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

The sugar is flowing now.
— Georgia quarterback DJ Shockley

TRIVIA

QUESTION: South Carolina head coach Steve Spurrier won the Heisman Trophy as a quarterback for Florida in 1966. He also became the first Heisman winner to become a college head coach and have a player under him to win the award. Who was that player?
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School
BOYS BASKETBALL
Burley at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.
Dierich at Richfield, 7:30 p.m.
Hagerman at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.
Jerome at Mountain Home, 7:30 p.m.
Highway at Minico, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Castleford at Oakley, 7:30 p.m.
Dierich at Richfield, 7:30 p.m.
Jerome at Buhl, 7 p.m.
WRESTLING
Minico/Highway/Burley at Madison, 4 p.m.
Haft River/Jamboree Wood River at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Burley Lions offer basketball

BURLEY — The Burley Lions Club will hold basketball registration from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 7-8 in the front foyer at White Pine Intermediate School, 1900 Hillland Ave. in Burley. The cost is \$15 or a good used coat and \$5.

Moore named SWAC Player of the Week

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho freshman guard Brittny Moore was named the Scenic West Athletic Conference women's basketball Player of the Week on Tuesday. The Sparks, Nev. native averaged 19 points per game, hitting 10-of-19 3-pointers in the Golden Eagles' win over Colorado Northwestern Community College and Snow College (Utah).

On the season, Moore is averaging 14.1 points and hitting over 45-percent of her three-point attempts for the 9-2 Eagles.

North Idaho College wing Frank Clair was named Scenic West Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week on Tuesday.

Clair, a 6-6 sophomore from Chicago, Ill., scored a season high 28 points in a 86-69 victory against Columbia Basin College, going 9-of-14 from the floor and hitting 3-of-6 from 3-point range and adding 7-for-7 from the free-throw line.

The next evening against CC of Spokane, Clair led the Cardinals to a 90-79 victory scoring 20 points, making a season high 12-of-16 from the free-throw line. For the week, Clair averaged 22.0 points and 5.7 rebounds a game and made six steals. He shot 59.4 percent from the field (19-32) and was 22-for-28 at the free-throw line (.786).

Hall earns All-WAC football honors

BOISE — Boise State University junior linebacker Kory Hall was named to the 2005 All-Western Athletic Conference Football First Team on Monday. Hall, a graduate of Glenn Ferry High School, finished his third regular season with the Broncos with 19 tackles (four for loss), 1.5 sacks, and two interceptions. Hall and fellow BSU first-teamers Daryn Colledge and Alex Guerrero will host Boston College for the Dec. 28 MPC Bowl in Boise.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel won the Heisman in 1995.

Burley beats Bruins

Bobcats notch first win against T.F. since 1999

By Nathaniel Garbrandt Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Burley High girls traveled to Baun Gymnasium Tuesday night with something to prove.

Sporting a 4-0 record and suffering an unbroken string of losses to Twin Falls dating back to 1999, the Bobcats were looking for a turning point.

Not only did they get it, they made it look easy.

Behind a dominating 16-point, six-rebound performance from senior post Kandace Dalton, the Bobcats rolled to a 47-32 non-conference victory and proved themselves a force to be reckoned with in the 4A rank.

"This is a big win for us," said Burley coach Gordon Kerbs. "We haven't beat Twin since 1999. I think this team's going to do well. We've got a long way to go but we're 5-0. We like where we're at."

It didn't take long at all for the Bobcats to like where they were sitting, opening the game on a 12-2 run as Dalton and company took full advantage of a size advantage to out-muscle the Bruins inside.

"We felt coming in, definitely we have a size advantage," said Kerbs. "Twin Falls caused a lot of problems because of their quickness. We really felt defensively coming in that we had some match-up problems. That was our biggest concern, because we're not used to being bigger. But I think our players, especially the first half, defensively, maybe we took Twin away from some things they wanted to do. I thought we executed the first part of the game against their zone very well."

Twin Falls guard Kelsey Jardine put the Bruins on the board with a five-point first quarter and Twin Falls (3-5) eventually closed the gap late in the second with a 14-3 run to take a 16-15 lead.

But it was the only cold spell the Bobcats would suffer, as the guests poured in six unanswered points in the final minute of the half to take a 21-16 advantage into intermission.

Burley then came out in the third on an 8-2 run to pull away.

After the Bobcats built a 31-22 lead heading into the fourth, Dalton recorded eight points in the final quarter, including on 4-for-6 shooting from the free throw line.

"It was a really good game," she said. "I think everyone came out really prepared. We've had two weeks off, so I think every-



Twin Falls High junior guard Ashley Irons tries to pass around a Burley defender Tuesday night during the Bruins' 47-32 loss to Burley at Baun Gymnasium in Twin Falls.

one was really anxious to get their jerseys on and come out and show everyone what we can do."

Sophomore post Nicole Tolman also had a big night for the Bobcats, finishing the game with 11 points while going 4-of-6.

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Cincinnati Bengals defensive tackle Carl Powell (72) douses coach Marvin Lewis following a 38-31 win over the Pittsburgh Steelers in NFL action Sunday in Pittsburgh.

'Bungles' are history

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The Bungles are buried. Finally. For 14 years, they were one of the NFL's constants — a constant source of losses and material for late-night comedians. Their pratfalls and pathos endured through two stadiums, four head coaches and a dozen quarterbacks. They lost so often they became a tradition — one of only three teams since 1950 to go 14 years without even one measly winning record. A 38-31 victory Sunday in Pittsburgh changed everything. Instead of making history, their run of futility football is now relegated to history. Bye-bye Bungles. Hello, Bengals.

As a result, a win over the Bengals means they have broken a 14-year history of being the NFL's worst team.

Young eluded trouble as a kid and found glory at Texas

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Seventh-grader Vince Young toiled away in his yard, raking leaves and piling them in bags. Each time he finished, his mother would dump them out and tell him to do it again.

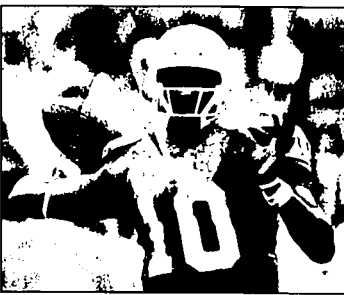
It was his punishment for participating in a gang fight, and it was torture. Felicia Young wanted him to hate it. Having struggled with drugs and alcohol for years, and with Vince's father's life in jail most of her son's life, she was trying to scare the kid straight.

"She told me I'd end up dead or in jail," Young said, recalling his childhood in Houston, "walking with the wrong crowd and getting gunshots shot at you, trying to avoid a bullet."

"When I was raking those leaves, I thought about that," he said. "I started really working on football and school more, and that was that."

"That" became the unleashing of an elusive, strong-armed quarterback who became a local legend in a city as big as Houston and has become an even bigger star at the University of Texas.

Young has led the No. 2 Longhorns to 19 straight wins and a Rose Bowl showdown with No. 1 Southern California for the national championship. He's done it in such a spectacular way that on Saturday he'll likely be in New York as a finalist for the Heisman Trophy, trying to join Earl Campbell and Ricky Williams as the only Longhorns to win the award.



Texas quarterback Vince Young looks to pass against Kansas during the second quarter in Austin, Texas, on Nov. 12.

Heisman Profiles

This is the second in a week-long series of profiles on Heisman Trophy contenders. USC tailback Reggie Bush's profile will be published Thursday. A profile on Matt Leinart was published Tuesday.

back Reggie Bush and quarterback Matt Leinart, who won the award last season. Young's supporters see him as the best of both. As a quarterback, he's the team's leader, like Leinart, yet as a phenomenal athlete capable of making eye-popping plays, he's every defensive coordinator's nightmare, like Bush.

chest and Vince Young is one of them. Colorado coach Gary Barnett said — before Young passed for three touchdowns and ran for another against the Buffs in a 20-16 victory in the Big 12 title game last Saturday. Young's won 29 of 31 starts, passing Bobby Layne — a college and pro Hall of Famer who set the standard for Texas quarterbacks back in the 1950s — for the most victories. He's accounted for 78 touchdowns in his career, breaking the school record of 76 set by Williams, the 1999 Heisman winner. His 8,705 yards of total offense is also a school record. Funny thing is, midway through last season, critics wanted him to play another position.

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SPORTS

Niittymaki douses Flames

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Mike Richards scored the lone goal and Philadelphia goalie Antti Niittymaki was perfect through regulation, overtime and the shootout to lift the Flyers to a 1-0 victory over the Calgary Flames on Tuesday night.

It was the NHL's first scoreless game decided by shootout. Only one other game this season went to overtime without a goal, but San Jose scored in the extra session to win 1-0 at Anaheim on Nov. 22.

Despite the lack of offense, fans buzzed throughout the first shootout staged in Philadelphia. Niittymaki earned assists Kristian Hueslus, Jarome Iginla and former Flyers forward Tony Amonte in the league's new debater after making 28 saves through regulation and five minutes of overtime.

Calgary's Mikko Kiprusoff outhit him until Richards finally broke through on the Flyers' first shootout attempt. Kiprusoff stopped 37 regular shots and deflected Jeff Carter on Philadelphia's second and final shot in the shootout.

His biggest save came with 37.5 seconds left in overtime when he stopped Mike Knuble's breakaway. Kiprusoff also stood tall in the third period when the Flyers held a 37-28 shots advantage.

Niittymaki was tested in the extra session after the Flames were awarded a power play with 2:53 remaining.

Wings 2, Maple Leafs 1

TORONTO — Dustin Brown



Philadelphia Flyers goalie Antti Niittymaki, of Finland, is congratulated by teammates Jim Sim (11), Kim Johnson, of Sweden, and Dean Hatcher (2) after beating the Calgary Flames, 1-0, in a shootout following a scoreless tie game Tuesday in Philadelphia.

scored twice and the Los Angeles Kings ended a four-game losing streak with a 2-1 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Mathieu Garon made 36 saves for the Kings, who salvaged the last game of a four-game Eastern road trip.

Darcy Tucker scored for the Maple Leafs, who went just 1-for-4 in the power play. Fans booed the Leafs at the buzzer.

Red Wings 5, Devils 2

DETROIT — Brendan Shanahan had two goals and moved into 15th place on the NHL's career list when he scored the Red Wings past the New Jersey Devils 5-2 Tuesday night.

Shanahan became the game tied with Mike Bossy among the top goal scorers in league history.

He made it 1-1 in the first period, and his 575th goal got the Red Wings even at 2 in the second.

Detroit's Tomas Holmstrom and Jason Williams scored late in the second, giving Detroit a two-goal lead, and Steve Yzerman made it 5-2 midway through the third.

Islanders 6, Blues 3

ST. LOUIS — Mike Carey scored two goals and added three assists for his second career five-point game, lifting the New York Islanders to a 6-3 win over the St. Louis Blues on Tuesday night.

Carey, who entered the game with 13 points, also had five points on Jan. 23, 2002, against Boston when he played for the New York Rangers.

Carey knocks off Shoshone in OT

SHOSHONE — In the end, it came down to five 3-pointers. The Carey Panthers defeated the defending state 1A champion Shoshone Indians 52-47 in overtime Tuesday after a night of close Magic Valley Northside Conference basketball.

Senior posts Whitney Peck and Brenna Silva were fouled, setting up the winning free throws. Peck hit two while Silva nailed four, which "iced the game," as Shoshone head coach Tim Chapman put it.

Carey was 5-for-15 from the free throw line up to that point. But fouling the Panthers helped late.

"That was the key," Chapman said. "We fouled 43 the ball back, and they hit the free throws."

Silva led the Panthers with 24 points, including three 3-pointers. But not for Shoshone senior Kallie Axelson, they wouldn't have made it that far.

Axelson sank a 3-pointer with 20 seconds remaining to tie the game at 41. Senior Katie Strunk led the Shoshone scoring with 16 points.

Cher was the (5-1, 0-1) plays at The Community School on Friday, while Carey (5-1, 1-0) participates in the Murtagh Holiday Tournament this weekend.

Carry 62, Shoshone 47, OT

Table with 2 columns: Team, Points, Rebounds, Assists, Steals, Blocks, Fouls, and other stats for the Carey Panthers vs Shoshone Indians game.

Local sports

River Trojans defeated the Castleford Wolves 57-38 as sophomore guard Nicole Harper pounded in 21 points for the Trojans Tuesday. Jayme Manning added 10 in the win.

Cindy Lopez led the scoring for the Wolves with 11 points. Castleford (1-3) will play at Oakley Tuesday.

Raft River 87, Castleford 38

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Filer (0-3) was led in scoring by senior forward Travis Dillon Anderson with 10.

Harrison had 21 points for Middleton including seven 3-pointers and Peterson added 12. Filer plays at Wendell on Friday.

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Hagerman 42, Oakley 34

HAGERMAN — Junior forward Kalia Martinique pulled down 12 rebounds and senior guard Shelli Smith scored 10 points as Hagerman moved to 2-0 in Magic Valley Southside Conference play as they beat Oakley 42-34 Tuesday night at home.

Sophomore guard Chancee Anderson added nine points, eight rebounds, and dished out two assists for the Pirates (2-6, 2-0).

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Camas County 42, TPCA 26

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The defender had 21 points on eight baskets, five of which were 3-pointers.

"She was feeling it real well from the outside," Camas County head coach Matt McLain said.

McLain also made important passes to the inside, allowing Stacy Roberts to rack up 10 points.

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Emily Edman and Caroline Fairchild each scored six for the Cathartans.

Richfield still travel to Dietrich on Thursday.

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Jays land Burnett; Mets discuss Manny

DALLAS (AP) — The Toronto Blue Jays emerged as baseball's new big spender, agreeing to a \$55 million, five-year contract with pitcher A.J. Burnett on Tuesday.

The trade from the San Francisco Giants sent right-hander LaTroy Hawkins to the Baltimore Orioles.

Burley

Burley travels to Pocatello on Friday. Twin falls goes to Skyline on Thursday.

Burley 47, Twin Falls 32

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Young

Following a shutout loss to rival Oklahoma, Young was derided as a great runner whose awkward sidestepping motion was too inconsistent.

"He HAD to move to receive," Texas coach Mack Brown recalled recently.

Instead of benching him or moving him to a new position, Brown left the team in the hands of a 6-foot-5, 230-pound project, flaunting his size and speed as Texas bullied teams with a punishing rushing attack.

The Longhorns haven't lost since. Young's breakout game was the last Rose Bowl when he ran for 20, 60, 10 and 23 touch-

Officials of the New York Mets landed a deal for right-hander Manny Ramirez. The Mets are waiting for the Red Sox to get back to them with what it would be to put together a deal for the 2004 World Series. MVP who wants out of Boston. The Cincinnati Reds reached

a preliminary agreement to send first baseman Sean Casey to the Boston Red Sox for right-hander Dave Williams, a close subject to physicals.

There also was talk the San Diego Padres would deal their basemen Sean Burroughs to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays for right-hander Devon Brazellon.

maintained that he plans to return for a senior season, even if his family could use the riches of an NFL contract.

"It's my decision and right now my decision is to come back to school," he said before Texas beat Colorado for the Big 12 title.

For now, he's having too much fun to think about it uch of anything other than playing USC for the national title.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY



### iPod TV offerings expand with NBC

NBC Universal and Apple on Tuesday announced that a lineup of primetime, cable, late-night and classic TV shows, including hits such as "Law & Order" and "Battlestar Galactica" as well as sketches from "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," will be available for downloading at the iTunes Music Store.

### Time Warner CEO: AOL not for sale

LOS ANGELES — Time Warner Inc. is in discussions about finding a partner to boost advertising revenue at its America Online unit — but AOL is not for sale, Chief Executive Dick Parsons said Tuesday.

"We are not interested in selling AOL," Parsons said at a news briefing before a speech in Los Angeles.

Time Warner is negotiating with different parties about a deal that could help AOL's transition to a business that relies on paid subscriptions to what makes money based on advertising revenue, Parsons said.

Parsons declined to give further details. A Time Warner executive involved in the negotiations, who asked not to be identified because of confidentiality concerns, said the company is still talking to both Microsoft Corp. and Google Inc. about potential deals involving AOL. Yahoo Inc. last month renewed itself as a potential partner.

### U.S. factory orders up in October

WASHINGTON — Orders to U.S. factories increased at a healthy pace in October, and third-quarter productivity shot up by the largest amount in two years.

The two government reports Tuesday provided fresh evidence that the economy is bouncing back from the devastating Gulf Coast hurricanes and the late summer spike in energy prices.

The Commerce Department reported that orders for manufactured goods rose by 2.2 percent to a seasonally adjusted \$399.9 billion in October following a 1.3 percent September decline that was blamed on disruptions from the hurricanes and a strike at aircraft giant Boeing.

Meanwhile, the Labor Department said the productivity of American workers, the biggest factor determining future living standards, raced up at an annual rate of 4.7 percent in the July-September quarter, the best showing in two years.

### Did you know? Idaho taters a hit in Mexico

Two-thirds of the potatoes consumed in this northern region of Mexico come from Idaho, according to the Idaho governor's office.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is in day five of a trade mission to Mexico.

— compiled from wire and staff reports

# Specialty markets save Micron

## CEO: Acquiring other companies worth considering

By Christopher Smith Associated Press writer

BOISE, Idaho — Even as prices for Micron Technology Inc.'s mainstay personal computer memory chips decline, the semiconductor company's growing diversification into specialty markets has rescued its revenue picture. President and CEO Steve Appleton told shareholders at their annual meeting on

Tuesday. The world's third-largest supplier of DRAM (dynamic random access memory) chips used in PCs is expanding into other digital memory applications such as imaging chips for cameras, specialty-DRAM for mobile devices and flash memory for personal music players.

Sales of those non-PC memory products helped boosted Micron's fiscal 2005 net income to \$188 million on revenue of \$4.8 billion compared to net income of \$157.2 million on revenue of \$4.4 billion in 2004, even as DRAM prices were dramatically lower this year compared to last.

"We had a very significant drop in the selling price of Micron's historical primary product, yet our gross margin stayed positive," said Appleton, chairman

of Micron's board of directors. "That's because of the product diversification we have been working on."

Micron shares were down 31 cents, or 2.17 percent, to close at \$13.99 Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange after Lehman Brothers downgraded the stock on the belief that a recently announced joint venture with Intel has already been reflected in the share price. The stock has traded in a range between \$9.32 and \$14.02 over the past 52 weeks.

Speaking to about 300 shareholders in the cafeteria of the company's headquarters campus, Appleton said Micron is not exiting the DRAM market, but he predicted further consolidation of the handful of companies still producing

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## HUNTING INDUSTRY BOOMS



Dan Tracey, the store manager at the Sportman's Warehouse, shows a Beretta Silver Pigeon II, over/under shotgun in the gun and rifle section of the new store in Pittsburgh on Thursday. The hunting industry, guns, accessories and trip expenses ballooned into a roughly \$21 billion industry by 2001, according to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's most recent figures.

## Hunting a \$21 billion industry

By the Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Raising a rifle scope to his eye, Dan Tracey squints and takes aim at an imaginary target. Then, he twists a knob and the device's cross-hairs light up like a Christmas tree.

"If it's pitch black outside, you can see everything," said the 25-year-old hunter, placing the \$1,400 accessory back in a display case at the Sportsman's Warehouse store he manages on Pittsburgh's outskirts.

Electronic scopes are among an array of high-tech gadgets and premium quality products that have hit the market in recent years and contributed to unprecedented spending among hunters, even as the number of people taking up the sport continues to decline.

The hunting business — guns, accessories, and trip expenses — is a roughly \$21 billion industry, according to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's most recent figures.

### Growing in Idaho

Hunting licenses sold  
2005: 255,085\*  
2004: 252,304  
2003: 247,193  
Most popular tags:  
1 deer, 2 elk, 3 bear, 4 turkey  
\* Licenses sold to date  
Source: Idaho Fish and Game

Spending among individual hunters has jumped 11 percent annually over the past decade, with current spending estimated at \$1,638 yearly per hunter, said Steve Wagner, a spokesman for the National Shooting Sports Foundation, a firearms industry trade group.

Also fueling spending are soaring costs for permits and trips to increasingly regulated hunting preserves — a trend hunters say has shifted the sport away from its blue collar base.

"The number of participants is shrinking, but collectively, hunters are spending more than they ever have on their sport," Wagner said. "Part of it is

because of the technology." Among the gizmos enticing hunters: a \$200 pair of headphones that block the clatter of gunfire but allow lower-decibel sounds such as the voice of a fellow hunter; \$500 binoculars that digitally compensate for shaky hands; and a variety of \$100-\$150 color-screen Global Positioning System devices that display topographical maps.

Other products pushing up the market include shotguns with rare hardwood stocks and detailed metal-work that fetch up around \$1,000, goose decoys for \$120 apiece and shotgun shells filled with tungsten pellets that set back hunters \$2 each time they pull the trigger.

"Before it was just plain (shotguns) — really just wood and metal," said Tracey, the Sportman's Warehouse manager. "Now they're playing gold in them and engraving them. Every year we see higher and higher end guns that are

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## Illegal immigrants don't lack jobs at home, survey says

By Dave Montgomery Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Most undocumented workers from Mexico had jobs there before they entered the United States, according to a report released Tuesday.

That conclusion undercuts a long-held explanation for illegal immigration: that people can't find work at home. Instead, undocumented Mexican immigrants are driven here by a complex assortment of factors, including higher wages, better working conditions and a chance to reunite with growing networks of families who settled in the United States before them, according to researchers with the Pew Hispanic Center in Washington.

Lack of work does not appear to be the main reason why migrants leave Mexico for the United States, the report says.

It was based on a survey of 4,836 Mexican immigrants in Dallas, Raleigh, N.C., Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Atlanta,

"You can see people roughly doubling their earnings here."

— Rakesh Kochhar, researcher

and Fresno, Calif. The survey was conducted from July 12, 2004, to Jan. 28, 2005. This is the latest in a series of reports based on the Pew Hispanic Center's research. An estimated 6.3 million Mexicans are thought to be living illegally in the United States, part of a larger illegal immigrant population in excess of 11 million. At least 3.5 million undocumented Mexicans hold U.S. jobs, constituting about 20 percent of the country's Hispanic work force.

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## Cell phone companies dial up customer service

Los Angeles Times

After years of touting their networks, mobile phone companies are trying a new tack to keep customers from leaving.

The nation's four biggest wireless providers are polishing their manners in the wake of customer satisfaction surveys that rank them below health maintenance organizations and cable TV companies.

Rather than rely solely on efforts to widen coverage, improve reception and curtail dropped calls, cell phone companies also are explaining the bill print in contracts, offering generous return policies or adjusting calling plans to reduce exorbitant average charges.

Building a better reputation is all the more important as vi-

ciously competitive companies face a saturated market that forces them to chase one another's customers.

"All the carriers will have cool cellphones and technology," said Michael Bennett, director of customer affairs at Cingular Wireless. "It's the customer-friendly services that can be the differentiator. Competition will occur in this area."

Whether the efforts are paying off is unclear. Some private surveys suggest they aren't, but statistics compiled by the Federal Communications Commission indicate that they may. The number of complaints to the FCC dropped 16 percent in the first nine months this year from the same period last year. The number of gross annual billing and rates fell 1 percent.

## Kroger makes 30-percent leap

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Kroger Co., waging a customer-by-customer fight in a competitive marketplace, on Tuesday reported a 30 percent jump in third-quarter profit and its best results at stores opened at least a year since 1999.

Cincinnati-based Kroger Co. is the parent company of the Twin Falls' Fred Meyer store.

"Kroger earned \$165.4 million, or 25 cents per share, in the quarter ended Nov. 5, compared with earnings of \$142.7 million, or 19 cents, a year ago. The per-share results matched analysts' estimates, according to Thomson Financial.

Kroger shares fell 71 cents, or 3.5 percent, to close at \$19.52 in trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The shares had been trading at the top of their 52-week range of \$15.15 to \$20.88.

Revenue rose 9.1 percent to \$14 billion. Sales at stores opened a year — a key gauge of

### Kroger's stores

Numbers: 2,510 supermarkets and multi-department stores in 32 states as well as hundreds of convenience stores, jewelry stores and other businesses.  
Some names: Ralphs, Frys, Fred Meyer, Food 4 Less, King Soopers, Smokey's, QFC, Dillons, and City Market.

retail strength — were up 6.6 percent with fuel sales, and 3.7 percent without fuel. The company said its higher sales for the quarter helped offset higher energy prices for operations.

David B. Dillon, chairman and chief executive, told analysts and investors that the company in the past year has stepped up surveys of customers about Kroger and its competitors. Grocery competition includes aggressively expanding Wal-Mart Inc. and other discount stores as well as upscale specialty store chains.

"We want to know what matters most to them when they choose where to shop," Dillon said in a conference call. "We know that you win one customer at a time, and these surveys are very useful tools."

He wouldn't disclose details of the research, but said it "really helps us identify areas where we can do better and differentiate ourselves better."

Kroger has used a variety of approaches to counter its competitors, including offering gas discounts in most of its markets tied to use of its customer loyalty cards for store shopping. The company also has developed different formats among its stores, added to its private-label brands and increased non-grocery merchandise in many stores.



A customer shops at the Smith's Marketplace supermarket Monday in Salt Lake City. Kroger David B. Dillon, chairman and chief executive of Kroger Co., said customer surveys were useful in helping the grocer achieve a 30-percent increase in profits in the third quarter. He also said holiday period sales are off to a strong start.



MONEY

Rising productivity lifts stocks

MONEY TIP

Avoiding private mortgage insurance

NEW YORK (AP) — A sharp jump in productivity, the biggest surge in two years, lifted stocks Tuesday but eased gains Tuesday, leaving the market up only slightly at the close.

Investors welcomed word from the Labor Department that the nation's productivity rose 4.7 percent over the summer. That helped push labor costs lower, easing fears of inflation on Wall Street.

Despite the advance, trading volume was light, leading analysts to question whether the market could climb substantially higher in the next few weeks.

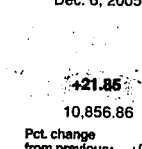
"There's still an element of the self-fulfilling prophecy here, in that you're seeing people jump into a rally just because it's the end of the bear and we're supposed to have a rally," said Chris Johnson, manager of quantitative analysis at Schaeffer's Investment Research. "I wouldn't be surprised if we're lollygagging around here until the end of the year."

The market followed a pattern it has repeated many times since its October lull: Gains early in the day were capped by sharp selling before the close.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 21.85, or 0.2 percent, to 10,856.86 after being up 101 points in earlier trading. The Dow lost 42.50 on Monday.

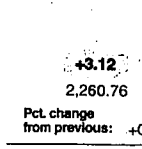
Broader stock indicators also advanced. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.51, or 0.15 percent, to 1,325.22 and the Nasdaq composite index rose 3.12, or 0.14 percent, to 2,260.76. Bonds came back after losses in the previous session, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.48 percent from 4.57 percent late Monday. The dollar was up against most major currencies.

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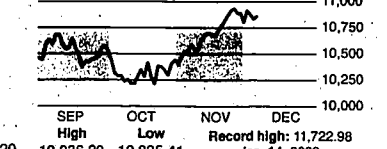
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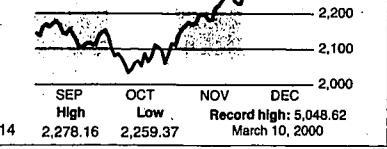
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while gold prices rose to a 25-year high in European trading. Oil prices rose. A barrel of light crude settled at \$59.94, up 3 cents on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Jon Bronson, head of growth equities at Neuberger Berman in Chicago, has been saying for a long time that the chip stocks look cheap. "I'm hearing everyone and their mother talking about that now," he said.

Large-cap stocks rallied Tuesday, but small cap stocks have outperformed their larger peers for 7 years, and continued to do so since the market's October lull, Bronson said.

"Small caps are still sort of in the vanguard here," he said. That said, many large-cap stocks had a strong day. Wal-

Mart Stores Inc. rose 48 cents to \$47.62; General Motors Corp. rose 26 cents to \$22.39 and The Walt Disney Co. rose 51 cents to \$25.62.

"Time Warner Inc. rose 2 cents to \$18.25 after The Wall Street Journal reported that the company's America Online division is close to a deal with Microsoft Corp. to create an online advertising service to compete with that of Google Inc. Follow Dow Industrial Microsoft slipped 16 cents to \$27.70, while Google fell 51.31 to \$404.54.

Sears Holdings Corp. posted sharply lower profits from the prior year, but still beat Wall Street forecasts for the quarter. Sales at both Kmart and Sears stores were down from a year ago, continuing a sales slump

for the newly combined company. Sears Holdings nonetheless rose \$6.26 to \$122.97.

Apple Computer Inc. rose \$2.75 to \$74.05 after it announced a deal with NBC Universal to sell episodes of a dozen shows on Apple online iTunes store. The shows, ranging from "Alfred Hitchcock Presents" to "Bulterstar Glaci- ca," expand Apple's TV catalog from five shows to 16. General Electric Co., which owns 80 percent of NBC Universal, rose 3 cents to \$35.80.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by roughly 9 to 7 on the New York Stock Exchange, where preliminary consolidated volume from a year ago, continuing a sales slump

By Marshall Loeb Knight Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — Buying a house by making a down payment of less than 20 percent can add an extra \$10 to \$200 to the monthly bill if you fail to obtain private mortgage insurance.

PMI, which compensates the lender if the homeowner defaults on the mortgage, varies according to the size of the loan. There are strategies, however, to avoid PMI.

Consider a "piggyback" loan. If you can come up with 10 percent down payment, the other 10 percent can be supplied through a private loan — giving you the 20 percent down payment. The second, "piggyback" loan often comes with a higher interest rate, but it can be a better deal after tax considerations than paying the PMI. This option, however, should be weighed carefully.

Look for a lender who self-insures. Low-down payment loans. These lenders, rather than charge PMI, bump up the interest rate a quarter-point or so to compensate themselves for the greater risk of default on low-down loans. The advantage of paying the higher rate is that the interest charges are deductible on federal income taxes. PMI payments are not. Get your house revalued. Home values in many parts of the country have increased steadily over the past few years. The amount you owe for your mortgage may have dropped to less than 80 percent of the home value, simply because the equity has risen so dramatically. (Note: The greater the amount you still must pay for the first two years of the PMI) Lender policies vary on PMI cancellation, so you'll want to check the policy of your institution. And you'll need an appraisal.

AP

Hunting

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type. But people are buying them. It's kind of like the SUV of dogs.

Customers driving the market tend to be baby boomers on the cusp of retirement, a group with spending power to buy not only the most expensive, but the wildlife-rich land for hunting or expensive travel packages to game preserves, he said.

"It really has become a white collar sport in many ways," said Tracy, whose store — the 43rd in the Salt Lake City-based chain — opened just four weeks ago.

The cost of state permits also has risen dramatically with tags to hunt elk reaching well over \$500 in some instances.

Yet hunters appear to be a dying breed. There were 16.2 million licensed hunters in the United States in 1984, when the sport peaked in popularity. Last year, that number slipped to 14.7 million, reflecting a lack of younger people taking up the sport, the loss of arable land and a cultural shift away from hunting, among other factors.

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Jobs

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Jobs

The lure of higher wages appears to be a big incentive. Although undocumented Mexican immigrants draw a median income here of only \$30,000 a week — less than half that of U.S. workers — those earnings easily surpass the \$100 to \$120 average weekly salaries they draw at home.

Jobs

Seasonal work often results in long spells of inactivity, but non-employment for illegal immigrants who've been in the country at least six months is strikingly low — near 5 percent.

Jobs

The Pew findings provide new demographic insights for lawmakers as they move toward a possible overhaul of the nation's immigration laws.

Jobs

Mexican immigrants have little trouble finding jobs. They rely heavily on tips from friends and relatives in the United States.

Micron

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Micron

Appleton said Micron would consider acquiring other companies, but declined to say if it was targeting any for takeover.

Micron

Micron still intends to build a new fabrication plant to produce larger 300-millimeter silicon wafers that are used for making memory chips.

Micron

"It's not a question of it, but when," Appleton said of the new project. "We still have several hundred million dollars worth of investment we need to make on the (joint venture) NVM."

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101 Lost and Found FOUND Husky cow dog, tan and speckled, approx 2 years old on North Rd in Jerome. 324-3989

101 Lost and Found FOUND Lab pup, yellow, male, 6 miles north and 1.5 mile west of Jerome. Call 208-308-2520

101 Lost and Found LOST Alaskan Husky wearing colored, nice markings, 55 lbs. Last seen on 11/22/05 near Jerome. He needs a new home, but we would like to be sure he is OK. Reward Call 208-733-9992

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BIRTHDAY PHOTOS Have you forgotten to pick up your birthday photos? We have some photos we are sure you don't want to toss. These can be picked up at The Times-News Classified Dept

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EASY #20

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page E-9.

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**GRAPHIC DESIGNER**  
The Casper Star-Tribune is seeking a talented, organized and energetic Graphic Designer to work with the sales and marketing departments. Design teams and projects to create special sections, daily advertisements and other projects.  
Excellent organizational and communication skills, accuracy, and attention to detail are necessary. Must be familiar with Adobe CS2 or QuarkXpress programs and have related experience or training.  
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**GENERAL**  
Lang Employment Drilling is in search of ambitious people that want a chance to start building a career.  
We are currently accepting applications for the following positions:  
**Drillers Assistant:**  
You will learn how to operate a variety of equipment types, while you gain the knowledge and experience needed to advance with our company. You need to be able to lift 100 pounds, be drug free, able to obtain a commercial drivers license and enjoy working outdoors at our drilling locations throughout the western US.  
Applications can be obtained by calling 775-753-7772.

**DELIVERY**  
The Wood River Journal  
The Wood River Journal is looking for a responsible Newspaper Carrier to work as an independent contractor delivering newspapers in Sun Valley each Wednesday morning from 4:30-6:30AM. Candidates must have reliable transportation, valid driver's license, insurance and must be at least 18 years of age. Compensation is \$26/week.  
Interested candidates please contact Esther at 208-578-1807 (leave message), or Terry at the Journal office, 208-788-3444. Also, stop by the WRJ office to fill out an application.

**SALES**  
**Outside Advertising Executive**  
We seek a motivated self-starter to sell newspaper advertising for The Times-News in both the Burley and Twin Falls markets. Must possess excellent verbal and written communication skills, time management and organizational skills and ability to meet deadlines. Must have reliable transportation. Media sales experience and related college degree is preferred but not required. Commission income plus corporate benefits, including medical, dental, vision, 401k retirement, and employee stock purchase plan.  
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Mechanic wanted full time. Minimum 1 year experience. Supply own tools. Salary DOE plus benefits. 208-431-1033

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Busy medical office is looking for an intelligent, capable, self-starter who is dependable, detail oriented, can provide phone and on-site and communication skills, strong verbal and writing skills. Full time Front/Back Office Position. Please send resume to Box 92782 of The Times-News Twin Falls, ID, 83303

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