

GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Cool with a few clouds. High 23, low 11.

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Seven of Magic Valley's touching trees.

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Times-News columnist Steve Crump knows who truly runs his household.

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Local highways may wait longer due to GAIVEE.

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FROM KAZAKHSTAN TO IDAHO

Women from the former Soviet Union take on the English language at CSI.

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Game on

See what's new and hot for your Xbox 360 system.

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Blue Lakes project may see delays

Funding in question due to inflation, highway bill

The Associated Press

BOISE — Rising prices for cement and steel, as well as delays in passing the 2005 federal highway bill, have left Idaho Transportation Department officials about \$200 million short of funding estimates through 2008. As a result, legislators say projects, including improvements to Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls, may not have adequate funding.

Twin Falls City Manager Tom

Courney said Tuesday he's not been notified of any delays in funding for the Blue Lakes Boulevard North project, and is hopeful that construction can start in October at the beginning of fiscal 2007.

Courney said the City Council still plans to vote on the controversial raised medians issue at Monday's meeting. Raised medians have been considered for Blue Lakes Boulevard North, but the proposal has met stiff opposition, especially from

business owners.

Some Idaho lawmakers say the shortfall could affect Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's separate \$1.2 billion "Connecting Idaho" program. That encompasses 13 highway improvement proposals around the state.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Idaho, said he was not sure he wants to move ahead with "Connecting Idaho" if some other projects aren't funded.

"I've received several calls from members of the Legisla-

ture ... who are concerned," Cameron told the Idaho Statesman newspaper.

State officials said that while some projects have lost funding at least temporarily, the shortfall isn't related to "Connecting Idaho."

Defenders of the state's largest-ever construction project, including Sen. Brad Little, R-Idaho, said the Transportation Department couldn't do anything about rising building costs — or the fact that Congress took

two years to pass the \$266 billion federal highway bill, leaving states like Idaho to guess how much they would be getting in coming years.

Transportation Board Chairman Chuck Winder said the shortfall makes "Connecting Idaho" even more important, because Kempthorne's plan will allow the state to build new and avoid inflation in the future.

"If there's ever a reason to do (the project), it's now," Winder said.

Staff writer Jerry Smith contributed to this report.

Life



at a faster pace



Above, Mark Moore readjusts his prosthetic leg Thursday night while his son, Garrett, plays at his father's feet with dog Rooco at their home in Twin Falls. Top, Moore ties his shoe onto his prosthetic leg.

High-tech prosthesis changes man's life

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Mark Moore is doing things he hasn't done in years.

He tosses a football with his son out in the yard. Last summer, he was the head coach of his son's baseball team. He shovels snow from his driveway. Heck, he's even doing his own version of speed walking now.

These are all seemingly simple, everyday things for most people. But for Moore to be able to do them is nothing short of a miracle. In the summer of 2003, after 31 surgeries to try to remove the staph infection that was eating away his right leg, Moore decided to have his leg amputated. Surgeons also had to remove part of his pelvis.

Dale Perkins of Rehab Systems in Twin Falls designed a prosthesis with a socket — a plastic girdle-like device Moore wears around his waist — with a titanium leg attached to the front that bent at the hip and the knee. It was better than no leg at all, but it was far from perfect. One wrong step would send Moore careening to the floor. Tossing a football with his son, Garrett, or shoveling the snow from his driveway were simply out of the question. They were just too dangerous.

Garrett, now 9, was just 3 when Moore first got sick. "I couldn't do the things like wrestle and chase him around — things dads do with 3-year-olds," Moore said.

All that changed in May when Moore got his new C-Leg, a microprocessor-controlled

knee made by Otto Bock Health Care in Minnesota. By using microprocessors to control the knee's hydraulic function, the knee anticipates what Moore is doing and accommodates changes. The knee allows him to walk at varying speeds, take on hills and uneven terrain and even go down stairs. A second set of settings can be created for a different activity, which Moore can access by tapping his toe.

Moore had his new high-tech C-Leg and life definitely changed for the better, but his socket and upper prosthesis needed to catch up.

"I got a Porsche leg with a Volkswagen socket," he said last month.

"Orange County Choppers" theme, no less. Attached to it is a new, metallic blue upper prosthesis that goes nicely with his metallic red C-Leg.

"Now I've got a Porsche leg and a Porsche socket," he said. "I'm more secure. The other socket was so loose, I can go down the stairs better now."

He even has a swivel attachment that allows him to bend the prosthesis at any angle. For instance, he can swivel it around and look at the bottom of his foot. He can set the prosthesis on the seat beside him when he's driving his truck. Sometimes, it catches strangers off-guard.

"I went to the car wash and it was sitting on the seat," Moore said. "The kid opened the door

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A DARKER SIDE

Disappearance sparks probe of cruise ship safety

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The mysterious disappearance of a Connecticut man during a honeymoon cruise is drawing congressional attention to a seamy side of the glitzy cruise industry. "Like small cities, cruise ships experience crime — from petty to profoundly tragic," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., chairman of one of two congressional subcommittees hearing testimony Tuesday. George Allen Smith IV van-



Years fall from the eyes of Jennifer Hagel Smith, wife of George Allen Smith IV, as she listens to testimony about the disappearance of her husband on Tuesday. Issued from a Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. ship in the Mediter-

ranean 10 days after his wedding last summer. His family says he was a victim of foul play covered up by the cruise ship line to avoid bad publicity.

Authorities agree the case is suspicious, saying blood stains were found running from the balcony of his cabin to life boats and a hand print was discovered on the side of the ship.

Industry officials estimated 13 people have disappeared from cruise ships in the past two years. But Shays and other lawmakers question such statistics because they said the industry supplies its own data to the FBI and might be playing down crime.

Smith's wife, Jennifer Hagel Smith, says ship officials forced

Saving the world from 'shopocalypse'

Man denounces consumerism

By Rex W. Huppke Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Prowling Chicago's Michigan Avenue like Seton with a blind pompadour, Reverend Billy exhorted holiday shoppers to stop shopping — a request that, given the retail-rich surroundings, would've left people little to do but stand around and be cold.

"We are addicted, conflicted, hypnotized and consumerized," he belted, with faux-

evangelical enthusiasm. "We've got to save Christmas from the 'shopocalypse'!"

While few could question this man's fervor, it seemed the only thing the through weren't buying was the message the good Reverend was selling.

No matter. For a performance artist shrewdly building an empire of irony around anti-commercialism schtick, the show must go on.

Bill Talen is not a reverend, and his New York City Church of Stop Shopping is most certainly not a church. But that

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST
Today: A cool, partly cloudy day. Highs, 20s
Tonight: Chilly with fair to partly cloudy skies. Lows, lower teens
Tomorrow: A few clouds. Highs, 20s

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST
Today: Cool with a few clouds
Tonight: Dry and quite chilly
Thursday: Scattered clouds
Friday: Quiet, but cool weather continues
Saturday: Partly cloudy
Sunday: Warming up a bit

Yesterday's Weather
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Boise 26 24 Trace
Coeur d'Alene 28 24 0.00
Idaho Falls 28 24 0.00
Lewiston 28 24 0.00
Pocatello 28 24 0.00
Twin Falls 28 24 0.00

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST
Today: Fair to sunny skies. Highs, mid 20s to near 30
Tonight: Cool and remaining dry. Lows, teens
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies. Highs, 20s

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS
Temperature: 23/11
Precipitation: 0.00
Humidity: 65%
Barometric Pressure: 30.1 in
Sunrise and Sunset: 7:58 AM / 4:58 PM

IDAHO'S FORECAST
SUN VALLEY, SPOKANE MTS.
Other than some areas of patchy fog mainly in the morning, the weather will be on the quiet side up to the near future. Precipitation is not expected.

Moon Phases
Full Moon: Dec 16
New Moon: Dec 21
First Quarter: Dec 23
Last Quarter: Dec 28

U.V. INDEX
Low Moderate High
A
The higher the index the greater the sun's ultraviolet radiation.

BOISE
Cool, dry December days are on the way. With nothing to push out the current mix and weather pattern, there will not be much change in the weather from day to day.

REGIONAL FORECAST
City Today Tomorrow
Boise 23 20
Coeur d'Alene 28 24
Idaho Falls 28 24

WORLD FORECAST
City Today Tomorrow
London 10 12
Paris 10 12
Tokyo 55 58

NORTHERN UTAH
Mostly sunny skies during the day and fair skies at night will make for decent walking weather. However, it will rain an chilly.

NATIONAL FORECAST
City Today Tomorrow
Atlanta 68 53
Boston 48 33
Chicago 48 33

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP
Fronts: Warm, Stationary, Occluded
Precipitation: Rain, Snow, Sleet

YESTERDAY'S STATE EXTREMES
HI: 26 at Deer Flat Dam, ID.
LO: 10 at Starry

CANADA FORECAST
City Today Tomorrow
Calgary 15 10
Edmonton 15 10
Vancouver 15 10

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Prosthesis
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More improvements are to come. Moore will soon get a new foot that has more spring in its step.

California regulators unveil \$3.2B plan for solar power
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — State energy regulators on Tuesday unveiled one of the nation's most ambitious programs to expand use of renewable energy in California.

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Talen has been arrested many times and by court order, is barred from entering any Starbucks and Starbucks that dot the country.

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NATION/WORLD

FINAL DAY OF CAMPAIGNING

Four U.S. soldiers die in roadside bomb; gunmen assassinate Iraqi candidate

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — On the last day of campaigning, a roadside bomb killed four American soldiers Tuesday and gunmen assassinated a candidate for parliament in this week's election. A Shiite politician escaped injury in a bombing south of Baghdad.

The U.S. ambassador, meanwhile, said Tuesday the total number of abused prisoners found so far in jails run by the Shiite-led Interior Ministry came to about 120. The statement by Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad reinforced Sunni claims of mistreatment by security forces — a major issue among Sunnis in the election campaign.

Despite the violence, more than 1,000 Sunni clerics issued a religious decree instructing their followers to vote Thursday, boosting American hopes the election will encourage more members of the disaffected minority to abandon the insurgency.

Three of Iraq's leading politicians agreed Tuesday that a speedy withdrawal by foreign troops before Iraqi forces are ready would cause chaos.

But the three — former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, Kurdish

leader Massoud Barzani and Sunni Arab politician Iyraq al-Hashimi — disagreed on the description of U.S. and other foreign troops. Barzani described them as "forces of liberation," while al-Hashimi said they were occupiers.

The three leaders, speaking from Baghdad, appeared in a debate on the Dubai-based Al-Arabiya television. Such debates are rare in the Arab world, where candidates mainly rely on rallies attended by hand-picked followers.

The comments were noteworthy because they represent important constituencies in the Thursday vote, when Iraqis will choose a 275-member parliament to serve for the next four years.

Barzani heads the Kurdish autonomous region in the north and is among the country's most powerful politicians. Allawi heads a religiously mixed ticket in the Thursday election. Al-Hashimi represents a major Sunni Arab coalition.

Allawi, a secular Shiite, said an early U.S. withdrawal "will lead to a catastrophic war." Al-Hashimi, whose party has



An Iraqi man distributes election pamphlets for the Shiite cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani in Baghdad on Tuesday.

been sharply critical of the U.S. role, said he looked forward to "my country's liberation" but not "to be followed by chaos." Allawi also said early U.S. withdrawal "will lead to a catastrophic war."

Al-Hashimi criticized President Bush for saying the United States is fighting terrorism in Iraq.

"Why should Iraqis pay a bill for something they have nothing to do with?" said al-Hashimi, a candidate for parliament. "Terrorism is not the problem of Iraqis." A U.S. military statement said four soldiers from Task Force

Baghdad died in a blast northwest of the capital, but did not specify the location. That brought to at least 2,149 the number of U.S. service members to have died since the start of the war in 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

Elsewhere, gunmen killed Sunni Arab candidate Mezher al-Dulaimi as he was filling his car at a gas station in Kanadi, an insurgent stronghold 70 miles west of Baghdad. Al-Dulaimi took part in a conference last month in Cairo that was attended by representatives of Iraq's major factions.

California executes L.A. gang founder

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP) — Convicted killer Stanley Tookie Williams, the Crips gang co-founder whose case stirred a national debate about capital punishment versus the possibility of redemption, was executed early Tuesday.

Williams, 51, died at 12:35 a.m. Officials at San Quentin State Prison seemed to the lethal mixture into his muscular arm. As they struggled to find a vein, Williams looked up repeatedly and appeared frustrated, shaking his head at supporters and other witnesses.

"You doing that right?" it sounded as if he asked one of the men with a needle.

After he was declared dead, his supporters shouted in unison: "The state of California just kills innocent men," as they walked out of the chamber.

The case became the state's highest-profile execution in decades. Hollywood stars and capital punishment foes argued that Williams' sentence should be commuted to life in prison because he had made amends by writing children's books about the dangers of gangs.

In days leading up to the execution, state and federal courts

refused to reopen his case. Monday, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger denied Williams' request for clemency, suggesting that his supposed change of heart was not genuine because he had not shown any real remorse for the killings committed by the Crips.

"Is Williams redemption complete and sincere or is it just a hollow promise?" Schwarzenegger wrote. "Without an apology and atonement for these senseless and brutal killings, there can be no redemption."

Williams was condemned in 1981 for gunning down convenience store clerk Albert Owens, 26, at a 7-Eleven in Whittier and killing Yen-Yang, 76, Fei-Shih Chen Yang, 63, and the complex's daughter Yu-Chin Yang Lin, 43, at the Los Angeles motel they owned. Williams claimed he was innocent.

Lora Owens, Owens' stepmother, watched Williams die. In the days before the execution, she was one of the outspoken advocates who begged the execution should go forward. She said her stepson was shot twice in the back, even though she begged Williams for his life.

"I believe in a just punishment long overdue," she told ABC's "Good Morning America,"

Pilings at one levee were correctly installed

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Eight sections of steel sheet pulled from a failed New Orleans levee Tuesday appear to have been driven into the ground to the specified depth, contradicting earlier tests, engineers said.

The sheet pilings were removed as part of an investigation into why the flood wall at the 17th Street Canal failed, contributing to floods that covered 60 percent of the city when Hurricane Katrina struck on Aug. 29.

The steel had been sunk into the ground to prevent water from saturating the soil and destabilizing the flood walls. Initial testing by sonar had indicated the sheet pilings were driven to only about 10 feet below sea level, even though the design called for 17.5 feet below sea level.

The discrepancy fueled suspicion of wrongdoing in the building of the flood wall, attracting criminal investigators to the work site. The U.S. attorney, the state attorney general and the district attorney all have launched investigations into the building and maintenance of the levees.

After pulling and measuring the pilings, officials with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

expressed a measure of relief, saying the Corps was responsible for ensuring the construction matched the design when the flood wall was built in the early 1980s.

But if the flood wall was built to specifications, as the latest inspection indicated, the next question will be whether the design was faulty.

"We need to look at all the failure mechanisms because obviously something did happen here and each piece of the puzzle helps us determine what happened," said Col. Lewis Sellif, commander of the task force restoring about 350 miles of hurricane protection levees in the New Orleans area.

Brig. Gen. Robert Greer said the length of the sections pulled all exceeded 23 feet. About six feet of the sheet piling was above sea level, leaving a little more than 17 feet below sea level — in accordance with design specifications.

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WORLD Protests strike WTO meeting

HONG KONG (AP) — Protests clashed with police as a World Trade Organization meeting opened Tuesday, and delegates said divisions between rich and poor nations over agricultural trade are major breakthroughs in the global talks unlikely.

Fiscal Lamy, the WTO's director-general, officially opened the six-day meeting by urging the nearly 6,000 delegates from the Geneva-based trade body's 149 member countries to be "bold, open-minded and prepared to take some risks."

The Hong Kong meeting originally was meant to draw up an outline for a global treaty by the end of 2006 to lower or eliminate trade barriers in agriculture, manufacturing and services. But negotiations got off to a rocky start as delegates from poorer countries accused the European Union, the United States, Japan and other wealthy countries of offering insufficient cuts to their agricultural tariffs and farm subsidies.

Farming accounts for only a small slice of the world economic pie, but its critical role in the lives of billions of people makes it the most to the fore of WTO talks.

Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson said the EU won't change its offer of an average 46 percent cut in farm tariffs unless developing nations offer substantive reductions in their trade barriers on manufactured goods and services. But underscoring the limited nature of his ability to negotiate, Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin said in Paris on Tuesday that France will not accept any EU budget accord that forces Europe to reform agricultural policy before 2013.

Activists call for inquiry into China shootings

SHENZHEN, China (AP) — A group of Chinese activists and academics — including one whose son was killed in the Tiananmen Square crackdown — called Tuesday for an inquiry into the deadly police shooting of villagers protesting the seizure of land for a power plant.

Such petitions have carried little weight in the past, but China's leaders have shown unusual concern about the latest violence in southern China, where they seek a balance between maintaining order and letting the public vent some frustrations.

The letter from the activists, posted on a Web site abroad, urged the government to publish the names of those killed in Dongzhou, a coastal village in Guangdong province northeast of Hong Kong, and to compensate their families.

The government says three people were killed when police opened fire Dec. 6; villagers put the death toll as high as 20. It was the deadliest clash yet in a series of confrontations between police and villagers angry over land seizures.

"We express our strongest protest and condemnation of the Guangdong authorities who created this murder case," said the letter, whose 14 signatories included Ding Zilin, a retired Beijing academic whose son was killed in China's 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy protests.

Public dissent has flourished in recent years as China's communist government eased social controls and complaints over corruption, pollution and yawning gaps in income grew.

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EDITORIAL

Local highways may wait longer due to GARVEE

If you think the contract, controversy swelling over the Connecting Idaho road proposal is that projects only lose end, think again.

Lawmakers and local officials need to probe further before near one of the bold highway initiative begins. Namely, will the \$1.6 billion road building plan prioritize and shift existing road projects in coming years? Based on the state's newest planning report for road projects, the answer is yes.

Last January, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne proposed 13 major road projects worth \$1.6 billion on 258 miles of highway. One of the goodies was a new bridge over the Snake River Canyon in Twin Falls.

To pay for it, Kempthorne proposed use of Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle bonds, or GARVEE bonds for short. By issuing those bonds, the state raises money in anticipation of future federal highway dollars. Then as the feds disperse money in coming years, a chunk of it is paid out in debt service (which is both bond principal and the interest).

The plan stirred doubts from the start, one of them being how the state would maintain existing road projects with these bold new projects. Transportation officials said not to worry.

Chuck Winder, chairman of the Transportation Board told a Twin Falls audience, "All of our local projects that are in the system, stay in the system." ITD director David Ekenst said it wasn't the state's intent to rearrange road project priorities.

- Blue Lakes Boulevard renovations planned for 2007.
- Highway 93 repaving from near Jerome planned for 2007.
- Highway 75 bridge replacement and road reconstruction north of Shoshone planned for 2010.
- Highway 30 repaving near Burley planned for 2007.
- North Overland Drive

reconstruction in Burley planned for 2008.

The state plan states each of these projects "will only be built in the construction year if there is not GARVEE debt service in that year or should other projects scheduled in that year not be ready to construct."

GARVEE debt services, however, have been mapped out for the next six years and beyond. The addition of larger road projects may create tighter competition for other projects as well.

Our view: A number of Idaho road projects face uncertain timelines due in part to the Connecting Idaho road plan.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The recently approved federal highway plan, although a whopping \$284 billion, was \$84 million less than what Idaho expected.

High fuel prices were also a double whammy. Consumers cut back on their usage creating smaller returns in state revenue, while those same prices also drove up the costs of diesel fuel, cement and steel. That created more costs to the tune of \$126 million.

"There were changes to our program independent of the Legislature's decision to move into GARVEE," said ITD information director Jeff Stratton about the \$210 million shortfall. "Professional staff did its best analysis for what our federal funding would be. And I don't think anyone could predict what happened with fuel, to price of concrete and shortages."

But state leaders, including Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, and Congressman Butch Otter sounded cautious on road bonding, largely because of uncertainties with federal funds in the long term.

Transportation officials have every right to give certain Idaho roads a higher priority. Safety concerns on Highway 95 of North Idaho and congestion in the Treasure Valley both warrant greater attention from the state. And it should be noted that next year's GARVEE bonding appropriation will include early studies for the Twin Falls bridge.

But if the federal fund shortages and inflation have altered the project list, local officials need more clarity from the state on how those projects will unfold — and when. Idahoans deserve to know how long projects will be on the back burner.



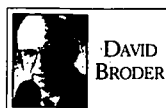
The unforgettable legacy of Senator McCarthy

Former Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, who died last week at 83, was the most paradoxical of the major political figures of his time. A deeply serious and religious man, an educator and a poet, he also had a wicked sense of humor. One day in the late 1950s, when liberal maverick Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon and Ernest Gruening of Alaska, who were always in the doghouse of Senate Minority Leader Lyndon Johnson, fell into a dispute with each other, McCarthy straddled by the press table in the Senate restaurant.

"The in the leper colony," he observed, deadpan. McCarthy defied easy categorization. A product of rural Minnesota, educated by the Benedictine and married to a woman, the former Abigail Quigley, every bit as capable a writer and thinker as himself, he was taken up in his 30s by the Democratic Party as the Farmer-Labor Party, led then and for decades afterward by Hubert H. Humphrey.

He ousted a Republican incumbent to win the House seat from St. Paul, became an early ringleader of the reform-minded Democratic Study Group, and moved on to the Senate in the Democratic sweep of 1958. A renowned orator, he wrote and delivered a nominating speech for Adlai Stevenson at the 1960 Democratic National Convention that set off a wild demonstration in the galleries in Los Angeles — and gained him the enduring enmity of the Kennedy clan, which was about to nominate one of its own for president.

However, McCarthy was hardly a national figure when he lost to Lyndon Johnson and other leaders of the dump-Johnson movement approached him in 1967, seeking an anti-Vietnam candidate who would challenge the president at the 1968 primaries. McCarthy had broken publicly with Johnson on the war, and he was still nursing personal wounds from being passed over by Johnson in 1964, when the Texas chairman of Humphrey as his running mate.



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But McCarthy was characteristically out of the campaign, insisting in almost academic fashion that he was not "running" for president but was "willing" to serve. For all his reluctance, he was a magnetic figure for young people particularly, and for the broad swath of Democrats who had come to oppose the war. If Vietnam fueled his dissent, he insisted that his purpose was larger — and less personal — than for most candidates. In his fine double biography of McCarthy and Humphrey, "Almost to the Presidency," journalist and fellow Minnesotan Albert Eisele quotes this passage from McCarthy's November 1967 declaration of candidacy: "I am hoping that this challenge I am making, which I am hoping will be supported by other members of the Senate and by other politicians, may illustrate the sense of political helplessness and restore to many people a belief in the processes of American politics and of American government."

No more selfless manifesto was imaginable. The response was extraordinary. College students by the thousands scrubbed up "Clean for Gene," and hit the campaign trail in New Hampshire and

later primaries. Even after all the stunning events that followed — Robert Kennedy's entry into the race, Kennedy's murder, the bloody Chicago convention that nominated but crippled Humphrey, and the election of Richard Nixon — scores of those McCarthy volunteers remained in politics, fueling a generation of Democratic activism.

Oddly, McCarthy was uncomfortable with the personal adulation. As ambitious as Humphrey, he was far more remote and self-centered — the opposite of a glad-handing politician. I saw him with someone who deliberately distanced himself from even his closest political allies — and not just when he lived with the Minnesota delegation at the Democratic convention of 1964, but also when he pursued his own ambition to become John's running mate, while his old comrade labored to get Humphrey onto the ticket.

In 1966, when his Minnesota party was tearing itself apart in a protracted convention struggle for power between the governor and the lieutenant governor, McCarthy isolated himself in a remote hotel suite, refusing to intercede with the delegates but pouring drinks for reporters and discouraging on the Treaty of Ghent.

This history made his action a year later in plunging into the Vietnam debate and the presidential campaign all the more remarkable. After years were not happy ones, I heard him in a forum a few years ago, and his talk was a recital of grievances — directed at people either dead or long retired, who had failed in McCarthy's still-harsh judgment to meet their responsibilities in that 1968 crucible.

At that moment of history almost four decades ago, he stood alone — an example of courage that resonates right down to this day.

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LETTERS

Rep. Simpson's plan gives away too much

Congressman Simpson can call by any name he thinks will slip it through the Congress, but a wilderness bill is still a wilderness bill and bribery is still bribery.

I can't fault Custer County for grabbing the money and free Stanley Basin land he is offering them in exchange for their support. I'm sure they already know that wilderness is a local economy killer.

How much better it would have been if the congressman had devoted his considerable talents working to renew the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. It benefits all of our counties with large areas of national forest land and honors the historic covenant between our rural counties and the federal government.

I am reminded of the biblical story of Esau who sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. If the bill passes and the gift of land adjacent to Stanley survives the many lawsuits that will surely try to block it, I suggest the county require the developer to call the new subdivision the Esau Community Potage Point to commemorate its origin. TOM GLASS Boise

Story captured the emotion of farm sale

The Chandler article of the farm sale with pictures was exceptionally well done. The situation was almost as traumatic as the loss of the husband-father but written with sympathy and awareness of the feelings of the family and neighbors.

One must experience a farm sale to know the depth of emotions involved. Mrs. Chandler is a heroine in every way, as are the children.

I appreciate the honesty of the farm sale story. The Times-News would share it with the valley.

Thank you. JANELLE R. ARRINGTON Twin Falls

Holiday trees are for one holiday — Christmas

I noticed one of our department stores was advertising "holiday trees."

I think we have at least seven holidays. Let's see, there's Presidents' Day. We could hang president ornaments; for Easter, we could hang Easter eggs; for Memorial Day we could hang the tombstones; for the Fourth of July, we could hang flags; for Labor Day, we could hang vacation spots, and Thanksgiving, how about turkey?

What in the world happened to Christmas, which is the celebration of Christ's birthday?

I don't think this is what St. Nicholas had in mind for "give."

HERMAN SCHMITZ Twin Falls

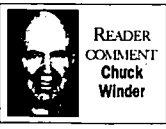
Transportation board veers away from politics

More than 50 years ago, the Idaho Legislature severed politics from road building.

A three-member citizen highway board was created in 1951 to make transportation decisions. The best interests of Idaho — rather than political patronage — dictated highway construction.

I am chairman of the descendant of that idea — the seven-member citizen Idaho Transportation Board. And I'm writing to assure you that today's board serves with the same integrity and character that sustained this system for more than half a century.

Why do I need to make these assurances? You may have seen some of Idaho's media carelessly and incorrectly use words like "favorites," "preferential treatment" and "politically motivated" to describe how the Idaho Transportation Board selected consultants to manage the state's new highway bonding program.



political influence and within its authority in making this decision.

From its inception, Gov. Kempthorne's \$1.6 billion "Connecting Idaho" initiative delegated management and decision-making responsibilities to the transportation program.

During the past year, the board actively exercised its authority over the bonding program. Eight times the board debated, modified or made decisions about the program. It is clear the board has the final decision-making authority for the Idaho Transportation Department. Board members consider the professional advice of the transportation department staff, the values of the communities and citizens

they represent, input from elected officials and their own professional experiences and backgrounds when making decisions.

It is through this process that Idahoans have entrusted the transportation board for more than 50 years to make the decisions in the best interest of the state. The process has worked and continues to work extremely well.

The real question is whether the department and the Idaho Transportation Board followed correct procedures in the selection of a consultant to manage the visionary plan. The Federal Highway Administration asked the department to review whether it met all federal guidelines.

After learning about the federal agency's concerns, the transportation board voted to put the selection process on hold and stopped all contract negotiations. The department is working to address the Federal Highway Administration's questions and ensure we fully comply with federal procedures.

But what does this mean to "Connecting Idaho"?

The highway projects proposed in the initial stages of "Connecting Idaho" are already being designed or are ready for construction. What they need is funding — funding the bonds will provide.

Many other steps, such as selecting a bonding firm, have been completed.

The role of the consultant-program manager is to develop a plan for projects where little or no work has been done — to condense a process that often can take five or more years to complete into three years or less.

Idaho is ready to take the next step in "Connecting Idaho." A step that is necessary to ensure that Idaho's transportation system continues to be safe, efficient and capable of meeting our needs into the 21st century. That remains the highest priority of the transportation board.

Chuck Winder is chairman of the Idaho Transportation Board.

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NATION

Former President Ford in hospital

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP)—Former President Gerald Ford, suffering from "a horrible cold," was in the hospital Tuesday for what his chief of staff called routine medical tests.

Ford, 92, was admitted to Eisenhower Medical Center late Monday and was expected to be released today, spokeswoman Penny Circle said from Ford's Rancho Mirage office about 110 miles east of Los Angeles.

"It's in for medical tests, routine tests," Circle told The Associated Press by telephone. "He's had a horrible cold and he still hasn't gotten over it."

Circle said those tests are scheduled each December. She did not release other details.

In January, Ford underwent two days of hospital tests to follow-up on his annual pre-Christmas physical.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said, "We wish

President Ford well and a speedy recovery."

In May 2003, Ford was hospitalized for a night after he got dizzy while golfing in hot weather.

Five years ago, he suffered two small strokes while attending the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia and spent about a week in a hospital. Doctors said there was no apparent brain damage or permanent disability.

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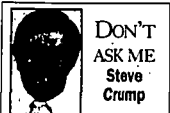
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What makes you think you're in charge?

My dog snores, but that's not the worst of it: She's teaching other dogs to snore, too. Petunia, who's an 11-year-old Lhasa apso, lives with Annie, a 7-year-old Wheaten terrier, and Carmen, a 3-year-old becker cross — my wife's dog. Petunia sleeps on her back with all four feet in the air, so Annie and Carmen now sleep that way, too. I don't know what canine physiology, but that particular posture must leave dogs in a unique position to snore the house down.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

And they do so, all in harmony. It's as if every single member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir had a head cold, and they all tried to play the "Ode to Joy" together on kazos.

On top of that, Petunia is given to chasing rabbits in her sleep, an activity so animated that she invariably wakes herself up by barking at herself.

That in turn wakes up Annie, who barks at nothing in particular, and Carmen, who barks at nothing. Annie is barking, it. It's, literally, a three-thing circus.

And since they're all now awake, the dogs want to go outside. So I let them out the back door and sit down on the sofa, dozing while they do their business.

I'm peacefully dreaming by the time Petunia scratches the screen door to come inside, but Annie and Carmen are nowhere in sight. So I settle back down on the sofa, nod off and am awakened by Carmen barking at the door.

Annie, however, is still at large, so I figure I'll sit down a moment and wait. I end up stretched out on the couch, snoring about a half a cord of wood.

Eventually, it occurs to Annie — who's not the brightest bulb on the porch — that it's getting cold, so she trots up to the door, stands on her hind legs and peers inside. She does this for up to 30 minutes at a time, saving her bark as a last resort.

And when Annie finally does bark, she sets off the other two dogs in unison, and we start all over again.

Living with three dogs is like living with three more kids, and for any reason, anything you're doing — sleeping, watching TV, conversing, pitching woo — can be interrupted by a cacophony of noise.

And it's not that Petunia, Annie and Carmen just bark; they run around the house and bark.

So to answer the door, first you have to catch Petunia, who has been called "a little ball of teeth," and toss her into the bathroom. Then you have to corral Carmen, who's aggressively afraid of strangers.

Annie doesn't bite, but while you're standing there trying to talk with whomever is at the door, she barks unceasingly until the visitor departs.

Dog owners, I think, are meant to sleep little and entertain less. Perhaps it headcrushes back to the beginning of humankind's long and unequal association with dogs.

Dogs were first domesticated by our cave ancestors to let

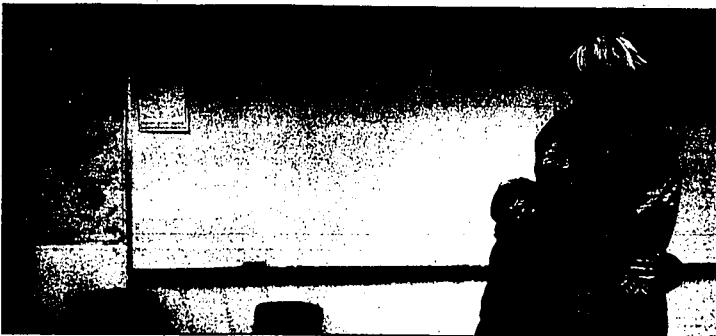
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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% normal
Banham	100%	20%
Big Wood	108%	30%
Little Wood	98%	27%
Big Lost	102%	28%
Little Lost	89%	27%
Henry's Fork/Twin	100%	28%
Upper Snake Basin	101%	30%
Oakley	113%	28%
Banham Fork	100%	28%
As of Dec. 13		

*A comparison of basin snowpack, on this date, with a 30-year average. **% of normal of basin average.

With a smile



College of Southern Idaho English teacher Cathy Tallington hugs one of her students, Madina Karamshuk, a doctor from Kazakhstan, after class Tuesday.

Kazakhstan women study English in Twin Falls

By Terry Smith
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Imagine traveling to Russia and not knowing a word of Russian — and not having an interpreter close at hand either. The prospect sounds daunting, if not downright intimidating.

Two women from Kazakhstan, a former republic in the Soviet Union, recently took on a similar sojourn. When they traveled to the United States in September, neither of them spoke a word of English.

Now, less than three months later, Zhiupar Bitamanova and Madina Karamshuk can read and write in English and carry on a passable conversation.

The phrase "even Steven" stumped them for a few minutes Tuesday at Cathy Tallington's English as a Second Language class at the College of Southern Idaho.

"Same, same," Tallington explained, using her hands as much as the words to convey the meaning of the expression.

Bitamanova and Karamshuk seemed to understand, but still had puzzled looks on their faces, as if wanting to know what Steven has to do with it.

Back in Kazakhstan, now an independent republic, Bitamanova is an attorney and Karamshuk is a medical doctor. Even so, when taking on the daunting task of learning the

English language, the two of them were approached the hard way with the enthusiasm of children.

"They've done extremely well, because they've worked hard," Tallington said. "They were absolutely determined to learn so they worked hard at it."

Tallington's classroom has an international atmosphere. In addition to English, Russian and Spanish can be overheard as the students work in small groups. Laughter is understood by everyone as students from Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Turkey, Costa Rica, Mexico, Canada and elsewhere communicate in short English phrases and sign language.

Tallington acknowledged the class sometimes seems chaotic, but said "there's a little bit of learning going on in the chaos."

Bitamanova and Karamshuk have stayed in Twin Falls for two months at the home of John and Ransie Haight, whom they describe as their new family.

The Haight has helped them with English classes at CSI, introduced them to professional people and civic leaders and travelled with them throughout southern Idaho.

But the main purpose of their visit to the U.S. has been to learn English.

"I wasn't understanding anything," said Karamshuk, in describing her first days in the U.S. "The study of English is very difficult on me. Every day, I just want to cry. Now, happy, very happy," she said.

It's not just her rapid learning of English that makes Karamshuk happy. She's a photography buff, saying she has

Where is Kazakhstan?

By Terry Smith
Times-News writer

The independent Republic of Kazakhstan, a former republic in the Soviet Union, is the ninth largest country in the world. It is almost four times the size of Texas, according to CIA. The World Factbook Web site.

Kazakhstan lies at similar latitudes to the U.S., which gives it a similar climate — hot in the south and frigid in the north. It borders China on the east, Russia on the north and the Caspian Sea on the southwest.

The area now known as Kazakhstan was settled in the 13th century by Mongol nomads, a mix of Turkic and Native Kazakhs, a mix of Turkic and Mongol nomads, a mix of Turkic and Mongol nomads, a mix of Turkic and Mongol nomads.



Kazakhstan when it was part of the Soviet Union. It currently has a population of more than 15 million.

The native language is Kazakh, but the Russian language also is used extensively.

The country is rich in oil, natural gas, coal and numerous other natural resources.

taken some 900 photographs since coming to the U.S.

She proudly displays her photographs in a dozen small picture albums, each with its own theme. One documents her visit to the Idaho Capitol, another a trip to Sun Valley, still another shows classes and friends at CSI. Her favorite seems to be one showing photographs taken at Halloween, a holiday not celebrated in Kazakhstan that she said she enjoys "yes, very much."

Bitamanova said that in addition to attending classes — 21 hours each week — she watches movies most evenings. Her favorites are comedies and "kind, beautiful movies."

John Haight explained that she meant romances.

Both women say they are homesick. But they are returning home soon. On Thursday they leave Twin Falls for Boise to catch a plane for a four-day stay in Washington, D.C. After that, they fly back to Kazakhstan.

Bitamanova said she'll continue to use English once home in her occupation as a "business lawyer."

She expressed her appreciation to Twin Falls, CSI, the Haight and other friends she met in a letter published Dec. 8 in *The Times-News*. It's written in clean and concise English — not bad for less than three months' study.

Gooding H.S. principal controversy continues

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

GOODING — Teachers, parents and even some students spoke to the Gooding School Board Tuesday evening about the resignation of Gooding High School Principal Gale Yakovak.

Although Superintendent Bob Stearns and the school board said they could not discuss the matter, Stearns said that Yakovak resigned, and that she was not fired. However, some teachers and members of the community felt that Yakovak was either encouraged — or

forced — to step down because of "personality differences."

"I'm appalled at how we handled the situation," said Sally Toone, who teaches at the high school.

"We're showing the kids that the best way to handle confrontations is to just get rid of them."

Many teachers were not willing to speak about the matter because they feared political consequences, but all who spoke in the board meeting supported Yakovak.

Yakovak had been a teacher for about 45 years and served as the high school principal for al-

most five years.

Stearns said more information would be available Tuesday after the board meets to discuss the issue.

He said Yakovak resigned, and rumors that she was escorted from the school were not true.

When asked what the political climate was like at the high school under Yakovak's administration, Stearns said, "A lot of good things happened."

But Curtis Michael Anderson, a 17-year-old student at Gooding High School, said most students don't know what happened, and they want

answers.

"There have been many rumors," Anderson said. "As a student, I am very unclear as to the measures that were taken with Gale Yakovak."

Anderson said he didn't always agree with Yakovak's strong opinions, but he felt that she was always working to help the students.

The board told those who attended that it was policy not to discuss personnel matters in open board meetings, and it did not wish to answer questions by *The Times-News*. Yakovak could not be reached as of press time.

Buhl resets utility charges; users to see change in services

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Come Jan. 1, Buhl water users may see a change in their bills.

The change is due to the Buhl City Council changing the way it bases charges for the city's capital improvement and maintenance fund, as well as the State Revolving Fund that is utilized to repay the city's existing state loans.

Instead of a flat rate, users will be charged \$2 for a 1-inch meter and up to \$128 for an 8-inch meter.

Mayor Barbara Gietzen explained that most residential users have either a 1-inch or

1.5-inch meter, which carries a \$4 charge.

The charge is figured for both water and sewer services.

Mark Holzen, of Twin Falls J-U-B Engineers, gave the council an update and presented them with a pre-design project and scope of services report concerning bringing the wastewater system into compliance.

The system upgrades are needed for several reasons, and specific concerns include deteriorating and inadequately sized sewer collection lines and the inability of the existing treatment facilities to meet discharge limits as outlined in the city's National Pollution Dis-

charge Elimination System permit issued by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The city has worked with the firm for over two years in preparing a wastewater facilities plan that evaluates the existing system and outlines improvements needed over a 20-year period, according to the report.

Holzen explained that next on the agenda includes identifying specific treatment processes and equipment to be used, refining cost estimates and developing preliminary system layouts.

Funding options for the city — as well as financial analysis of

user rates and new user connection fees — will also be developed.

Holzen explained that the next phase of work will cost the city almost \$134,000.

Councilman Reggie Finney expressed some concern that so much money had already been spent.

"We are going to be out another \$133,000 and no dirt has been moved yet," Finney said. "How much more money is this going to cost? After this study is done, are we still going to have more studies done?"

He said it would be best to just get the final study and then complete the project. He suggested that the council perhaps

Hospital officials speak with future neighbors

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Before St. Luke's Regional Medical Center moves one piece of dirt on a new hospital and medical office complex, it wants to get to know its neighbors.

St. Luke's and the county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center want to team up to create a regional health care network that would also include St. Luke's facilities in Meridian and the Wood River Valley as well as its Mountain States Turner Institute. Twin Falls County commissioners have signed a letter of their intent to transfer ownership of Magic Valley Regional to St. Luke's and will put the question to voters in May.

But regardless of whether voters approve the idea, St. Luke's still intends to build. So on Tuesday, St. Luke's officials met with people living near the 40-acre site on the corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive. They said they wanted to hear the concerns and about they'd like to see outside their living room windows.

"You're going to live here," said Chuck Pomeroy, chief financial officer for the new, non-profit hospital. "You're going to see it."

First of all, people wanted to know why hospital officials chose the site instead of just expanding in Magic Valley Regional's current location.

"For one thing, they got a better deal on the land, Pomeroy said. And the chosen site provides easier access to people in outlying communities.

"It's a hospital for the entire region," said Jeff Luke, an architect and St. Luke's director of construction.

People wanted to know just what the new complex would look like.

"It's got to look appealing," said Michael Cavanaugh, St. Luke's CEO.

Nevin and his neighbors were reassured there would be landscaping around the entire campus, which would border Pole Line to the north, Cheney Drive West to the south, Grandview Drive to the west and Wendell Street to the east.

Nevin's wife, Cheryl, wanted to know what the noise from medical helicopters and ambulance sirens would keep them up at night.

Mike McGrate, director of Air Services, said all helicopters would come in from the north side of the campus over the busy Pole Line Road instead of over residential areas. The helicopter pad would be located in the same "noise zone" as would the hospital's emergency room.

Gilbert Schmidt, manager of ambulance services at Magic Valley, said he would be pleased to see the new hospital.

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Officials release name of man found in snow

The Times-News

ROGERSON — Authorities have released the name of a man who was found frozen to death in the South Hills east of here last week.

The man was identified as 63-year-old Kenneth Wayne Boss, who had been staying in the Magic Valley area but listed no permanent address.

His body was found Friday in the Fifth Fork area. He had apparently walked about five miles from his car after it became stuck in snow on a remote unmaintained road.

get a second opinion. If that would save money.

Mayor Gietzen said, "We have already gone so far. If we changed now we would have to start all over."

Holzen explained that all of the studies and final reports need to be completed.

"You aren't going to be paying twice for the same information," Holzen said.

The city is hoping that they will get back the \$38,000 fine paid to EPA for failing to meet the discharge limits in the NPDES permit. If so, the money would be applied to the pre-design phase.

Other city funding options include grants and possibly raising user rates.

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Alice Elaine Fletcher Hicks

MOUNTAIN HOME — Alice Elaine Fletcher Hicks, Mountain Home native, passed away at the age of 100 on Dec. 11, 2005.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, at Rost Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel.

Alice was born July 29, 1905, in Mountain Home, the daughter of Elijah and Ethel Fletcher. Her father was a sheepman of Camas and Elmore Counties. When the sheep market dropped, he moved his family to Pine Grove where he was employed by the Franklin Mine. In 1909, he went to Three Creek where he was the general manager of Kittle Wilkins' Sheep Outfit. At this time there was a gold rush in Jarbridge, Nev., so he relocated and filed on three claims. He moved his family to the Elmore Mine, Jarbridge, Nev., where he worked for three years. In 1919, her father bought Fir Grove Ranch on Camas Prairie and again went into the sheep business. Alice spent her summers on the ranch and winters in Gooding and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1922, at the age of 16. She attended Gooding College and began her teaching career in Mayday, Idaho, in 1926. Thereafter, she taught at Murphy, Hill City,



Ririe, Bruneau, Riddle, Mountain Home, Feather River, Grand View and retired from teaching at Mountain Home in 1970. Alice married Earl D. Hicks in 1931 and they had five sons. She loved nature and enjoyed fishing, camping, hiking in the hills or desert where she cataloged the varieties and species of flowers, trees, minerals and animals. Alice was active in the Congregational Church, as well as several clubs and held several offices within those clubs. These clubs included Pioneer Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, The Huguenot Society of Idaho, The Colonial Dames XVII Century,

Elmore County Historical Society, Eastern Star, Old Fellow Lodge, Alpha Delta Kappa Teachers' Sorority, Eureka Rock and Gem Club, Mountain Home Education Society, Parent Teacher's Society, Rebekah's Lodge, Mountain Home Toastmistress Club, American War Mothers Chapter #1 of Elmore County, Treasure Valley Genealogical Society and Sons and Daughters of Idaho Pioneers.

For 13 years she prepared a pioneer historical account of events in early Elmore County and published "Our Heritage" quarterly for members of the Elmore County Historical Society.

Alice is survived by four sons, Bruce and his wife, Irlene, of Mountain Home; Lyle and his wife, Donna, of Washington; Rick and his wife, Eugenia, of California; and Robin and his wife, Cheryl, of Mountain Home. In addition to numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Earl; one son, Robert, and two brothers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to a charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel, in Mountain Home.

Deloris Louise Dickson Moller

RUPERT — On Dec. 11, 2005, 92-year-old Deloris Louise Dickson Moller passed away at the Country Side Care & Rehab Center in Rupert after an extended period of disability.

Deloris was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on April 25, 1913. Her parents were Lewis E. Dickson and Elsa Haag Dickson. She was the eldest child of three daughters and one son. She started school in Twin Falls and finished her education in Rupert. She graduated in 1932 from Rupert High School and then attended the University of Idaho in southern Branch (ISU) for a year. After that she returned to Rupert and worked for, her father at the People's Meat Market as a bookkeeper.

She met Nels M. Moller and in 1934 they were married in Boise, Idaho. Nels soon thereafter returned to farm with his father on farms west of Rupert along Highway 25. Deloris and Nels lived in the home they built on the farm for 63 years. Nels died in 1998 and shortly thereafter Deloris lived in care facilities in Burley and Rupert as a result of a minor stroke and problems with her hip.

During her early married life she raised three children on the family farm. She was always interested in music, cooking and gardening. During the years of the second World War, she and five other ladies formed a singing group and this sextet entertained at numerous events during this period of time. They were able



to make a record of their singing for which they were very proud. In the Christmas season in those years, it was a treat to the family for the cookies and ethnic foods of the family that she prepared. During the summer months she took great pride in her beautiful yard.

Deloris was a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Rupert from nearly the time of its formation in 1914. Being one of the first children to be baptized in that parish, she was a member of the Women's Guild and tended the church, furnishing as an Altar Guild member.

Deloris was a member of the Rupert Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star for many years, where she held several offices, including the Worthy Matron of that chapter.

As a service to her community, Deloris served many years and accumulated hundreds of hours of service time as a pink

lady at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Deloris is survived by three children, Nels D. (Pat) Moller, Kurt Moller and Marilyn (Dick) Loop. Her extended family includes one surviving sister, Mrs. Robert (Lauren) Johnson; and one sister-in-law, Mrs. Wilbert (Velva) Moller.

There are 15 nieces and nephews in that extended family. There are six grandchildren and three step grandchildren, who have given her 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents; two sisters, Avis Dickson and Margaret "Mickey" Olson; her brother, Donald Dickson; two daughter-in-laws and one grandson.

There will be a gathering time for friends and neighbors at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth St. The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at the Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, Sixth and I Streets in Burley, with the Rev. Richard Loop officiating. Deloris will be interred in the Rupert Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, Minidoka Memorial Hospital or the memorial fund of your choice.

The family of Deloris would like to thank the staff of the Country Side Care Center for the many years of dedicated care for their mother.

Hazen Atkinson Hatch

BURLEY — Hazen Atkinson Hatch, a 96-year-old resident of Burley, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at his home of natural causes.

He was born in Oxford, Idaho, on July 20, 1909, to Walter A. and Charlotte Alzina Atkinson Hatch. He went to Oxford schools through the eighth grade. He worked as a blacksmith from age 15 to 19.

He served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the central States Mission from 1931 to 1933. He returned to Oxford, where he met and courted Gertrude Christensen who lived in nearby Downey. They were married Aug. 16, 1934, in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. He and his wife made Downey their home where he was employed as a salesman at H. J. Morgan's department store.

Hazen and his family moved to Burley in 1939, where he took a position with Hanzel Motors as the parts manager. He was with Hanzel Motors for 28 years



and then worked as a bookkeeper for Burley Irrigation District for seven years. He served in the Kiwanis Club and sang with the Singing K's. He, with Gertrude and other parents, organized the Opportunity School, a school for people with disabilities.

He was a handyman who loved gardening, reading and church work. He had many call-

ings in his wards and stakes over the years, but most of all he loved missionary work.

He is survived by four children, Amariis (Jerry) Wintan, Ann Lee (Chet) Owens, Marshall (Sherry) Hatch and Kim Hatch, 13 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Gertrude; his parents, nine siblings and one great-grandson.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, at the Burley West Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Ave., with Bishop Scott Bray officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery.

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

The family asks that any donations be made to the Vocational Development Center, 531 E. Fifth, in Burley.



Eldon LaMonte 'Monte' Bailey

BURLEY — Eldon LaMonte "Monte" Bailey, a 66-year-old former resident of Burley, and a native of Albion, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005, at Great Plains Medical Center in North Platte, Neb.

Monte was born June 29, 1939, to Nathaniel and Jennie Marie Williams Bailey at Albion, Idaho, where he grew up. In 1961, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served as a medic, until 1964.

On July 1, 1964, Monte married Joyce Ann Thoren at Elko, Nev., and they made their home in Bruneau, Idaho, before moving to Hazelton, Idaho, where they had a farm and he worked in construction. They later moved to Burley, where he did custom haying, construction and owned a gravel business for 10 years. In July of 2005, they moved to Mullen, Neb., where he retired.

Monte had a love of horses and for many years enjoyed the rodeo circuit where he participated in team roping and team penning.

Monte was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce of Mullen, Neb.; their daughter, Deanna (Randy) Kruse of Newport Beach, Calif.; their son, Ben (Shelby) Bailey of Lakeside, Neb.; five grandchildren, Brandy, Shanna, Monte Bailey and Jackson Kruse; his sister, Naticia (Ardlen) Wickel of Elba, Idaho; his brother, James Bailey of Deek, Idaho; and other family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, at the Albion Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with Bishop Kay Powell officiating. Burial will be in the Albion City Cemetery.

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

Search called off for missing guide

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The ground search has been called off for a man who has been missing since his vehicle apparently broke down in a remote corner of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation on Nov. 25, the Ute Indian tribe said Tuesday.

Authorities said they will continue investigating the disappearance of Charles Reed Chappoose. Using ground crews, dogs, horseback riders and aircraft, searchers scoured miles of

terrain where Chappoose was last seen, but turned up no signs of him.

Chappoose had been driving to the Hill Creek area to guide clients when his truck apparently broke down near the Sinto Ranch, where it was found. Footprints indicated that he may have walked north from the scene.

A \$5,000 reward for information leading to Chappoose has been increased to \$6,000.

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Idaho county among worst for air pollution health

BOISE (AP) — The health risk from industrial air pollution in southeastern Idaho's Caribou County is the 13th highest in the country compared with other counties, according to an Associated Press analysis of a government research database. The analysis also found that people living in the area of Soda Springs in Caribou County have a "health risk score" that is nearly 109 times higher than the national average for other neighborhood tracts included in the 2000 U.S. Census. The Soda Springs Census tract ranks 283 out of the nation's 65,443 Census tracts for the highest risk industrial air pollution in the country.

Hospital

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Valley Regional, pointed out that most ambulance calls occur in the daytime. Also located in the "noise zone" would be the central plant with its generators and boilers. The quieter areas of the complex would be located in the "quiet zones" near residen-

top 5 percent nationally with the highest health risk scores, according to the AP's analysis of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Risk Screening Environmental Indicators Project database, a little-known government research project that assigns numerical scores to neighborhoods where factory-generated air pollution is suspected of posing the greatest health danger. According to state and federal regulators, Caribou County's two largest producers of toxic air emissions are also its two largest employers: P4 Productions Soda Springs Plant, a joint venture between Monsanto Chemical Co. and Solutia Inc.; and Agrium's Nu-West Industries Conda Phosphate Operations north of Soda Springs.

Located in the "quiet zone" would be the medical office complex — a daytime operation — and possibly the patient towers, complete with their "healing gardens." Right now, there are plans for two three-story patient towers with 160 to 170 private rooms. Hospital officials plan to take

"If Caribou County is ranked the 13th worst, then our county is doing pretty good," Agrium Conda general manager Charlie Ross said Tuesday. "I live here. We comply with all the regulations. I'm very proud of what we do here." The AP analysis used factory air emissions data from 2000 to compare it with the neighborhoods counted in the 2000 Census. In 2001, Ross said Agrium spent \$90 million to upgrade the Conda plant, including improving its pollution control technology to reduce harmful emissions. The latest Toxic Release Inventory of industrial air pollution sources published in May by the EPA shows the Conda plant, which mines and manufactures phosphate for fertilizer, emitted 54,000 tons

of pollutants into the air from its smokestacks in 2001, and another 11,000 pounds of toxins into the air from so-called "fugitive" sources at the facility besides the stacks. Ammonia and sulfuric acid comprised the most emissions. From the Conda plant and mine, which has approximately 300 employees. The P4 Soda Springs plant, which mines phosphate ore and processes it into liquid elemental phosphorus for a variety of industrial uses, last year released 137,000 pounds of toxic emissions into the air from the plant's smokestacks and 99,800 pounds from fugitive sources, according to the EPA inventory. The largest emissions were of hydrogen fluoride, zinc, chromium and carbonyl sulfide.

city before applying for the permits. Public hearings will be held throughout that process. If all goes as planned, they could break ground this summer. Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

Utah soldier dies in fall in Iraq

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Utah soldier was killed in Iraq when he fell from a guard tower. Army Spc. Lex S. Nelson, 21, died Monday in Tikrit. Relatives said Nelson was a graduate of Granite High School and had been an Eagle Scout. He had been expected to return to the United States for three weeks leave on Jan. 2. Nelson was assigned to the

1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery, 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division. He was based at Fort Stewart, Ga. He was deployed to Kuwait and then to Iraq in January. Nelson, the 12th of 15 children, had last communicated with his father, Ellis Nelson of Bountiful, in an e-mail one week before his death. "All things considered, life is grand," he wrote.

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Crump

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...n know whenever a saber-toothed tiger came calling. So they'd stand at the entrance to the cave and bark furiously while the big cat crept inside and ate the caverman. Same deal today. I read a wire service article a while back about a burglar who broke into a house, only to be confronted by a Saint Bernard about the size of a horse. The dog merely wagged his tail while the intruder cleared out the family's valuables. Then the burglar pet the dog, slung his bag of booty over his shoulder and

crawled back through the open window, only to step on a roller skate, fall and break his leg. When the police and paramedics arrived, the mutt was standing over the burglar and barking furiously. Now you could argue, I suppose, that was what the Saint Bernard had in mind all along. But dogs don't roller-ski, do they?

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OBITUARIES

Lowell Willard Palmer

Lowell Willard Palmer was called to haul his last load on Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Willard was born on Jan. 21, 1920, in Burley, Idaho, to George W. and Nora Stogdill Palmer, the first of three children. He attended schools in Burley and Jerome.

He first started trucking at the age of 13 with his father, George, who was also his best friend. They hauled many loads together in Idaho, Wyoming, Utah and Colorado. When the Sun Valley resort opened, Willard hauled in the first load of horses. Willard was a cattle buyer for the Burley Livestock Commission Co. in Burley, Idaho, when he met and married Lola Marie Wardle on May 4, 1941. In July 1942, they were blessed with a daughter and November 1943, with a son. Willard entered the service on July 1, 1944, and served in the 28th Infantry Division of the United States Army. On Feb. 6, 1945, he was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Distinguished Service Medal for carrying wounded troops off the battlefield under enemy fire. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 31, 1946. In December 1946



they were blessed with another daughter and in January 1952 another daughter was born. Lola passed away in August of 1962.

Willard married Norma Morgan on Dec. 26, 1970, in Elko, Nev.

Willard worked as a cattle buyer, mechanic, truck driver, and devoted wife, Norma, in Medford, Ore., and owner-operator of Palmer Trucking, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Willard is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Norma; his children, Darlene (Lewicki) Matlock, Jo Ann Cary and Sheryl (Larry) Alphin, Twin Falls,

and Billy (Veda) Palmer, Burley; his stepchildren, William Brent Coleman, Twin Falls, Shelley (Neil) Lewis, Rupert, and Vicki Walters, Burley. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 10 step grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Willard was preceded in death by his first wife, Lola; his parents, Nora and George; his sisters, Margaret Hale and Mildred Barnes; and two great-grandsons.

We would like to express our gratitude to Dr. M. Cole Johnson, everyone on the Paloma Unit at Sunbridge Care Center and all the emergency room and second floor staff at MVRMC for the excellent care given to Willard and the family as a whole.

Pop really hated the cold weather, so we have chosen to have a graveside inurnment at a warmer date.

Know that you are loved and missed by all who called you husband, father, dad, daddy, pop, grandpa and papa - this one's for you - bang, bang, papa! Cremation was under the direction of White Mortuary & Crematory, "Chapel by the Park."



Edward 'Eddie' Clark

Edward Clark was born Aug. 5, 1952, in Lyons, Kan., to Yvonne McClain and Orville Clark. Eddie died Dec. 9, 2005, in Twin Falls after an extended illness.

He lived at Purple Sage Manor for the last 11 years and attended MVRIS for the last 29 years, where he received developmental and work training. Eddie loved life. He enjoyed collecting and recycling cans, puzzle books, shopping at dollar stores and yard sales.

Eddie loved children and enjoyed movies starring the Olsen Twins. Eddie will be remembered and missed by all of his many friends.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, at MVRIS located at 404 Eastland Drive S. in Twin Falls.

Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until time of the rosary Friday at the funeral chapel.

Bonnie Jo McKay of Filer, celebration of life at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Calvary Chapel of Buhl, 1004 Burley Ave. (White Mortuary & Crematory).

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

SERVICES

Everett Dorsey of Paul, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Paul United Methodist Church, 127 W. Clark St.; friends may call from noon to 12:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Pearl J. Davis of Richfield, funeral at 1 p.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Richfield. Friends may call from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today at the church in Richfield (Demaray Funeral Service).

Dustin Paul McCollum of Kimberly, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Ernest H. Theoner of Filer, memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park, The Reflections of History Mausoleum; celebration of life and luncheon will follow the service at the American Legion Hall, 447 Seastrom Drive, Twin Falls (White Mortuary).

Maurice Guerry Jr., viewing from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday at Farmers Funeral Chapel in Buhl and from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Buhl, with a rosary to follow at 7 p.m. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Alice J. Hernandez of Twin Falls, rosary at 7 p.m. Friday at

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DEATH NOTICES

John Devan Longden
SHOSHONE — John Devan Longden, stillborn son of John and Tracy Longden, residents of Shoshone, Idaho, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2005.
Arrangements will be made by Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Curtis Robirds
HEBURN — Curtis Robirds, an 82-year-old resident of Heburn, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, at CountySide Care & Rehabilitation in Rupert.
Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley.

Katie Walsh
WENDELL — Katie Walsh died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005, in Croatia.
A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, at the Twin Falls Reformed Church. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the

Park." The family suggests memorials to Camp Sawtooth, in care of Living Waters Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 218, Wendell, ID 83301, or to Campus Crusade for Christ, P.O. Box 628222, Orlando, FL 32862-8222.

Elizabeth (Beth) Hardy
TWIN FALLS — Elizabeth (Beth) Hardy, 58, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 2, 2005, after a year-long battle with a malignant brain tumor.
All family and friends are invited to a celebration of life from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, at the family home, 224 Oak Creek Circle, Twin Falls.

Kenneth Wayne Boss
MAGIC VALLEY — Kenneth Wayne Boss, 53, of Magic Valley, died early last week in the South Hills.
Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

All public are welcome to a
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Dr. Rev. Mark Cox & Family
Date: Sunday, December 18, 2005
Time: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
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Officer: Taser would not have worked

BOISE (AP) — A Boise police officer who fatally shot a 16-year-old boy in a 2004 told investigators that he had a Taser but chose not to use it because it wouldn't have stopped the immediate threat to his life. Officer Andrew Johnson said he also disregarded a dispatcher's report that the teen's rifle wasn't loaded because his training taught him that if someone has a firearm he is to assume it is loaded.

The details were included in an internal report compiled by the Meridian Police Department into the shooting death of Matthew Jones. The report was obtained by television station KTVB in Boise.

"Police have said that Johnson warned the teen, and that a bayonet-equipped rifle wielded by Jones pierced the officer's uniform. But Jones' father, Bruce Jones, witnessed the shooting and said the officer never warned the boy and that his son was too far from Johnson to reach his uniform with the bayonet.

An Ada County coroner's inquest jury decided last month that Johnson was justified in using lethal force.

The report was compiled by the Critical Incident Task Force, and is made whenever an officer is involved in a shooting at deadly force is used. Local police agencies take turns running the task force.

A supplemental section of the report discussed Johnson's decisions not to use alternative, non-lethal weapons and to disclose the report that Jones' rifle wasn't loaded.

Johnson said his training teaches him that if someone has a weapon, there are bullets and he is to assume the weapon is loaded," Detective Joe Miller wrote in the report.

Miller, who interviewed Johnson within hours of the shooting, said Johnson had a Taser and pepper spray in his patrol car, but chose not to face down a rifle with them. Miller wrote that Johnson told him: "That's not going to stop the im-

mediate threat to your life, and a Taser doesn't have the distance a rifle does."

The report was completed in April, but not made public until recently.

"We had to wait until the Ada County Coroner's inquest was complete," Meridian Police Chief Bill Musser said. "That's normal when you're dealing with an investigation like this."

Musser and Boise Police Chief Mike Masterson said they plan to use the Jones report to improve how police agencies investigate shootings by their own officers.

"We need to look at what we did really well and what we did not so well and how can we improve it," Musser said.

They said they would reduce the number of evidence collectors dispatched to crime scenes, to try to prevent criticism about the possible contamination of evidence.

"In the Jones case, Bruce Jones said that when the bayonet was taken from his home, it was

covered with wallboard dust. When the weapon was displayed at a press conference after the shooting, it appeared to be dust free — as well as the area surrounding the tear in Johnson's uniform.

"We don't think there was contamination in the Jones case," Masterson said. "But when you look at the possibility that something could have happened, we're concerned about that for the future."

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Police arrest poacher for assault

FORT HALL (AP) — A Fort Hall man has been arrested after a landowner told police he was checked into unconsciousness by a man he found poaching a moose calf in his property.

Shaun Satterfield, 37, was held in the Twin Falls County Jail on \$100,000 bond on a charge of aggravated battery.

Satterfield also could face felony charges for trespassing and illegally shooting a moose, depending on lab tests from evidence gathered Saturday during a search of his home, said Marc Porter, a senior conservation officer with the Madlad office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

The property owner called

police July 31 after regaining consciousness and reported being attacked by a man who was accompanied by another man and woman in their late teens or early 20s. He also gave a description of the man's vehicle.

Authorities didn't release details to the public immediately, concerned they might tip off the suspect. But after a story appeared about the incident in the Idaho State Journal on Thursday, officers received information from the public that led them to Satterfield.

The two people with Satterfield while his children and won't be charged with crimes as long as they cooperate with the investigation, Oneida County Sheriff Jeff Semrad told the newspaper.

"We don't want people to

think they can't protect their own property," Semrad said. "That's all the victim was doing, protecting his own property, and he was assaulted and left for dead."

Porter gathered evidence from the poached animal at the crime scene in July. Hair found Saturday in Satterfield's workshop has been sent to a crime lab for a DNA test to see if it matches a blood sample collected in July.

Porter said it looked like moose hair, but Satterfield told him it was from a coyote.

"Anticipate he'll lose hunting and fishing privileges at least for a time," Porter said. "If we get this moose stuff, it's going to really be a different ball game."

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Then she stepped outside and looked around. Straight overhead, gorgeous blue sky. The horizon all around, a soupy haze.

"I realized then it wasn't snow. It was the pollution," said Smith, principal at Parkview Elementary School in Salt Lake City. The pollution was serious enough that her schools had air day rule kicked in, forcing all 520 students indoors for the day.

Utah air quality officials issued the state's first red alerts of the smog season along the Wasatch Front on Monday. The alert continued through Tuesday in Salt Lake, Utah and Davis counties, prompting a ban on the use of wood-burning stoves, pleas for energy conservation and warnings that people at risk should stay indoors.

An approaching weather front was expected to clear out the pollution-trapping inversion Wednesday, likely reducing the warning to the yellow level, said Donna Kemp Spangler, spokeswoman for the Division of Air Quality.

"We treat it like we would if it were raining steadily or snowing heavily," Smith said. Her school is one of many along the heavily populated Wasatch Front that receives automatic warnings from the state whenever the air reaches unhealthy levels.

Come winter, smoggy days occur in parts of northern Utah whenever calm, cool air sinks into the valleys, holding pollu-

tion close to the ground.

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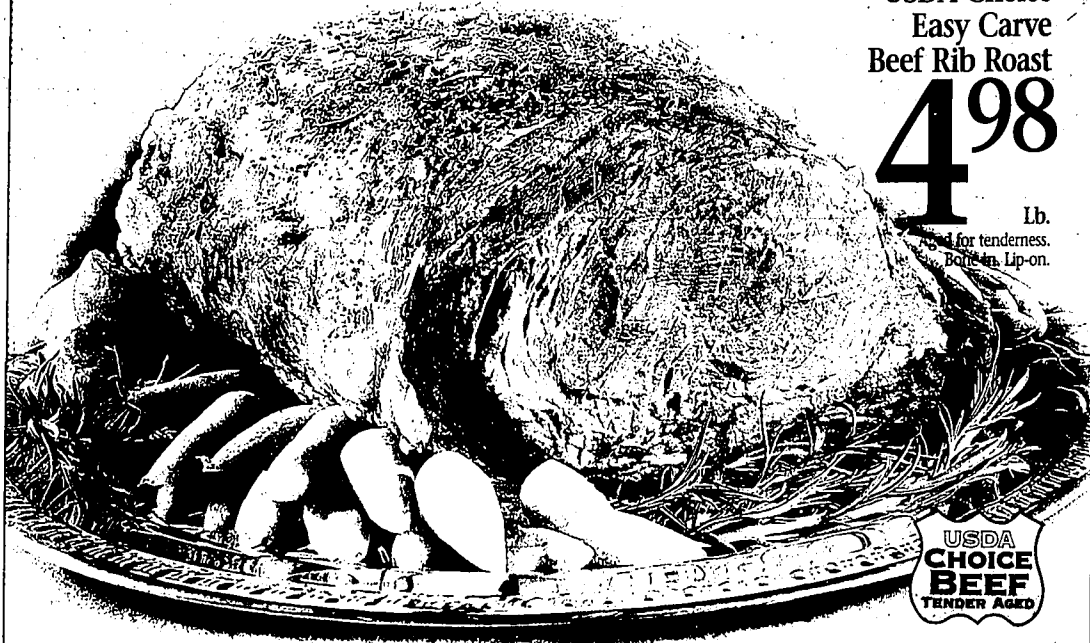
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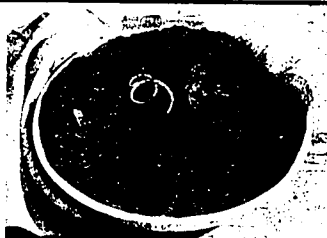
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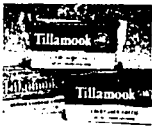
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So *The Times-News* scoured Magic Valley in search of this season's finest. Here are seven that caught our fancy.



Home for the holidays

TWIN FALLS — Sure, it's easy to buy ornaments at the store. But where is the fun in that? Stefanie Bieri's Christmas tree is decorated entirely with homemade gawags. She has made hand-crafted Christmas decorations each year since constructing her first — a white wreath — in 1983.

So skilled was the market maker that friends and family began requesting ornaments for their own trees. It wasn't long before Bieri was constructing 30 or 40 each season. She began to feel like an elf in Santa's shop.

So in 2002, when she'd finished making a few dozen wooden snowmen, Bieri announced it would be her last year. "That's it," I said. "No more." It was just taking up so much time."

But when the next Christmas rolled around, her friends weren't letting Bieri off the hook. After much pleading and prying, she caved in. The ornaments would be made.

"Here it is," Bieri said as she lifted another snowman variation from this year's tree. "My encore ornament."

With retirement out of the question, Bieri is back though not in full force. Now she makes just a few ornaments for special friends and family members.

Besides, she's running out of room on the tree. This year's is packed: bells from '97, pressed-paper Santas, angels and nutcrackers from '96. And, of course, the original '83 wreath. About the only things not homemade on the tree are the lights and gold garland. Those, and the angel at the top.

"I guess I need to make one," she said. Well, there is always next year. — Matt Christensen



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Photos to remember

TWIN FALLS — In Roy Dixon's home, the Christmas tree is more than a symbol of the season. It's a memorial to a lost loved one.

In February, Roy's wife, Ann, drowned in the backyard hot tub while celebrating their five-month anniversary. The shocking loss devastated Roy. But it marred his two sons, as well.

Nearly a year of grieving has helped the family heal, but this Christmas — their first without Ann — is going to be especially tough.

To help ease them through the holidays, Roy decorated the tree with photos from the family's happier times. The monster truck show, a sledding trip, dips in the pool, bike rides, the boys dressed as Santa last year. And a photo of Ann and Roy together, smiling.

"I'm just trying to make life comfortable for the boys, trying to help them remember the good times. Christmas should be a time for family and for kids," Roy said.

Here and there among the photos are Ann's favorite ornaments: bells, red-painted balls with silver glitter and a few gold decorations. A Santa, donning a white robe, perches at the top.

This tree isn't like any the Dixons have had before. But, well, this Christmas isn't like any other.

However, the memory tree is proving therapeutic for the family. So much so, Roy plans to decorate next year's tree with photos he'll take during the coming year. It'll be a new tradition, Roy said. A way to always remember the good times. — Matt Christensen



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Top, above, and right photos: All are detail shots of Stefanie Bieri's tree.

Beads and baubles

RUPERT — A brooch from her grandmother tops the 20-inch tree. Crystal beads hang as garlands. From the tiny branches dangle pendants and pearls.

Sally Stephens' little "tree of Family Jewels," as she calls it, has a decidedly feminine flavor.

"Just kind of a compilation of the females in the family," she said.

Costume jewelry inherited from her mother and grandmother once filled several boxes, stuck high in Stephens' closet. Other pieces were relics from her own high school proms. — "You know the really gaudy crystal things we wore." And her daughter had left behind childhood jewelry long outgrown.

So the Rupert woman fastened the clip-on earrings — so painful to wear — to the tiny tree's artificial branches. Broken strings of beads found new life as individual baubles.



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And Stephens picked the prettiest buttons from her grandmother's button box, salvaged from worn-out clothing, to use as ornaments.

"I could not possibly throw them away since she'd saved them all those years," said Stephens, 64.

The result was a glittery bit of yuletide cheer. "I am not a gritty person by nature so this was a real labor of love, complete with blood, sweat and tears," Stephens said. "Those beading needles are sharp!"

The jewel tree reminds Stephens of happy times past.

"I can remember a necklace that my mother wore with one of her pretty dresses," she said. "It's very nostalgic."

— Virginia S. Hutchins

Fish and fowl

TWIN FALLS — Despite persistent shopping this year, Gene Pyles hasn't found a fragile, vintage-style bird ornament resembling those he gave his new bride 53 Christmases ago.

He's still looking. But Gene has bought a backup bird already. Because his wife, Joan Pyles, must find a bird ornament among her packages on Christmas morning.

Perched in the Twin Falls couple's Christmas tree are the 10 or 12 birds that Gene gave Joan their first Christmas together, and many of the birds that he presented one by one in the half-century since.

"I haven't broken any of these, the first-years," Joan said, pointing to one fragile fowl that gets wrapped carefully, with the rest of the flock, after each Christmas. "Yeah, I'd feel terrible if anything happened to them."

Eventually she started giving Gene fishing-themed

ornaments — like miniature Santas with poles, or bells with fish clappers. Over the years, the fish and fowl ornaments crowded the routine Christmas balls off the tree. And now the special collection has outgrown the branches: 20 or 30 keepsakes were left in their boxes this year.

How many made it onto the tree? They both answered with a laugh.

"I wouldn't even hazard a guess," Gene said.

Bird lovers all year long, the Pyleses, both 73, stock backyard feeders and maintain bluebird nesting boxes in the South Hills. There's an eastern bluebird ornament on their tree, but still none colored like the mountain bluebird, Idaho's state bird. They're looking.

To Joan, their Christmas tree is a reassuring constant, a familiar ritual.

Families moves, friends change. "But the tree," she said, "is always the same."

— Virginia S. Hutchins



ARABY BERRY/The Times-News

FOOD & HOME

Festive lighting need not hog energy

DEAR JIM: I told my kids that we would use fewer holiday lights to save energy, but they threw a fit. Are there any efficient large lights I can get, and do you have any tips for decorating efficiently?

—Becky B.

DEAR BECKY: It is fun for families to decorate their homes, indoors and outdoors, but it can increase electric bills much more than most people realize. Including the cost of the bulbs, the five-year cost for using standard C7 colored bulbs during the holidays can be as high as \$150.

Obviously, the best alternative to consuming all this energy is using nonelectric or many fewer lights. As you have found though, the holidays are a special time for children, and they will resist this option.

There are new types of large (C9 and C7 — check the package for size designation) holiday bulbs which use solid state LED (light emitting diode) technology. Whereas large standard colored bulbs use from five to 10 watts of electricity per bulb, an LED bulb of equivalent brightness uses only 0.15 watts. These colored bulbs have the



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

same shape as regular holiday lights, but they are plastic and have three small LEDs inside of each one. They are very durable and do not get hot, so they are safer for your children.

The only drawback to these colored LED bulbs is their initial cost. A 17-foot long string with 24 bulbs (C7) costs about \$20 to \$25. This might sound like a relatively high price, but their life is 60,000 hours. You will likely never have to replace them in your lifetime.

Another option is using standard or LED mini-lights. Both use much less electricity than standard colored lights and are inexpensive to buy. As with the larger LED bulbs, the LED mini-lights last really forever.

If you already have lights and don't want to purchase new ones right now, consider installing fiber optic converters



This is a string of C7 bulbs which use LED lighting technology. These use less than one tenth as much electricity as standard bulbs.

on the bulbs so you can use fewer bulbs. These converters snap over the bulb and have many protruding fibers. These fibers carry the light and create a large bright cluster.

The best energy efficiency tip is to use fewer bulbs and light them for a shorter time period. Perhaps you can negotiate with your children for a two- or three-hour time period for the lights each night and plug them into a timer. This is particularly good for outdoor lights. In my neighborhood, some are still on

all night.

Use as many reflective ornaments as possible, and decorate around mirrors to intensify any lighting. Small and large hanging mirrored globe ornaments are particularly effective. If you make ornaments yourself, use reflective metallic threads, which are available at most craft shops.

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Preparing tasty treats to tempt others

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Treats are also great gifts for friends and neighbors. Make a plate filled with different goodies, throw in a few wrapped candies or a little savory party mix to cover any gaps, and you'll get a gift that people really appreciate.

None of these treats are going to do much for your waistline, but if you give them out to others, you won't have to worry about your own size. You'll also be giving your friends some inspiration for a New Year's resolution.



VALLEY COOKING
Becca Tateoka

until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in the 1/4 cup chocolate pieces. Press into prepared pan. Bake for 8 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a large mixing bowl, stir together granulated sugar, 3/4 cup flour, the cocoa powder, baking powder and salt. Add eggs, melted butter and vanilla; beat by hand until smooth. Stir in the 1/2 cup chocolate pieces. Carefully spread over crust in pan. Bake 40 minutes more. Cool brownies in pan on a wire rack. Lift brownies out of pan by lifting up foil. Cut into bars. Makes 24 bars.

—From Better Homes & Gardens, March 2005

SHORTBREAD BROWNIES

- 1 cup flour
 - 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup butter
 - 1/4 cup miniature semisweet chocolate pieces
 - 1 1/3 cups granulated sugar
 - 3/4 cup flour
 - 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 3 eggs
 - 1/4 cup butter, melted
 - 1 tablespoon vanilla
 - 1/2 cup miniature semisweet chocolate pieces
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9-by-9-by-1 1/2-inch baking pan with foil; set aside. In a medium mixing bowl stir together 1 cup flour and the brown sugar. Cut in the 1/2 cup butter

CHOCOLATE CHIP- MALTED MILK COOKIES

- 2 3/4 cups flour (You may have to increase flour by up to 1/4 cup to decrease stickiness.)
- 3/4 cup plain malted milk powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup white granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons sweetened condensed milk

2 cups milk chocolate chips. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium bowl, combine flour, malted milk powder, baking soda and salt. Mix well and set aside.

Cream sugars and butter in large bowl of electric mixer, using medium speed. Add eggs, vanilla and sweetened condensed milk, and beat at medium speed until light and fluffy. Stir in flour mixture and then chocolate chips until just combined. Do not overmix.

Form 1 1/4-inch balls and place onto ungreased cookie sheet, about 2 inches apart. Bake for about 10 minutes, until cookies are slightly brown along edges. Let cool on a cookie sheet for 3 minutes before removing to cooling rack. Makes approximately 4 dozen 3-inch cookies.

Variation: Try chocolate-flavored malt powder or use white chocolate chips instead.

—From www.whstv.com/gmarcipes/hollindex.html

flour, oats, brown sugar, baking soda and salt. Cut in butter until crumbly. Set half aside for topping.

Press the remaining crumb mixture into a greased 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Sprinkle with chocolate chips and pecans. Whisk the caramel topping and remaining flour until smooth; drizzle over top. Sprinkle with the reserved crumb mixture. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack for 2 hours before cutting. Make about 4 1/2 dozen.

SPICES PARTY MIX

- 10 cups Crispix cereal
 - 2 cups salted peanuts
 - 1 1/2 cups pretzel sticks
 - 1/2 cup sesame seeds, toasted
 - 1/2 cup vegetable oil
 - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons chili powder
 - 1 tablespoon curry powder
 - 1 teaspoon garlic salt
 - 1 teaspoon onion salt
 - 1 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- In a large bowl, combine the cereal, peanuts, pretzels and sesame seeds. In a saucepan, combine the remaining ingredients; bring to a boil. Pour over the cereal mixture and stir to coat. Spread in a greased 15-by-10-inch baking pan.
- Bake at 250 degrees for 10 minutes or until golden brown, stirring once. Cool completely. Store in an airtight container. Makes 4 quarts.
- Two recipes above from Taste of Home 2000

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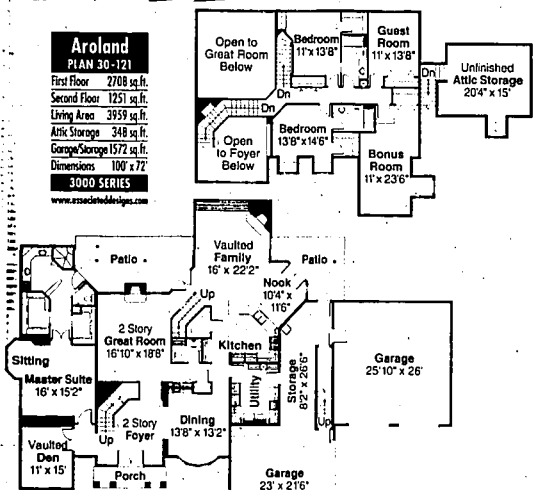
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By Associated Designs

Arched windows and extensive masonry create an aura of permanence in the Aroland, a gracious estate-sized home with two two-car garages. This plan offers nearly 4,000 square feet of living space, with almost 2,000 more devoted to attic storage and garages.

On entering the two-story foyer, you see a stairway that wraps up the left side. Its landing forms a bridge that overlooks both the foyer and an equally high-ceilinged great room. This is a bright space. Two long, slender windows flank the fireplace, and double doors in the passageway to the family room open onto a large, partially covered patio.

A big, cheerful area, the vaulted family room is completely open to the kitchen. It has another fireplace, a home entertainment center, and a sunny nook with glass doors. A second stairway connects the family room to the second floor.

The kitchen has everything, including a huge walk-in pantry, work island and eating bar. There's even a built-in desk, nestled in the hallway that leads to the spacious utility room and elegant tray-ceilinged dining room. The vaulted den could be used as a home office.

Luxuries in the master suite include a sitting bay, two roomy walk-in closets, and a skylit bathroom with two basins, custom shower, private toilet and a fold-down ironing board for last

minute touch-ups.

Upstairs, the front bedroom has two window seats nestled in twin dormers, and a private bathroom. The two rear bedrooms share a second skillin' bathroom. The Aroland's bonus room and attic space could be left as storage, or developed into finished rooms as needed.

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Treat your poinsettias right and they'll return the favor

Poinsettias aren't just another pretty face. They're hard workers, and they should be treated with the respect they deserve. Here's how:

Step 1. See the pretty poinsettia in the store. Pick a color — red is still the most popular, but you can have pink, salmon, white, marbled or yellow.

Step 2. Wrap it warmly. Poinsettias, given a choice, would be growing big enough to work as a hedge in some tropical paradise. They hunker at our winters, so it's better to keep winter a secret from poinsettias. Ask for paper bags, and make sure the clerk puts your new friend into a bag big enough to cover the whole plant. Take the poinsettia straight home.

Step 3. Rip off that colored foil around the pot. Poinsettias need light and air. They don't think twice about fainting dead away if they don't get what they need.

Step 4. Put the poinsettia in a southeast or southwest window that gets at least six hours of sunlight, says the Paul Ecke Ranch, one of the world's largest poinsettia growers. Keep the thermostat where it is. Poinsettias, you remember, come from the tropics, and they like 70-degree days, and nights that don't get any chillier than 65.

Step 5. Water your poinsettia when the top of the soil feels dry. Make sure some of the water drains out of the bottom of the pot into the saucer below. Throw away the excess water.

Now, sit back and enjoy the brilliant color your poinsettia adds to your decor. Breathe in all that freshly laundered air. Freshly laundered air? Yep. That's what poinsettias do for you: They clean the air. Specifically, they wipe out formaldehyde that you can't see or smell, but you certainly don't want. And you do have formaldehyde in your house.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

Formaldehyde escapes from particleboard, plywood, foam insulation, grocery bags, room deodorizers, waxed paper, facial tissues, paper towels and permanent press fabrics. Fight back with poinsettias — lots of them.

NASA figured out that in a room with an eight-foot ceiling, it takes two or three plants per 100 square feet of floor space to clean the air. That comes out to a couple of poinsettias in an average bedroom. Most of us don't have room for two more plants per room, but then we occasionally open the windows and breathe in fresh air. Can't do that in a space shuttle. Just another time we depend on plants for life.

After Christmas, you will want to tone down the Christmas-y decor, and the poinsettias will fade in a month or so, anyway. Cut back the brass (those are the branches holding up the colored leaves you thought were flowers) to about eight inches. Feed your poinsettias with a liquid fertiliz-

er such as Peter's 20-20-20 and watch them sprout. In no time, you'll have dark green, bushy houseplants that will continue to work for you year-round.

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Kevin and Julianne Birch show off the unusual night light in their parents' Burley home.

Turning Christmas upside down

BURLEY—Marianne Birch takes Christmas seriously. Each year, she transforms her home into a Grindwoldesque fantasy land and hosts an open house for friends, family and neighbors. Her license plate reads: MERRYMAS.

So it's not surprising that the Birches—Marianne, her husband and three children—are always looking for new ideas to impress their houseguests. This year, they hit the high-water mark—by flipping the tree upside down and hanging it from the ceiling.

Marianne got the idea from a friend. She knew it'd be perfect for her house.

"We always try to do something unusual at Christmas," she said.

The tree hangs near a stairway where the ceiling is 12 feet high. The Birches ran a hook through the attic floor to hang it. Then they had an electrical outlet installed near the ceiling.

Lucky for the Birches, the tree came decorated. All they had to do was hoist it up a ladder and plug in the lights.

The tree gets mostly laughs from visitors—and that's just what Marianne hoped for.

"We did it just to get a smile," she said.

—Matt Christensen

Songs in the dark

TWIN FALLS—When the Kleinkopfs have friends over this time of year, all the better to watch the tree.

Gale Kleinkopf hooks each string of Christmas tree lights to his homemade color organ—a device that separates music across the audio spectrum, dividing the sounds into channels.

In this case, four channels—each controlling one color of Christmas lights. Yellow for the highest notes, red for the bass, and green and blue for the notes in between. The color organ translates the music's volume, too; the louder the sounds, the brighter the flashes of light.

"It is especially great at night or when it's dark outside. Our

friends will come over and watch the tree for hours," said Gale's wife, Pixy.

Some songs look better on the tree than others. Uniformly loud ones aren't so great. But the Kleinkopfs have learned how to put on a good show.

Gale starts the stereo, and eyes turn to the tree. Elvis dreams of a white Christmas (in green and blue) accompanied by a red bass beat and yellow backup singing. The song has dramatic (dark) pauses near the end.

"That's really helpful, too," Gale says.

Quite pretty. Almost mesmerizing.

But the toy lambs hanging from the branches don't dance, and the apples don't bob. Gale should work on that.

—Virginia S. Hutchins

Wipe out

JEROME—The McKays are motorcycle enthusiasts. They love to ride, repair and race their bikes.

Unfortunately, they need more practice riding.

In the past year, every member of the family, save one, suffered a motorcycle-related injury. Only Shawna McKay managed to escape harm. Her son Joshua broke his arm. Son Andrew broke his leg. Her husband, Bryan, broke his back. And oldest son, Matthew, broke his thumb. Then last month, the dog got run over—not by a motorcycle, but the McKays started to wonder whether maybe they were cursed.

This Christmas, Shawna is poking fun at her hobbling family, via the Christmas tree. Instead of going to the attic for ornaments, she headed to the garage and the medicine cabinet.

Motorcycle paraphernalia, mixed with some first-aid supplies, adorn this tree from limb to limb. Toy motorcycles, sprockets, bandages, clutch handles, pill bottles, even the McKay men's hospital wristbands. Instead of garland, one long bandage stretches around the tree. Two crutches are propped on either side.

With all that hardware, the tree is in serious danger of tipping.

"The sprockets are threatening to bring it down, so we kind of leamed it in the corner," Shawna said.

No matter. The McKays believe it is a fine spot to cut up with the dog during their recovery.

"It seems appropriate with the year we've had," Shawna said.

But maybe someone should tell them not to get too close. Motorcycles are dangerous.

—Matt Christensen

Blog chronicles local cooking club's experiences

The Times-News

Hectic schedules and fussy eaters can make it difficult to get a nutritious dinner on the table under the heat of circumstances.

What if you could get all your meals planned and prepared for the whole month with just a few hours' work one day? What if you could do that with your friends and laugh a little in the process? Sound good?

Check out magicvalley.com's new blog for cooking clubs,

where *Times-News* writer Karna-Melodie Fitzgerald writes about her experiences with her cooking club and shares recipes for collaborative cooking—sometimes called co-op cooking.

Do you and your friends already have a cooking club? If so, contact Fitzgerald at 735-3288 or kitzgerald@magicvalley.com—or simply comment on her blog online at magicvalley.com. And watch for more on Fitzgerald's cooking club experience in *The Times-News'* Food & Home section Jan. 4.

Contest honors artisanal food producers

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—Magic Valley's artisanal food producers have a chance to become the toast of a California wine company.

Gallo Family Vineyards of Sonoma County, Calif., launched the new Gallo Family Vineyards Gold Medal Awards to recognize excellence across a variety of specialty food categories. For the winners, invitations to a training program

and a Fancy Food Show, plus a Gallo seal of excellence to display on their winning products.

The awards promote artisanal food producers who have been in business at least three years and demonstrate excellence in preserving and supporting traditional ways of growing and producing food. Entries will be accepted through Jan. 31. For details, go to www.gallofamily.com/online.

Rice sets stage for a traditional Turkish meal

By Linda Gassenhelmer
Knight Ridder News Service

My Turkish friend Guceli loves to talk about food from her homeland. Pilav is one of her favorite traditional rice dishes. It's flavored with pine nuts, nutmeg or allspice, dried champagne grapes and a little sugar. Since this is the main attraction of the meal, all you need with it is a simple broiled or grilled fish.

Turkish oregano is fragrant. It's rubbed on seafood, lamb or any type of meat that will be grilled. For this recipe, use fresh oregano if you can find it. If you use dried oregano, make sure your bottle is no more than 6 months old.

Basmati rice is an aromatic rice that smells like popcorn when it is cooking. It is sold in many supermarkets. Use any light white fish, such as snapper, sole or grouper.

TURKISH PILAV

Makes 2 servings.

1/2 cup basmati rice
1 teaspoon olive oil
1 cup fat-free chicken broth
1 cup raisins
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon pine nuts
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Place rice in a strainer and

rinse under cold water. Heat oil in a medium nonstick skillet and sauté rice. Lower heat and sauté 2 minutes. Add chicken broth, raisins, nutmeg and sugar and bring to a simmer. Lower heat, cover and cook, gently 15 minutes. Rice will be cooked and liquid evaporated. Add pine nuts and toss. Add salt and pepper to taste.

LEMON OREGANO FISH

Makes 2 servings.

Vegetable oil spray
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano or 1/2 teaspoon dried

oregano
1 teaspoon olive oil
3/4 pound yellowtail snapper
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat broiler. Line a baking tray with foil and lightly spray with vegetable cooking spray. Mix lemon juice, oregano and olive oil together in a small bowl. Place fish on foil and lightly salt and pepper both sides. Spoon half the liquid over fish. Turn fish over and spoon remaining liquid on top. Place under broiler about 6 inches from heat. Broil 8 minutes for fish about 3/4 inch thick. Broil 10 minutes for fish 1 inch thick. Serve on individual plates and pour pan juices over the top.

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FOOD & HOME

Centennial cookbook isn't for beginners

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME—The city's centennial committee is offering a taste of early Jerome through a collection of recipes.

The "Jerome Civic Club Ladies' Cook Book" compiled and published in January 1923, 16 years after the town was founded — is being reproduced as much like the original as possible. The centennial committee project is a fundraiser for the city's 2007 centennial celebration.

Although the committee hoped to have the book available by Christmas, production problems postponed availability to early January, cookbook committee chairwoman Linda Haddam said.

The 96-page book contains 296 recipes, divided into 12 sections — soups; fish; breads and rolls; eggs and chases; vegetables; cookies, drop cakes and doughnuts; cakes; puddings and frozen desserts; pies and pastries; pickles; and jelly and candies.

The recipes — from an era when measurements were often approximate — are valuable as historical examples: "butter the size of an egg ... a wine glass of brandy ... a teacup full of cream." The recipes often list ingredients only, assuming the reader knows the way around a kitchen.

A beginner would be wise to consult a more experienced cook before tackling recipes in the book, because step-by-step instructions are often sketchy — or omitted. The pioneer cooks who contributed the recipes assumed readers understood the steps.

Ralph and Blanch Peters own an original "Jerome Civic Club Ladies' Cook Book" inherited from Ralph's parents, W.A. and Adline Fay Peters.

"My mother was a very good cook and I would have a hard time picking out which recipe of hers was my favorite. Between my mother and another woman, also a good cook who worked in our home, they kept us going," Ralph Peters said.

Familiar names found in and around the city abound in the little book's pages. *North Side News* printed the original ver-



About the reprint

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sion, which includes advertisements from L'Herrison's Furniture, Kartzke Contracting, Peters Insurance Agency and Davis Jewelry.

Jerome Hardware advertised: "Everything in hardware, phone number 48." And Jerome Drug, "The Real Store," listed its phone number as 19.

Interesting recipes include:

BUTTERSCOTCH PIE
(Contributed by Axline Fay Peters)

Boil 1 cup dark brown sugar with a little water. Beat yolks of 2 eggs, three tablespoons cornstarch, 1/2 cup butter, 1 3/4 cups milk together. Pour into the hot syrup and cook until thick. (The instructions do not include putting the filling into a cookie pie shell. However, it is a necessary step.) Whip egg whites and sweeten slightly for meringue. Brown slightly in oven.

DOUGHNUTS
(Contributed by Mrs. R.E. Shepherd)

Mix 2 eggs, 1 cup milk, 1 cup sugar, 2 teaspoons each of melted butter and lard, a little nutmeg, 1/2 teaspoon lemon extract and 2 teaspoons baking powder into enough flour to make a soft dough. (The instructions don't include the suggestion to start with 2 cups of flour and work up from there. Nor do the instructions say to cook in deep fat.)

DATE LOAF
(Contributed by Mrs. W.A. Heist)

One-half cup butter; 3/4 cup sugar; 2 eggs; 1/2 cup milk either sweet or sour; 1/2 teaspoon soda; 1 cup dates; 1 cup chopped walnuts. Dissolve soda in milk, mix everything together and stir in sufficient flour to make the consistency of fruitcake. Bake in moderate oven for 1 hour.

MARSHMALLOWS
(Contributed by Mrs. W.F. Zahn)

One box gelatin; dissolved in 12 tablespoons cold water. Boil 4 cups granulated sugar in 16 tablespoons hot water until it forms a soft ball when a small amount is dropped in cold water. Pour syrup over dissolved gelatin and beat for 30 minutes. Add 1 tablespoon vanilla and spread in a shallow pan dusted with cornstarch and keep airtight. In the morning cut with scissors into 1-inch squares and roll in powdered sugar. Store in airtight jars.

A helpful hint from the "Jerome Civic Club Ladies' Cook Book": To make cake flour, sift together at least five times four cups all-purpose flour and one cup cornstarch.

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The finest

This shopping season, look for chocolate on the luxury level

By Yan Q. Mui
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Once, it was enough just to unwrap a bar of chocolate and eat it. Now you must understand it.

Note the glossy shine that indicates the strong bond between the cocoa butter and the cocoa mass. Instruct the makers of Vosges Haut Chocolate on the packaging of their Barcelona Bars. Release its complex aromas by rubbing your thumb across the top, and savor the smell. Only then should you finally taste it, feeling the chocolate melt around your tongue.

Like coffee before it, chocolate is going complex and upscale. This holiday season, look for Taramani, honey wrapped in dark chocolate from Godiva and custom-made boxes tied with double-faced satin ribbon at exclusive Manhattan specialty store Bergdorf Goodman. Christmas is the peak time for premium chocolate sales, and big candy companies and small chocolatiers alike are rolling out some of their most high-end products to date.

"Chocolate is not always about eating," said Laure de Moniebel, co-owner and chef of Sans Souci Gourmet Confections, an independent chocolate shop in New York that fills those custom-made boxes at Bergdorf's with peppermint truffles. "Chocolate is a feel business."

That may be why readers of December's Vogue opened the magazine to find a gorgeous model giving a come-hither look — to a piece of Godiva chocolate. Godiva wants customers to feel like divas, a play on the company's name and the focus of an advertising campaign that began last year targeting women ages 25 to 40. That demographic is the most likely to buy chocolate, consuming roughly eight servings



Boutique chocolate shops will sell their wares by the piece when you just need a quick fix. People who want to take a moment out and truly self-indulge want to do it in a way that's elevated," says Sharon Rothstein of Godiva.

"This is the Starbucks generation," said Suzanne McGrath, owner of the Curious Grape, a wine shop in Arlington, Va., that sells Cluzel's bars. "All you have to do is tell them about it, and it piques their interest."

"That philosophy is changing the way chocolate is marketed and consumed. It starts with bars of premium chocolate — such as Vosges' Barcelona Bar made with sea salt and roasted almonds — that sell for about \$6. Then there are the boutique chocolate shops that will sell their wares by the piece when you just need a quick fix. And for special occasions, there is the \$200 box of truffles from Godiva encased in Ultracreme and adorned with Swarovski crystal.

Sales of premium chocolate last year were estimated to total \$1.56 billion, according to the Mintel report. But most of those sales did not take place in traditional candy outlets such as drugstores. Increasingly, consumers are buying chocolate at department stores, gourmet food retailers and chocolate shops — and not just during the holidays.



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Dark secrets: New chips, bars and chunks are dark and delicious

By Laura H. Ehret
The Dallas Morning News

Dark-chocolate lovers, pick your number.
The trend of labeling cocoa products on their chocolate-packaging has reached the baking aisle, with time to spare for the holidays.

Upscale chocolatiers have designated percentages on their packages for a while, but the trend is just hitting supermarket brands.

Scharffen Berger Chocolate Maker, Schokling and Valrhona, all artisan chocolate makers, designate cocoa content on their products, even when it's not that high. Schokling, for instance, lists 72 percent on its bittersweet bar, but its Semi-sweet Chocolate Baking Chunks also bear a 50 percent cocoa label and the Milk Chocolate Chunks are labeled 32 percent cocoa.

Hershey's makes Special Dark Chips but doesn't list a cocoa percentage.

What does a cocoa percentage mean? In a nut shell, the higher the number, the more true chocolate flavor and the less sugar.

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- 1/2 cup butter
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- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups oats
- 1 cup dried cherries
- 8 ounces semi-sweet chocolate baking chunks (50 percent cocoa)

Preheat oven to 350 F.
Cream margarine, butter and sugar until smooth. Add eggs, vanilla and mix. Add flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Mix until almost completely incorporated - don't overmix.

Add oats, cherries and chocolate chunks and mix until evenly distributed. Drop by 1/4-cupfuls onto lightly greased cookie sheets and bake for approximately 10 to 12 minutes.

This can also be made into bars by baking the dough in a 9-by-13-inch pan for about 30 minutes. Makes 3 dozen large cookies.
Source: Schokling

For unsweetened chocolate, that really means nothing has changed. It's just that now it's wrapped in a new, trendy package that's stamped "100 percent cocoa." And that rates a 100 on the foodies' gotta-have-it scale.

Ghirardelli Chocolate now has both bars and chips labeled with cocoa percentages. The bars range from 60 percent cocoa (bittersweet) up to 100 percent. The Ghirardelli chips are 60 percent cocoa.

Baker's Chocolate has just introduced Baker's Reserve 25th Anniversary Bar, which is labeled with 70 percent cocoa. The 4-ounce bar is a limited edition.

Chocolate expert Alice Medrich, in her new book "Chocolate Holidays" (Artisan, \$15.95), cautions against substituting high-percentage chocolates in recipes not written specifically for that style.

"People are appreciating the complex properties that darker chocolate offers: subtle taste differences; deeper, richer flavors; and to a lesser degree, playfulness with benefits," says Lisa Huser, a spokeswoman for Ghirardelli. They enjoy experimenting, and dark chocolate, with its varied intensities, is the perfect choice - whether enjoyed with other foods in fancy substitutions in recipes or simply indulging in alone as a wonderful end to a meal."

Chocolate tips

- Be aware that not all chocolates are created equal. The same holds true for chips. That said:
 - You can generally substitute one type of chip - and even some bars that you've chunked up - for another in your favorite recipe. Chips are formulated to hold their shape during baking; bars aren't.
 - Taste the chocolate before adding it to the dough or batter to make sure the flavors are compatible, especially if you're adding a new flavor component such as mint or peanut butter or going from milk chocolate to bittersweet.
 - If one brand has both a semi-sweet and a bittersweet,
- semi-sweet is sweeter. Both are still dark chocolate.
- Store chocolate in its original wrapping or in foil somewhere cool, dark and dry, not in the refrigerator or freezer. Stored like this, dark chocolate will keep for several years. Milk and white chocolates will keep for several months.

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3. Nestle semi-sweet and white chocolate swirl chips
4. Unwrapped Hershey's Kisses for baking
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IN BRIEF

Eagles men move up to No. 16

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's win over then-No. 13 North Idaho College propelled the Golden Eagles back into the NCAA top 20. NIC (10-2) is now ranked No. 16. NIC (12-1) fell out of the Poll.

Chippola College (Fla.) remains No. 1. The next poll will be released Jan. 10, 2006.

Gooding girls announce fund-raiser

GOODING — The Gooding High School girls basketball program is selling fruit gift packs as a fund-raiser until Wednesday, Dec. 14.

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Call coach Chris Comstock at 934-4831 or a player with any questions.

Bruins baseball and softball sell fruit

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruins baseball and softball teams are selling oranges and grapefruits for their annual fund-raiser. The cost is \$16 for a 20-pound box of oranges or grapefruits or \$30 for a box of each.

The fruit also will be available in the First Federal Savings parking lot at the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Falls Avenue on Saturday, Dec. 17, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

For more information or to order, call Nick Baumert at 733-4978 or 306-4978.

CSI hosts hoops camp this month

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball programs will hold their winter junior basketball camp Dec. 30-31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. The camp is open to boys and girls grades K-8 and the registration fee is \$80. Participants will receive a camp T-shirt, a CSI poster, and an open ticket to any of the Eagles' remaining home games.

The camp will be led by the CSI coaching staffs and players, and will provide participants the opportunity to interact with their favorite Eagles players. For more information, call men's head coach Barrett Peery at 732-6496, women's head coach Randy Rogers at 732-6490, or athletics office manager Christl Ure at 732-6496.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Billy Cannon of LSU, who won the Heisman in 1959.

Bruins bite D'backs

TFHS goes inside to Vriesman in second half to beat Century

By Nathaniel Garzbrandt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sooner or later, the frost encasing the Bruins basketball Tuesday night was going to fall off.

It took two full quarters, but when it finally did what had only looked like a close basketball game was revealed for what it really was — a mismatch inside.

After essentially holding itself to only four points in the second quarter en route to the 16-16 halftime lead, Twin Falls got loose in the post in the second half to steamroll past nonconference foe Century 56-48 at home.

Key was thought we played an OK first half, we just couldn't put the ball in the hole," said Bruins coach Matt Harr. "We missed a ton of inside shots. And finally in the second half, I think we did a better job of positioning ourselves to get their shots underneath. The shots started to fall. I told them, 'There's not a lot of coaching involved in shooting a lay-up.' I think we were just trying too hard in the first half."

Key was delivering the ball to 6-5 senior post Brett Vriesman, who opened the third quarter with an old-fashioned three-point play after collecting a foul on a reverse lay-up. He proceeded to pour in 16 of 20 half points to finish with a game-high of 20.

"I just wanted to keep a positive attitude coming out of halftime," he said. "It was a close game, but we had to put them away. I just thought that my teammates did a better job getting me the ball."

The play sparked an 11-4 Bruins run, with senior Blake Nielson following Vriesman with a long 3 pointer.

The Diamondbacks (3-2) managed to



Twin Falls High senior guard Kenny Steelman defends Century junior guard Cooper Smith Tuesday night in Baun Gymnasium in Twin Falls.

stay in the game thanks to sophomore guard Kyle Miller-Whaley, who came off the bench in the third to drain a trio of 3-pointers, the last of which pulled Century to within three at 33-30. But he cooled off as the quarter wound down, while Twin Falls (5-0) maintained consistency in the paint.

"I think Vriesman had a big game," said Harr. "But I think our guards even had a bigger game, because they got him the ball. Our high-low game was excellent tonight. Vries finally started to hit his shots, but the players that surrounded him did a great job. I think it was a team effort tonight."

One of the guards in particular was senior Brandon Stokes, who finished the game

Two more sprinters stripped

The Associated Press

LONDON — Carl Montgomery's 100-meter world record was broken earlier this year. Now it's been wiped completely from the books.

The American sprinter was banned for two years Tuesday in the BALCO steroid scandal, and all his results, medals and prize money over the past five years were annulled.

Two other Olympic relay medalist Chryste Gaines also received a two-year ban from the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Neither runner tested positive for drugs. They were banned based on evidence gathered in the criminal investigation of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative and the testimony of fellow sprinter Kelli White.

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency had requested four-year suspensions for both runners, but CAS — the highest court in sports — cut the penalty in half. The decisions are final and binding.

The bans were backdated to June 5, 2005, the first day of Montgomery's hearing.

CAS voided all of Montgomery's performances since March 31, 2001, and Gaines' results since Nov. 30, 2003.

That means Montgomery's former world 100-meter record of 9.78 seconds — set in Paris in September 2002 — is no longer recognized. His record was lowered to 9.77 by Jamaica's Asafa Powell on June 14 in Athens, Greece.

Montgomery, 30, will also lose the 100-meter silver medal from the 2001 World Championships, a race won by former record holder Maurice Greene. The silver will now go to fellow American Bernard Williams.

Montgomery, who is the father of a child with Olympic sprint champion Marion Jones, also forfeits his gold medal in the 100-meter relay from the 2001 world.

"It is always a great day for clean athletes when individuals who cheat are held accountable and stripped of the rewards gained through cheating," USADA chief executive officer Terry Madden said in a statement.

The unfortunate part of this BALCO chapter is that these two athletes were charged guilty of doping and they wasted everyone's time and resources attempting to run from the consequences of their actions.

CAS said it based its ruling largely on the testimony of White, a former world sprint champion who was suspended for two years in 2004 in the BALCO case.

Vikings still need to prove themselves

JON KRAWCZNSKI
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Brad Johnson stood in the huddle two weeks ago against Detroit and couldn't pass up a chance to have a little fun at his opponent's expense.

"He was talking about how one of the defense linemen was stinking so bad it was making his nose hairs stand up," running back Michael Bennett recalled with a smile.

Six weeks ago, the joke was on the Minnesota Vikings.

After a 38-7 loss in Carolina in which star quarterback Daunte Culpepper suffered a season-ending knee injury,

the Vikings were 2-5 and seemed better candidates for the Reggie Bush sweepstakes than the playoffs.

They were a mess on and off the field, from coach Mike Tice's ticket scalping to Minnesota's Whizinator to the now infamous bot party on Lake Minnetonka making them a target of police and late night talk show hosts.

"Earlier, it was so bad ... it was like, 'Aw, there we go again,'" defensive tackle Pat Williams said. "Now we don't really care. We just go out there and expect to win."

Tice admitted he was close to losing his team. When asked for a percentage of his players who believed in the system when they were 2-5, Tice said, "Close to zero. In fact, probably about the same rating I had for next year of keeping my job or not. It was below a 1.0 percent, I guess."

Somehow, they stayed together.

The Vikings (8-5) have won six in a row since riding a big-play defense and an efficient mistake-free offense back into the NFC North title race.

They are one game behind Chicago in the NFC North and right in the thick of the wild-card race.

So are they legitimate contenders in the wide-open NFC, or is the emperor not wearing any clothes?

Minnesota's winning streak is exceeded only by Seattle's in the NFL since 1970, and the defense is allowing a pal-

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It's the usual suspects on AP's All-America team

The Associated Press

Vince Young can claim at least one victory over Southern California this season.

The Texas quarterback was selected to The Associated Press All-America team Tuesday, relegating USC's Matt Leinart to second-team.

Young was runner-up in the Heisman Trophy voting to Trojans tailback Reggie Bush and was one of four Longhorns on the first team. Bush was one of three All-Americans from top-ranked USC and a unanimous first-team selection.

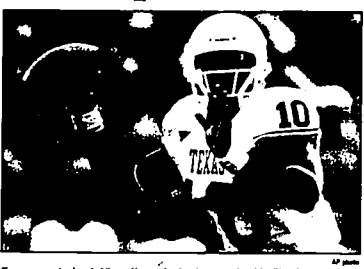
The real test for No. 2 Texas comes Jan. 4 in the Rose Bowl, when the Longhorns and Trojans play for the national title.

Young didn't hide his disappointment when Bush won the Heisman in a landslide on Saturday night.

"This should give me a little bit more edge to show the world what a good team the University of Texas is," he said.

Always dynamic on the move, Young proved he could be a topflight passer this season. He leads the nation in efficiency rating (158.8) with 2,783 yards and 28 touchdown passes. He also leads the team with 850 yards rushing.

Texas offensive tackle Jonathan Scott also made the first team, along with team-



Texas quarterback Vince Young looks past this file photo.

ing AP All-America mention. Leinart was joined on the second team by guard Taltus Latif. Tailback LenDale White and defensive tackle Sam Baker were on the third team.

USC has the No. 1 offense in the country, averaging 580 yards per game, and is the first team in NCAA history with two 1,000-yard rushers (Bush and White), a 3,000-yard passer (Leinart) and a 1,000-yard receiver (Larrett).

The special thing about our team is everybody's able to put their ego aside and focus on the team," Bush said.

Texas had three players on the third team — linebacker

2005 AP All-America Football Team

- AP's 2005 All-America Football Team
- Quarterback — Vince Young, No. 2 Texas (unanimous)
Running back — Reggie Bush, No. 2 USC (unanimous)
Tailback — LenDale White, No. 2 USC (unanimous)
Wide receiver — Daunte Culpepper, No. 2 USC (unanimous)
Tight end — Matt Leinart, No. 2 USC (unanimous)
Offensive line — Matt Crosby, No. 2 USC (unanimous)
Defensive line — Sam Baker, No. 2 USC (unanimous)
Linebacker — Sam Baker, No. 2 USC (unanimous)
Defensive back — Reggie Bush, No. 2 USC (unanimous)
Special teams — Reggie Bush, No. 2 USC (unanimous)

Aaron Harris, guard Will Allen and tackle Justin Blalock.

Bush was an All-American as an all-purpose player in 2004. He and Ohio State linebacker A.J. Hawk were the only players to repeat as first-teamers.

Hawk and Bush were also the only unanimous first-team selection.

Penn State's Paul Posluszny and Alabama's DeMeco Ryans were the other All-American

linebackers. Posluszny won the Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker and the Bednarik Award as the nation's top defensive player. Ryans won the Lott Trophy as top defensive player.

Hawk's Ohio State teammate, linebacker Bobby Carpenter, made the second team.

Penn State defensive end Tamba Hali gave the resurgent Nittany Lions two All-American

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By Johnny Hart

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Baldo

By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



The Elderberries

By Phil Frank and Joe Toise



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



Mallard Fillmore

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Pickles

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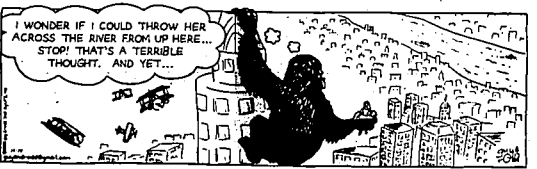
Baby Blues

By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



Brevity

By Guy & Rodd



By Garry Trudeau



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Luann

By Greg Evans



Pearls Before Swine

By Stephan Pastis



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Gemini: Keep cat in the bag

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

IF DEC. 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your hard work and persistence have put many important wheels in motion. Science shows us that a body put in motion tends to remain in motion, so coast on your past efforts and stay buoyant. In late August or early September you may find that wishes can come true, because that is a time when you are blessed by meetings with helpful people and chances to make your life much better. Plan to set your plans in motion then so they will be unfolded without any obstacles. In October you may need to pass some cosmic tests, so take responsibilities seriously. Avoid important decisions in early November when you might make errors of judgment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your brain may be working overtime. It is possible to lag in some important tasks due to outside pressures, so it will pay to remain organized. Avoid signing contracts until late in the day.

TALPUS (April 20-May 20): Be discreet about information entrusted to you. Put wheeling and dealing on the back burner and stick to lighthearted playfulness. Two heads are better than one to get work accomplished.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

festivities lurk around the corner. You are happiest working side by side with others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Secrets are not meant for sharing. For the best success, keep your own counsel about hidden ambitions. Although you have the ability to manipulate the players, it might not be wise to do so.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Play the role of the strong, silent type and it will be impossible to say or do the wrong thing. Put decision-making on hold for a few days as your good judgment may take a vacation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): String the popcorn and hang the lights. Embrace the holiday spirit. This might be a good time to share your blessings with others who are less fortunate by making donations to charities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): These days may be characterized by their own powerful ambitions and desires. Discuss important goals with your partner to clarify joint objectives. Moral issues could be highlighted.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't be shocked if someone close airs dirty laundry in public. Major ambitions could be illuminated and revealed. Quality time spent with family members will remove stress.

Don't let the cat out of the bag. Digging up the dirt on a rival might make a ruthless aspect of your personality show. You have the choice to be magnanimous and maintain a holiday truce.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Spread candy canes around to your friends and share eggnog with unexpected guests. Your hospitable gestures will be appreciated. Honor everyone's individual holiday traditions.

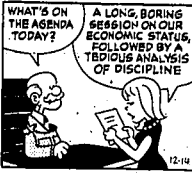
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Passionate determination to succeed will overcome minor obstacles. With a long holiday break looming on the horizon, you may need to buckle down and deal with year-end deadlines.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Err on the side of caution. You are apt to display tunnel vision if business aspirations are at stake. Bite back scathing observations or sarcastic remarks that might land you in hot water.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Although you might just want to knuckle down and conduct business as usual even if holiday

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Beetle Bailey



By Mort Walker

Blondie



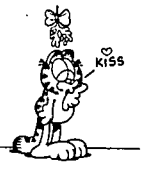
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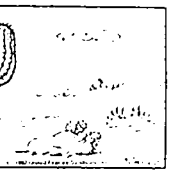
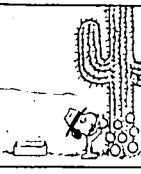
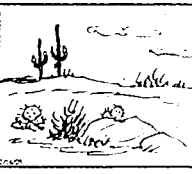
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Hi and Lois



By Chance Browne

Classic Peanuts



By Charles M. Schulz

The Wizard of Id



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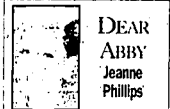
Dennis the Menace



By Hank Ketcham

By Bil Keane

Woman doesn't have phrases to communicate her praises



DEAR ABBY: I've been dating a wonderful man for several months. We have a great relationship, and I know I'm fortunate to have him. I'm very kind and warm. They have always welcomed me into their home by inviting me to family events, holidays, etc.

The challenge is, his family is from Eastern Europe. He came to the United States at a relatively young age, and his English is perfect. However, his parents and grandparents do not speak or understand English very well. I want so much to sit down and have a conversation with his mom, but I can't. I'm trying to learn their language, but their alphabet is different from ours. Also, I am dyslexic. While I will not give up on learning their language, I can certainly not happen overnight.

I can't avoid classes to get professional help in learning the language, and my boyfriend can't always be right by my side to translate. He'd like to be able to tell his mother that the dinner was good, or her blouse is pretty.

Can you help me? This will probably be my family one day. —LINGUISTICALLY LIMITED IN PITTSBURGH

DEAR ABBY: About a month ago, you printed a letter in your column about organ donations from the father of a little boy who had been taken to earth while the family vacationed in Europe. He had donated his son's organs in the country where the tragedy occurred.

It ought to mind a question I have had for years about organ donation. Is it true that if you are an organ donor, your family has to pay for it?

—LONNIE IN GREENFIELD, MO.

DEAR LONNIE: The answer to your question is no. The donor family does not have to pay while the family vacationed in Europe. He had donated his son's organs in the country where the tragedy occurred.

I don't feel comfortable with Bill and his girlfriend being at our wedding because they have tried to break up my fiance and me before. Also, they hate me — and my fiance thinks they should be there to celebrate our marriage. What do you think about this? Their invitation depends on your response. —DIPSET IN MONTANA

DEAR DIPSET: I disagree with your boyfriend. The only guests at your wedding should be those who wish you well. It would be extremely inappropriate to have them there. If you and your fiance have

themed movie as its champion. "It's going to be a front-runner, but it really has a momentum to climb because it has a very gay romance in the best picture category," said Tom O'Neil, who runs CineVestopex.com, an awards website. "Mrs. Henderson Presents," the Jane Austen costume pageant "Pride and Prejudice," the Broadway musical "The Producers," the divorce story "The Squid and the Whale," and the Johnny Cash film biography "Walk the Line."

Yet "Brokeback Mountain" has proved a favorite at film festivals and debated with huge box office grosses. Last week, taking in almost \$550,000 in just five theaters, the movie goes into wide release over the next few weeks, its backers hoping it will find a broad audience despite the subject matter.

'Brokeback Mountain' leads Golden Globe nominees with 7 nominations

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — The gay cowboy romance "Brokeback Mountain" positioned itself as a key Oscar competitor Tuesday, topping in seven Golden Globe nominations, including best dramatic picture and honors for actor Heath Ledger and director Ang Lee.

Other best drama picture contenders were the murder thriller "The Constant Gardener," the Edward R. Murrow take "Good Night, and Good Luck," the mobster story "A History of Violence" and "Match Point," a drama about infidelity.

The Globes were a triumph for smaller budgeted films over big studio productions. This is the first time in the history of the Golden Globes that all of the best (dramatic) film nominees are independent

movies made for under \$30 million, said Philip Berk, president of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which presents the awards.

The Globes have a separate category for musical or comedy films. Nominated were the theater tale "Mrs. Henderson Presents," the Jane Austen costume pageant "Pride and Prejudice," the Broadway musical "The Producers," the divorce story "The Squid and the Whale," and the Johnny Cash film biography "Walk the Line."

The Globes were the latest recognition for "Brokeback Mountain," a critical darling that has received top honors from critics groups in New York City, Los Angeles and Boston.

George Washington died today in 1799.



Despite a veneer of good-fellowishness, the Bush family dynasty is more Northeastern than Southwestern. Pose on Bush — the president's grandfather — was a senator from Connecticut. George H.W. Bush went to exclusive private schools in Connecticut and Massachusetts before attending Yale. Barbara Bush was a New York debutante whose father published McCall's and Redbook. And George W., born in New Haven, Conn., attended a private boys' school in Massachusetts before getting into Yale and Harvard.

Reader David St. Jean asks why we call the statue attributed to Homer about the siege of Troy "The Iliad." It's because Troy was the major city of land called them.

Here's a state motto apt for updating in these days of gender equality. Maryland's Latin mottled phrase is "horum. (Latin, equals womanly words)."

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

DirecTV to pay for do-not-call violations

WASHINGTON — DirecTV Inc. will pay \$5.34 million to settle charges that its telemarketers called households listed on the national do-not-call registry to pitch satellite TV programming, Federal Trade Commission officials said Tuesday.

New Mexican grill opens in Buhl

BUHL — Arcadio and Gloria Navarro opened El Cazador (the hunter) Mexican Grill on Dec. 5 at 113 South Broadway Avenue, in Buhl.

They bought and remodeled the Central's Mexican Restaurant building.

The Navarros decided to move their family into the area for a different pace of life. Originally from California, they have been in the Mexican food business for years and own three other restaurants.

Natural gas hits all-time high in U.S.

NEW YORK — Natural gas prices surged to an all-time high Tuesday, as cold weather in the United States and ongoing disrupted production in the Gulf of Mexico caused traders to worry that supplies of home-heating fuels will be tight this winter.

Exxon Corp. predicts oil demand to rise

DALLAS — Exxon Mobil Corp. forecasts global energy demand will rise 50 percent by 2030 and oil will remain the dominant fuel source.

Small business size standards get bigger

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Small Business Administration has increased its small business size standards to account for inflation, restoring small business eligibility to those firms that may have lost their small business status because of inflation since February 2002.

CALENDAR

Today
Ribbon cutting by Twin Falls Area Chamber, 2 p.m. Rosetta Assisted Living, 1177 Eastridge Ct.

Thursday
Forum with state lawmakers, Twin Falls Area Chamber event, 3 p.m., Twin Falls City Council Chambers. Business After Hours, Twin Falls Area Chamber holiday open house, 5:30 p.m., Turf Club

Postal Service studies local operations

T.F. mail may be processed in Boise

By Chris Baldus
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls mail might be sent to Boise for processing. Or, nothing could change.

Some post office employees might be reassigned. Or, nothing could change.

What happens when the U.S. Postal Service is done studying the mail processing operations at the Twin Falls Post Office is undetermined, said Teresa Rudkin, a spokeswoman in Denver.

"What we're doing in Twin Falls is taking a look at the local mail processing operation to make it more efficient," she said. She expects the study to be finished in four to six weeks.

"There's plenty of options, and one of them starts with doing nothing," she said.

The study is to determine the feasibility of consolidating certain mail processing operations, said a Dec. 12 letter from labor specialist John W. Dockins of the U.S. Postal Service to William Burns, president of the Ameri-

can Postal Workers Union. The letter, posted on the union's Web site, referenced 10 possible consolidations across the United States, including merging Twin Falls processing into Boise.

"The reason for the survey is to address the shifting mail volume and the need to manage capacity needs while improving efficiency," Twin Falls Postmaster Bill Reese wrote in a letter to *The Times-News*.

The Twin Falls Post Office has 43 mail clerks, of whom 33 are in the processing operation, said

Rudkin. It also employs 30 mail carriers, 13 maintenance workers, five supervisors and Reese, she said.

It serves 30 post offices in the area and handles about 50,000 incoming and 80,000 outgoing pieces of mail each day, she said.

The Spokane District, which includes Twin Falls, has the best service of the Postal Service's 45 districts, and "we don't want to change that," said Rudkin. That distinction is based upon on-time delivery of first-class mail, she said, which the latest numbers indicate handles 97 percent of the time.

Reese referred questions about the study to Rudkin, and

local American Postal Workers Union President Robert Hendrickson referred them to the union's national office.

Cathy Bentley of First Federal, which is involved with the local bank's mailing of business/financial statements each week, hoped the speed of mail delivery would not slow if changes are made.

And she added, "I would hate to lose the customer service I have with the business mailing (personnel)."

Times-News writer Chris Baldus can be reached at chris.baldus@tcnet.net or 735-4259.

Money to spend



Jason Carstena, of Portland, Ore., peers down an aisle he shops at Best Buy on Monday in Portland. Best Buy Co. Inc., the nation's biggest consumer electronics retailer, said its third-quarter profit declined 7 percent, as higher expenses outstripped a 10 percent increase in revenue. The retailer also reduced its full-year financial forecast, and its shares fell about 8 percent in early trading.

Lower gas prices translate into higher retail sales

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Retail sales posted a moderate increase in November as plunging gasoline prices left consumers with money to spend at the mall.

The Commerce Department reported that retail sales rose by 0.3 percent last month, slightly weaker than the 0.4 percent increase that analysts had been forecasting.

Economists generally saw the increase as a positive sign for retailers, who so far have posted mixed results in the all-important holiday shopping season.

"Christmas sales are shaping up to be OK," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com. He predicted this year's Christmas sales would be about 6 percent higher than 2004.

Nigel Gault, an economist at Global Insight, another forecasting firm, said retailers will have "not a blockbuster holiday season but far better than it appeared a couple of months ago when gasoline prices were over \$3 per gallon."

Consumer confidence is being bolstered by the falling gasoline prices and stronger job growth after a two-month hurricane-induced lull.

But even with good Christmas sales, economists cautioned that consumer spending, which has been a driving force in the current economic expansion, is set to slow significantly in the fourth quarter, primarily reflecting a slowdown in auto sales after attractive summer discounts led to robust sales.

Sales at department stores were up 0.5 percent in November, a respectable showing after a big 1.6 percent surge in October. Sales at specialty clothing stores edged up a slight 0.2 per-

Best Buy profits down

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Best Buy Co. Inc. has been adding personal shoppers, business experts, and home theater installers so it could focus on its most profitable customers.

But its hiring spree dragged third-quarter profits down by 7 percent, and on Tuesday Best Buy trimmed its full-year forecast. Investors punished the stumble by the nation's largest consumer electronics retailer, sending Best Buy shares down almost

12 percent.

CEO Brad Anderson said the company would stick with its strategy of focusing on its most profitable customers, but at less expense. He called the spending "unsustainable."

For the three months ended Nov. 26, Best Buy reported net income of \$138 million, or 28 cents per share, versus a year-earlier profit of \$148 million, or 30 cents per share. Sales increased 10 percent to \$7.3 billion.

Best Buy has a store in Twin Falls.

Consumers were willing to spend but only if they found bargains. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and J.C. Penney Co. Inc. reported gains in November that reflected heavy discounting.

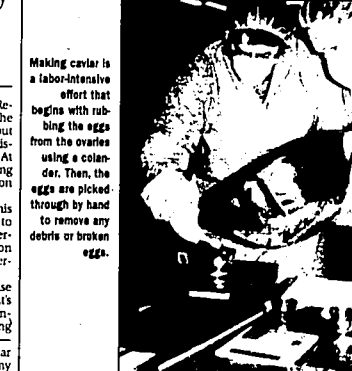
Fed increases rates, but may slow down

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve lifted interest rates to the highest level in 4.5 years Tuesday but also indicated its 18-month rate-raising campaign was winding down. At least one more increase in borrowing costs seemed in store to keep inflation under control.

Chairman Alan Greenspan and his Fed colleagues voted unanimously to boost the federal funds rate, the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans, by one-quarter percentage point to 4.25 percent.

Local producers optimistic about caviar



Making caviar is a labor-intensive effort that begins with rubbing the eggs from the ovaries using a colander. Then, the eggs are picked through by hand to remove any debris or broken eggs.

By Cindy Snyder
AG Weekly correspondent

HAGERMAN — If a group of fish producers have their way, Idaho may soon be as famous for its caviar as its potatoes.

"The comments we've been getting have been fantastic," said Leo Ray, one of the producers who has been growing this fledgling industry since 1998.

Producers made a test run of caviar in June to see if the product was marketable.

"They say it's some of the best farm-raised caviar they've eaten," he said.

Ray credits the Hagerman Valley's famous springs for the lack of mustiness that is sometimes associated with cultured or farm-raised caviar.

"Fish are like a sponge," Ray said. "Fish taste like the water they come out of. We have good clean water."

A caviar taste-test panel at the University of California-Davis backs what he and other producers are hearing from potential buyers.

MONEY

Retailers go high-tech to catch fraud

By Mary Jo Feldstein
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — Retailers, hoping to oust sophisticated shoplifters, are trucking customers who make returns, linking registers to hidden cameras and conducting elaborate sting operations. Shopping costs retailers an estimated \$10.5 billion a year, and most of that is passed on to customers through higher prices, the 2004 National Retail Security Survey at the University of Florida found.

For most stores, shoplifting has moved beyond teenagers stuffing compact discs in their pockets or hiding bathing suits under their coats. Retailers attribute nearly 90 percent of shoplifting losses to organized retail crime, the University of Florida survey found.

Career shoplifters often manipulate refund policies to bring

home cash and leave stores with stolen goods or knock-offs.

In response, some merchants are using advanced technology to stop them from happening. "Retailers are leveraging technology, and I think they're using it to a great deal of success in doing so," said Richard C. Hollinger, author of the study and director of the Security Research Project at the University of Florida.

But none of the retailers is "doing cartwheels" yet, because the dollar value they're losing is still so great, he said. Some researchers put the amount lost to returns as high as \$16 billion a year.

Limited Brands Inc. has hired investigators to surf Web sites, including eBay, looking for stolen property, Hollinger said. The company also is mapping where thefts take place. So, if a ring of shoplifters appears to be working its way down a highway, Limited's loss prevention team can contact law enforcement,

and officers can be waiting when they return home.

"No one watches people in dressing rooms anymore," Hollinger said.

Some Staples Inc. office supply stores have two-way video cameras. Servers' licenses if customers ask to make a return without a receipt. The technology, Veri-1, tracks people who make multiple returns without a receipt. Two months of those returns, and Staples can refuse to take back merchandise. "Staples has been using it for a year or more," said Owen Davis, a company spokesman. But just at some stores, areas where fraud has been identified as a problem. Veri-1 was created by the Return Exchange, an Irvine, Calif., software company. Return Exchange stores customers' data and compares how much and how often they return items. The company says about 99 percent of returns are accepted.

Return Exchange declined to be interviewed, but in a statement said its technology can

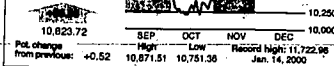
identify return abusers, allowing stores to offer more lenient policies for legitimate customers.

And, the company said, providing information electronically is more accurate and faster than asking sales associates to write it on paper.

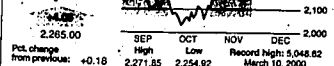
Encapsulon, of Jefferson City, Mo., provides Web-based software that merchants can use to make up questionable register transactions with video of the sales associate and the customer involved. Encapsulon's software can scour sales data for repeated cash returns or register overrides by employees. Then it can find the corresponding video of those transactions, so loss-prevention specialists can determine if fraud or loss of training is a problem.

"Most retailers are data-inundated," said Joe Davis, director of loss prevention for Encapsulon. "What they don't have is the tools to scrub that data and focus on what's the most high-risk."

Dec. 13, 2005
Dow Jones Industrials



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Stocks gain after Fed increases rates

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street made a moderate advance Tuesday as investors welcomed news that the Federal Reserve may be close to ending its string of interest rate hikes.

The Fed raised interest rates a quarter percentage point to 4.25 percent Tuesday, the market was pleased by a revision to the central bank's economic assessment in which it no longer commended the rate increase 18 months — and many anticipate one more boost at outgoing Chairman Alan Greenspan's final policymaking meeting in January.

But recent reports of strengthening economic indicators now have some concerned that more increases could be in the cards that may have limited the market's ad-

vance following the Fed's mid-September announcement. The Fed previously slashed rates to record lows to spur the economy after it has been gradually pushing them upward to battle inflation.

"At this point, it's difficult to see them stopping with one more increase," said Christopher Piro, investment strategist for Prudential's Strategic Investment Research Group. "There will almost certainly be two more. But I do think there is a risk they may have already gone far enough, if not too far."

Stocks wandered aimlessly for most of the session as the market weighed lackluster retail sales figures and mixed earnings news from electronics retailer Best Buy Co., computer maker Hewlett-Packard Co. and consumer products firm Procter & Gamble Co. At the close of trading, the Dow Jones industrial average edged \$5.95, or 0.52 percent, to 10,823.72.

Caviar

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producers made another run of caviar from 14 sturgeon in late November for the holiday market. Between 70 and 80 percent of the caviar consumed in the United States is eaten on New Year's Eve.

"This year will be a good market," he said.

For caviar for a winter holiday from fish that spawned in the spring is just one of the many challenges to cultured-caviar production.

Time is another factor. It can take years before an adult sturgeon is mature enough to spawn. And the process of making the caviar

product itself is time consuming and labor intensive. Harvesting the ovaries is removed from the female, the roe must be hand rubbed or processed. The resulting product must be picked through by hand to remove any debris or broken eggs. Then the caviar is salted to firm the eggs and help preserve the product. Finally, it is packed.

Once the test run established the fastest speed was hand rubbing the eggs. That's true in commercial production as well.

On the test run established the Idaho sturgeon could produce a caviar product that was accept-

able to the market. Ray added three rooms to his Hagerman fish processing facility devoted to caviar production. He estimates he can produce 100,000 pounds of caviar from his own that can be devoted to caviar production each of the next five years with the potential to increase production to 1,000,000 pounds more after that — provided Idaho caviar is in that much demand by the market.

Rasco said he thinks the Hagerman producers have an opportunity to differentiate themselves in the market. First, there's the uniqueness of the Thousand Springs that can be capitalized on, then there's the fact different styles of caviar can

be made from different fish.

"There is not going to be a single type of product," he said. While the so-called golden caviar from the Caspian Sea is valued at \$2,300 per 100 grams, Idaho production is looking at a price closer to \$100 per 100 grams. In June, the five fish processed weighed in weight from 40 to 100 pounds and produced caviar worth about \$15,000 retail.

"Caviar is where French wine still is, it's still art. There's a mystique associated with it," Rasco said.

And that's something sturgeon producers in Idaho would like to last this New Year's.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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West hit upon the lead of the club eight, ducked to the king — a better shape had been in better shape had he put up dummy's queen. A club was returned to which West discarded the spade four to the queen and ace. East naturally returned the club 10 to the jack to set up his suit, as West let go a low heart. Declarer now played a low diamond to East's queen, and that player then dealt the entirely natural mistake of cashing his clubs. Wouldn't you?

West initially had to pitch a couple of hearts. Then when East exited with a heart, declarer cashed the ace and king of hearts, and West was squeezed dry in diamonds and spades.

Of course, East should not have cashed the last club, but even then it was too late, assuming declarer would read the position accurately. If East shifts to a heart after cashing just two club winners, declarer can take the ace and king of spades, leaving West with the J-7 of spades, then endplay West with the fourth diamond to concede a spade trick at the end.

The winning defense is for East not to play a club at trick three, but to attack hearts by leading the queen while partner still has three cards in the suit, which has the effect of fatally disrupting declarer's entries to his hand.

Bridge score table with North and South hands and tricks taken.

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