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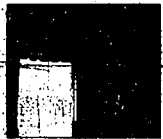


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# Hope prevails

## Family members: 12 trapped miners alive

The Associated Press

TALLMANSVILLE, W.Va. — Twelve of the 13 miners trapped in an explosion in a coal mine were found alive late Tuesday after more than 41 hours underground, turning a community's worst fears to unbridled joy. Family members streamed from the church where they had kept vigil, shouting "Praise the Lord!" as bells at the church rang out

as family members ran out screaming in jubilation. Relatives yelled "They're alive!"

"They told us they were 12 alive," said Gov. Joe Manchin, leader of the nation's No. 2 coal-producing state. "We have some people that are going to need some medical attention."

Rescue crews found the body of a 13th miner earlier Tuesday evening and said they were holding out hope that the others were still alive, even as

precious time continued to slip away.

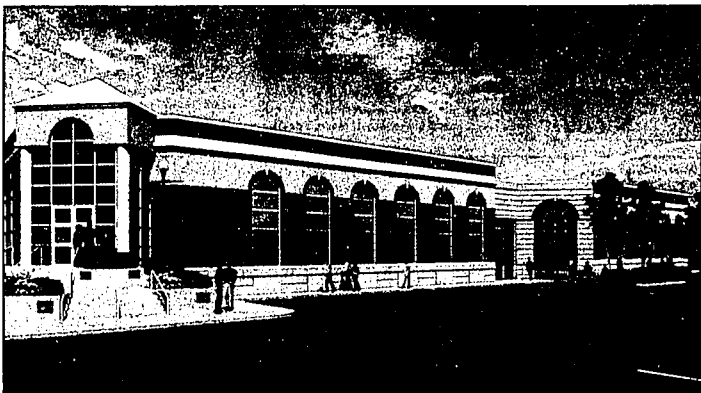
The mine's owner, International Coal Group Inc., did not immediately confirm that the 12 other men were alive. A relative at the church said a mine foreman called relatives there, saying, the miners had been found.

A few minutes after word came, the throng, several hundred strong, broke into a cheer. Please see MINERS, Page A2



Darlene Groves, left, and Crystina Neeling hold each other to celebrate Tuesday night after hearing a report indicating 12 miners are alive. Groves is the sister-in-law of trapped miner Jerry Groves and Neeling is his niece.

## A NEW VISION



This is a design concept of the proposed Twin Falls Public Library expansion prepared recently by Cooper Roberts Simonsen Associates architectural firm of Salt Lake City. Citizens will vote next month on a \$5.2 million bond referendum that, if passed, will expand the library by approximately 20,000 square feet.

# Library expansion will go before voters

By Terry Smith  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Citizens will decide next month if the city needs a bigger library.

A \$5.2 million bond referendum to fund an expansion is scheduled for Feb. 7. The project would add approximately 20,000 square feet to the Twin Falls Public Library.

The library needs to grow to meet the needs of a growing Twin Falls population, said Library Director Susan Ash. The library presently has more than 600 visitors per day and that number continues to increase, she said.

"It's very important to the city as it's growing to continue the cultural structure that it's had," Ash said. "When new people come to the area they often ask about the library and want to see it."

The new addition, designed to be architecturally consistent with the library is planned for the southeast side of the existing building in an area now used for parking.

The expansion, and renovations to the existing building, would provide space for the library's growing book collection, which is expected to reach nearly 240,000

### Upcoming meetings

A series of meetings is scheduled on the proposed expansion of the Twin Falls Public Library. Meetings will be held in the library's program room on the lower level.

Date	Time	Target Audience
Jan. 5	10 a.m.	Senior Citizens
Jan. 13	7 a.m.	Business
Jan. 14	2 p.m.	Youth
Jan. 18	7 p.m.	Parents/Educators
Jan. 26	7 p.m.	Everyone

works over the next 20 years. A public meeting room is planned to accommodate conferences or seminars for up to 100 people. Also, a "commons reading area" would overlook the city park.

The expanded library would allow a new location for the Idaho and Pacific Northwest Room that houses literature, photographs, maps and other items devoted to the region.

A young adults space is planned, as is an expanded public computer area. A series of public information meetings

is scheduled. Each has a target audience. The first one, for senior citizens, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the library's Program Room on the lower level.

The project received the support of City Council in September, when the council voted 7-0 to authorize the bond election. City Manager Tom Courtney cautioned at the time that the city has competing needs such as increased administrative services and an upcoming proposal to expand the city's water system.

Gale Kleinkopf, co-chairman of the Library Expansion Advisory Panel, then said: "If the public wants the library, they'll vote for it. If not, they'll vote for something else."

Kleinkopf said Tuesday he's confident the bond will pass. "I think the public recognizes this as a benefit to the community," he said. "They have been extremely supportive in the past. The patrons have been very pleased with the services at the library."

If approved, the tax levy to fund the project will be an extension of a levy approved by voters in 1990 to fund an earlier library expansion. The \$5.2 million bond would be paid back over 15 years. It would cost the owner of a \$115,000 home about \$26 a year in property taxes.

# Notorious lobbyist cuts his last deal

## Abramoff agrees to identify lawmakers who took bribes

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Jack Abramoff, the once-powerful lobbyist at the center of a wide-ranging public corruption investigation, pleaded guilty Tuesday to fraud, tax evasion and conspiracy to bribe public officials in a deal that requires him to provide evidence about members of Congress.

The plea deal could have enormous legal and political consequences for the lawmakers on whom Abramoff lavished luxury trips, lobbyist fundraisers, campaign contributions, jobs for their spouses, and meals at Signatures, the lobbyist's upscale restaurant.

In court papers, prosecutors refer to only one congressman: Rep. Robert W. Ney, R-Ohio. But Abramoff, who built a political alliance with House Republicans, including former majority leader Tom DeLay of Texas, has agreed to provide information and testimony about half a dozen House and Senate members, officials familiar with the inquiry said. He also is to provide evidence about congressional staffers, Interior Department workers and other executive branch officials, and other lobbyists.

"The corruption scheme with Mr. Abramoff is very extensive," Alice S. Fisher, deputy chief of Justice Department's criminal division, said at a news conference with other high-ranking officials of the Justice Department.

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# MOTHER OF TREES

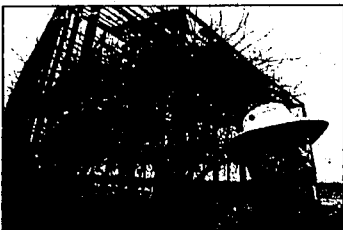
## Pistachio tree finally over hill

By Olivia Munoz  
Associated Press writer

PARRIS, Calif. — In her prime, she was used to breed millions of disease-resistant trees, helping propel California's pistachio industry to international prominence.

Today, Mother Tree, as University of California researchers call her, is retired, but holds a revered place in the state's agricultural history at the Kearney Agricultural Center.

Planted from an Iranian seed in the early 1960s and bred with pollen from a male tree from Northern India, the unlikely marriage of sorts gave rise to progeny that was more



Chuck Bokhays stands in front of a 40-year-old pistachio tree at the University of California's Kearney Agricultural Center in Parlier, Calif. The tree has been used to breed millions of other trees.

productive, and able to resist salty soils, cold weather and a root fungus that was devastating orchards.

"In nature, they wouldn't naturally cross," said researcher Louise Ferguson, Please see TREE, Page A2

# Obese patients increase need for specialized care

By Susan Levine  
The Washington Post

When Irish researchers recently reported that many people's feet are too fat for regular-length needles to reach their target, the finding immediately made the opening monologues of late-night TV shows on this side of the Atlantic. The wisecracks were an easy laugh, but for the one in three American adults who is obese or close to it, they were no joke.

Because of this country's expanding belt, blood-pressure cuffs now come in "large adult" sizes, for arms that don't fit smaller circumstances. Patient gowns can be ordered in size 5X, providing "comfortable, comprehensive coverage," according to the ad for one prod-

uct. There are wheelchairs with seats up to four feet wide, scales that measure many hundreds of pounds and hospital beds built sturdy enough to handle excessive loads.

Drug injections in the derriere are merely the latest example of how extreme weight complicates the delivery of routine care, often with adverse effects.

An industry has sprung up to make and sell larger supplies and equipment. "It's been a developing problem, and we've watched the manufacturers adjust," said Scott Hanna, whose company, QuickMedical, in North Carolina, offers "AmpleWear" gowns and "high-capacity" home scales that go up to 660 pounds. Customers include more than 100 medical providers, and Hanna's special-

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# Airstrike apparently kills Iraqi family

The Washington Post

**BAHGDAD, Iraq** — U.S. pilots targeting a house where they believed insurgents had taken shelter killed a family of 12, Iraqi officials said Tuesday. The bodies included women and children whose bodies were recovered in the nightclothes and blankets in which they had apparently been sleeping.

A Washington Post special correspondent watched as the corpses of three women and three boys who appeared to be younger than 10 were removed Tuesday from the house outside the town of Baiji, 150 miles north of Baghdad.

A U.S. military spokesman said that U.S. forces take every precaution to prevent civilian casualties and that they were working with Iraqi authorities to determine what happened at the farmhouse in Baiji.

The Associated Press Television News showed footage of men carrying several bodies, wrapped in carpets, from the wreckage of the house. The men chanted ritual prayers. There is no god but God.

The United States has repeatedly intensified its use of airstrikes against insurgents in Iraq in the past year, increasing the number of attacks to 25 in January 2005 and 10 in November.

The U.S. military says that it does not count civilian deaths from American attacks, and that investigating deaths caused by any one strike is often impractical in dangerous combat areas. But some analysts say the U.S. military should make a systematic effort, both to test the reliability of its intelligence and to better learn how to reduce civilian casualties.

On Tuesday, Johnson said the U.S. military was trying to do this in regard to the Baiji strike. "We are determining the facts in this particularly case so we will know exactly how civilians may have been drawn into the airstrike and how we can do better by our forces fighting insurgents on the ground," Johnson said in the e-mail.

Johnson deferred comment on the number of civilians in the strike to Iraqi officials.

U.S. forces had received the information leading to the attack from multiple sources, including existing intelligence and direct observation at the time of the strike, Johnson said in the e-mail.



An Iraqi man weeps Tuesday next to the bodies of victims of an alleged U.S. airstrike in Baiji, Iraq. Iraqi police said U.S. aircraft bombed a house Monday night and that seven people were killed and four injured.

A U.S. military statement said that an unmanned U.S. drone detected a house where insurgents were in a residential area. Insurgents regularly bury bombs along roads in the area to target U.S. or Iraqi convoys. The three men were struck by a building, which U.S. forces then hit with precision-guided munitions, the statement said.

Maj. Abdul Jabbar Kaisi, a security officer in Salahuddin province, said the airstrike killed the 12-member family of his relative, Ghadban Nahl Kaisi, who is also a relative of Salahuddin Gov. Ahmad Mahmud Kaisi.

Officials said six surrounding houses were damaged and two residents in the area were wounded seriously enough to require treatment. Officials and other people at the scene said there had been no insurgents in the house targeted.

As American forces widened their search for insurgents, the Post correspondent witnessed emergency workers carrying out the bodies of the three boys on the thin blankets upon which they had been found. Search crews used blankets to wrap up the bodies.

Emergency workers also retrieved the bodies of three women — a bloodied older woman whose head was wrapped in a black veil and two younger women whose hair was covered and who were dressed for bed. The head of one of the two young women

was crushed.

"I would certainly think that if they believe they had strong intelligence about enemy activity, they would want to confirm that they had killed their intended targets and want to understand if they had killed or injured innocent people inadvertently," said Sarah Sewall, who was deputy assistant secretary of defense for peacekeeping and humanitarian aid during the Clinton administration. She is now program director at Harvard University's Carr Center for Human Rights Policy.

Separately Tuesday, top Iraqi police officials in the southern city of Basra said an Iranian citizen was among three men detained in a raid Sunday that uncovered a large amount of arms and explosives. One of the officials said some of the seized ordnance had markings showing it had been made in Iran.

The ordnance included 235 sticks of dynamite, as well as artillery and mortar shells and anti-tank mines, officials said. U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad recently warned Iraqis against sending weapons into Iraq, a top U.S. military official, who spoke on condition that he not be identified further, had earlier said repeatedly that weapons and guerrillas were entering Iraq from Iran.

Specific accounts of such smuggling seldom emerge. Po-

lice and officials in southern areas bordering Iraq, and in the Interior Ministry in Baghdad, are predominantly Shiites. Many are members of Shiite religious political parties with links to Shiite Iran.

In northern Iraq, meanwhile, Kurdish regional leader Masoud Barzani held postelection talks with Sunni Arab leaders, telling reporters after the meeting that "we have agreed on a national unity government."

Negotiations on the makeup of a coalition government will continue in Baghdad, Barzani said. In Baghdad, however, spokesmen in the Shiite religious alliance that early results showed netted the biggest share of votes in last month's election said the alliance would only accept coalition partners that favored federalism and strong measures against members of the Baath Party that ruled Iraq under Saddam Hussein.

The measures would be anti-Sunnite to most prospective Sunni coalition partners, however. Their members come from the Sunni minority that lost power with the overthrow of Saddam's government.

As in Baghdad Tuesday, police said a sister of Interior Minister Bayan Jabr, a Shiite, had been kidnapped, but Jabr's political party denied an abduction had occurred. Parts of central Baghdad were locked down as police searched for the woman.

# U.S. military chief pushes for more Sunnis in security forces

**ABOARD A MILITARY AIRCRAFT** (AP) — The U.S. military chief on Tuesday urged Iraqis to include more Sunni Arabs in the Iraq armed forces and police and to settle factional differences that are hampering the formation of a new government.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Peter Pace told The Associated Press in an interview that the U.S. ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad, was working with Iraqi leaders to bring more Sunni Arabs into the security forces, but he stressed it was up to the Iraqis to resolve the issue.

"The Iraqis people especially

are going to have to decide to pull together to work through whatever factional differences they have and realize the benefit of getting all elements of society involved in the government," he said, adding that "you can capitalize on the strengths of all of the people and not just some of them."

He added: "I think that any security force for any country needs to be representative of the people of that country," he said. "Sunni, Shia, Kurds are all Iraqis and the national force that's going to provide support for the country and the internal police forces need to be representative of all the people."

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## Public Notice of Intent To Propose Or Promulgate New Or Changed Agency Rules

The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the proposed text of all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the new issue of the Idaho Administrative Bulletin.

**IDAPO 08 — STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0030  
08-0203-0601, Rules Governing Thoroughness. Clarifies that Department of Education is responsible for calculating rewards for desiring schools using current calculation methodology and clarifies the difference between the two awards. Comment by: 1/23/06.

**IDAPO 11 — IDAHO STATE POLICE**  
PO Box 1177, Meridian, ID 83680-1177  
11-1301-0601, The Motor Carrier Rules. Updates incorporation by reference citation to comply with Change of Code of Federal Regulations. Comment by: 1/23/06.

**IDAPO 16 — DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE**  
PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0030  
16-0305-0601, Rules Governing Eligibility for Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled. Increases the basic allowance from \$67 to \$82 a month for Medicaid Recipients in Medicare residing in Room and Board Homes, Residential and Assisted Living Facilities, and Certified Family Homes to help cover out-of-pocket medical costs for increased prescription drug and longer costs for their chosen Medicaid Prescription Drug Plan that will no longer be paid for by Idaho's Medicaid Program. Comment by: 1/23/06.

**IDAPO 58 — DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255  
58-0108-0601, Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems. Allows public drinking water systems to use point of use treatment technology for treating some chemical contaminants such as arsenic excepts small public drinking water systems (serving less than 200 connections) from the requirement in Section 39-118, Idaho Code, to submit engineering plans and specifications and submit technical and managerial documentation to the Department, and allows public drinking water systems serving less than 200 service connections the option to apply to the state for a waiver of the engineering plan and specification requirements. Comment by: 2/1/06.

**58-0112-0501, Rules for the Administration of Water Pollution Control Loans.** Allows DEQ to collect a fee in the form of a percentage of each loan that will be used to provide funds for a loan program administration. The actual interest rate charged on State Revolving Fund loans will be reduced by the amount of the fee charged so that there is no cost to the communities using the SRF loans. Comment by: 2/1/06.

**Temporary Rules Have Been Adopted in the Following Rulemaking:**  
**IDAHO STATE POLICE**  
11-1301-0601 — The Motor Carrier Rules

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE**  
16-0305-0601 — Rules Governing Eligibility for Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled  
16-0309-0601 — Rules Governing the Medical Assistance Program

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
58-0108-0602 — Rules for the control of Air Pollution in Idaho  
**INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**  
17-0208-0501 — Miscellaneous Provisions

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF IDAHO**  
59-0103-0601 — Contribution Rules for PERS  
Negotiated Rulemaking Meetings Are Being Conducted on the Following Dockets:  
(See January Bulletin for dates, times and location)

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
08-0203-0602 — Rules Governing Thoroughness  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
58-0101-0601 — Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho  
58-0108-0602 — Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems  
58-0116-0502 — Wastewater Rules (2nd Notice)

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, January 4, 2006, Volume 06-1 for notices and text of all rulemakings, public hearing schedules, Governor's executive orders, and agency contact information.

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# Cities will get priority for Homeland Security funds

Los Angeles Times

**WASHINGTON** — Urban areas that offer tempting targets for terrorists will get priority for Homeland Security funds, officials said Tuesday. The Department of Homeland Security

announced Tuesday by Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, will shift more funds to high-risk areas away from urban areas with attacks are considered less likely.

At the same time, other changes, along with an overall budget spending level, are stirring concern among some about the long-term impact of the new federal approach for training and equipping police officers, firefighters and other emergency responders against possible terrorist incidents.

The revised approach is the latest step in a series of changes by the Bush administration and Congress. The administration favors allocating terrorism grants based on risk, which Chertoff identified as the "communities facing the greatest risk and demonstrating the greatest need in order to receive the highest return on our nation's security."

Some cities are being phased out for USAI eligibility after being given funding for a "bridge" year to complete ongoing projects. They will still be able to continue other funding and could continue to receive USAI grants if they can demonstrate need.

rection," said Jack Weiss, a Los Angeles city councilman whose district encompasses Los Angeles International Airport. "At the same time, I'm always concerned when Washington wants us to create new bureaucracies to cope with the paperwork."

Many of the changes reflect an attempt to make dwindling funds go further; money for the Urban Areas Security Initiative grant program has dropped from \$855 million last year to \$765 million for 2006.

While the USAI program has always been risk-based, the department said it is making it even more so by limiting the number of eligible areas.

Previously spread among 50 cities, eligibility for grants is now limited to 35 regional areas, which Chertoff identified as the "communities facing the greatest risk and demonstrating the greatest need in order to receive the highest return on our nation's security."

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# Wrinkle Cream Great Success

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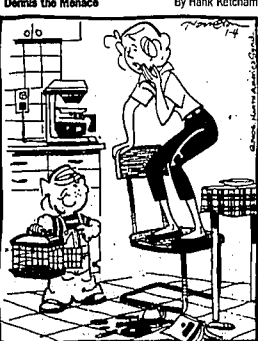
**The Wizard of Id**

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



**Dennis the Menace**

By Hank Ketchum



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

By Bill Keane



# Man who ruins pot party puts girlfriend's nose out of joint

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 21 and my girlfriend, "Jody," is 19. The other day she was invited to a party at which she told me she intended to smoke marijuana. She knows I disapprove of drugs and alcohol. When I became upset, she told me to "lighten up."

I love Jody with all my heart and want nothing bad to happen to her, so I wrote an anonymous letter to her mother explaining the situation. Jody didn't get into trouble, but her brother did because he had marijuana on him at the time. Because I told her mother what was going to happen, nobody was able to do what they intended at that party.

Now they're all mad at me. I have been getting hate messages on my answering machine and via e-mail. Jody promised to call me before the party, but she didn't and went anyway.

I visited her at work and tried to talk with her, but she won't speak to me. I have apologized countless times, saying I didn't mean for anyone to get in trouble. I love her more than anything, but I don't feel any love in return. I am very shy, so I find it hard to talk to her. What can I do?



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

It made us both very uncomfortable. One of these, it may now consider skipping any future visits because her behavior will undoubtedly be repeated. I don't want bad blood in the family. However, I refuse to be treated with disrespect.

least for now. Please forgive me for being a "downer," but it's time to accept the fact that you and Jody are at different levels of maturity and heading down different paths.

When and if this girl matures, she may realize the fine qualities you have to offer. But I have a feeling that by the time that happens, you'll be long gone and in love with someone whose values are more similar to your own.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been married almost 22 years and are happily child-free. We have always lived far from our relatives and see them only every three or four years.

At a recent gathering of my husband's siblings, his oldest sister (now a grandmother) was extremely aggressive in her insistence that we hold, kiss and interact with her 11-day-old grandchild (her latest). When we attempted to rebuff her with humor, saying, "Oh, we just don't do babies!" she became hostile and insulting.

Should we confront the sister and let her know how her behavior made us feel?

—NO BABIES, PLEASE, MARLBOROUGH, MASS.

**DEAR NO BABIES, PLEASE:** Parents and grandparents can be blind to the fact that not everyone is comfortable with small children. Your sister-in-law regarded your reluctance to hold her grandchild as a personal rejection.

Please don't skip the next family reunion. With any luck, there won't be any new grandchildren to be forced on you. And if there are, smile and say, "I prefer babies at a distance. In-law regarded your reluctance to keep your hands at your sides."

**DEAR HURTING:** You have done enough. It doesn't take a crystal ball to see that your relationship with Jody is over, at

**DEAR ABBY:** It's a well-known fact that I don't drive. However, no matter where I go, people ask me how I got there. I am a very private person and resent people asking me that question. I would like a good answer. Thank you.

—FRAN IN BUFFALO, N.Y.

**DEAR FRAN:** Smile and say, "The stork brought me."

## At the time of the American Revolution, about 4,500 men were practicing medicine

This day in history: In fourteen hundred ninety-three, Columbus launched his ships to sea. On Jan. 4, the fleet went heading back to Isabella — and so began the return trip of Columbus' first excursion to the New World.

You're getting old if you remember a misty time when the Lucky Charms marshmallows came in only five shapes: hearts, stars, moons, clovers and diamonds.



Hughes launch his career. What's in a name? Delaware was founded by Swedes and named "New Sweden." Later captured by the Dutch, it was renamed "New Netherlands." When the English took it, they called it "New York." Finally, it became its own territory and took the name of a respected Virginia governor, Lord de la Warr.

One of history's best known kings — Tutankhamen — ruled Egypt from the tender age of 9. By age 18, both his reign and his life were over — perhaps, as some forensic archeologists believe, from a deliberate blow to the head.

Be careful when you give orders to your underlings because they just might follow them. Stonewall Jackson told his officers to "shoot first; ask questions later" before he went out on a scouting mission.

When the general rode back to camp, he was fatally shot by his own men.

The oldest known breed of dog is a Middle Eastern dog called the Saluki. Its image appears on artifacts that are at least 7,000 years old.

At the time of the American Revolution, about 4,500 men were practicing medicine in America, and many of them were practicing as healers and midwives. Only about 300 of the men (and none of the women) actually had medical degrees.

Langston Hughes was a busboy before he became a key Harlem Renaissance writer. When poet Vachel Lindsay was dining at his restaurant, Hughes placed a packet of his poems next to Lindsay's plate. Lindsay liked what he read and helped

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factminger@mingo-barrett.com.

## Two-headed albino snake for sale

ST. LOUIS — For sale: One albino snake. Has two heads. Asking \$150,000 or best offer.



The World Aquarium in St. Louis has been home to Ve, a one-of-a-kind two-headed albino rat snake, since 1999. President Leonard Sonnenschein has decided to sell the reptile, and bidding on e-Bay will start at \$150,000.

The auction is expected to close within 10 days. The 6.5-year-old snake came to the aquarium's attention when its previous owner distributed a circular offering it for sale days after its birth. The aquarium paid \$15,000 knowing most two-headed snakes don't live more than a few months.

"It's an amazing snake," Sonnenschein said Monday. "When people see it they are awestruck."

Leonard Sonnenschein, president of the World Aquarium in St. Louis, holds Ve, a two-headed albino rat snake, Monday, Jan. 2, 2006. Sonnenschein has decided to sell the reptile, and bidding on e-Bay will start at \$150,000.

**Eight-year-old child Is a climbing prodigy**  
BOTHELL, Wash. — He's only 4 feet tall and 8 years old, but Aidan Gledhill is an experienced mountaineer who has left tracks on peaks in the Cascades, the Alps and the toughest stretch for him was on Haastock. "It's the worse 3,000 feet I've ever done," he said.

But we have survived and thrived. An inch thick and 4 feet long, she is a healthy size for a rat snake. Her body is white, but the heads have a reddish appearance.

Social Security records show Saberniak recently moved to Arizona, even though she has lived in a Chicago-area working home for two years.

Aidan climbed the 20,300-foot Island Peak in the Himalayas in November. That was the high point of the family's four-month climbing and hiking adventure, which took them from Switzerland to Kaimunda, Nepal.

The snake has been in the spotlight before. In 2004, a disgruntled City Museum worker stole Ve. Authorities found the snake in the garage of the man's home in Illinois.

"He thought he was going to sell it," Sonnenschein said. "The thing is, it's the only one in the world."

Aidan and his dad also reached the peak of 10,400-foot Haastock and 13,400-foot Monch in the Alps, and 17,200-foot Aul Peck in Everest. The whole family, including 5-year-old Janick, made it to the 17,700-foot Everest base camp.

"We have used to think the world was flat, but that was months ago."

**Woman to Uncle Sam: I'm not dead yet.**  
CROWN POINT, Ind. — Thelma Saberniak has a message for Uncle Sam: She's not dead.

With \$12,000 in medical bills, Saberniak said she's borrowing money from children and drawing from her savings.

## EDITORIAL

### Otter's land sale support faces long odds in Idaho

Just when U.S. Rep. Butch Otter seemed to have his gubernatorial run on auto pilot, he's run into another hurricane — the same one that dogged him last year.

Otter, R-Idaho, took some heat last fall when he balked on Congress' initial \$59 billion relief package for Hurricane Katrina relief.

Otter didn't dissent from the need for relief funds to the Gulf region and city of New Orleans, he just wanted more accountability strings tied to that money. The move earned some jeers, but it was a good catch for the taxpayer.

**Our view: Rep. Butch Otter's support for a public land sale bill deserves more debate, but remains a hard sell. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**

high percentage of public-owned land as a burr under the saddle. To Otter, public land comes in two forms: The scenic land that defines Idaho, and the kind that's better off in other hands.

Brady argues that private ownership would lock up the land from public access. But Otter spokesman Mark Warbis says the U.S. Agriculture and Interior departments would only propose lands that are more difficult to manage, such as scattered parcels that have less value among public lands. They certainly would not choose lands that are a high priority for wildlife habitat," Warbis said. "And there's nothing to prevent them from attaching easements to keep access available for the public, for traditional uses such as motorized use, fishing and hunting."

Idaho's public land birthright is a badge of honor for many, but no one should be under the illusion that the system works like a Trojan village. When you consider issues such as roadless areas, wilderness, and national recreation areas, Idahoans may do much of the using. But "public" input for its management comes from Connecticut and California much more than it does from Camas or Cassia counties.

But Brady has valid concerns in questioning how the bill is finalized and which lands are included. "When Idaho land is sold, it would not be to ordinary Idahoans but to the highest bidders: large corporations and the very wealthy," he said. "The choice of which parcels to include in Washington, D.C., not Idaho."

A hard-line rejection of this plan may be premature. But until Otter and the bill's cosponsors clarify which lands they're talking about and who's doing the buying, the bill's prospects remain dim — especially among the public land users of Idaho.

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## LETTERS

### If meth labs need labor, come and get it

I would like to apply for work at one of the local meth labs. Because Idaho is a right-to-work state, you probably don't require any special certificates or degrees to work in your lab and my name can be trained to make meth. In fact, it may surprise you to know that many of the "real" labs in Idaho are staffed by people who have less education in chemistry than those making meth in bathrooms and kitchen sinks.

But with all due respect to the majority of the Idaho labor force, there is a limit to what trained monkeys can do. If you hire me and show me how you make the meth, I can revolutionize your business. Don't worry that you don't understand the technical stuff, just show me which bottle gets poured into which bucket and for how long. This is called "chemistry Idaho style."

I will reduce the operation to a simple device the size of a

shoe box containing nothing illegal. You simply plug a lever, and the thing will quickly make high purity meth. Then plug the lever the other way releasing the solvent, and all the ingredients will decompose quickly, containing not a single molecule of anything that you can be prosecuted for.

You would not have to worry about storing or transporting anything illegal again. In fact, the goal will be to perfect the process so as to conceal, with the simple plug of a lever (good news for unemployed Idahoans), anything that constitutes conspiracy to manufacture in the eyes of the law.

I have some reservation about profiting from a drug that has wrought so much destruction in so many lives, including my own, and this is not how I had planned to use my education. But what the heck, lawyers do it every day and, unlike me, they all have jobs.

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**A**s I opened my year-end e-mail, I was greeted with a letter that caught my attention — and my breath. So rare. It was. So simple, and so stunningly charming.

It was an apology from a reader, who wrote:



KATHLEEN PARKER

"In going through my 'out file' the other day I came across an e-mail I sent you concerning something or other that I was obviously exercised over. I said to you, 'I used to think you were worth reading' — that was uncalled for and rude. I apologize."

"I quickly wrote back: 'What a nice way to begin the new year. Apology accepted. Thank you.'"

Few are the apologies I receive or extend, and the launch of a new year seems a good time to correct that oversight. But first a few observations about the nature of e-mail and the value of making amends.

I'm not sure how we became so rough or why, as a nation, we decided that manners don't matter. I'm not lecturing here. As with most of my columns, I'm really talking to myself. The fact that others read and react to my thoughts will always be a source of wonder to me.

When you sit alone in a room with a keyboard and think aloud, as it were, it is never with the idea of an audience. At least not for me. The thought of actual readers probably would render me wordless, a result many doubt would applaud. Wait, I have their e-mail addresses right here.

Despite my newspaper affiliation, I've worked essentially alone the past 20 years, mostly from home (a pajamahaden

## From one human to another



In the pre-blog era, tweaking the culture based on decades of reporting, experience and observation. For reasons that continue to baffle as well as humble, I've been granted a forum over time by readers, who still take newspapers with their morning coffee. Bless their hearts.

Of all my mistakes through my years, the ones I regret most were errors of judgment and civility more than matters of fact, which were more easily corrected. As H.L. Mencksen put it (and as Paul Greenberg recently reminded us in his lovely New Year's column): "Anyone can be accurate and even profound, but it is damned hard work to make criticism charming."

The temptation of clever cruelty is seductive. Oh, that turn of phrase that makes you slap your own thigh in delight. La Pérle, at times, 'E'st moi. He has the arena for it, no? The masses want sangre! Or do they?

In searching for an answer, I tried to be as objective and devoid of invective. Nothing like a taste of one's own blood to resurrect interest in the Golden Rule. It is equally bracing to be treated with respect,

if only to recognize how rare it is and how little most of us contribute to the cause of civility. Charming criticism is, indeed, art.

If one were to plot the decline of civility in discourse, I suspect the parallel line would represent technology, especially the Internet, e-mail and the blogosphere — all too fast, too easy and too anonymous. E-mail, most of all, is fraught with the potential for imminent regret. "Do not drink and drive" in order to thwart my own reflexive tendency to lash back. Sometimes nature wins: "Oh yeah? Well, you and your cocker spaniel, too!"

When I'm occasionally smarter, and return fire with bluster instead of the always-tempting bunker buster, voila, the most amazing thing happens. Humanity returns to the ecosystem. Invariably, the person who wrote to assert my unnecessary or to impugn my husband's masculinity suddenly Aunt Bee extending a warm apple pie. No longer hostile, she offers gratitude for the response and apologizes

for the nasty mislive.

Not because she doesn't still disagree with whatever I wrote that initially set her off — or because I'm so daddium adorable — but because we're no longer anonymous. We're just people — fellow and fallible human beings tangled in the same sticky web we call life — while Technos is revivance the color blooded provocateur he is.

In which spirit, and in gratitude to the e-maller who went first, I'd like to begin the new year with an apology to those whom I've offended or hurt with careless words or poor judgment. I'm s---, sorry. (It must be me, guy, this is so hard) ((That's a joke.)) Sorry, I'm sorry. No, really, I am.

Onward, then, here's to health, prosperity — and greater civility — in the new year. And all you bloggers out there: I love you, man. Peace.

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## States must beware of 'borrow and build'

**RICK COLE**

boldly about a \$26 billion — or "much, much larger" — bond.

But Schwarzenegger's latest bright idea, like his special election initiatives, is deeply flawed. He has taken the time to build a consensus around coherent policies.

Take Schwarzenegger's simple-minded highway, railroads and ports to move us around the state and around the world," he announced in a recent preview speech.

"Whether it's more money in the state budget or a bond supported by the people, we are going to make it happen."

In an attempt to recover from the recent election debacle, Schwarzenegger is jettisoning Ronald Reagan's "live within your means" motto and invoking instead former Gov. Pat Brown's record of "borrowing and building" to accommodate a growing population.

The magnitude of what he has in mind is stunning. While the Democratic leader of the state Senate is pushing a carefully calibrated \$16.3 billion package to meet the state's infrastructure needs, our Republican governor is talking

could afford to pay the staggering costs.

It's vital to focus on a crisis response that gets the most sustainable, logical and long-term return on investment for California, the world's sixth-largest economy.

Should we double-deck freeways at a colossal cost, or is there a way to use the ones we have more efficiently? Do we need "more water" (from dams and aquifers) or can we conserve more effectively? Should we subsidize suburban sprawl by building more highways, or invest in making our older lanes travel more competitively?

The governor dismisses such questions when he tells reporters: "Hey, here are the problems that we have, and let's build."

Sure, his polsters are telling him that people are fed up with traffic and spooked by the flooding unleashed by Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans' vast infrastructure failures. But haven't we had enough of sound-byte solutions and half-baked blatant megalomania?

The threat of mega-bond mania is that the governor and Legislature will skip the hard work of long-term planning, of weighing detailed proposals and analyzing all the costs and

benefits, of compromising and building a consensus for the state's future. Instead, they are poised to simply cut a deal on a list of pet projects that appeal directly to special interests. Those interests will be eager to fund a campaign to convince voters that more progress is being made. If they win, we lose.

Brown had a guiding vision of California, and he put in place policies and master plans for higher education, transportation and a statewide water system long before he got to the "borrow and build" era. But his enduring legacy is not the list of projects he completed. It's the courage of the leadership he exerted. As the state director, "We are here today to bear a lantern for the future, not carry a torch for the past."

If Schwarzenegger needs inspiration for his State of the State address, he should look beyond "borrow and build" and ask what a visionary like Brown would do if he were alive today. That would surely lead him to seek the strategic solution, not the quick fix.

*Rick Cole is the city manager of Ventura, Calif. This originally appeared in the Los Angeles Times.*

### CIEDRA now works with quarry sale provision

A land privatization deal near Clayton involving the California-owned L&W quarry was removed from an earlier version of the Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act pending passage and added to Chairman Pombal's national mining law proposal. The national proposal having failed, Congressman Simpson wants to put the L&W gateway back into CIEDRA.

Industrial interests must now turn to statewide bills to override environmental laws and the strong national political will against privatization. If CIEDRA passes, it will set in stone, so to speak, the trend of making pri-

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the public." Yet Idaho's Wilderness Society's Boise-based Craig Gehrke says he considers the L&W deal an acceptable compromise. Are public lands not for public use? Given Mr. Meadow's powerful statement, the Wilderness Society should not be supporting a bill that privatizes nearly 8,000 acres of public land (7.1% of L&W).

In a recent Associated Press interview, Mr. Gehrke said, "We have to swallow grief we don't like for the benefit of the bigger package. Stuff we don't like" so far includes taking away land managers' right to manage motorized use, accepting substantial wilderness and giving away almost 6,000 acres of nationally owned public land. I ask Mr. Gehrke and

other conservationists who support CIEDRA: "Where's your line? How much more stuff we don't like to be too much?"

Even one acre of public land given away should make any conservationist oppose CIEDRA. The Sierra Club and at least 37 other conservation groups oppose CIEDRA. Yet the Idaho Conservation League and the Wilderness Society keep pushing conservationists to accept an increasingly bad bargain. CIEDRA is bad for the land, bad for our economy and bad for local communities. You care about keeping wilderness wild and public lands public, say no to CIEDRA. We can do better.

**CAROL KING**  
Stanley

# Male pride, female prejudice



JOHN TIERNEY

**W**hen there are three women for every two men graduating from college, whom will the third woman marry?

This is not an academic question. Women, who were a minority on campuses a quarter-century ago, today make up 57 percent of undergraduates, and the gender gap is projected to reach a 60-40 ratio within a few years. So more women, especially black and Hispanic women, will be in a position to get better-paying, more prestigious jobs than their husbands, which makes for a tricky variation of "Pride and Prejudice."

It's still a universal truth, as Jane Austen wrote, that a man with a fortune has good marriage prospects. It's not so universal for a woman with a fortune, because pride makes some men determined to be the chief breadwinner. But these traditionalists seem to be a dwindling minority as men have come to appreciate the value of a wife's paycheck. A woman's earning power, while hardly the first thing that men look for, has become a bigger draw, as shown in surveys of college students over the decades. In 1996, for the first time, college men rated a potential mate's financial prospects as more important than her skills as a cook or a housekeeper.

In the National Survey of Families and Households conducted during the early 1990s, the average single man under 35 said he was quite willing to marry someone earning much more than he did. He wasn't as interested in marrying someone making much less than he did, and he was especially reluctant to marry a woman who was unlikely to hold a steady job.

Those findings jibe with what I've seen. I can't think of any friend who refused to date a woman because she made more money than he did. When friends have married women with bigger paychecks, the only financial complaints I've heard from them have come when a wife later decided to pursue a more meaningful — i.e., less lucrative — career.

Nor can I recall hearing guys insult a man, to his face or behind his back, for making less than his wife. The only snide comments I've heard have come from women talking about their friends' husbands. I've heard just a couple of hardened Manhattanites do that, but I wouldn't dismiss them as isolated reactionaries because you can see this prejudice in the national survey of singles under 35.

The women surveyed were less willing to marry down — many someone with much lower earnings or less education — than the men were to marry up. And, in line with Jane Austen, the women were also more determined to marry up than the men were.

You may think that women's attitudes are changing as they get more college degrees and financial independence. A woman who's an executive can afford to marry a struggling musician. But that doesn't necessarily mean she wants to. Studies by David Buss of the University of Texas, and others, have shown that women with higher incomes, far from relaxing their standards, put more emphasis on a mate's financial resources.

And once they're married, women with higher incomes seem less tolerant of their husbands' shortcomings. Steven Nock of the University of Virginia has found that marriages

in which the wife and husband earn roughly the same are more likely to fall than other marriages. That situation doesn't affect the husband's commitment to the marriage. Nock concludes, but it weakens the wife's and makes her more likely to initiate divorce. It's understandable that women with good psyches have higher standards for their partners, since their superior intelligence, education, and income give them good psyches calls high "mate value." They know they're catches and want to find someone with equal mate value — someone like Mr. Darcy instead of a doltard like the cleric pursued by Elizabeth Bennet.

Of course, some women marry for love and find a man's resources irrelevant. Buss says, "It's just that the men women tend to fall in love with, on average, happen to have more resources."

Which means that, on average, college-educated women and high-school-educated men will have a harder time finding partners as long as educators keep ignoring the gender gap that starts long before college. Advocates for women have been so effective politically that high schools and colleges are still focusing on supposed discrimination against women when the shortage of women in science classes and on sports teams rather than the shortage of men, period. You could think of this as a victory for women's rights, but many of the victors will end up celebrating alone.

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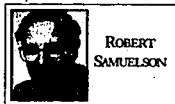
**A**t the year-end, I usually scan a stack of economic reports to see what lies ahead. Well, folks, according to most forecasts we headed for a swell year — through a boring one.

Typical is the forecast from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris. In 2006 the American economy should grow 3.5 percent (about the same as in 2005). Unemployment drops from today's 5 percent to 4.6 percent. Inflation remains tame, at 2.5 percent. The world economy also does well; international trade expands 9 percent.

It's all good news, it is of course, bad for the news business. The sunny predictions suggest two familiar economic catch phrases: "soft landing" and "Goldilocks economy." The Federal Reserve stops raising interest rates before it causes a recession; that's the soft landing. Economic growth is then fast enough to keep unemployment low and not so fast as to trigger higher inflation; that's the Goldilocks economy, not too hot or too cold.

Could anything darken the outlook? Here are five candidates.

**\* Housing goes bust.** Higher mortgage rates have already dampened demand and prices. From 5.6 percent in June, rates on 30-year fixed mortgages have increased to 6.3 percent. They may reach 6.7 percent by year-end 2006, says Orwin Vez of the Mortgage Bankers Association. A "bust" would involve slowing prices after some big gains; about 25 percent over the past two years. That could decrease consumer confidence and spending. If rates on adjustable-rate mortgages (more than half of new loans in 2004) rose sharply, more homeowners might miss monthly payments. But most forecasts aren't gloom. For 2006 the mortgage bankers expect average housing prices to rise 6 percent, almost equaling the increase in personal



ROBERT SAMUELSON

**Income.** *"The dollar 'crashes.'*" In 2005 the U.S. trade deficit was \$712 billion, estimates Moody's Economy.com. That's up from \$624 billion in 2004. The willingness of foreigners — including central banks in China and elsewhere — to invest their surplus dollars in American stocks and bonds raises U.S. interest rates. A dollar sell-off could do the opposite, hurting housing (above) and consumer spending. Though plausible, similar warnings in the past never came true.

**\* General Motors files for bankruptcy.** Bankrupt Delphi — GM's biggest parts supplier — and the United Auto Workers are negotiating tensely over Delphi's demands for deep wage and benefit cuts. If the UAW were to strike, GM might also shut down (no parts, no cars) and suffer massive losses. A four-month strike could cost GM \$20 billion, estimates Jonathan Steinmetz of Morgan Stanley. GM would still have to pay workers and outstanding supplier bills. GM itself might file for bankruptcy. Because everyone — GM, Delphi and the UAW — has so much to lose, Steinmetz deems a doomsday outcome, Delphi, the UAW and GM will settle.

**\* Oil jumps to \$85 a barrel.** Energy economist Philip K. Verleger II thinks prices could rise up to 25 percent from 2005's peaks, driven partly by a scramble for low-sulfur oil to meet stiffer U.S. air-pollution rules for cars and trucks. Supply disruptions (from weather, political upheavals, terrorism) or refinery outages could also create scarcities. Still, the U.S.

Energy Information Administration predicts steady prices of \$63 a barrel for West Texas Intermediate crude — roughly even with the last half of 2005. Norman Behrman of Global Insight sees \$57 WTI by the year-end.

**\* The 'yield curve' of interest rates 'inverts.'** An inversion means that short-term interest rates (say, on three-month Treasury bills) exceed longer-term interest rates (say, on 10-year Treasury bonds). Usually, shorter-term rates are lower, because the risk of lending for lengthier periods is greater. Since 1965 interest-rate inversions have occurred seven times — and recession has followed in five, notes Bill Dudley of Goldman Sachs. The reason: an inversion signals tight money. In 2006 Dudley expects another inversion, as the Fed raises short rates. But he thinks we'll escape a recession, because the overall level of rates will remain low.

There are other potential pitfalls. Will China's surging economy produce an unpleasant surprise? Will Ben Bernanke's replacement of Alan Greenspan go smoothly, but the larger story of the U.S. economy has been that it continually overcomes many reasons for it to falter. Consumers have spent freely, drawing money from appreciated stocks or homes. From 1995 to 2005 consumer spending rose an average of 3.6 percent annually, notes Susan Sterne of Economic Analysts Associates. Now that may cool with the housing boom. But something else (business investment, higher exports) will fill the gap. So say the standard forecasts. They're often right when predicting small shifts in the status quo. But they usually miss big changes, for good or ill. If something truly bad happens in 2006, you probably won't read about it first. Happy New Year.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for *Newsweek*.

# LETTER

**Good and bad follow both creationists, evolutionists**

In response to Carter Killinger's article on Dec. 30, I believe that evolutionists shouldn't be deceived by the bigoted opinion of one person. Please don't tell me that all evolutionists are malignant souls lacking in morals or values. Also, please don't tell me that the creationists were evolutionists who pillaged, massacred and cannibalized innocent people in the city of Jerusalem in 1099.

What the Dec. 30 letter failed to cover was that there is good

and bad in every organization. Using common sense, just because you are a Christian (or any religion for that matter) doesn't mean that you will have a stable marriage, no infidelity or adultery, better health, no arrests and a lifestyle that avoids risks of violence. I know many Christians and people of other religions that have suf-

fered with as many setbacks just as evolutionists.

The fact is, whatever god, energy or supreme deity that exists doesn't want us to judge and degrade people of other beliefs or affiliations. Don't you think that maybe god created us through evolution? DANIEL WOOD Bils

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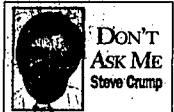


# How I got the blues in Boise

I believe that I speak for everyone over 50 when I say that the specter of blue hair is only slightly less horrible than the prospect of waking up one morning to see Veep-shaped eyebrows in the mirror.

You know, blue hair — gray-white locks raised to the color of century-old denim in Boise or later it happens to everyone. I expect, who retains enough hair to notice the difference.

Like most folks, I never dreamed that I would be one of them. But last Thursday night I drove my youngest son — who was visiting for the holidays — to the airport in Boise. He was out of toothpaste, so we stopped at Albertson's.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

The checker behind the counter took one look at me, one look at my left hand — stained with blue ink from a ballpoint pen that had hemorrhaged when I tried to use the tip to change my watch battery — and proclaimed, "Sir, your hair is blue."

"Well," I replied in a huff. "Your mother wears sensible blue Tony Lama's."

"No, really, sir," she countered. "The left side of your head is the same color as that ink stain on your hand."

In profile, I must have looked like a cartoon Picasso might have drawn during his Blue Period.

What's more, the fractured BIC responsible for my humiliation just kept on giving. In a few hours later, I was doing a reading at my wife's church in Boise. It's a Unitarian fellowship, which means they do things a little different from most churches, and this particular morning was Poetry Sunday.

Poetry Sunday means that everybody gets up and reads his or her favorite poem. For better or worse, mine is a bit flowery nonsense by long-dead Frenchman by the name of Arthur Rimbaud, called "Sun and Flesh."

"Nagely lit by the summer zephyr, the poem reads, 'Breat, dreaming in her pallid of gold / Smeared by the heavy wave of her long blue hair.'"

Laughter ensued, first quietly — like the muffled sound of someone choking to suppress a gasp — and then bursting forth in a wave across the sanctuary.

After all the poetry had been told and the Unitarians broke for coffee hour — and being Unitarian, it's really good coffee — the president of the congregation walked up, slipped my back and pumppet in Boise.

"The blue hair," he said. "That was a great prop."

I was stunned into silence as it began to dawn on me what he was talking about.

"I-I suppose," I stammered, "that you wouldn't believe if I told you it was purely unintentional."

"Not for a minute!" he roared. "Not for a minute!"

And so, there in the mirth of a New Year's morning, Little Boy Blue was born.

"Little Boy Blue." In case you skipped grade school, is a 250-year-old, set-line poem about a

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## Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of 1999
Baltown	126%	81%
Big Woods	125%	82%
Big Wood	182%	86%
Big Lost	183%	82%
Little Lost	117%	82%
Myers Fork	128%	82%
Upper Snake Basin	123%	83%
Oakley	129%	81%
Sawtooth Falls	126%	87%
Snake	126%	82%

# Pressure on for property tax reform

## Legislators may take action this session

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Some Idaho residents have the 2006 Legislature on their minds. They want something done about rising property taxes that have saddled homeowners with about two-thirds of the state's \$1.2 billion property tax burden.

About a dozen public meetings on the subject have been held across Idaho since July. It's also driving a tax-revolt initiative, slated for the November 2006 ballot if organizers gather enough signatures. That would limit property taxes to just 1 percent of total market value.

while others urge caution, warning that sweeping change could have unintended consequences.

The division illustrates the question lawmakers must answer: Is the state's property tax system broken, and if so, what should be done to fix it?

Property tax reform has already been declared the session's signature issue by groups ranging from the Common Interest, a newly formed collection of political moderates, to the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, a pro-business group.

There appears from the public hearings around the state to be support for expand-

ing tax exemptions for homeowners, said James Weatherly, a Boise State University professor who's followed the debate.

But there are business, industry and agriculture groups that will be very concerned about any significant increase in their tax burden as a result of homeowners' relief.

So far, the interim lawmaker committee has offered several recommendations to the 2006 Legislature.

These include boosting tax breaks for low-income elderly residents; increasing a 23-year-old tax credit for homeowners exempt the first \$75,000 of their homes' value, up from \$50,000 now; and shifting half of what

## Changing with the times

In 1980, the average sale price for a Boise home was \$45,587, while the average residential property tax was about \$494, according to Alan Dorfest of the Idaho Tax Commission. That year, the median household income was about \$17,510, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

In 2004, the average sale price in Boise was \$160,770, with

taxes at about \$2,389, Dorfest said. Median household income had risen to about \$48,900.

That means that in 1980, homeowners paid about 10.8 percent of their household income in taxes, while in 2004, they paid 4.9 percent.

On average, property taxes in Boise have risen about 2.4 percent a year.

— The Associated Press

homeowners pay for school maintenance and operations to the state general fund.

Such moves would likely mean raising the 5 percent state sales tax by a half penny or more to make up the \$125 million tax shortfall.

Anything the Legislature does

could be complicated by a Dec. 21 Idaho Supreme Court ruling that the state's method of funding school buildings is unconstitutional, a decision that could force lawmakers to find additional money for education.

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# Clow elected T.F. mayor



Lance Clow, center, laughs with Twin Falls City Council members Don Hall, left, and Greg Lanting while being sworn in Tuesday as the new mayor of Twin Falls.

## City council members look into postal dispute

By Terry Smith  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Newly elected Mayor Lance Clow faced a hefty agenda Tuesday night at the helm of the Twin Falls City Council.

Clow succeeded Glenda Dwight as mayor after a 5-0 council vote. A few minutes earlier he was sworn into a new council term along with newcomers Don Hall and Greg Lanting. The three were elected in November.

Dwight was named vice mayor.

Clow's succession to the position appeared to have been decided among council members prior to the meeting. Councilman Dennis Maughan, who lobbied earlier for the post, was not in attendance. Nor were Councilman Shawn Baragar and outgoing Councilman Chris Talkington.

Outgoing Councilwoman Elaine Steele, an eight-year veteran, received a standing ovation as she surrendered her chair. Dwight expressed her appreciation to Steele and presented her with a plaque.

"I would recognize Chris Talkington, too, but he's not here," Dwight said.

Clow explained that Talkington was unable to attend his final council meeting because of family business in Boise.

That settled, council got down to business.

Rob Hendrickson, president of the American Postal Workers local union, asked for council's assistance to fight a proposal that would take away the city's mail processing facility.

"What they propose to do is take our mail from here, ship it to Boise, process it and ship it back," Hendrickson said. "It moves would cost the community 20 jobs and cause mail

denies, he said.

The council took no formal vote on the matter, but seemed agreeable to Hendrickson's request and discussed sending letters to postal authorities and Idaho's congressional delegation.

Council also approved 5-0 the appointment of Jackie Fields, an engineer with the Idaho Transportation Department, as the new city engineer. She will replace Gary Young, who retired last week.

City Manager Tom Courtney said Fields was selected from some 20 applicants. "She comes highly recommended," he said.

On another 5-0 vote, the council gave its OK to a Feb. 7 bond election for a \$5.2 million expansion of the Twin Falls Public Library.

Councilman Trip Craig said he favored the proposal but warned that "there's a lot of

stuff coming up for voting."

Specifically mentioned upcoming "hospital, school and county facility" proposals.

"The comment has been made that something has to give at some point," Craig said.

Dwight said that other proposals will have to stand on their own merits.

The council also approved new Planning and Zoning Commission appointments. Bernice Richardson was reappointed to a three-year term and alternates Gerardo Munoz and Dusty Tenney, an Area of Impact member, were promoted to regular positions.

Three new members were appointed: Karen Snopce to a three-year term and Rick Miksel, representing the Area of Impact, and Bonnie Luzzarini as alternates.

The P&Z appointments were approved 4-1. Craig voted "no."

# Student threat prompts probe

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls student allegedly sent threatening e-mail to other students during Christmas vacation, prompting complaints from a parent and a police investigation.

The Twin Falls Police Department concluded its investigation Tuesday.

The threats were sent by e-mail to an unknown number of Twin Falls students.

## Action plan

What to do if your child is threatened by another student:

- If the threat is received at home, call the police non-emergency number — 311.
- If it happens at school, speak with the school administrator immediately.

"We are formulating a report that will be sent to prosecutors," said Sgt. Dennis Pullin of the Twin Falls Police Department, principal of Vern C. O'Leary Junior High. "But obviously, if it's within the school, then we're going to do something."

Owens said the first step of the investigation was to determine if the threats were made from one house to another house, then there isn't much we can do about it," said Tom Owens, principal of Vern C. O'Leary Junior High. "But obviously, if it's within the school, then we're going to do something."

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# Soldier helps renovate Iraqi school

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Staff Sgt. Michael McAvoy of Twin Falls made the world a little bit brighter for some Iraqi school children in the village of Thre, West.

McAvoy and some 30 other soldiers assigned to Advanced Intermediate Maintenance Troop and Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, Fourth Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment took part in renovating the town's school for the village's 140 children, according to a military news release.

The effort was the idea of McAvoy and Maj. Craig Benson, troop commander. McAvoy made his initial visit to the school in September, where he made an assessment of what needed to be completed. He said the school was in terrible condition.

"Decks and chalkboards were new and far between and these things had been very old," McAvoy

said in the news release. "Many of the doors and windows were broken or needed repair. The plumbing wasn't working because it was never properly installed. And there was no power to the school, although there is power in the town."

McAvoy mentioned the building did not have heating or cooling systems and the school lacked a soccer field for recreation and physical activities. And two of the three teachers who had traveled from Mosul to teach had to live in a storeroom for their two-week period. The building did not have proper bathing facilities or refrigeration capabilities to store food, the news release said.

"Within 48 hours, the unit re-estimated a plan and created teams to do electrical, repair build a soccer field and assemble soccer goals, fix windows, collect school supplies, build a water tank and build desks.

As soon as the unit arrived at the school, the troops wasted little time getting started.

The sound of children screaming in excitement filled the school's classrooms as they rushed to see what was taking place outside. The soldiers were swarmed with tiny curious on-lookers and eventually the headmaster had to release the children from school so the soldiers could work the news release said.

"They (the soldiers) saw the end result of their hard work," McAvoy said. "They saw the school go from three classrooms to four. They saw running water; they saw new desks being used and children with school supplies."

"Before when I came here, not one student was holding a pencil. Now every student has a pencil and paper. It's something these 32 soldiers can go back to the states and say, 'I made a difference in Iraq.'"

## CENTENNIAL DEDICATION

# 'Ugly wall' to become Buhl's artistic focal point

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — In 1906 Twin Falls and White County constructed Buhl's first building — the Buhl Hotel.

In that same year, the water company also constructed the old drawing and land sale that paved the way for the city to grow into a municipality five years later, and maturing into the high-knit community now celebrating its first hundred years.

Tuesday night a crowd gathered on the same spot where settlers were once given buzzed alms in order to dedicate the Buhl Centennial Clock and Future Legacy Wall.

The wall, which belongs to the West End Senior Center,

was chosen for its historic value and aesthetic potential.

"Two years ago Buhl came together to celebrate the downtown revitalization," Mayor Barbara Gletzen said. "And visitors said that it was beautiful but asked, 'What are you going to do with that ugly wall?'"

The wall they were discussing is now secured with the only reminder that the Buhl Hotel ever stood on the southwest corner of Main Street and Broadway Avenue, charred by the fire that destroyed it.

"What a better place than this?" Gletzen asked. "This location has been the beginning of everything."

The wall will be cleaned, but Please see BURL, Page B3

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Norma C. (Weaver) Smurthwaite

BUHL — Norma C. Smurthwaite, 78, of Buhl, Idaho, passed away Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at the Davis Hospital and Medical Center in Layton, Utah, surrounded by her children.



She was born June 13, 1927, to Daniel C. and Ada Weaver in Buhl, Idaho, and graduated from Buhl High School. After graduation, she moved to Ogden, Utah, to work at the Ogden Defense Depot, and it was there she met her husband to be, Konrad E. Smurthwaite. They were married on Aug. 9, 1946, and spent 37 joyful years together with their four children, Stephen (Sue) Smurthwaite of San Diego, Calif., Susan (James) Richards of Ogden, Utah, Karen (Mase) Neal of Layton, Utah, and Kim (Tom) Smurthwaite of Buhl, Idaho. She had eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Konrad; her parents, Darrell C. and Ada Weaver; and one brother, Richard Weaver.

retired. She and Konrad lived in Clearfield, Utah, for 22 years and then moved back to Buhl, where they built their cedar log home. Norma loved gardening and was able to garden to her heart's content on their acreage in Buhl. She would remark that weeding her garden was a full-time job, but it gave her great satisfaction. Norma also loved to sew and read, but her favorite past-time was visiting with her children, grandchildren and her brothers, sisters and

their families. She was enjoying time spent in Buhl with her family at their home on Star Valley Ranch. This past summer, she was able to attend the Smurthwaite family reunion, camping for three days at Lava Hot Springs in Lava, Idaho. She will be greatly missed.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 40 Ninth Ave. N. in Buhl with the Rev. Art Freund of the First Christian Church officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be held prior to the service starting on Tuesday. A private burial will be held after the service at the West End Cemetery in Buhl.

The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation and thanks to Love Healthcare, especially to Debbie and Pam and to Rocky Mountain Care-Clearfield and their caring and compassionate Physical and Occupational Care Team. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to a charitable organization of your choice.

Madlan M. Martinson

BUHL — Madlan Mary "Mattie" Martinson, 87, of Buhl, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at the Twin Falls Care Center.



She was born in Ord, Neb., on Nov. 27, 1918, to Frank and Mary Jablonski Konkolecki. She attended school in Ord, Neb., and graduated in 1937 from Ord High School. She married Martin Martinson in Ord on Sept. 22, 1940.

Mattie always did things that were out of the ordinary. She taught school in the Nebraska sand hills right out of high school. She moved to Idaho in 1945, leaving a very large farm in Nebraska. She helped on the farm, was a saleswoman for Minnesota Woolen Mills, worked at the corn factory and retired at age

70 from Idaho Frozen Foods. She loved auctions, antiques, dolls and HATS! Above all, she loved to see her grandchildren and hear about their lives.

She is survived by her daughters, Ruth (Preston) Davis of Casleford, Sandy (Jim) Taylor of Bellevue, Wash.; grandchildren, Brian (Charlene) Davis, Tom (Shirley) Davis, Renee Andrew and Sean Taylor; great-grandchildren, Jane Davis, Kelly Andrew, Zach and Danielle Baird, and Austin Davis.

The funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2006, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at the church. A viewing will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. Donations may be made to the Buhl Quick Response.

Gordon R. Hagler

JEROME — Gordon R. Hagler, 82, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.



He was born April 16, 1923, at Filer, Idaho, the son of Hurley "Nibbs" and Vestal Louise Sterner Hagler. Gordon attended first through fifth grade at the Elmwood Community School, then sixth grade through high school in Filer, graduating with the class of 1941.

He worked part time for the Union Pacific Railroad during and after his high school years, then enlisted in the U.S. Naval Seabees 101st Battalion in 1943, serving in the South Pacific and Okinawa until February of 1946. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to work for the Union Pacific Railroad as a clerk in Buhl and Twin Falls, as well as a statistician in Pocatello.

He married and married a fellow railroad-telegrapher, Marjorie Alexander, in Welser, Idaho, in 1947. In 1953, he left the railroad to begin farming in the Buhl and Cassia County area. Later, they moved to Jerome to continue farming,

purchasing their own land and building a home. They continued their farm life until retirement, enjoying many years of travel and mobility. Gordon was a member of Lodge No. 61 AF and AM, Shriner's, Scottish Rite Bodies and Jerome Chapter 54 OES. He was also a past master of the Deep Creek Grange, past member of the Jerome School Board and the Soil Conservation District.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Marjorie; five children, Teresa Sidwell of Twin Falls, Stephen Hagler of Jerome,

Idaho; Susan (Ernie) Thomas of Gurley, Ala.; Pamela (Bob) Chappel of Gresham, Ore.; and William "Bill" Hagler of Houston, Texas; five grandchildren, Scott Sidwell, Wesley (Malissa) Hagler, Matthew Hagler, Elizabeth and Rebecca Soistman; and three great-grandchildren, Shelby Hagler, Ethan and Corbin Hagler.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Nadene Ott and Bethena O'Banion; and two brothers, Gene Hagler and Boyce Hagler.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, 2006, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Richard Goetsch officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Burial will follow services at the Filer Cemetery. Services are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Memorial contributions may be made to the Southern Idaho Learning Center, the Shiner's College, Children's Hospital or a charity of choice.

Roy Adamson

RUPERT — Roy "Zuke" Adamson died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at CountrySide Care and Rehab in Rupert.



He was born on July 1, 1925, to George and Leticia Mills Adamson in Bradley, Wis. He had five sisters and four brothers. He attended a one-room school from first to sixth grade. He entered the Army Air Force in May 1942 and was stationed in Guam. He received the Asiatic Pacific Service, Good Conduct and Victory medals. He returned to Rupert to do sheepherding until he met Adabel Logston. They were married April 10, 1949. To this union, LeeRoy was born on Christmas Day 1949. He worked for Max Herbold for 29 years and Roland Jones-Magic Valley Foods for 10 years. Roy rode bulls at various rodeos. He loved fishing and hunting and his grandchildren. He liked teaching them

to fish and play poker. He was active in the Cassia Rod and Gun Club, winning several trophies for trap shooting for the Blue Room. He liked playing cards with the old-timers and fumers.

Rupert; four granddaughters, Denise (James) Warrin, Misty Krofchick, Krystal (Aaron) Hatch of Rupert, and Ryan Adamson of Casper, Wyo.; 11 great-grandchildren; one sixth great-grandchild, all of Sacramento, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Adabel; parents George and Leticia; four brothers and four sisters; and a special nephew, "Skip."

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, 2006, at the Howe Mortuary-Rupert Chapel, 710 5th St., with Pastor Daniel Lovelace officiating and military rites by the local veterans. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary. The family would like to thank the staff at Country Side Care and Rehab for their care of Roy.

John Donald "Domie" Hepworth of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome LDS 2nd Ward chapel, 50 E. 100 S. (Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

Nubert (Bud) Mason of Twin Falls, graveside service at noon today at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary).

Lewis James Holloway of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Church of the Brethren, 461 Filer Ave. W. (White Mortuary).

Walter W. Wheeler of Kimberly, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberley Road in Twin Falls.

Floyd T. Fox of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends and

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family may call one hour before the service Thursday at the funeral home.

Mary E. Paul of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends and family may call one hour before the service Thursday at the funeral home.

Alan Wayne "Chappy" Chapman of Winnemucca, Nev., memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall, 447 Seastrom St. (off Eastland Drive South) in Twin Falls; celebration of Alan's life from 2 to 4 p.m. at the legion hall (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

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DEATH NOTICES

Eugene Larsen  
TWIN FALLS — Eugene "Gene" Larsen, 84, died Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, at his residence in Twin Falls.  
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by DeMay's Gooding Chapel.

Archie Miller  
TWIN FALLS — Archie Miller, 87, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.  
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Thomas Wright  
BUHL — Thomas Franklin Wright, 61, of Buhl, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at his home in Buhl.  
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Finalists picked for ISU post

POCATELLO (AP) — The state Board of Education on Tuesday named four finalists to vie for the Idaho State University presidency post, which was vacated in October by Richard Bowen after faculty voted no-confidence in his administration.

The candidates are Lois Muir, a provost at the University of Montana in Missoula; Jay Noren, a vice president at the University of Nebraska; Larry Lenzumski, a vice president at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton and Arthur Vallis, a vice president at the University of Houston.

The board will announce its selection in February after the finalists tour the school and meet local officials, faculty and students. The job pays \$165,240 a year.

"Each of these finalists has the ability to provide strong leadership for Idaho State University," Karen McGee, a member of the education board's search panel, said in a statement. "These four individuals have the knowledge, experience and professionalism to lead ISU."

In his 21 years in ISU's top post, Bowen was credited with overseeing a resurgence in enrollment, helping stabilize programs whose accreditation was in danger and spurring unprecedented construction, including a new performing arts center that opened this year.

However, the Faculty Senate no-confidence vote came after Bowen backed pay raises as high as 8 percent for 363 administrative staff at a time when professors received only marginal pay increases.

Bowen had agreed to step down next June but ended up quitting nine months early.

"The faculty is looking for somebody who is interested in keeping communication open, keeping the faculty informed and involved in decisions," said Kay Christensen, chairwoman of the ISU Faculty Senate as well as the coordinator for the university's paralegal studies program. "From the list of candidates I've seen, I'm very pleased. It shows a list of people who have strong university backgrounds, people who have been involved in administration on differing levels."

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## Buhl

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Langdon said that the committee wants to let the "mistakes" stay.

"It shows the years of wear and tear," Langdon said. "Once funds are completely gathered, the Centennial Committee will then be able to erect the impressive metal sculpture that will definitely give the heart of Buhl a healthy face-lift."

Currently the committee has about half of the estimated

\$40,000 needed. Fund raising efforts include applying for grants and donations.

As winter gives way to spring, the committee will begin building the brick memorial wall. Bricks are still available for purchase by calling city hall at 543-5550.

The sculpture features a rainbow trout swimming among cattails; Langdon thinks that it will be a lasting legacy for Buhl's future.

"This is a thing of beauty that will be enjoyed for years to

come," Langdon said. Cindy Darnell, the artist who designed the sculpture, was introduced during the dedication.

Following the event, the Eighth Street Center presented Darnell's gallery opening with music and refreshments.

Darnell said that the sculpture was out of her realm of regular artwork, especially in comparison to her exhibit, "Frolicious Paradise."

The exhibit is the first of many that will highlight Buhl's

centennial year. Other events included throughout the year slated a "Desert Drive to Valley Green" community party in May, a cattle brown at the end of June, a harvest festival planned for October and more.

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## Tax

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cation that might otherwise go toward property tax relief.

"I had a big cloud over some of the resolutions of the property tax issue," said Sen. Brad Little, R-Emmett.

According to the latest analysis of 2005 property taxes by the Idaho Tax Commission, released a week ago, total property taxes from homes, businesses, mines and utilities rose 0.6 percent, or \$38.4 million, to about \$1.24 billion, from the previous year.

Residential property owners, whose deadline to pay their taxes was late last month, now face 63 percent of the total burden, or \$783 million. That's up from 61 percent in 2004 — and up from around 40 percent in 1980.

Since then, increases in the

value of homes have outpaced the rise of commercial property values. In addition, tax revenue from Idaho's traditional natural resource-based businesses, including timber and mining, has shriveled.

Sen. Shawn Kouough, R-Sandpoint, the co-chair of the interim legislative property tax committee, said she's been inundated with phone calls, letters and e-mailed laments over rising taxes. At a July 27 meeting in her hometown, she had to restore order among unruly attendees by whacking the heel of her shoe on a table like a judge's gavel.

Her Bonner County constituents are demanding action after seeing property taxes on their homes, land and vacation cabins rise in 2005 by nearly 16 percent, on average.

In particular, Kouough says the fears for elderly residents on fixed incomes in homes with rising values — and rising taxes.

"I don't want to be part of a state policy that forces people from their homes," said Kouough. "The current system is out of whack."

Steve Ahrens, director of the Idaho Association of Commerce and Labor, offers a different view: He cites state figures that show only about a dozen of Idaho's 44 counties, including Ada, Bonner, Blaine, Kootenai, Teton and Valley — those coveted for recreation and vacationing — are most severely affected by steep hikes in their assessed property values.

Land speculators and rapid development are driving up prices there, while other counties are little affected, he said.

Ahrens said lawmakers should be careful not to push through sweeping changes on issues he believes are most appropriately addressed locally. Cutting taxes for homeowners could result in shifting the burden to others, including business, he said.

Property taxes are a local tax. And they go up because local spending goes up, he said. "So if you don't like your local property taxes, the place you need to go is to your local government, not to the state Legislature."

## Crump

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manicoleptic young trumpeter changed with keeping the sheep out of the meadow and the cows out of the corn. According to Mother Goose — I like to think she was a sandy old woman with blue hair — I.B. Blue completely tanked the job by falling asleep in a haystack, and she, Mother Goose, didn't have the heart to wake him up.

That was very nice, very Un-

tarian, and although I will defend to the death Mommie G's right to pardon scowllaw sentinals who've been up all night playing video games, I choose not to share her fashion sense.

Oh I wouldn't, had not everybody in Church forever associated me with Rinsio Blue.

I could, I suppose, switch to another congregation — some-

place more theologically conservative where nobody

knows about my blue hair. But there's not a lot of Rimbaud read in the First Second Baptist Church.

So I suppose I'll sink back to the Unitarians and try to be inconspicuous, sitting in back in my blue jeans.

And wearing a large hat.

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## Threat

**Continued from B1**  
school would take is to speak with the student who is making the threats.

Officer Matt Triner, the school resource officer at Twin Falls High School, said students who receive threats at home or off campus should call 311 — the police non-emergency number. But if

they are threatened at school, they should speak with a school administrator.

"Usually the administrator will tell me about it," Triner said. "And that's when I get involved."

Police would not release the names of the students involved in the incident, nor would they say which schools the students are attending.

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OBITUARIES

Esther Ivalou Rynearson



**WENDELL** — Esther Ivalou Rynearson, 87, of Wendell and Twin Falls, Idaho, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, at the Gooding Rehabilitation Center.

She was born Dec. 28, 1918, in Alena, Kan., the daughter of John and Jessie Tillman May. She was reared and educated in Kansas. She married John P. Rynearson on Feb. 16, 1942, in Grand Island, Neb. They moved to Twin Falls, and in 1961, moved to Reno, where they resided until returning to Twin Falls in 1982. They later moved to Wendell to be with their son. Throughout her life, Esther was a sales clerk, restaurant owner and waitress, but the joy of her life was her family. She was a member of the Nazarene Church.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, John Rynearson of Wendell; two sons, Jim (Darlene) Pratt of Kimberly, Idaho, and John (Mary) Rynearson of Wendell; two daughters, Joan (Wayne)

Relsenauer of Spanaway, Wash., and Sherill (Steve) Puleo of Surrey, British Columbia, Canada; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; three brothers, Harold May of Seattle, Wash., Jim May of Jerome, Idaho, and Duane May of New Mexico; four sisters, Wanda Fousy, Gerry Valline and Juanita Jones, all of Seattle, and



Naomi Tipper of Nampa, Idaho. She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and sisters, and one grandson.

The funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2006, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," with Pastor Richard Mark officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park.

Harriet Louise Pedersen



**TWIN FALLS** — Harriet Louise Pedersen (Louise), died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

She lived a happy, full life and was active and independent until she was injured. She was 86 years old. Louise was born in Grey Bull, Wyo., on Feb. 21, 1919. Her parents were Neill and Nels Jensen, who preceded her in death. She attended schools in Salt Lake City. She was faithfully active in the LDS Church throughout her life. It was at a church service in Bountiful, Utah, that she met her eternal companion, Edward F. Pedersen Jr. They wed and lived together from 1943 when they were married until Ted died in 1995. Certainly, it was this loving relationship and devotion to her religion and family that defined Louise more than anything.

After living in Salt Lake City, Pocatello and Boise, the couple moved to Twin Falls in 1984 where they lived for the rest of their lives. They were involved in the retail business in Twin Falls and other locations under the name of Harriet and Louise. Louise's Louise was a contributing member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. Throughout her life, she worked in the church with the Primary

and Relief Society. Up to the time of her death, she was an involved and loved member of her ward.

Louise will be remembered for her devotion to her husband, family and church, but also for her razor-sharp wit. She had a gift for a clever comment at unexpected times that everyone around her enjoyed. She and Ted enjoyed traveling extensively until Ted became sick during the last years of his life. Louise's family and friends will not forget how lovingly she cared for Ted during those difficult years. Louise was respectful and caring of those around her. She had five children, 18 grandchildren

and 14 great-grandchildren. She was keenly interested in and followed the lives of every one of them. They, as well as everyone who knew her, will miss her.

She is survived by all of her children: Susan Karlson (Lennert) of North Salt Lake City, Utah; David Pedersen (Carenne) and Kenneth Pedersen (Trudy), all of Twin Falls, Idaho; Kerry Pedersen of Salt Lake City; and Sherrie Stusser (Mark) of Park City, Utah; and by two beloved brothers, Richard (Jessie) Jensen of George, Utah, and Robert (Betsy) Jensen of Hurricane, Utah. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one sister, Majorie Jensen Little.

A service for Louise will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at the 7th Ward LDS Chapel, 847 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Interment will be held 10 a.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." Those who may wish to give a donation in lieu of flowers are encouraged to give a gift in Louise's name to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7203, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023.

Hazel B. Tephly



**BUHL** — Hazel Bernice Tephly, 91, of Buhl, passed away today, Jan. 1, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center with her family by her side.

Bernice was born Sept. 25, 1914, the youngest of nine children, at Strickler, Ark., to Lyons Franklin Hardwick and Anna May Pryor. Her mother passed away Oct. 17, 1914, when she was only 3 weeks old. She started school in Chicago and then moved to Buhl with her father and sister, Faye. She graduated from Buhl High School in 1932. Bernice met Gus Tephly at Buhl High School, and after several years of dating, they were married on Aug. 25, 1935. They lived all of their 69 years of marriage in Buhl.

Bernice was a loving wife and mother who enjoyed having her family around for special occasions; they never left her house hungry, as she was an excellent cook! Her second family was all the special neighbors she had throughout the years. She always enjoyed the summer evenings when the neighbors gathered together for an evening of laughter, music and good conversation. Although she was small in stature, she

had a large, loving and generous heart.

She was involved with all of her children's activities, including Cub Scouts, Blue Birds and Jobs Daughters. She was an avid fan of all her grandchildren's sporting activities and traveled to many games across the state. She worked at Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph as a telephone operator for seven years, and served as an elector for city, state and general elections. Bernice was a member of the Buhl First Christian Church. She was active in the Buhl Fireman's

Auxiliary for 40 years. After Gus' retirement in 1978, they were able to enjoy many trips across the United States. The most special were outings to Jackpot.

Surviving Bernice is her son, Larry (Colleen) Tephly of Halley; daughter, Barbara (Crisp) Jones of Buhl; six grandchildren, Michael (Dawn) Tephly, Kathleen Tephly, Julie (Kevin) Cristen, James (Dawn) Tephly, Christopher Jones and Jeffrey Jones; four great-grandchildren, Kyra, Peyton, Sydney and Connor Tephly, and several nieces. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gus; her parents; and eight brothers and sisters.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2006, at the Buhl First Christian Church, with Pastor Art Freund officiating. Interment will follow at the West End Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, 2006, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. The family suggests that donations in Bernice's memory be made to the Buhl Fire Department or the Buhl Quick Response Unit at 208 Broadway N., Buhl, ID 83316 or in care of Farmer Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 349, Buhl, ID 83316.

Robert Balch



**RUPERT** — Robert (Bob) Le Britton Balch, 82, passed away Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, in Liberty Lake, Wash., after a lingering illness.

Bob was born on April 29, 1923, in Pocatello, Idaho, to Charles Balch and Marion Carter Balch. He was married to Helen Jeannette (Jan) Alcorn of Klamath Falls, Ore., in 1953 and moved to Rupert, Idaho, shortly afterward, where they lived until Jan's death in 2000. In 2001, he married Deloris Loveland, and they lived in Boise, Idaho, until 2004 when illness required that he receive care at the Guardian Angel Home near his son Brian's residence in Spokane, Wash.

Bob played football and basketball and ran track at Rupert High School. He was valedictorian of his graduating class and received the Pirnie Award for his athletic and scholastic accomplishments. He also played football at Pomona College in California before going to Officer Training School in Annapolis, Md. He served in the U.S. Navy as skipper of a Landing Craft Tank (LCT) in the Pacific during World War II. While in the Navy, he was also a Golden Gloves boxing champion. After the war, Bob worked in Oregon for his uncle, Larry Balch. In 1953, he went to work for Rupert Abstract, eventually becoming a partner. He retired from Rupert Abstract in 1981.

Bob was active in the

Methodist Church, the Masons, DeMolay, Shriners, the chamber of commerce and Rotary, in which he was a Paul Harris Fellow. His interests included the stock market, politics and sports. He played golf and tennis and enjoyed traveling. He made several backpack trips into the wilderness. He and Jan wintered in Yuma, Ariz., for many years. Bob will be remembered as someone who approached all he did with intensity, a desire to do his best, and unflinching honesty. He is now with Jesus and enjoying rest and peace.

Bob is survived by his wife, Deloris Balch of Boise; daughter, Sue (Richard) Nelson of Rupert; son, Steven (Pamela) Balch of Lynnwood, Wash., and son, Brian (Julie) Balch of Spokane; granddaughter,

Samantha Nelson of Phoenix, Ariz.; granddaughter, Abill Nelson, presently in Costa Rica; grandson, Daniel Balch of Lynnwood; and brother, Jack (Dorothy) Balch of Lewiston, Idaho. Bob was preceded in death by his former wife, Jan Balch; father, Charles Balch; and mother, Marion Balch.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at the Methodist Church in Rupert. Pastor Jerry Steele of the Methodist Church will officiate. A viewing will be held from 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, at Hansen Mortuary in Rupert. Bob will be buried in the Rupert cemetery.

The family wishes to thank the staff of the Guardian Angel Home in Liberty Lake, Wash., for the loving care they provided Bob for the past two years.

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Caldwell crows face the wrath of police shotguns

**CALDWELL** — Police are using shotguns to kill or scare off crows in downtown Caldwell.

Capt. Chris Algood said officers led at the crows near the Caldwell Public Library in the early evenings over the past month.

The crows are an ongoing problem, roosting in the downtown area and defecating on city sidewalks. The use of lethal force was approved last year by the Caldwell City

Council.

Last winter, the Caldwell Fire Department used noise cannons to scare away the birds and fire trucks to wash away the droppings from sidewalks.

This year the crow complaints are down, but city officials say the cold weather and snow are doing more to scare away the birds than police.

Still, any remaining crows will likely face shotgun blasts again, Algood said.

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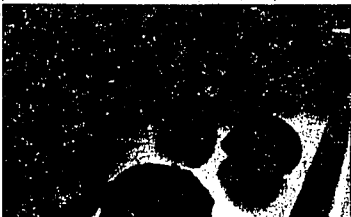
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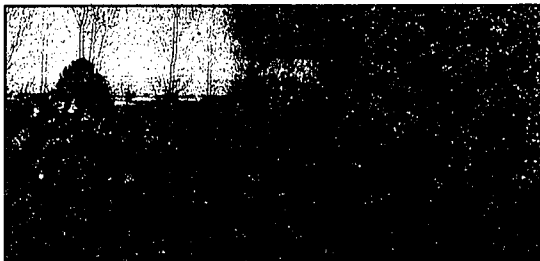
**Diana's Tip of the Week**  
Diana Ralston

Have fun with our geography questions.

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A few meatballs made by Karma Metzler-Fitzgerald and Ellen Scarrow before being placed into the oven for 30 minutes.



With a reflection of rural Idaho in the window, Ellen Scarrow, right, mixes venison burger with lamb and Italian sausage for meatballs.

## Culinary cooperatives cook up collaboration

By Karma Metzler Fitzgerald  
Times-News writer

Interested in collaborative cooking but not sure when to start? There are plenty of resources to help.

At [www.magivalley.com](http://www.magivalley.com), I set up a cooking club Web log, or blog, to share recipes and information. Or type in "cooperative cooking" or "cooking clubs" on any Internet search engine and you'll be amazed at what's out there. Cooking clubs and co-op cooking can take any number of forms. Some do what we did: Share time in the kitchen to prepare meals or meals for starters. Others gather once a month to cook one big meal together. In larger cities, businesses charge a fee to provide all the supplies and allow consumers to move through several stations to build meals for a week or two. One Boise-based group stayed together for about four years and even compiled a cookbook, "Homemade To Go," by Dee Sartan Bower and Mary Ellen Wells, provides a detailed how-to for co-op cooking.

Wells said the group no longer works together because two of the families moved away, but it's something she misses.

Four families took turns cooking for each other once a week. On its appointed night, each family would cook a meal for itself and the other three families, then deliver the meals.

"There were several benefits. You didn't have to figure out what you're going to cook. You'd shop for only one meal a week, buy in bulk and it was cheaper," Wells said. "The real benefit was we bonded with the people we were doing it with. The kids have all grown into teenagers, but they still call me mom."

Their book is available on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or by contacting Wells. Send orders to 6710 N. Barney Lane, Meridian, ID 83642. Cost is \$14.95 plus tax and \$1.42 shipping. For information, visit [purrefect-pub@cablone.net](mailto:purrefect-pub@cablone.net).

And perhaps you can glean something useful from the experiences of my Udder Friends Cooking Club in Shoshone.

**Question:** Where do you find the recipes?

**Answer:** We look for recipes easy to multiply and easy to store.

Our main cookbooks are "Make-A-Mix Cooking" and "More Make-A-Mix Cooking" by Karine Eliason, Nevada Harward and Madeline Westover, originally printed in 1979. My stepmother used them back then. So when I decided to pursue this, I went looking and found a set of the old ones on eBay for a reasonable price.

Then I found an updated version at the Shoshone Public Library and eventually bought it as well. It's available at libraries, bookstores and online.

We also use recipes from "30 Day Gourmet" by Nancy Sledge. There are several cookbooks and a great Web site at [30daygourmet.com](http://30daygourmet.com).

**Q: How do you track costs?**

**A:** As we really do just try to make sure everything ends up, even over the long run. While it might be simple to track receipts and budget—costs we have each other go on the honor system. So far, it's worked out. We had a hard time establishing a value for things like our fresh meat and vegetables from our gardens. We just share it all.

**Q: How often do you meet?**

**A:** Sometimes as seldom as every few months, but lately we've tried to get together every other week. When we get busy, we prepare them on our own and then meet briefly to trade food with each other.

**Q: As a member of a co-op cooking is spending time together.**

**A:** What if I don't have anybody to cook with?

**A:** Leave a message at [www.magivalley.com](http://www.magivalley.com), our cooking club blog, or perhaps you'll hook up with a fellow cook.

# GATHERING FOR GRUB



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Brian Scarrow, 7, talks with his mother, Ellen, center, and Karma Fitzgerald while they make meatballs Thursday at Fitzgerald's home near Shoshone. Both Fitzgerald and Scarrow belong to a co-op cooking club and get together to prepare meals. The two say it's a fun way to cook for their families while enjoying the company of friends.

## Co-op cooking whips up food and fun for families

By Karma Metzler Fitzgerald  
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — I am a lousy housewife.

I keep the kids relatively clean and fed, but nothing is very organized around the place. I'm a good cook, but between a part-time job, volunteer commitments, piano lessons, church activities, school... well, you get the picture. There isn't much time to be consistent.

My family, like countless others, exists on a "grab and go" diet. I know I have to feed them, but how fast can I get it done and get out the door?

But "grab and go" is no way to stay healthy. Perhaps more importantly, it's no way to nurture and nourish a family.

The solution may be in cooperative cooking. It's been around for years, but it's becoming more popular as parents look for ways to bring their families back to the table without slaving over a stove to make it happen.

In co-op cooking, families work together. Often cooking in bulk, they create dishes made from whole and unprocessed foods that can be frozen and reheated in a matter of minutes.

My neighbor Ellen Scarrow and I have been trying to make co-op cooking work in our lives for about a year now, with pretty solid results. While I can't give you specifics on time and money saved, I can tell you that we cut our time in the kitchen substantially and feel much better about the food we're putting on our table.

A few weeks ago we stepped up our operation and introduced



Karma Fitzgerald mixes seasonings and bread crumbs into the meat.



Ellen Scarrow and Karma Fitzgerald meet in mid-January.

our friend Brandy Rushton. We took a few hours on a Sunday and prepared six dishes — two to eat and serve within the week, the rest as meal starters to be kept in the freezer or pantry

until needed. All of the dishes were life-savers over the holidays.

We each picked two recipes to prepare and exchanged grocery lists. On cooking day, we

### Cooks online

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### The Udder Friends Cooking Club

Karma Fitzgerald — Karma and her husband, Clem, live on a dairy north of Shoshone and have three children, ages 7, 5 and 3. Ellen Scarrow — Ellen and her husband, Stacey, live on a dairy north of Shoshone and have two children, ages 7 and 6. Brandy Rushton — Brandy and her husband, Chad, live in Shoshone and have three children, ages 7, 3 and 1. All three women work outside the home part time.

set up preparation stations in my kitchen.

I got started early by preparing an Italian Cooking Sauce Mix. I love this recipe. It works well as a marinara sauce and a pizza sauce and freezes well. I also set up a station for making a freeze-and-mix sugar cookie recipe.

Ellen brought the recipe for a biscuit mix that makes waffles and pancakes as well. She also

contributed a soup mix. Brandy brought instructions for fajitas and stir-fry. We moved through each station preparing enough of each recipe for our own families.

I have to say we felt pretty proud of ourselves when we finished about two hours later. We each had a box of food, and, best of all, we got to spend much needed time together.

"I was surprised that it only took us a couple of hours and we came away with a ton of stuff. It was simple and easy, and we had a lot of fun," Ellen said.

Brandy said the prepared meals saved her time and money.

"You always seem to need cookies for a party, and homemade always tastes the best," Brandy said.

The prepared meals were great for me, especially the fajitas, but kept getting interrupted. All I had to do was heat the skillet, open a bag and cook the contents. It couldn't have taken more than 20 minutes, and corrected math homework refereed a fight over a toy and answered the phone twice. I just warmed up fresh tortillas and had a nice meal.

I didn't like the stir-fry as much. While the meat tasted good, I just cooked a bag of prepackaged stir-fry vegetables. They tasted mushy, so I'll definitely use fresh next time.

Please see CO-OP, Page C2.

FOOD & HOME

# Turkey makes for trimmer sloppy Joe

By **Maria Kramer**  
The Washington Post

A slimmer, trimmer sloppy Joe is the goal here. Ground turkey is substituted for the original ground beef in the original version, and it's accompanied by the usual sloppy Joe ingredients — onion and a spiced-up tomato sauce — plus a sweet surprise: apple sauce.

The result is a milder Joe, with much less fat — but still sloppy. Serve on toasted hamburger

buns or Kaiser rolls with coleslaw.

## TURKEY SLOPPY JOES

- 4 servings**  
Adapted from "One Half Worth It" by **Ann Hodgman** (*Knightsbridge*)  
1 1/2 pound ground turkey  
1/2 cup diced onion  
3 cloves garlic, minced or pressed (optional)  
1 tablespoon chicken broth or low-sodium chicken broth  
3/4 cup unsweetened apple sauce

- 1/4 cup ketchup  
1/4 cup tomato sauce  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar  
2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard  
1 teaspoon lemon juice  
4 teaspoons light brown sugar  
A pinch of sweet paprika  
Salt  
Freshly ground black pepper
- Lightly coat a large nonstick skillet with nonstick spray oil and heat over medium heat.

Add the turkey, onion, garlic, if desired, and chicken broth and cook, breaking up clumps with a spoon, until the meat is no longer pink, 6 to 8 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the apple sauce, ketchup, tomato sauce, Worcestershire sauce, vinegar, mustard, lemon juice, brown sugar and paprika. Stir into the turkey and continue to cook until the mixture thickens, 10 to 15 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve immediately, spooned onto buns or rolls.

# The glass totally empty: Canned wine is here

By **Don Oldenburg**  
The Washington Post

Sacred! But who would pick bubbly from an aluminum can? The one who would eat filet mignon from a zipper plate, not view the Mona Lisa through zoom sunglasses?

Ah!hah, perhaps Americans. Peruse American chicks. That was what winners at Niebaum-Coppola Winery were betting in that moment of can-do innovation when, thinking outside the bottle, they came up with the idea of selling champagne in a can.

But let's be clear: This is not champagne in a can or in any other container. It might be called that on the street, but as any oenologist would clarify, champagne comes only from the Champagne district in France and is made by the strict and exacting standards of "methode champenoise."

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If wine is going to become more popular, it has to reach out to a new audience.

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— **Earl Martin, Niebaum-Coppola President**

Sofia Mini Blanc de Blancs is made in California's Napa Valley at Niebaum-Coppola, owned by legendary Hollywood producer-director Francis Ford Coppola and named after his actress-director daughter, Sofia. The winery makes no pretense that Sofia Mini Blanc is anything other than the blended

sparkling white wine — pinot blanc, sauvignon blanc and muscat canelli; the same stuff it has sold in standard 750-ml bottles for almost five years.

But in a can. A deep rich pink, 167-ml aluminum can about half the size of a Coke and faintly scribbled with words such as "revolutionary" and "fragrant." In wine parlance, it's a quarter-bottle or a split, a \$4.99 single-serving, pop-top, Red-Bullish can with an extendable plastic-wrapped fuchsia straw attached to the side.

"It is cute," says Niebaum-Coppola President Earl Martin, who knows how good of line a can is with the vast majority of wines sold in traditional 750-ml bottles closed with cork.

"It's wine is going to become more popular than reach out to a new audience," he says. "If we're going to find a new consumer, we have to reevaluate

how we think about packaging. Basically break all the rules."

Sparkling wine in a single-serving can is "lighter, chillis quite a bit more palatable," he says, and you don't have to think about it breaking," he says, echoing that it's just for special occasions, the wine industry's newest mantra.

"It lends wine to some other occasions, like at picnics, poolside, sporting arenas." Places, he says, "where beer used to rule."

Martin says the target demographic is "echo boomers, Generation Y, largely female," he says. "And, yes, you could say it's a girly wine." The winery, which declined comment on the figures, upped Sofia Mini Blanc production in 2004 to 50,000 cases after a test-run of 5,000 cases out, according to Wine Intelligence. Although the figures deemed cans "the hottest packaging innovation to hit the wine industry."

# Co-op

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Brandy and I both whipped out the frozen cookie dough for class parties. The room-mother in my daughter's class said they had planned on making sugar cookies for the kids to decorate, but no one had signed up to promote the cookies.

"No problem," I said. "If you've got time to put them in the oven, I have the dough."

Neither Ellen nor I liked the bland mix. It lacked flavor. But here's the thing: Our kids liked the waffles it made, and once I splashed a tablespoon of vanilla in the batter, it wasn't bad at all. Our husbands didn't complain about it, so it's a recipe likely to make it back to the pantry.

Brandy liked the mix and used it for dumplings one night

with stew.

None of us has had the chance to use the soup mix yet. It's a cream-of-"blank" mix; whenever you have a recipe that calls for a cream of something, you use this instead.

For me it'll be a lifesaver, because I'm the next round of Brandy keeps an eye on salt and fat content as well, and the mix allows her to control each.

Last week, Ellen and I met again for the next round of cooking. Brandy had a pre-announcement. We were both short on time so we did only one dish, but it's one of our favorites: meatballs. We had made a batch last spring and loved them. They were quick additions to spaghetti or served with a brown gravy and egg noodles. They even make good

meatball sandwiches. Our kids eat them by the handful with no sauce of any kind.

In March, we used ground beef and they tasted great. This time, Ellen had extra venison in the freezer and I had extra lamb. So we mixed the lamb and deer with hamburger and Italian sausage. It smelled good and tasted even better.

We doubled the recipe and each kept three bags of 20 good-sized meatballs.

All three of us are sold on co-op cooking.

"It was definitely worth my time," Brandy said. "I haven't had a meatball in ages, but it did save me from ordering takeout a couple of nights."

Ellen liked the convenience and the time saved in the kitchen.

"I want to be able to provide healthy, nutritious meals, but I don't want to have to worry about spending a lot of time every day cooking," Ellen said. "I don't have it, and I don't want to. This way you get it done and over with and enjoy the benefits over an extended period."

"We've noticed ourselves to control the ingredients in the food and not worrying about preservatives or other extras I'd rather not consume."

But for all of us, good of-fashioned female bonding was the best spice in the recipe. Our lives are so busy, we often feel like we're taking a few hours away from our families' spend time with the "girls." This way we get to relax with friends and bless our families at the same time.

# Class teaches cooking with focus on health

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — Interested in saving the New Year, but with **without fat diet?**

A class next week dubbed "Fresh Start in the New Year" is meant to give you strength and boost your health, and to teach what a complete meal is.

Jill Sherman, Skeem — a health consultant and educator, macrobiotic expert and cook — will teach the class from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. Twin Falls. Cost \$35.

Menu for the class: pres-

sured-cooked short-grain brown rice with wheatberries; soy sauce; green lentils with carrots and onions and deep-fried bread-battered vegetable salad with balsamic dressing and fruit compote.

Skeem relocated to Magic Valley in December 2003 after graduating from the Strengthening Institute, a macrobiotic educational institute in Philadelphia. She has studied macrobiotics for 5 1/2 years and understands cooking styles and their effects on the body.

To sign up, call Rudy's at 733-

# All-American fare pushes aside traditional meals

By Susan Ager  
The Detroit Free Press

Once we all ate grains and greens and maybe, on special occasions, a little goat.

Some of the world's people still eat that way. But, seduced by goliath corporations that market processed, packaged foods, they've turned their backs on it.

Here, we consider Coke, fried chicken and Pringles to be inalienable rights. Ease and convenience are the payoffs of cooking in a plastic bag.

Evidence exists on every page of a stunning new book called "Hungry Planet: What the World Eats" (Ten Speed, \$40). In California, photographer Peter Menzel and his wife, writer Faith D'Aluisio, take us around the planet to watch its diet changing faster than we can imagine.

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and two teenage sons cut way back after Peter and Faith e-mailed them a photo of their spread.

"Send me my boys were like, 'Oh my goodness! I can't believe we eat all that!'" And she was embarrassed that her family's weekly food budget ranked third in the book. The German family of seven and an Australian family of four, at \$341.58.

Now, they eat fewer chips, drink less juice cocktail, and on the night stand, two food items: not large, plastic hot soda pops. No more Hot Pockets. And less fast food, especially since her 40-year-old son was diagnosed with high blood pressure.

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## ITALIAN COOKING SAUCE MIX

- Source: *"Make-A-Mix Cookery"* by **Karline Elison, Nevada Howard and Madeline Westover**
- (we found these hard to find and left them out.)
- 1 teaspoon Instant minced garlic
  - 3 teaspoons sugar
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- Combine all ingredients in a large kettle or Dutch oven. Simmer 15 minutes over medium-low heat. Cool. Put into six 1-pint freezer containers, leaving 1/2 inch at top. Seal and label containers. Freeze. Use within 2 months. Makes about 6 pints.

## MILK AND BAKE SUGAR COOKIES

- Source: *"Make-A-Mix Cookery"* by **Karline Elison, Nevada Howard and Madeline Westover**
- 2 cups butter (the recipe calls for margarine, but none of us use margarine)
  - 2 cups granulated sugar
  - 3 eggs
  - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
  - 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 teaspoon baking soda
- Shape each cookie into an 8- to 10-inch roll. Wrap each with piece of waxed paper or plastic wrap. Place wrapped rolls in a plastic freezer container with a tight-fitting lid, or wrap airtight in 12 x 18 x 18-inch piece of heavy-duty foil. Label. Store in freezer. Use within 6 months.
- Makes 4 rolls of dough or about 12 dozen cookies.
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease 2 large baking sheets. Cut frozen dough into 1/4-inch slices. Place slices on prepared baking sheets about 1/2 inch apart. Sprinkle with sugar. Beat in eggs, vanilla and lemon extract until light and fluffy. In a large bowl, combine flour and baking soda. Gradually stir flour mixture into egg mixture until blended. Divide dough into 4 equal pieces.
- Removes cookies from baking sheets. Cool on wire racks. Makes about 36 cookies.

## HOMEMADE 'BISCUIT'

- Source: *homemakingatgottage.com*
- 5 cups flour
  - 2 1/2 tablespoons double-acting baking powder
  - 2 tablespoons sugar
  - 2 tablespoons salt
  - 1 tablespoon cream of tartar
- Sift dry ingredients together. Cut in shortening with pastry blender until it resembles crumbs. Store in airtight container up to six weeks at room temperature, or freeze for up to six months.

## CREAM OF SOUP MIX

- Source: *homemakingatgottage.com*
- 2 cups powdered nonfat milk
  - 2 cups corn starch
  - 1/4 cup instant chicken bouillon
  - 1 teaspoon onion powder
  - 1 teaspoon dried basil
  - 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
  - 2 teaspoon black pepper
- Mix all ingredients together well and store in an airtight container. To make the equivalent of one can of cream of something soup, mix 1/3 cup of soup mix with 1 1/4 cups of water. Bring to a boil over medium heat and cook for a few minutes until thickened, stirring constantly to prevent sticking.

## STIR-FRY

- Recipe from *Brandy Rushton*
- 3-4 chicken breasts (or enough for your family)
  - 2-3 teaspoons minced garlic
  - Fresh ginger to taste
  - 1/2 sweet peppers (we like red or yellow for the color)
  - 1/2 onion, sliced and browned
  - Baby corn, snap peas and broccoli are optional
  - Teriyaki sauce or soy sauce
- Cut the chicken into bite-sized pieces and place in a storage bag. Add the garlic, ginger and soy sauce or teriyaki sauce. Seal the bag and refrigerate until you are ready to use it (within 3 or 4 days), or freeze it.

- When ready to use it, defrost it and heat the wok or pan with a little oil. Add the chicken (if there is a lot of marinade, drain most off). Stir-fry until the chicken is almost done. If it seems to be lacking in flavor, add a little chicken broth and some cornstarch. While the chicken is cooking, chop the vegetables into size suitable for stir-fry. Add the chopped vegetables to the chicken and cook until crisp-tender (not raw, but not soggy). Sliced almonds are also nice.
- Season as desired. Sprinkle with sesame seeds. To make this really painless, omit the extra spices and just marinate in prepared stir-fry marinade. You can also use frozen bags of stir-fry vegetables.

## FAJITAS

- Recipe from *Brandy Rushton*
- 1 pound of beef (such as London broil), or the amount you would need for your family
  - 1-2 peppers (red or yellow)
  - 1 tomato
  - 1/2 cup or more salsa
  - 1-2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
  - 1/2 cup onion
  - 1/2 cup tomato
  - 1/2 cup Italian dressing
- Cut the beef into thin strips. Place in a sealable storage bag. Add the salsa, Worcestershire

## MEATBALL MIX

- Source: *"Make-A-Mix Cookery"* by **Karline Elison, Nevada Howard and Madeline Westover**
- 4 pounds lean ground beef
  - 4 eggs, slightly beaten
  - 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
  - 1/2 cup onion salt
  - 2 tablespoons cornstarch
  - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
  - 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Blend well. Shape mixture into 1-inch balls. Place meatballs on ungreased baking sheets and bake 20 to 25 minutes, until browned. Remove immediately and drain on paper towels. When cooled, put about 30 meatballs each into five 1-quart freezer containers, leaving 1/2 inch at top. Seal and label containers. Freeze and use within 3 months.
- Makes about 144 meatballs.
- (Note: The cooking group used a variety of ground meats and made larger meatballs.)

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# WINTER SQUASH 101

By Rose Parsons  
Los Angeles Times

Off the vine, winter squash look like some kind of exotic rustic pottery, with rich colors and textures that give them the appearance of having been elaborately carved and colored. That beauty makes them one of nature's more versatile vegetables. Until you're ready to eat, you've got a holiday centerpiece.

But once you cook them, they transform completely, that ceramic hardness giving way to a creamy texture and a subtle, nutty sweetness. Of course, that's not going to happen with just any winter squash.

Beautiful as they are, squash can be confusing. Even the name can fool you — winter squash actually are harvested in the fall (hence all these Halloween pumpkins). We call them winter squash only because most varieties have hard, thick rinds that allow them to be stored through the cold winter months when, traditionally, few other vegetables were available.

Winter squash can be rough and warty, or smooth and sleek. They can be round or cylindrical. The skin can be orange, yellow, green and even nearly blue — or just about any variation thereof. Their flesh can be stringy and fibrous, or smooth as butter. The flavor can be sweet and rich, or thin and vegetal. Winter squash range in size from a little bigger than a tennis ball to more than 100 pounds.

How do you make sense of all this? The good news for cooks — this might sound cynical, but it's true — is that you can ignore most of them. To put it diplomatically, most winter squash traditionally were prized more for their keeping ability than for any outstanding culinary characteristics.

You are best off focusing on a handful of the best commonly available varieties. In general, winter squash seem to be defined by two variables: texture — from stringy to smooth — and flavor — from nutty sweetness to a kind of green vegetable flavor we'll call "squashiness" for lack of a better term.

• **Acorn.** This is probably the most familiar winter squash after the pumpkin and almost certainly the most familiar one that is edible. Its skin is dark green with occasional blishes of saturated orange. Its flesh is pale to medium orange. The texture is semi-smooth and slick, and flavor is moderately sweet and moderately squashy. The acorn is a middle-of-the-road squash. The Table Queen is an especially good type of acorn.

• **Butternut.** If it had to choose a single readily available winter squash variety, this would be it. The butternut is shaped like a long cylinder with a slight bulb on one end. The skin is fairly thin and a kind of golden in color. The flesh is dark orange and semi-fibrous. The flavor is very sweet and nutty with just a hint of green squashiness.

• **Carnival.** This looks like a half-size acorn squash, with beautiful patchwork dark green and bright orange skin. The flesh is dark orange and slightly fibrous. The flavor is complex, rich and sweet with an intriguing earthy note.

• **Kabocha.** Although it became available only in the last decade or so, the kabocha seems to be everywhere today. It is round and slightly flattened at the top and bottom. The skin is dark green with delicate gray-blue veining (there are also all-green and dark-orange versions). The flesh is pale to medium orange and extremely dense and smooth. The flavor is very sweet but with a slightly squashy edge that gives some backbone.

Whatever the variety, there is an art to choosing a good winter squash. One of the best clues is the stem (it should be present). It should be dry and corky. This tells you the squash stayed on the vine until it was almost ready to fall off, which happens at full maturity.

The color of the rind should be deep and vibrant, which shows the full development of the pigments that come with maturity. And for the same reason, it should be matte rather than shiny. Many squashes have pale spots where they rested on the ground, just as melons do. Most squash have thick, hard skin. When it's fully mature, you won't be able to nick it with your thumbnail.

One important and often overlooked fact is that many winter squash varieties actually improve after harvest, provided



Winter squash are beautiful and delectable.

they are properly stored. This is particularly true of squash such as butternut and kabocha, and true to a slightly lesser extent with squash including kuri, pumpkins and hubbards.

Some squash — acorn, carnival, spaghetti, delicata and sweet dumpling — do not improve after harvest.

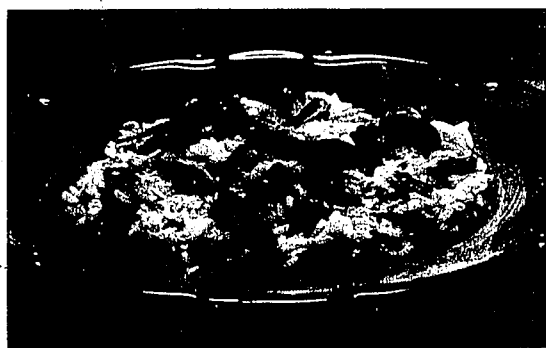
The squash that do improve will be sweet immediately after harvest, but their sweetness and depth of flavor will increase for several weeks. During this period, enzymes convert much of the squash's starch to sugar. Indeed, one study found that proper curing (temperatures of 75 to 90 degrees and high humidity) for as long as three weeks had more effect on the sweetness and flavor of some squash than an extra week on the vine.

The flavor and texture of winter squash vary tremendously depending on how it is heated. Cooked with moisture, such as by steaming, the taste is subtle and the texture is delicate. Simmered into a risotto, the squash flavor is subtle, little more than a haunting sweetness. Roasted walnuts provide a complementary flavor and a contrasting crunch, and flash-fried sage leaves add an autumnal perfume.

When cooked with dry heat, such as by roasting, squash comes out strong. Not only is there delicious caramelizing of the natural sugars, but with its moisture driven off, the flesh of the squash will be dense and creamy, even buttery.

Roasted squash can be served just as is (at least in the case of smaller acorns), or you can spoon out the pulp and puree it in the food processor with some butter and seasonings. Because squash have a different type of starch from potatoes, they won't turn gluey. Thin the puree with stock and you have a wonderful base for a winter soup.

If you've never tried sautéing winter squash, you should. The result is somewhere between moist- and dry-heat cooking: The exterior caramelizes nicely, but the interior stays delicate. Even better, instead of taking 45 minutes to an hour, the way



Winter squash risotto with walnuts and fried sage leaves.

roasting does, sautéed squash is done in fewer than 15 minutes. Cooked this way, winter squash can stand up to the most robust of flavorings. To keep it quick, finish the dish simply with a spoonful of rosemary green salsa, a minced combination of fresh rosemary, garlic and lemon zest (the original is made with parsley and used to garnish osso buco).

The mixture cooks in a flash, and although the individual components are powerful, the result is a perfume that flavors the squash without overpowering it.

## WINTER SQUASH RISOTTO WITH WALNUTS AND FRIED SAGE LEAVES

2 1/2 cups walnut halves  
Oil for frying  
18 to 24 fresh sage leaves  
4 cups chicken or vegetable stock  
5 tablespoons butter, divided  
1 cup finely diced onion  
1/2 pound peeled, seeded butternut squash, cut into 3/8-inch cubes (scant 2 cups diced)

2/3 cup dry white wine  
2 cups Arborio rice  
2 teaspoons salt  
1 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese, plus more for passing  
Heat the oven to 400 degrees and toast the walnut halves in a dry pan in the oven until lightly browned and nutty, smelling about 8 to 10 minutes. Chop coarsely and set aside.  
Pour the oil into a small sautépan to a depth of about 1 inch and place over high heat. When the oil reaches 375 degrees, add the sage leaves and fry just until they darken slightly and turn crisp, only a couple of seconds. Remove the leaves with a slotted spoon and drain on paper towels.

Combine the chicken or vegetable stock and 4 cups water in a large sautépan and bring to boil, then reduce the heat to maintain a bare simmer. In a large skillet, place 3 tablespoons of butter and the onion over medium-high heat and cook, stirring, until the onion begins to soften, about 5 minutes. Add the wine and cook until it reduces to a syrup, about 3 minutes. Add the rice to the pan and cook, stirring, until the mixture is dry enough that the rice makes a "singing" sound as it scrapes the bottom. Add 1 cup

of simmering stock and the salt to the pan and stir it in. Cook until the rice absorbs enough liquid that you can see dry pan when you stir, about 5 minutes. Repeat, adding more stock each time, until the rice is firm but tender, with no chunky center; reserve the last one-half cup of the stock. This will take about 20 minutes in all. You don't need to stir continuously, just when you add the stock to the pan and when it is nearly dry.

When the rice is done, add the reserved stock to loosen the mixture slightly and remove the pan from the heat. Stir in the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter and the one-fourth cup of grated Parmesan cheese. Stir vigorously in order to free as much starch as possible, which in combination with the cheese will thicken the mixture slightly.

Spoon the risotto in generous mounds in the center of heated flat bowls. Scatter the toasted walnuts over the top and place the fried sage leaves on top of that, 3 or 4 to the bowl. Serve immediately, passing additional cheese for those who want it.

## CARAMELIZED WINTER SQUASH

2 tablespoons pine nuts  
2 teaspoons minced rosemary  
2 teaspoons minced lemon zest  
1 1/2 teaspoons minced garlic  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
2 pounds peeled winter squash, cut into roughly 1 1/2-inch cubes (5 cups diced)  
1 teaspoon salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
Toast the pine nuts in a small skillet over low heat until lightly browned, about 4 to 5 minutes. Set aside.

Combine the rosemary, lemon zest and garlic in a small bowl and add just enough lemon juice to moisten. Stir together with a spoon, crushing and smearing to make a thick herb paste. The garlic and rosemary should be extremely fine because they will need to cook in a flash.

Heat the oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. When it is very hot, add the squash. Sprinkle with salt and toss to combine, so the squash cubes are evenly coated with hot oil and seasoned with salt.

Cover tightly and cook without stirring for 2 minutes. Remove the lid and stir the squash. The cooked sides should be starting to caramelize. Cover and cook 2 minutes.

Remove the lid and toss the squash. Reduce heat to medium, stirring occasionally, until the squash cubes are just tender enough to pierce with a small sharp knife, about 5 minutes. The squash should appear somewhat glazed and browned on much of the surface but should not be so cooked that it falls apart.

When the squash is cooked, sprinkle with the herb mixture and the remaining lemon juice. Toss to coat the squash, letting the herb mixture sizzle briefly and become aromatic. Taste and adjust the seasoning for salt, lemon juice and black pepper. Scatter the pine nuts over the squash and transfer to a bowl.

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Tapered columns, decorative corbels, front-facing gables and characteristic windows give a Craftsman flavor to the Scarborough. Wainscoting and stone veneer column supports are two more hallmarks of the style.

This plan could be built as a vacation retreat, or fit just as nicely in a mid- to upscale neighborhood.

Sideways and a transom brighten the lofty two-story foyer. Double doors lead into a parlor on the right. Alternatively, this room's location is ideal for use as a home office, or whatever else suits.

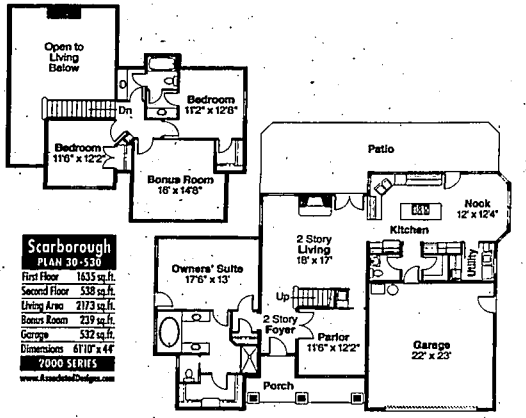
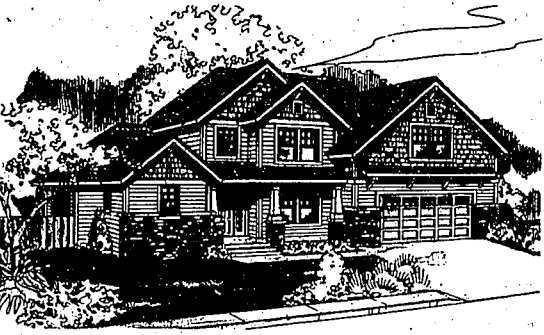
The foyer's two-story ceiling extends into the living room. About two-thirds of the way back, it steps down to 14 feet, which is still high. Wide windows flank the gas fireplace at the rear. One set is actually arched doors that access a large patio. A small beverage bar tucked into an alcove formed by the stairs is accessible from both the parlor and the living room.

Plenty of natural light spills into the kitchen through the window corner in front of the sink, and the glass-etch bay that wraps around the nook. A four-burner cook top plus a grill or griddle is built into a large work island with storage below.

Counters and cabinets that wrap around three walls include a built-in desk. An oven and microwave are next to an arched window leading to a powder room, pantry and garage, and a generously sized utility room is just off the nook.

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methane gases. That's why it's so vital to recycle these waste materials more effectively."

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To see how it works, visit www.naturemill.com or call toll free (800) 613-6629.

Check your chimney regularly

By Alan J. Havens  
Knight Ridder News Service

Question: I've seen a number of articles recently about the importance of getting the chimney swept every so often. How important? What if you have a gas fireplace?

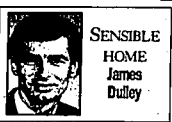
Answer: If you have a gas fireplace insert, annual chimney sweeping isn't necessary because it doesn't produce the

creosote that would coat the inside of the chimney. And if you have a ventless gas fireplace, there's no need for sweeping at all because the damper is left open only a crack.

Durafume logs don't produce creosote, so I wouldn't have the chimney swept annually. But I would have it inspected periodically—every five years, at least. Much depends on the condition of the chimney to start with. If it's old, it should be inspected, if only to check the condition of the term-coats inside and the masonry, and then to have any creosote removed.

Pocket doors offer space-saving efficiency

DEAR JIM: I am doing some remodeling in my home and I want to install more attractive interior doors. I also want them to be better so I can zone in and close off some rooms. Will pocket doors work?



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DEAR NEAL: Pocket doors are one of the best options for your decor and energy efficiency plans. With today's high heating and cooling bills, it does make sense to close off unused or seldom-used rooms.

Zoning your home (keeping various rooms at different temperatures) is probably the best way to lower your utility bills without sacrificing comfort. This can be done with an automatic zoning air delivery system or just controlling the air flow with duct dampers or register covers.

With either method, it is important to be able to have a well-sealing interior door with which you also can control the amount of open area. Pocket doors, which slide inside the wall, allow totally variable opening positions. On the other hand, a standard door is either open or closed. As soon as you swing it open just a little, the open area is very large.

Also, a partially opened door will stick out into the room and will likely swing either more opened or closed on its own or if it gets bumped.

Pocket doors are particularly effective in new home construction because installing

them saves a lot of floor space. At \$50 to \$100 per square foot, this results in a huge savings. In an existing home, count the number of swinging doors and consider the total wasted clearance space required for them to swing open.

From a decorating standpoint, pocket doors offer much more flexibility. Since part of the wall is not covered when the door is open, wall decorations can be placed along the door opening. Also, decorative leaded glass and other ornate doors can be used and are still visible when the pocket door is partially opened. Pocket doors with glass panels will allow more light into a room.

Using a pocket door hanging kit makes installing a pocket door a reasonable do-it-yourself project. Some kits are even called "Pocket in a Box." The typical kit includes the top rail, ball-bearing rollers, guides, mounting plate, and split studs. The steel enclosed split studs make it easy to create the pocket inside the wall. The hardware often has a lifetime warranty.

Before you purchase pocket door installation kits, select the type of doors you desire. The



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model of pocket door kit required depends upon the weight of the door. The maximum door weights for various kits range from about 75 pounds to 250 pounds. Pocket door privacy locks are available, so if you use one, don't forget to include it in your weight calculation.

DEAR JIM: I have used mirrors in my house to reflect light and brighten the rooms. One large mirror is glued to the wall and I need to move it. What is the best way to remove the mirror without damaging the wall?

DEAR KRISTIN: Mirrors are effective for reflecting light and

reducing the need for lamps. No matter what method you use to remove it, you will have to do some surface refinishing of the drywall, but hopefully not much.

Take two blocks of wood and attach stout fishing line to them.

Place the line behind the mirror and move it back and forth in a sawing motion. If this does not cut through the glue, try using stranded picture-hanging wire instead.

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# Breakfast in Ireland is so bad, it's good

By Elizabeth Lerg  
The Baltimore Sun

DUBLIN, Ireland — You can travel to Ireland and not visit the Cliffs of Moher or Bunratty Castle, but you can't not eat breakfast.

The Emerald Isle has turned into a nation of bed-and-breakfasts, with the emphasis on the breakfast: eggs, bacon, sausage, grilled tomatoes, homemade breads, cold cereal, fresh fruit and juice, at the very least.

The accommodations may be modest, and when you consult the guidebooks you quickly learn to be wary of B&B descriptions like "comfortable" (rather than "spacious") and "luxurious" (luxurious can mean nothing more than a shower with good water pressure).

But when you stay in someone's home, you are sure you will get a lavish, delicious and varied breakfast, usually in the family dining room. It's hard to miss when you're being served good Irish butter, whole milk, freshly baked breads and blazing hot pots of tea.

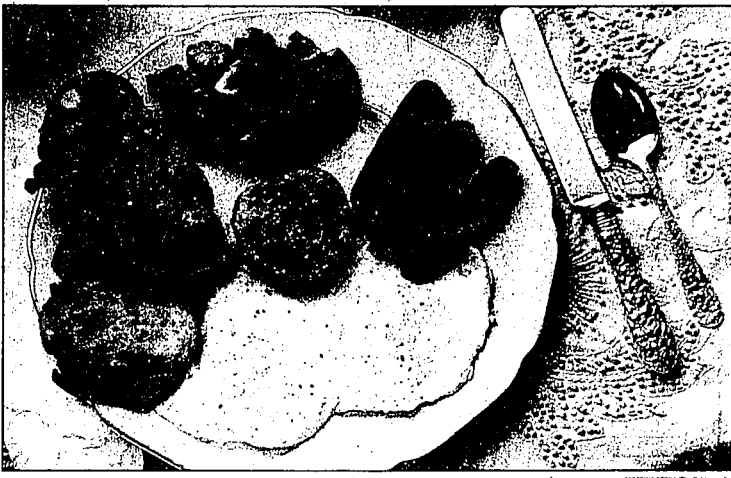
On a recent trip to Ireland, we stayed at six B&Bs in a week. It wasn't the most relaxing of stays, but it did make me something of an expert on Irish soda bread.

"You never get the same taste of any bread in any house," Pat Greaney, who runs High Tide B&B in Galway, told me. She explained that everyone has her own mother's recipe, handed down from generation to generation.

These breads are served on a plate in thin slices, to be eaten with the delicious high-fat content Irish butter. They are never toasted unless you ask, so you have to toast without requesting brown bread, you will get white-bread toast, perhaps served in racks so it won't get any soggy as it cools.

At each place we stayed there was a traditional Irish breakfast, but that was only the beginning. At High Tide, for instance, Greaney — with no help in the kitchen — offers a breakfast menu that includes everything from French toast to lemon sole with potato cake, mushrooms and tomatoes. She also makes her own marmalade and jams.

Interestingly, the traditional Irish breakfast is not something that Irish eat on a regular basis, unless they are day laborers. It consists of fried eggs, sausage, Irish bacon (meatier than American bacon), mushrooms and mushrooms, and black and white pudding (not dessert, but



Feeling hungry in Ireland? For breakfast, you could sit down to a plate of fried eggs, Irish bacon, brown bread, sauteed mushrooms, link sausages and a grilled tomato.

ALEXANDRA PERLA/The Baltimore Sun

# No grits, no glory

By Robert Barnes  
The Washington Post

When I was growing up, I ate breakfast almost every morning at my Aunt Maggie's house, and that means that almost every morning I ate grits. I always crumbled two slices of bacon into them, a practice I have passed on to my children. Aunt Maggie's grits were buttery and smooth, and when she spooned them out, they spread slowly across the plate. Her advice was simple: "You've got to cook the fire out of them." By that, she meant to use quick-cooking grits (never instant) and to cook them for as long as you would regular grits, paying attention to the consistency. Small amounts of hot water to get the consistency just right.

Aunt Maggie's gone now, but her daughter Delores makes grits at our family reunion each summer. She's got a dynamic recipe that calls for crumbled Ritz crackers and a tube of processed graham cheese.

This jalapeno-cheese grits recipe is pretty good, too — I found it in an old cookbook that credited it to Spring Creek Restaurant in Crawfordville, Fla. The recipe is so good, it is meant to be eaten with fried mullet, but we serve it for brunch and people love it. For Yankies who hate grits, we call it "Grain Casserole."

## JALAPENO-CHEESE GRITS CASSEROLE

6 servings

If you don't want spicy grits, substitute Monterey Jack or cheddar cheese for the jalapeno cheese. But a shot of Tabasco helps everything. Adapted from "Famous Florida! Underground Gourmet," by Joyce LaFrey and Barbie Baldwin (Palmyra, 1993).

- 4 cups salted water
- 1 cup quick grits
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, plus more for greasing the dish
- 4 ounces jalapeno cheese, diced
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/3 cup evaporated milk
- Hot pepper sauce, such as Tabasco, to taste
- About 1/4 cup bread crumbs

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a medium casserole dish with butter or nonstick spray oil. In a large pot, over medium-high heat, bring the salted water to a boil. Reduce the heat to low and slowly add the grits. Cover and cook according to package directions, stirring often.

Do not let the grits get too thick. Remove the pan from the heat and add the butter and cheese, stirring until melted. Add the egg, evaporated milk and hot pepper sauce to taste. Pour the grits into the prepared casserole, sprinkle with the bread crumbs and bake until the top puffs up a bit and is slightly browned, about 30 minutes.

Let it rest for 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

### MRS. GREANEY'S BROWN BREAD

- 1 1/2 pounds of whole-wheat flour
- 1/2 pound plain white flour
- 8 ounces wheat germ
- 1 tablespoon pinch oatmeal
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 teaspoons bicarbonate soda
- 1 pint buttermilk
- 1 pint water
- Mix all ingredients together and divide into three 2-pound loaf tins and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

### MRS. DONAHUE'S BROWN BREAD

- 8 ounces brown whole-meal flour
- 6 ounces rising white flour
- 3 ounces wheat bran
- 1 ounce oat bran
- 2 ounces margarine
- 2 teaspoons of baking powder (the raising agent)
- Buttermilk to bind all together
- Ensure that the mixture is moist. Bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes.

two different kinds of bread sausage).

Teresa O'Donohue, of Sanborn House in Ennis, no longer serves black and white pudding with her traditional Irish breakfasts. The tourists leave it on their plates when they find out it's made with fresh pig's blood sausage.

"There are some rubbish brands on the market," she said. "But with the good ones, the fla-

vor is fantastic."

What about the baked beans you'll find in the breakfast buffets of city hotels? Not traditional, Greaney said firmly. They are an English import.

And the potato cakes?

"The Irish never eat potatoes for breakfast," said Annette O'Mahoney of the Shires Country House near Castlegary. "They are solely for dinner."

Although there is some dis-

agreement on its elements, the traditional breakfast, blood sausage and all, has become a sort of mythical lure for tourists who want to experience the "real" Ireland. Sometimes it seems as if they are more in love with Ireland's past than the Irish are.

"We never eat the traditional breakfast because of the high fat content," said O'Mahoney. Her own breakfast is usually cereal and fruit, "a Weetabix and a pear," she said.

But tourists, especially Americans, expect a huge, caloric breakfast, so that's what she fixes, along with fruit plates featuring, among other things, fresh pineapple and Crenshaw melon croissants with ham, mushrooms and cheese; waffles and maple syrup; and much more. Each morning she has a different quick bread, such as banana with sour cream and walnuts, along with her brown bread.

One thing she doesn't serve is tea scones.

"Scones are not for breakfast," she said. "And, we never have them with coffee."

This remark puzzled me until I realized she equated scones with American biscuits when she visited the United States. She had had biscuits and gravy in the South.

My daughter confounded our hostesses by asking for porridge every morning — not something many Americans do, apparently. Porridge, or Irish oatmeal, is made from steel-cut oats. These are finer-cut oat groats, which are chewier and take longer to cook than American oatmeal. Have it with buttermilk, cream, sugar or "a knob of butter," as Greaney says she prefers.

At several of the bed-and-breakfasts I asked for the hostesses' recipe for brown bread. Be warned: We all know that pitfalls avoid whenever you bake from old family recipes. Here is Greaney's, just as she gave it to me.

Pinhead, or Irish oatmeal, can be found on the Internet. You also could try to substitute American oatmeal.

Good luck. You can direct any questions to Greaney at [light@iol.ie](mailto:light@iol.ie).

# Quick-cooking barley is a dietary boon to soup makers everywhere

By Jill Wendholt Silva  
Knight Ridder News Service

The Roman gladiators were known as *hordearii*, or "barley men," according to Rebecca Woods, author of "The Whole Food Encyclopedia" (Penguin/Arkana).

Botanically speaking, hordeum vulgare, or barley, was the gladiators' primary food staple. Today, most barley ends up malting, in beer or whiskey, or used as animal fodder.

Too bad, because barley's nutty flavor and chewy texture have long made it a tasty addition to breads, cereals and soups in cuisines around the world. But many modern Americans cook tend to avoid whole grains such as barley, which requires steaming for up to 45 minutes.

In regional markets where it is available, the "quick" barley featured in the Beef and Barley Vegetable Soup is a more realistic option for the time-pressed cook because other varieties, including malted, hulled, or lightly pre-steamed varieties, often require a trip to a natural foods or specialty store. Quick barley

has been "pearled" — hulls removed and polished — then steamed and rolled so it cooks in just 10 minutes.

Nutritionally speaking, all forms of barley are comparable in fiber and nutrition, says Mary Palmer Sullivan, executive director of the National Barley Foods Council ([www.barleyfoods.org](http://www.barleyfoods.org)), a non-profit based in Spokane, Wash. That's because barley, unlike other grains, retains at least 50 percent fiber throughout the entire kernel, even after the outer bran coating is removed.

One-third cup quick-cooking barley contains 170 calories and 5 grams of fiber. In addition to its high fiber content, barley is

low fat, has no cholesterol and contains antioxidants, phytochemicals, vitamins and minerals. Barley is a terrific source of selenium, an antioxidant mineral that combines with vitamin E to fight free radicals.

Pending FDA approval, food manufacturers may be more interested in quick-cooking barley entrees and side dishes because they will be able to tout the heart health of beta-glucans, a type of soluble fiber found only in oats and barley.

"I think barley has been kind of overlooked for so many years, and we just want to get our time," said Palmer Sullivan. "I think we'll be able to do that with more convenience-oriented products."

### BEEF AND BARLEY VEGETABLE SOUP

Makes 8 servings

- 1/2 pound ground round
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 1 potato, peeled and chopped
- 1 parsnip, peeled and chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 4 tablespoons dried basil leaves
- 1 (14 1/2-ounce) can low-sodium beef broth
- 1 (14 1/2-ounce) can no-salt-added whole tomatoes
- 2 cups lower-sodium vegetable

- juice cocktail
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup quick pearled barley
- 1/2 cup frozen mixed vegetables
- Hot pepper sauce, pepper and salt, to taste

Brown ground beef in skillet over medium-high heat; drain. Place in slow cooker crock and add onion, carrots, potato, parsnip, garlic, pepper, basil, beef broth, tomatoes, vegetable juice cocktail and water. Cover and cook on low 7 to 9 hours.

Turn slow cooker to high. Stir in beef and frozen mixed vegetables. Cover and cook on high 30 minutes. Just before serving, taste and add hot pepper sauce, pepper and salt to taste.

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# Taking hotel luxury home, for a price

By Michael S. Rosemald  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Jennifer Candotti's husband recently gave her a gift: a quiet night away from him and their baby in a nearby hotel.

"It was such a great night," she said. "I was by myself. I was so comfortable."

The next morning she reflected on what made her feel so cozy — the featherbed mattress pad, the down comforter, the feather and down pillow, the 300-thread-count sheets and even the bed skirt, because it matched so nicely. Ultimately, her stay produced sensations associated with luxury. "I just didn't want it to end," she said.

It didn't have to. Candotti went back to her home in Brookview and found something thousands of hotel guests now do every day: She logged on to the hotel's Web site and went shopping. She ordered, for \$1,500, just about everything her body touched. By the end of the week she had the goods, which she used to turn her guest room into a hotel at home.

The days of hotel guests stealing Ritz-Carlton towels are gone. Now they just buy the robe or even the lobby — the shower curtains, the lamps, the carpet, the chairs, the chaises, the desks, the beds, the bedding, the soap, the dishes, the linens and the art they artwork on the wall. The hotels sell all this in an effort to tap into the dreams of the American consumer, who has already been rapidly trading up to other high-end products such as \$60 bottles of vodka, \$200 designer jeans and pricey chocolate.

Hotels are probably the best design showrooms for beds and home furnishings that exist right now," said Ross Klein, president of W Hotels, a division of Starwood Hotels. "People can experience luxury with us for night or two, then decide what they want for their home. You know, it's awfully hard to spend the night at Bloomingdale's."

Among the furnishings being bought and sold are Marriott's red acrylic teardrop lamp (\$190) and Kashiwara Chenilla chaise (\$175). From Westin Hotels and Resorts, guests can buy a California king-size bed (\$1,450) and the Heavenly shower curtain and liner (\$35). The W Hotel has acrylic I-beam side tables (\$290 each). The Nine Zero Hotel in Boston is offering a Macassar veneer desk (\$3,600), a



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pair of wall sconces (\$2,400) or an 18-by-16-foot area rug from the lobby (\$14,000).

For many guests, staying at a fancy hotel is an introduction to sophisticated interior design and how it can translate to living a certain lifestyle, said Joanne Kravetz, who chairs the Interior Design department at the Art Institute of California in Los Angeles. They check out of the room but keep a lifestyle — of the hip, urban W Hotel or the clean and modern Marriott or the cosmopolitan haven of Boston's Nine Zero.

"The hotel has now brought that lifestyle into your realm of reality," Kravetz said. "You can have this. There's no barrier in between. You don't need a decorator. You don't need a designer. And for the hotels, this is just another way for you to plunk down some money and have what you want if you want it."

Direct-to-consumer hotel merchandise sales topped \$60 million last year, according to Hospitality Design magazine, and industry observers think that figure will grow quickly, with several companies popping up to market and sell furnishings for hotels, which can then focus exclusively on guests.



Above, Jennifer Candotti's husband recently gave her a gift: a quiet night away from him and their baby in a Marriott hotel. Later, Candotti logged on to the hotel's Web site and ordered, for \$1,500, the goods to recreate the experience in the guest room of her Brookview, Md., home.

Left, indulge in luxury at home with an embroidered towel from Michigan's Grand Hotel or a Ritz-Carlton robe. Available at <http://www.historichotels.com> and [www.ritzcarltonshome.com](http://www.ritzcarltonshome.com).

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# Stamping out a sole source of germs

By Jura Koncius  
The Washington Post

Germ control starts at the front door for Debbie Greenspan of Rockville, Md., who grew up battling allergies and asthma. After a daughter was born in 2002, Greenspan became increasingly concerned about household allergens and toxins.

With a professional background in hotel and restaurant management — she worked in the hotel industry for 20 years, and had taken many classes in housekeeping and sanitation — she knew many contaminants were tracked indoors on the bottoms of shoes, so she went looking for experts to help her develop a doormat to keep the mold, mildew and other microorganisms outside.

After two years of research, she went into production with Dr. Doormat, based on antimicrobial technology used in medical and consumer products, including disposable diapers. The rubber-backed 2-by-3-foot mat, available in three colors, sells for \$59 at [www.drdoormat.com](http://www.drdoormat.com).

"Every time you step on a common doormat, you create a springboard to track all this filth into the house that's not just on the shoes, but was residing on the doormat for as long as it's been sitting there," Greenspan says.

Could you persuade your Corgi to use lit Greenspan says you can't teach dogs to wipe their paws, but you can walk them around in a circle on the mat.

Coming next week ...

**Eat cheap**  
A tour of under-\$7 restaurant meals in Buhl and Hagerman.

# Trendsetters, twentysomethings popularizing exotic plants

By Marty Halr  
Detroit Free Press

Some people like houseplants that resemble the green stuff that grows outside every summer.

"Others pick plants that look — well, like you."

Christina Day says she and her husband Timothy, both 28, "just enjoyed the strangeness" of succulents, plants like aloes, jade and aloe.

Inside their Royal Oak, Mich., apartment, they grow about 40 succulents in pots lined up on shelves under timed plant lights. "My friends are always coming to talk about what's new with them."

"My favorite one just happens to look like a pin cushion," says Christina Day, who studies textiles at the Cranbrook Academy of Art. Timothy is a musician.

In ways big and small, succulents are gaining younger fans enticed by the plants' exotic looks and inspired by interior designers who use them like

## Getting savvy about succulents

- **What they are** Succulents are plants that originated in dry conditions such as deserts. They store water in their leaves, often giving them a plump appearance.
- **Where they grow** Many succulents are indoor plants, although some grow outside. Sedums (S&E-clums) are a favorite plant to cover living or green roofs.
- **Many gardens feature the work-home perennial Autumn Joy sedum or six-fingered succulents known as hens-and-chickens.**

- **Where to buy** Succulents are often available in spring and summer at big-box stores and are available year-round. Prices depend on size and type. Expect to pay \$4-\$5 and more per pot.
- **Growing savvy** Indoor succulents should be grown in sharply drained, sandy soil in a pot with a drainage hole. Water well, discard the excess. Wait until the soil is dry to water again. Grow succulents in bright light. They may be moved outdoors in summer to a spot in partial shade.

sculptures. There are no numbers to prove the pop in succulent popularity, but Shane Pliska, business development manager of Planteria Corp. in West Bloomfield, Mich., cites two pieces of anecdotal evidence.

Succulents adorn the cover of the 2001 book "Hip House-

plants" (DK \$22). They show up on Bravo TV's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," too, where designer Thom Filicia often uses them as accessories during room makeovers.

And then there is Pliska himself. Although the 25-year-old works in his family's interior plant business, he didn't get into

succulents until after he moved to a light-splashed condo last year.

"I was interested until I started collecting modern furniture," says Pliska. "The exotic nature of them — it just goes so well with things."

Because succulents don't need much water, Pliska says, they make good houseplants for people who travel.

Years ago, when Southwest decor was hot, succulents and cacti boomed, according to Lou Kilbert of West Bloomfield, president of the Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society.

Now people drawn to mid-century modernist furniture — those who keep catalogs for West Elm and Design Within Reach within reach on their bedside tables — are discovering the appeal of succulents' clean, sculptural forms.

"They have the sleek lines that people love in modern decorating. The succulents really do add a note of drama," said Kilbert, 68.

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# Wood is a popular cutting surface

By Erica Marcus  
Newday

Question: What is the difference between wood cutting boards and plastic cutting boards? What about silicone cutting boards?

Answer: Let's look at cutting boards on the knife's perspective: To your knife, the act of cutting — whether through an apple or a zucchini — is basically "being banged repeatedly against a rigid surface. Your knife wants a surface that absorbs impact, that has some give. Otherwise, the blade, the focus of the impact, will lose its edge: It's the board that dulls the knife, not the apple.

So, hard materials make for bad cutting boards. Glass, granite, marble, porcelain — all bad. And that's why plastic and wood, both relatively soft, are the two most popular cutting-

board materials. There are three types of plastic commonly used to make cutting boards: acrylic, polypropylene (PP in plastics lingo) and high-density polyethylene, or HDPE. According to Ashoo Salgal, vice president of operations at Polymer Industries, a plastic manufacturer in Henagar, Ala., acrylic is the hardest — and the least suited to cutting boards. What acrylic is going for, he said, Salgal, is transparency and, in the thin gauges used for cutting boards, its low cost.

Between PP and HDPE, he gives the nod to the latter. Soft and forgiving, wood certainly makes the most attractive cutting boards. For years it was thought that plastic provided a less hospitable environment for bacteria, so plastic cutting boards were considered more hygienic. Recent studies, how-

ever, have found that wood may actually have natural bacteria-fighting capabilities.

To my mind, the two big drawbacks to wood cutting boards are warping and staining.

Since wood is porous, it will readily absorb any moisture it meets, and moisture causes warping.

(To prevent wood boards from warping, most manufacturers recommend you oil them periodically — but most people, in my experience, ignore this recommendation.) As with plastic, the thinner the wood, the greater the potential for warping.

If you are set on wood, look for thick boards made from hardwood, such as maple. A board made from glued-together pieces of wood will resist warping better than one made from a single piece.

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# TORTILLA SOUP

## Mexican comfort food

By Barbara Hansen  
Los Angeles Times

A great tortilla soup can be a revelation — rich with an intriguing roasted-corn flavor, vibrant with color and toasty, tantalizing aromas.

Classic tortilla soup, the way you'd find it in Mexico City, is simply good chicken broth combined with roasted tomatoes, onion, garlic, chiles and tortillas, cut into strips and fried. It's wonderfully satisfying, "a sort of soul food soup," as Mexican cooking authority Diana Kennedy puts it.

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A tortilla soup without epazote is not worth eating.

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—Diana Kennedy, Mexican cooking authority

In California, it's often made with a tomato base thickened with ground tortillas, but there are variations, such as a bean soup enriched with crunchy strips of fried tortillas.

"To be really authentic, the soup should have only a little white onion, raw not cooked, blended with roasted tomato," says Kennedy, speaking from her home near Zifacuro in the Mexican state of Michoacan.

"The blend is fried, "to intensify the flavor," she says. "Then it goes into the broth." In addition to chile and tortillas, the soup ought to include epazote. "A tortilla soup without epazote is not worth eating, to my mind. But I'm a purist," Kennedy says.

Only one knows where tortilla soup came from. "It's certainly not all over Mexico," she says. "It's in the center, around Mexico City, the beans of tortilla soup."

Although Dan Srethl, culinary historian and translator of "Encarnación Pinedo's 1898 California Cookbook" (The 2003 Cookbook drawn from Encarnación Pinedo's 1898 California Cookbook "El Cocinero Español" and published by the author of tortilla soup in California, it certainly had made its way north by the mid-20th century. It appears in "Elena's Famous Mexican and Spanish Recipes," published in San Francisco in 1944. That recipe, by Elena Zelayeta, doyenne of Mexican cooking in California, is a simple combination of broth, tomato puree and tortilla strips, to which she added mint leaves.

Kennedy includes an unusual version — "sopa de bolitas de tortillas" (tortilla ball soup) in her 2000 book, "The Essential Cuisines of Mexico."

Tortillas are fried, then turned into crumbs in a blender and mixed with cotija cheese, milk and egg. Formed into small balls and fried, they're briefly simmered in the soup and presented in. They're a bit like a hush puppy to bite into, but with their own unique flavor.

"Oh, God, I love it," says Kennedy. We do, too.

Note: Adapted from "The Essential Cuisines of Mexico" by Diana Kennedy. Leave tortillas out on a rack overnight to dry out. The crispier they are, the easier to blend into fine crumbs.

**Tomato-chicken broth**  
4 Roma tomatoes, broiled on an ungreased broiler pan about 4 minutes, until soft with brown spots

1/4 cup coarsely chopped white onion  
1 clove garlic  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
6 cups chicken broth  
1 sprig epazote

1. In a blender, puree the tomatoes, onion and garlic to a smooth sauce. Place the oil in a large saucenpan and add the tomato mixture. Cook about 5 minutes, until the sauce has reduced somewhat.

2. Add the chicken broth and bring to a boil. Simmer for 10 to 15 minutes. Add the epazote during the last minute of cooking. Adjust the seasoning.

**Dumplings and assembly**  
12 small corn tortillas, fried  
1/2 cup hot whole milk  
1/2 cup finely grated cotija cheese  
1 egg, well beaten  
Salt  
1/4 cup cold whole milk  
1/4 cup vegetable oil  
6 cups tomato-chicken broth



Black bean tortilla soup starts with roasted vegetables and chicken stock. Then it's dressed up with cilantro, onion, roasted chiles and crunchy strips of fried tortillas.

Photos by S22 WREX-TV, Los Angeles Times

### BLACK BEAN TORTILLA SOUP

This recipe is from Casablanca Restaurant in Los Angeles. The beans are not soaked before cooking.

1 1/4 cups (1/2 pound) rinsed dried black beans  
Salt  
1 sprig epazote, optional  
2 dried ancho chiles  
3 garlic cloves  
1 onion, peeled and halved  
1 Roma tomato  
6 cups chicken stock, divided  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
6 corn tortillas  
1 cup cilantro leaves  
12 ounces queso fresco, crumbled

Put the beans in a large pot and add 2 quarts water, 1/2 teaspoon salt and the epazote, if using. Bring to a boil, cover almost completely and

simmer until the beans are tender, about 1 hour.

In batches, puree the beans with 4 cups of the cooking liquid in a blender. Strain; discard the bean skins.

Roast the chiles on a grill just until fragrant, a few seconds. Do not allow them to burn (they burn rapidly). Remove and set aside for garnish. Roast the garlic, one onion half and the tomato until spotted with brown. Peel and core the tomato and puree in a blender with the garlic, onion and 1/2 cups of the chicken stock.

Heat the olive oil in a large saucenpan over high heat. Add the tomato puree and cook for 5 minutes.

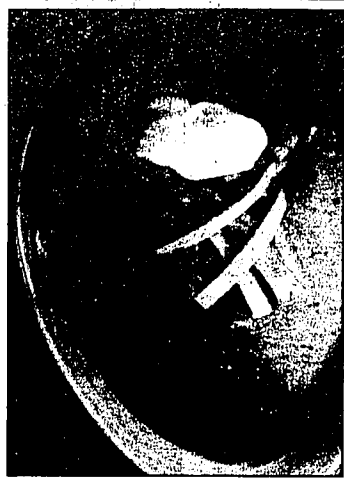
Add the remaining chicken stock, bring to a boil and boil for 2 minutes. Reduce the heat and cook, stirring occasionally, 15 minutes until

slightly reduced. Add the strained black bean puree. Simmer for 45 minutes, skimming the surface occasionally. Season with 1 teaspoon salt.

Cut the tortillas in half and cut each half into thin strips. Heat 1/2 inch oil in a small skillet, add the tortilla pieces a few at a time and fry, turning at least once, for about 3 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from the oil with a slotted spoon and drain on paper towels.

Cut the chiles into 1/8-inch-thick strips and remove the seeds. Coarsely chop the cilantro and finely dice the remaining onion half.

To serve, add tortilla strips, cilantro and onions to each bowl of soup. Garnish each with a few rings of ancho chile and queso fresco. Servings: 8



### CAFE VERDE TORTILLA SOUP

This recipe is from Cafe Verde in Pasadena, Calif. Look for ground dried ancho chiles (sometimes labeled "pasillo") in the spice section of selected markets, especially Hispanic markets.

2 Roma tomatoes  
1/2 large white onion, peeled  
5 whole corn tortillas, plus 2 more cut into thin strips and fried for garnish  
2 dried ancho chiles  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
2 cloves garlic  
1 bay leaf  
1/2 cup cilantro leaves  
2 cups tomato juice  
1 cup vegetable stock, or more to taste  
1 quart water  
1 1/4 teaspoons salt  
1/4 teaspoon white pepper  
1/2 teaspoon ground dried ancho chiles, or more to taste  
1/2 cup sour cream

In batches, on a grill or rack (such as a cooling rack) over an open stove-top flame, roast the tomatoes, onion and whole tortillas until lightly

spotted with brown, then roast the chiles for a few seconds (after which they'll start to burn). Break the tortillas into pieces.

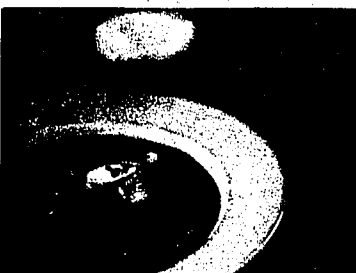
Heat the olive oil in a medium saucenpan. Add the garlic cloves and saute over medium-low heat for 1 to 2 minutes. Add the tomatoes, breaking them up with a wooden spoon. Add the onion, chiles, tortilla pieces, bay leaf and cilantro. Cook for 10 minutes.

Add the tomato juice, stock and water. Bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer 15 minutes.

Remove from the heat and, using a blending wand or blender, puree the mixture, in batches if necessary, until smooth. Strain the mixture through a sieve, pressing on the solids; discard the solids. Return the soup to the cleaned pan and add salt, white pepper and ground chile. Rewarm the soup; if it seems too thick, stir in additional stock or water. Garnish with fried tortilla strips and sour cream. Serves: 4

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# New advanced portable heater can cut your heating bill up to 50%

## Heats a large room in minutes with even heat wall to wall and floor to ceiling

### Does not get hot, cannot start a fire and will not reduce humidity or oxygen

By John Whithead, Media Services

A remarkable new advanced quartz infrared portable heater, the EdenPURE®, can cut your heating bills by up to 50%.

The EdenPURE® can pay for itself in a matter of weeks and then start putting a great deal of extra money in your pocket after that.

And that's just the start of the benefits for the new EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater.

A major cause of residential fires in the United States is portable heaters. But the EdenPURE® cannot cause a fire. That is because the quartz infrared heating element never gets to a temperature that can ignite anything.

The outside of the EdenPURE® only gets warm to the touch so that it will not burn children or pets. Pets can sleep on it when it is operating without harm.

The EdenPURE® will also make you healthier. That is because, unlike other heating sources, it will not reduce humidity or oxygen in the room. Typical heating sources reduce humidity which dries out your sinuses, makes you more susceptible to disease and makes your skin dry. With other heating sources, you'll notice that you get sleepy when the heat comes on because they are burning up oxygen.

The advanced space-age EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater also heats the room evenly, wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling. Other heating sources heat rooms unevenly with most of the heat concentrated high in the room and to the center of the room. And, as you know, portable heaters only heat an area a few feet around the heater. With the EdenPURE®, the temperature will not vary in any part of the room.

Unlike other heating sources, the EdenPURE® cannot put poisonous carbon monoxide into a room or any type of fumes or any type of harmful radiation.

For more details on the amazing EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater, here is my interview with Julius Toth, Director of Product Development for BioTech Research®.

**Q. What is the origin of this amazing heating element in the EdenPURE®?**

A. This advanced heating element was discovered accidentally by a man named John Jones. He had a large old farmhouse that was impossible to heat. Jones had a coal furnace in his basement. Jones placed a sheet of cured copper near the furnace to store it. Cured copper is a type of copper that goes through an extensive heating process to give it special properties.

After the fire went out in the coal furnace, Jones noticed that the sheet of copper was heating his entire basement evenly, even though the furnace was no longer putting out heat. He also was amazed as to how long the

### Never be cold again



**Cannot start a fire; a child or animal can touch or sit on it without harm**



heat stayed in the copper and continued to warm the room.

Jones was so taken back by this that he started to experiment. He formed a company to develop a heating source out of this cured copper. But Jones had a number of children and he did not want a heating source that would cause a fire or create other hazardous situations like creating carbon monoxide or radiation. He also did not want his children to get burned.

To make a long story short, through a great deal of research and development, Jones developed a heating source that utilized commercial infrared quartz tubes.

**Q. What advantages does infrared quartz tube heating source have over other heating source products?**

A. John Jones designed his heating source around the three most important consumer benefits: economy, comfort, and safety. The final development of this infrared quartz tube heater cannot be matched by any other heating system in the world.

In the EdenPURE® system, electricity is used to generate infrared light which, in turn, creates a very safe heat. Infrared is the safest form of heat because it does not create carbon monoxide or harmful radiation. And, most importantly, infrared heat does not reach a burning temperature.

After a great deal of research and development, very efficient infrared heat chambers were developed that utilize three unique patented solid copper heat exchangers in one EdenPURE® heater. Over 5 years of research, development and real life field testing stand behind this heat source. It has now worked in residential and commercial

applications worldwide for over 25 years.

**Q. Why is it that this quartz infrared heating source uses less energy to create heat than other sources?**

A. Actually, there is more than one reason. One of the primary reasons is that heat at combustion level, which is what all other heat sources use, causes the heat to instantly rise to the ceiling. Therefore, the heat is not evenly distributed, causing a very inefficient and uncomfortable heat source.

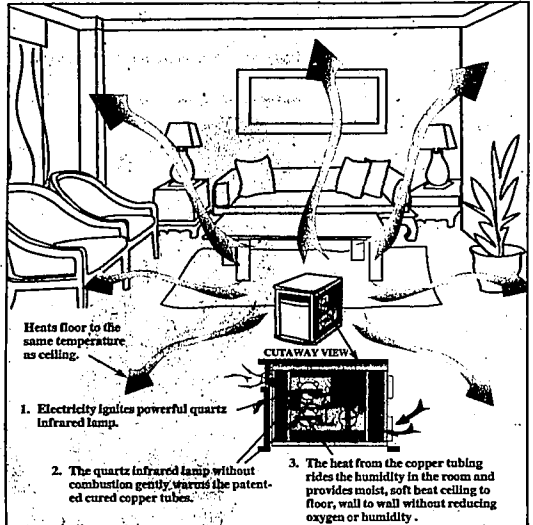
The EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater does not use burning heat. Once the heat exchanger absorbs the infrared heat, it exhales the heat into the living area which is carried by the existing humidity in the air. This causes the heat to travel rapidly and evenly throughout a room.

In actual studies, photos using infrared lighting demonstrated that the heat was almost perfectly even from floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall. The EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared efficiency is based on the distribution of energized air, not on just fan movement. This heat is coined as "soft heat" due to how comfortable it is.

**Q. What are the other disadvantages of combustion heat sources?**

A. Heat sources that are above the burning level have many unhealthy side effects. One of these is that it creates dry, irritating indoor air. It also burns a great deal of oxygen in the air. If you remember, when you sit in front of a fireplace or a portable heater or close to a heat source, you will remember yawning. This is because you are not getting

### How it works:



enough oxygen.

This dry irritating heat and lack of oxygen dries out sinuses and mucus in the throat, and makes people susceptible to disease. The lack of oxygen causes fatigue.

Also, many combustible heat sources produce carbon monoxide, static cling, and some produce radiation.

**Q. So you're saying that children or pets can come up to this unit and touch it and not be harmed?**

A. That is absolutely correct. As a matter of fact, pets are actually drawn to this heat because it is a natural source of heat, just like the sun heats the earth. Animals are much more instinctive than humans. This heat not only heats the air, but it also heats the objects in the room. It is a perfectly balanced heat.

**Q. How can a person cut their heating bill by up to 50% with the EdenPURE®?**

A. First, the EdenPURE® uses less energy to create heat than other sources, but that is just part of why it cut a person's heating bill. The EdenPURE® will heat a room in minutes. Therefore, you can turn the heat down in your house to as low as 50 degrees, but the room you are occupying, which has the EdenPURE®, will be warm and comfortable. The EdenPURE® is portable. When you move to another room, it will quickly heat that room also. This can drastically cut heating bills, in some instances, by up to 50%.

**Q. I also understand that the EdenPURE® produces clean fresh air without furnace filters. How can it do that?**

A. A furnace generates a lot of dust due to the combustion. By lowering the furnace temperature, you are using your furnace less and therefore reducing the requirement for the furnace filters. Also,

when there's no combustion, there are no harmful fumes.

**Q. So, the EdenPURE® is totally safe to use?**

A. It absolutely is. The EdenPURE® has zero clearance, which means you can push it up against the wall or furniture without risk of fire. Tests prove it will not emit any energy into the atmosphere that will burn or harm anyone regardless of distance between the person and the EdenPURE®.

The EdenPURE® will pay for itself in weeks. It will put a great deal of extra money in a user's pocket. Because of today's spiraling gas, oil, propane, and other energy

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**End of interview.**

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SPORTSQUOTE

“Flutie might have been there the last time it happened.”

“Patrols placekicker Adam Vinatieri about Doug Flutie's drop kick for an extra point, the first successful one in an NFL game since 1941.”

TRIVIA

**QUESTION:**  
The New York Jets played in ABC's first Monday Night game on Sept. 21, 1970. They also played in ABC's last Monday Night game on Dec. 26, 2005. The last each time by the same score. What was that score?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**High School**

**BOWLING**  
Minico at Jerome, 4 p.m.  
Gooding at Kimberly, 4 p.m.  
Wendell at Twin Falls, 4 p.m.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Minico at Rigby, 7:30 p.m.  
Twin Falls at Minico, 7:30 p.m.  
Community School at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.  
Wendell at Buhl, 7:30 p.m.  
Jerome at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Shoshone at Richfield, 7:30 p.m.  
American Falls at Declo, 7:30 p.m.  
Community School at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.

**WRESTLING**  
Wood River at Minico, 6 p.m.  
Buhl/Gienns Ferry at Wendell, 6:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

**Twin Falls Muni open for play**  
TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course is now open with carts available depending on course conditions.

KC plans free throw competition

TWIN FALLS—All boys and girls ages 10-14 are eligible to compete in the local Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Edwards Catholic Church parish hall gymnasium. Athletes may register at the event. There is no entry fee.

Minico boosters plan giveaways

RUPERT—The Minico Booster Club will be sponsoring a Red & Gold Night on Jan. 7 for the Minico boys basketball game against Burley and for the Minico girls' basketball game against Burley on Jan. 13. If you wear red or gold that night to the game you will receive a ticket for prizes that will be given away during the game. For more information, call 438-5260.

Spartans booster club meets next Monday

RUPERT—The Minico High School Booster Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9 in the Minico High School Library. Parents with students in grades 9-12 are urged to attend. Call 438-5260 for more information.

Soccer club holds sign-ups Thursday

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Rapids soccer club is seeking boys and girls ages 8-18 to participate in its spring soccer program.  
Registration for new and returning players who have not yet registered will be held Thursday, Jan. 5, from 5-7 p.m. in the KMYV Community Room, located at 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. For more information, contact Patsy Rieveland at 734-7637 or Sasha Parkovic at 733-9411.

Compiled from staff reports

**TRIVIA ANSWER:**  
31-21; The Jets lost to the Browns in 1970 and the Patriots in 2005.

# Bruins survive



Jerome's Lindzie Kuhl (12) draws a foul from Twin Falls defender Ashley Irons (14) while going up for a shot Tuesday night during the first quarter in Jerome.

## Clutch play at the line lifts T.F. over Jerome

By Nathaniel Garabrant  
Times-News writer

**JEROME**—Add the Battle of the Bridge Part 2 to the list of sequels that managed to exceed the original.  
With Twin Falls having taken the season's initial encounter against Jerome 35-33 at home on Nov. 29, anticipation for the rematch was rife in both camps. It was worth the wait.  
Behind a 14-for-17 performance from the line in extra periods, the Bruins held off the Tigers once again for a 54-51 nonconference double-overtime victory.  
After intercepting a Jerome pass, Bruins junior guard Kelsey Jardine collected a foul with seven seconds remaining in the second overtime and drained both attempts from the line to nail down the marathon contest.  
"The one shot that I could make tonight," said Jardine,

who made only one field goal all game, but went 7-of-7 at the stripe. "I just knew that I had to step up and put them in, help my team out, and make up for some mistakes that I made. I was nervous. I felt the pressure, but I just knew I needed to do my job and help my team."  
Jardine's lone bucket gave Twin Falls a 39-36 lead with 45 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, but Jerome's Lindzie Kuhl hit a lay in as time expired to extend the game.  
The Bruins opened the first extra period on a 7-2 run to make it 45-40, but the hosts rallied again with a field goal from Lindsay Williams followed by another by All German at the 32 second mark. Fouled on the play, German converted the free throw to bring on the sixth quarter.  
But the Tigers (7-6) couldn't prevent their guests from drawing numerous fouls, enabling the 7-7 Bruins to finally win the

game at the line after drawing three of Jerome's starting five into serious foul trouble. By game's end, Kuhl, German and Williams had all drawn their fifth fouls, all pursuant to Twin Falls game plan.  
"We were running 'Bruin'," said Twin Falls sophomore Amber Petersen, who finished tied for the game-high with 13 points, "which is everybody on the perimeter except me, and I was looking to get it inside to me to drive to the basket and hopefully foul you out of some of their bigger guys."  
Executing the offense to a 'T,' Petersen traveled to the line four times in extra time, going 7-for-9.  
Williams led the Tigers with 13 points, while Megan Parrish had 12. Tristan Rogers also reached double digits for the Bruins with 10 points, which included a pair of threes.  
"I think that Jerome gets fired

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## Penn St. edges Fla. St. in 3OT

The Associated Press

**MIAMI**—This really was one for the ages.  
For more than four hours, Joe Paterno and Bobby Bowden paced the Orange Bowl sidelines, searching for offense and enduring mistakes.  
Finally, in the third overtime, at 1 a.m. Wednesday, Kevin Kelly made a 29-yard field goal attempt, giving Paterno and Penn State a 26-23 victory over Bowden's Florida State Seminoles.  
"I told him we're too old for this," the 79-year-old Paterno said afterward. "It almost put my bedtime."  
Paterno had said he didn't want the game to be about him and 76-year-old Bowden, who rank 1-2 in career coaching victories. And it turned out to be about missed opportunities, improbable twists and epic length.  
Kelly's winning kick came on second down. Given two earlier chances to win the game, he missed field goal attempts of 29 and 33 yards.  
Florida State counterpuncher Gary Clemens missed an extra point in the first half and field goal tries of 44 and 38 yards in overtime.  
"Sometimes you miss at the wrong time," Bowden, Joe was having that problem for a while.

The No. 3-ranked Nitany Lions finished 11-1, with the only loss coming when they gave up a touchdown to Michigan on the game's final play. The season represented a big rebound for Paterno's program, which went 7-16 in 2003-04.

Florida State quarterback Drew Weatherford (11) fights for his fumble with teammate Ron Lamford (72) and Penn State defender Tampa Hall (94) in the second quarter of the Orange Bowl in Dolphins Stadium in Miami Tuesday. Florida State recovered the ball.  
No. 22 Florida State fell to 8-5, Bowden's worst season since 1981.  
The two old friends came together after the game ended, shook shoulder-to-shoulder and exchanged warm words, just moments after the

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# Finally, it's here: USC vs. Texas

The Associated Press

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.**—Anticipated all season, set up with matching blowouts and relentlessly hyped for the last month, the Rose Bowl everyone's been waiting for is finally here.  
No. 1 USC against No. 2 Texas, with their perfect records, potent offenses, glittery stars, rich tradition and eye-popping pageantry—playing for the national championship in Pasadena on Wednesday night.  
The game of the century? The game of all time?

It's already the best game Bowl Championship Series officials could have imagined in their eight-year history. No doubts about who belongs this season.  
Plus, the weather will apparently cooperate. After storms soaked the area earlier this week, clear skies are in the forecast.  
Everything, it seems, is set.  
"These two teams have been talked about every day for a month," Brown said. "Good teams enjoy the hype." Young returns to the site of his breakout performance.  
The 220-pound, quarterback-back with sprinter's speed made last year's Rose Bowl look like a pickup game, running for 192 yards and four touchdowns to beat Michigan 38-37.  
Young brought a new dimension to Texas. The guy many thought would never complete enough passes to lead a team to a championship threw for 2,769 yards and 26 touchdowns this season.  
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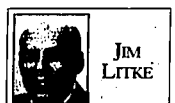
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## The day USC tightened its grip on greatness

LOS ANGELES—Grit was the final ingredient.



JIM LITKE

So Southern California beats Texas in the Rose Bowl to win an unprecedented third straight championship, the Trojans could do more than thank USC for becoming the first team to play together in a college game as USC goes for a record third consecutive national title.  
The Longhorns also are 12-0, and they've won 19 in a row. Heisman runner-up Vince Young is the dynamic dual-threat who leads an offense that has more than matched USC touchdown for touchdown.  
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Before the whistle blew to resume play, Bush asked his quarterback to make sure everybody in the stadium wanted answered:  
"You gonna go for it?"  
The one month earlier, Leinart was being asked one of the bigger risks in sports history. He left a guaranteed eight-figure contract on the pro side of the table to play one more season at USC. But now, Leinart was ominously undecided about what to do next.

A dynasty built on dazzling speed and finesse was shattered Tuesday at Notre Dame. In seven seconds and 18 inches from the end of its run, the Trojans arrived in South Bend, Ind., for an Oct. 15 game against the Fighting Irish on the wings of a 27-game winning streak, boasting as many skill-position stars as an entire wing of the college Football Hall of Fame nearby.  
Quarterback Matt Leinart, the 2004 Heisman Trophy winner, could find no room for error. Defenses are commanded a rifle of NFL-ready receivers capable of ripping it open. All-purpose back Reggie Bush used to dodge, front-runner for the 2005 award, gave Southern California the luxury of stretching the field with his elite backfield tandem. LenDale White, added the option of running through them.  
But at that moment, trailing 32-28, team used to dodging and dancing away from opponents before scoring a TKO was being dared, finally, to stand in front of one and slug it out.

"You think I should?" "Bush." "That was really, kind of, the turning point for us in a season as a team to get on a run to finish out this year. One thing that was kind of pivotal opportunity I think Matt will never forget."  
It was unforgettable not just because of where Leinart eventually wound up—but the Rose Bowl to defend USC's back-to-back titles—but because of where he'd just been. Some 90 seconds earlier, facing fourth-and-9 from his own 26-yard line, Leinart brought the Trojans to the line, scanned the defense and checked off to a different play. Then he hedged a wobbly spiral between the Notre Dame secondary and the left sideline, where Dwayne Jarrett latched onto it and raced 61 yards to the Notre Dame 13.

A few plays later, from first-and-goal at the 2, Leinart took off up that same sideline to make up the rest of the distance. A perfectly timed hit by left linebacker

chances in overtime.  
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## Market Watch

Jan. 3, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	▲129.91	10,847.41
Nasdaq composite	▲38.42	2,243.74
Standard & Poor's 500	▲20.81	1,268.80
Russell 2000	▲10.63	684.05

## Stocks of local interest

close change	
WAL	\$29.88 ▲ .58
Con Agri	\$20.25 ▲ .24
Del Inc.	\$30.81 ▲ .66

## Commodities

close change	
Oil, by barrel (Feb. light sweet crude)	\$63.14 ▲ 2.1
Live cattle	\$96.37 no change
Cheese	
barrel	\$1.34 no change
blocks	\$4.3675 no change
Gold (Feb.)	\$52.50 ▲ 13.6

## Wal-Mart reports tepid December

NEW YORK — Tpid December sales at Wal-Mart Stores Inc. made Wall Street uneasy Tuesday, but many analysts don't expect disappointing results from other retailers — most merchants are expected to meet their modest holiday expectations.

P. Niemira, chief economist at the International Council of Shopping Centers, agreed. He noted that Wal-Mart is still "behind the curve," despite its efforts in improving its merchandise offerings. Nonetheless, given Wal-Mart's size and reach, the estimated December same-store sales increase of 2.2 percent the retailer announced Saturday will hurt the overall industry's sales for the month. Wal-Mart's focus on stores open at least a year, considered the best gauge of a retailer's strength.

## Zainno new Dow Jones CEO

NEW YORK — Dow Jones & Co., publisher of The Wall Street Journal, named chief operating officer Richard Zainno on Tuesday to become its new CEO, replacing Peter Kann, who will remain as chairman until 2007. The company's shares rose sharply on the news. The company also announced that Wall Street Journal publisher Karen Elliott House, who is Kann's wife, will retire from the company by mutual agreement. House, like Kann, had a long career as a journalist at the Journal.

## Fed's stance gives Wall Street a boost

NEW YORK — Wall Street had a bullish start to the new year Tuesday, with the Dow Jones Industrials surging nearly 130 points after the Federal Reserve signaled a willingness to stop its campaign of interest rate hikes in the near future.

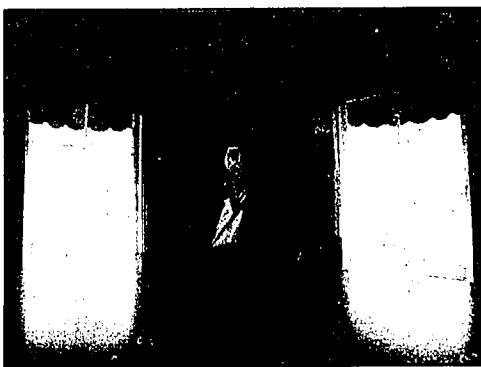
In minutes from the Fed's Dec. 13 meeting, policy makers disagreed on exactly when to stop the policy of raising rates in quarter-percentage-point increments, but the Open Market Committee members did agree that an end was coming soon.

The nation's benchmark rate stands at 4.25 percent, the result of quarter-percentage point hikes over the past 13 meetings dating back to June 2004.

Investors ended 2005 with the fear that the Fed would go too far in raising rates, choking off economic growth in its effort to stem inflation. That concern had kept stocks volatile for much of the year and stymied Wall Street's typical year-end rally. But the news of a possible policy shift was greeted with enthusiastic buying.

— compiled from staff reports

# LORDS OF FILE SHARING



Weeks before Napster shut down for good in 2001, StreamCast Inc. Chairman and CEO Michael Weiss, pictured in his Woodland Hills, Calif., office in this file photo, saw the first signs that success might land his small software company in legal peril.

## Under mounting legal pressure, file-sharing Web sites going legit

By Alex Volga  
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Weeks before the original Napster shut down for good in 2001, Internet users were flocking to alternative song-swapping programs. Nearly 20 million people used Morphis in its first four months, for example, to trade music and other files for free online.

But the man behind Morphis was worried. Michael Weiss figured popularity could bring his own perils. As he feared, the notoriety led Hollywood studios and recording companies to sue Weiss' StreamCast Inc. for copyright infringement. It was part of the entertainment industry's wider effort to contain Morphis and other Napster clones such as Kazaa and Grokster from taking up where Napster left off.

Now like Napster founder Shawn Fanning before them, Weiss and other file-sharing barons are facing their own day of reckoning after a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision last summer. Over the last four months, several Napster heirs have shut down and others are contemplating what they once couldn't abide — doing business by the entertainment industry's rules to survive.

"We can take a look at another four years of legal battles and spending millions of dollars on both sides, (but) is that where I want to spend the next four years of my life?" said Weiss, 53. "It's better to

focus the company's energy on creating new technologies."

StreamCast hasn't shut down Morphis, but the company recently approached the entertainment industry to pursue talks about settling a lawsuit against the company, according to court documents.

Wayne Rosso, who built a reputation criticizing the recording industry as head of Grokster Ltd., is also pursuing a decidedly more cordial relationship with music labels as he prepares to launch a copyright-friendly file-sharing service.

"It's pretty clear who won," Rosso said. "We always knew that this free trading of all this copyright material couldn't go on. It just wouldn't work."

Such capitulation was once unheard of among the file-sharing operators who lobbied against Hollywood and the recording industry. They billed themselves as defenders of technological innovation who shouldn't be held liable because some people used their software for piracy.

But the high court's ruling in June opened file-sharing operators to potential liability — something the entertainment industry underscored when it sent notices to seven file-sharing software operators in September warning them to shut down or prepare for court.

Companies behind once-popular file-swapping programs like i2hub and

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# U.S. manufacturing still growing, but surprisingly slower

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Manufacturing grew at a surprisingly slower pace in December, a month after construction spending jumped due to a pickup in high-way and school building as well as projects that may be tied to recovery efforts in states hurt by 2005's deadly hurricanes.

The economic reports were released Tuesday ahead of the minutes of a Federal Reserve policymaking meeting that suggested the central bank may be close to halting its series of interest rate increases.

Prices of stocks rebounded after the release of the Fed meeting minutes. Treasury prices continued to climb after the minutes were published.

A private industry group which surveyed business executives said manufacturing slowed in December as prices for fuel and raw materials fell.

The Institute for Supply Management said its manufacturing index fell to 54.2 last month from November's 58.1. A reading above 50 indicates the sector is expanding below 50 indicates manufacturing activity is shrinking.

"Overall, still quite strong, but a bit disconcerting nonetheless," Ian Shepherdson, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics Ltd., said in a report about the ISM index. While he does not expect the report to mark the start of a "sustained softening," Shep-

## Local markets bucking the trend

**Manufacturing sector grows:** While other parts of the county saw light manufacturing plants close in recent years, the Magic Valley is attracting these employers. "We've had three new light manufacturers come in with close to 350 to 400 new workers," said Greg Rogers, regional labor economist with the Commerce and Labor. "And I know many of (our manufacturers) want to expand."

**Construction records:** The city of Twin Falls set a new annual record for building permits by issuing 1,143. The previous high was set in 2004 at 887, according to the city's building department. Of these 2005 permits, 664 were for single family dwellings, also a new annual record. The previous high was 438, again set in 2004. "Our construction jobs have virtually doubled over the last year," Rogers said of the region.

herdson said another "softish report next month would be worrying."

The index "may not be increasing enough to support job growth" in manufacturing, said

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# Gasoline prices expected to stay volatile this year

Knight Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas — Gasoline prices, which eased considerably late last year, are moving up again, and experts say motorists should expect another bumpy ride in 2006.

Higher pump prices are the result of both increased demand fueled by the unusually warm winter weather and rising oil prices.

Worries about Russia's reliability as a worldwide energy supplier mixed with a flood of new speculative money drove crude oil futures up \$2.10 per barrel Tuesday to close at \$63.14.

Analysts say they expect crude oil and gasoline prices to remain high and volatile throughout 2006.

"We'll see crude prices ranging anywhere from \$45 per barrel to \$75 per barrel this year," said Houston energy ana-

lyst Henry Groppe of the consulting firm of Groppe, Long & Littell. That would likely keep retail prices above \$2 per gallon.

The U.S. Energy Information Agency, an arm of the Department of Energy, forecasts retail prices as high as \$2.40 per gallon nationally through the end of this month.

Retail gasoline prices climbed steadily during 2005 to \$2 per gallon by late May. The eve of the summer driving season.

That seemingly unreachable record was shattered again with \$3 gasoline in September after the twin punches of hurricanes Katrina and Rita took one-quarter of U.S. crude oil production from Gulf of Mexico platform wells and Gulf Coast refineries. But gas prices then retreated to just below \$2 per gallon in late November, in time for the holiday shopping season.

# High-tech fight for consumers nearing fever pitch

## Annual gadget show biggest ever, drawing a widening contingent

By May Wong  
Associated Press writer

Do you want to catch "Saturday Night Live" on Sunday or "Nightline" in the morning? Would you like to watch the football game in a doctor's waiting room or 2,000 miles from home?

Or, what if you're suddenly in the mood for an old episode of "Dragnet" or one of last year's hit films?

Technology makes all this "time-shifting" possible now, usually with a few button clicks. There's just a question of who will prevail in delivering the products and services

that will win over consumers and their changing couch-potato propensities with new standards of convenience and mobility.

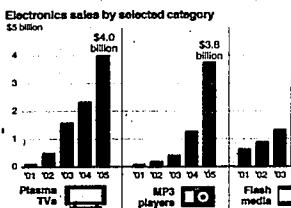
That battle for consumer dollars and eyeballs will hit a feverish pitch at the International Consumer Electronics Show, which kicks off Wednesday.

The five-day annual event in Las Vegas, the mother of all tech trade shows, is bigger than ever before. It will consume 28 football fields of space as 2,500 exhibitors ranging from Internet power-

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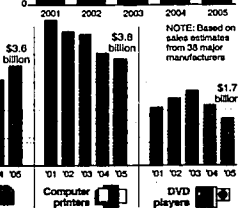
## Stocking up on gadgets and gear

Sales of electronics grew again in 2005, according to the trade group Consumer Electronics Association. Revenue from plasma TVs and MP3 players rose sharply while spending on printers and DVD players continued to decline.



## Total factory sales of consumer electronics

\$125 billion



NOTE: Based on sales data from 35 major manufacturers

## The next great gadget: What do you want invented?

“My son (Colt, 11) said he wants a dishwasher that loads and unloads itself.”

— Mariene Callen, Jerome

“It would be cool to have a disk (drive in the Sidekick 2) for the games.”

— Mason Pherigotis, Twin Falls

“You enter all the measurements for your face and ... it puts your makeup on for you.”

— Brittany Hamblin, Jerome

MONEY

Coming attractions: What's in store for the media industry in 2006?

By Sallie Krawcheck Los Angeles Times

Just five years ago, Microsoft Corp. was considered the big bad wolf of the media business...

that the media industry fears most. So intense is Google-fueled paranoia, in fact, that industry watchers believe that the Internet search giant could...

Already, old media are investing heavily in new-media content. News Corp. is buying Web properties like MySpace.com...

operating system created by Google, or Microsoft's Windows, which is one reason it would be so cheap...

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Economy

Frank Nothaft, chief economist at government-sponsored mortgage company Freddie Mac.

The ISM's index of prices paid by manufacturers for raw goods fell 0.3 last month from November 7. In part because supply disruptions among producers...

changed. November saw a 0.5-percent rise in nonresidential construction. Big gains in construction of offices, hotels and the category that includes shopping malls.

Government construction rose 0.3 percent to a new record of \$253.9 billion. Analysts said part of this strength could reflect rebounding efforts in the Coast areas devastated by a string of 2005 hurricanes.

The strength in public construction in November was led by a 9.2 percent jump in spending on sewage and waste disposal projects and gains of 1.6 percent in highway construction and 1.0 percent for school construction.

"The overall momentum in construction remains solid," said Brian Bethune, an economist at Zions Banc. He expects this pattern to continue, with public and commercial construction taking the leadership baton in 2006 as housing starts ease back moderately.

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WORLD

# Ukrainians furious over gas shortage

## They say dispute demonstrates Russia's imperial tendencies

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Disgruntled Ukrainians thronged Bessarabysk Market in downtown Kiev in freezing temperatures Tuesday to buy electric heaters after a natural gas cutoff by Russia brought on by a pricing dispute.

The halt of Russian gas supplies that began Sunday has not yet caused major heating problems, but Kiev residents feared the two sides were far from a resolution. Russians and Ukrainian officials agreed Tuesday to resume talks on the issue.

Residents of the capital largely blamed Russia, which wants Ukraine to pay four times more for gas than it did last year.

"It's Russia's revamped impe-

rialism behind all this. They believe that with the cutoff of gas they can dominate us," said Valentya Kostenko, 32, who was among those buying a heater.

"Thanks to Russia I am now wasting handsome money on an electric heater. But Muscovites will not win this time," said 46-year-old Olena Kostenko, wiping her nose as it started to snow.

For the vendor (doing a brisk trade at the open-air stand, the gas dispute has been good news. One said he sold 10 heaters in less than an hour, for \$21 each.

Nearly a poster read, "Do not buy Russian goods," and "Do not give money to Russian oppressors."

The cutoff also reduced gas supplies to Europe, which gets about a quarter of its gas from Ukraine, though the European countries most affected — Hungary, Austria, Slovakia and Slovenia — reported supplies were back to normal Tuesday.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack criticized Russia for the use of energy for political purposes.

Noting that Europe was in the midst of winter's cold, McCormack said the decision by Russia to restore most of the gas it had withheld Monday to European countries "does not resolve the issue."

The gas dispute highlights Ukraine's dependence on Russia as the key supplier to its energy inefficient industries. It also demonstrates Russia's opposition to Ukraine's attempts to

break out of the Kremlin's sphere of influence and join the European Union and NATO.

Ukraine's tilt toward the West since President Viktor Yushchenko took office a year ago has irritated the Kremlin.

Ukraine's Foreign Ministry has characterized the gas dispute as an attempt by Moscow to wreck Ukraine's economy as the country tries to integrate into Western Europe.

Some Ukrainians, however, mainly pensioners with strong emotional ties to the former Soviet Union, still believe the country's future lies in the renewal of centuries-long economic, ethnic, religious and cultural links with Russia.

"What are we without Russia? A wasteland, nothing. You argue with a bear and it will ultimately eat you," retired army officer Mykola Kostenyuk said.



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, right, presents Bolívar President-elect Evo Morales with a sword in Caracas, Venezuela, on Tuesday. A painting of Simón Bolívar hangs behind.

### HIS REVOLUTION

# Ahmadinejad pushes religion, radicalism

By Nahid Slamdoust  
For the Los Angeles Times

TEHRAN, Iran — On the surface, little seems to have changed in the Iranian capital since President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad took office in August. But underneath a veneer of normalcy, Iranians are watching as their controversial president settles into office — and their country lurches toward its fundamentalist leadership.



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad delivers a speech during a meeting of lawmakers at the parliament in Tehran, Iran, on Tuesday.

In his first five months in power, Ahmadinejad has carved an image of himself as a religious extremist and political radical. To many in the most conservative circles, this is a welcome change. But in Tehran's usually hectic bazaar, merchants complain of stagnant business.

Both insiders and outsiders, the political face of Iran seems to have drastically changed. Gone is the well-groomed, middle-aged reformist President Mohammad Khatami, who coined the phrase "dialogue of civilizations."

Ahmadinejad, draped in a traditional kufiya and turban that he has appropriated to signal his struggle against perceived injustice, has stirred international ire with virulent anti-Israel rhetoric. His habit of immersing politics in sacred Islamic tradition has chafed critics within Iran.

At home, Ahmadinejad is known for his populist ways. As mayor of Tehran, he shunned the large office accorded him in favor of a smaller side office and remained in his small apartment in a working-class neighborhood instead of taking the luxurious mayoral house on the capital's north side.

"I'm happy to see the Western world ache because that means the president is putting his finger on the right spot."

— Amir-Reza Vaezi-Ashtrani, former colleague of Iran's president

Upon his election, Ahmadinejad visited the shrine of his idol, the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. In choosing his ministers and governors, he has relied on officials with backgrounds in the Revolutionary Guard as well as the intelligence apparatus.

An ideological transition appears to be under way. The director of Tehran University, for example, was replaced by a cleric. Western music was banned on state television and radio.

Internationally, Ahmadinejad's reputation is quickly growing as a result of his vitriol. The Iranian president has called the Holocaust a myth and proposed that Israel be moved to Europe, the U.S. or Canada. On Sunday, he accused European nations of seeking to complete the genocide by establishing the "Jewish camp" of Israel in the midst of Muslim countries, according to the official Islamic Republic News Agency.

"I'm happy to see the Western world ache," said Amir-Reza Vaezi-Ashtrani, a city councilman who worked with the president, "because that means the president is putting his finger on the right spot. They know the Holocaust is a scenario spun in their own hands."

Analysts have read varied intentions in the president's words. Western countries uniformly condemned the remarks, and Israel and the United States urged the three European nations negotiating with Iran on its nuclear program — France, Germany and Britain — to take his statements into consideration.

Moderate Tehran legislator Mahmoud Mohbarani said the president has many supporters in parliament "who feel that no one protects the rights of Palestinians, and the West unashamedly supports Israel and its terror."

But even in Iran's mostly conservative parliament, the hard-line president has found himself unable to get traction. In a first for the Islamic Republic, lawmakers turned down four of the ministers Ahmadinejad asked them to approve. It took him three months and four candidates to seat an oil minister. Some reformist legislators even agitated for hearings on the president's "lack of political competence."

The representatives did not believe the president was taking advantage of the superb human resources that we have for government posts," Mohammad said, "and was bringing more interested in instead people from a very narrow circle of ideologically like-minded supporters."

Ahmadinejad is regarded as "more revolutionary than the revolutionary fathers," and some analysts believe this could rattle feathers at the top. In October, top leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei increased the powers of the Expediency Council, which resolves conflicts among government branches. It is headed by old-guard revolutionary Hashemi Rafsanjani, whom Ahmadinejad bested in the election, and some saw it as an attempt to keep the new president's powers in check.

# Bolivian president-elect praises Castro, Chavez Together, Morales and Chavez denounce free-market economics

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Bolivian President-elect Evo Morales, fresh from a visit with Fidel Castro, launched a world tour Tuesday by joining with Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez in a denunciation of free-market economics — a sign of the growing relationship among the three leftist leaders.

Notably, the tour includes stops in Spain, France, Belgium, South Africa, China and Brazil — but not Washington. Morales' spokesman says he was not invited.

abroad over the weekend — to communist Cuba — Morales met on Monday with U.S. Ambassador David Greenlee. Representatives of both sides said the meeting was private and declined to give details.

Arriving in Caracas aboard a specially arranged Cuban jet, Morales said he and Chavez were uniting in a "fight against neoliberalism and imperialism."

The Venezuelan leader received him with full military honors as well as hugs and smiles. Crowds of leftist, pro-government supporters cheered as Morales and Chavez arrived at the National Pantheon in downtown Caracas, then headed to a private meeting at Miraflores Palace.

Morales vowed during his campaign to be Washington's "nightmare," but has said he is open to developing relations with the United States. American officials, too, have said they hope to work with Morales.

For some here, Ahmadinejad's words bordered on sacrilege. Shiite religious texts outlaw such claims to revolutions, said Ali Abtahi, a cleric and former deputy to Khatami.

"To make such claims threatens the country as well as our religion," said Abtahi, director of Dialogue of Religions, a non-governmental organization in Tehran, and the author of a widely read blog. "To connect a mortal's legitimacy to that of a sacred Shiite figure is harmful to people's deep religious beliefs. What if that person falls like everyone else?"

"We'll see what kinds of policies President Morales pursues," State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said. "And, based on that, we'll see what kind of relationship the U.S. and Bolivia 'all have.'"

Condemnation came from all corners, leading a government spokesman to try to refute the videos audaciously.

Some think the new leadership is encouraging Iranians to re-think their system. Newspapers have been filled with debates on political parties and democracy in recent weeks.

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Even a deputy of the ultraconservative Islamic Coalition Party was filled with debates on political parties and democracy in recent weeks.

"We can't insist on the righteousness of Islam and not seek republicanism."

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Firefighters and rescue workers observe a moment of silence Tuesday during a torchlight vigil in memory of the victims in the collapse of the ice skating hall in Bad Reichenhalla, Germany.

# Four still missing in wrecked skating rink

BAD REICHENHALL, Germany (AP) — Rescuers halted the search Tuesday for four people buried under a fallen skating rink roof, as fears of another collapse forced officials to call in a special heavy crane to lift massive crossbeams from the wreckage.

Two loud cracks, the roof caved in Monday after a heavy snowfall with about 50 people inside, including many children. Eleven people were confirmed dead, including three children, and police said four more — a 40-year-old woman and two boys and a girl — were still under the rubble in the Alpine spa town of

Bad Reichenhalla.

Officials said they hadn't given up hope, but the delay would mean a second straight night of freezing temperatures for anyone still buried alive. Several hundred people gathered for a candlelight vigil for the dead and the missing at the town hall, and searchers rang their bells for 20 minutes.

"As soon as it is possible, we will continue to work with dogs and helpers into the area to find the people who are still in the wreckage," said Rudi Zeif, a fire official. "We will continue the search until we have rescued or recovered all the missing."

He said searchers using dogs were "80 percent sure" of the location of one missing person. Asked if the person could be alive, he said earthquake victims had survived for several days. "We're no prophets, but we're doing everything we can to get them out as quickly as possible," he said.

Pumping in warm air was ruled out because it could melt the snow and the rink ice, leaving any survivors wet and colder than before. Rescuers hoped the snow could produce an "igloo effect" that might create relatively warm pockets of air.

The sloping tilted roof

was threatening to collapse further, an air expert survey indicated it would be irresponsible to keep rescue workers in the rubble, said Georg Grabner, a local councilor.

Rescuers using trained dogs, shovels and their hands found a 5-year-old girl with only minor injuries around 11 p.m. Monday, but had found no one alive since then. No calls for help have been heard since, police said.

Officials said they hoped to resume the search with the assistance of a specialized crane that arrived Tuesday evening. The crane will be used to lift huge clogging crossbeams.

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Kathleen Olmstead  
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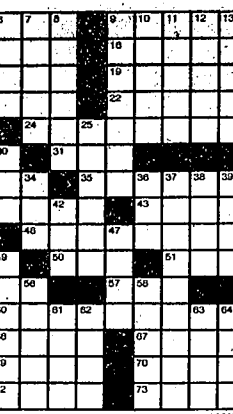
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dancer  
15 Bismarck  
25 Make beloved  
26 Swindle  
27 Beautiful bloom  
29 State with  
authority  
30 Take the odds  
33 Cushion  
34 Lake maker  
36 Hack  
37 Wipe out  
38 World's longest  
rivot  
39 Story  
42 Stephen of  
"The Crying  
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45 Hammer  
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47 Turn, as soil  
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52 "The Turn of  
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53 Recumbent  
54 AAA  
suggestion  
55 Held title to  
56 Enjoys a repast

58 Type of  
beaver?  
61 Component of  
a flight  
62 Small bunch of  
flowers  
63 Distinctive flair  
64 Evans or  
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"Those means recommended in textbooks as the best, means perfectly appropriate for the template case, turn out to be completely unsuitable in individual cases."

—Anton Chekhov

It is rare that textbook hands turn up at the table, but today's did, at the Marbella International Bridge Club, and was handled in textbook fashion by the club's proprietor, the former Irish, and later Spanish, international Des Deery. West led the diamond king against four spades, and declarer made the first good move by ducking, as East followed with the two, suggesting he had three diamonds. South won the diamond continuation, and the problem was now to avoid losing a trump and two hearts, in addition to the diamond already conceded.

A trump to the king in dummy was followed by the elimination of the minor suits: ace of clubs, a club to the king, a club ruff, and the ruff of South's last diamond in dummy with the spade nine. Now came the key play — a second trump — and when East followed, South inserted the 10.

Deery would not have been concerned if the 10 had lost to a doubt queen, because West would then have been employed. A minor-suit return allows a ruff and discard, South discarding a low heart while trumping in dummy. Thus declarer's heart losers would be restricted to one. And a heart return would also result in South's having just one loser in that suit.

Had East shown out on the second trump lead, declarer would have risen with the ace, then thrown West in with the spade queen, again employing him with the same result.

**NORTH** 01-4-A  
 ♠ K 9 7 4  
 ♥ A 8 7  
 ♦ Q 6 5 3  
 ♣ K 6 5

**WEST**  
 ♠ 5  
 ♥ 19 2  
 ♦ K Q 3 7 4  
 ♣ Q 7 4 3

**EAST**  
 ♠ Q 8 2  
 ♥ A 8 7  
 ♦ 10 3 2  
 ♣ J 10 9 8

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A J 10 6 3  
 ♥ 10 8 5  
 ♦ 9 8 5  
 ♣ A 2

Vulnerable: North-South  
 Dealer: East

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1♠ 2♦ 4♠ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond king

### BID WITH THE ACES

**South holds:**

♠ Q 8 2  
 ♥ A 8 7  
 ♦ 10 3 2  
 ♣ J 10 9 8

**South West North East**  
 2♦ Pass 2♠ Pass  
 2♥ Pass 4♠ Pass

**ANSWER:** Cuebid four hearts to show a heart control. Your partner has indicated he has slam interest, and you have two key cards for him. So let him take over. Show your high heart and he will decide where to go from there.

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