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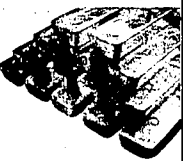
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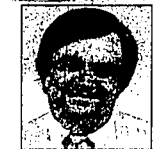
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# High court upholds assisted suicide

## Terminally ill patients in Oregon will retain right to ask doctors to end their lives

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court upheld Oregon's law on physician-assisted suicide Tuesday, ruling that the Justice Department may not punish doctors who help terminally ill patients end their lives.

By a vote of 6 to 3, the court ruled that Attorney General John Ashcroft exceeded his legal authority in 2001 when he threatened to prohibit doctors from prescribing federally controlled drugs if they authorized

lethal doses of the medications under the Oregon Death With Dignity Act.

The ruling struck down one of the administration's signature policies regarding what President Bush calls the "culture of life" and lifts the last legal cloud over the state's law, which is unique in the nation. It also frees other states to follow in Oregon's footsteps, unless Congress acts to the contrary.

It is unclear how many states would join Oregon's assisted-suicide initiatives have not fared

well in recent years. Still, coming a year after efforts by Republicans in Congress to block the removal of a feeding tube from Terri Schiavo, and after Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Supreme Court nominee Samuel A. Alito Jr. faced questions from the Senate about their views on end-of-life issues, the court's decision could energize the political debate. Roberts dissented from the ruling, joined by Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

Conservatives reacted angrily

to the ruling. Jay Schulow, chief counsel of the American Center for Law and Justice, a nonprofit litigation group founded by Pat Robertson, called it "a disturbing and dangerous decision that can only lessen the value of protecting human life."

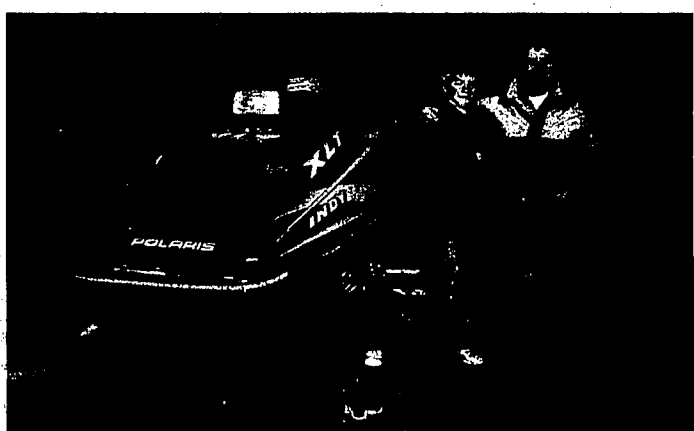
But Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., called it "a significant victory for Oregon's voters" who twice approved the Death With Dignity Act in statewide referendums. Looking ahead to possible Republican efforts to change federal law, Wyden said, "I will fight

teeth and nail any congressional attempt to overturn this court ruling."

A Pew Research Center for the People and the Press poll released Jan. 5 found that 45 percent of Americans support a right to assisted suicide while 45 percent oppose it. Assisting suicide is a crime in 44 states and the District of Columbia. In three states — North Carolina, Utah and Wyoming — the law neither prohibits nor permits assisted suicide. The U.S. Supreme Court said in *Glucksberg*, 521 U.S. 458 (2000), that states have the authority to regulate assisted suicide.

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# BOYS' NIGHT OUT



Mark Goley stands with his father, Brent, and one of their snowmobiles at their home in Filer on Tuesday. The Goleys were snowmobiling Sunday in the South Hills when a whitout forced them to spend the night outside.

## Son, father survive a cold night in the South Hills

By Bob Kirkpatrick  
Times-News writer

FILER — What started out as a routine day of recreational snowmobiling in the South Hills soon turned into a night that Brent Goley and his son will never forget.

Goley, a 54-year-old resident of Filer, and his teenage son, Mark, were forced to spend Sunday night in a remote area of the Sawtooth National Forest after encountering severe blizzard conditions while attempting to return to the trailhead. Luckily, the pair survived an ordeal that couldn't have started out as anything but routine.

The two loaded their snowmobiles early Sunday morning onto a flatbed trailer hooked to Brent's 1991 Ford pickup and headed for Diamond Field. A popular parking area local snowmobilers use as a starting point to

Porcupine Springs. Riding in the truck on the way out, Brent and Mark, 14, were discussing Mark's skiing trip the day before. Brent recalls Mark "being excited about riding his new snowmobile he'd just gotten for Christmas." This was only the third time the two had been snowmobiling.

Born and raised in Twin Falls, Brent said he knew the area like the back of his hand. He spent 25 years hiking, riding horses and four-wheeling in the area. After unloading their machines Sunday morning, the father and son decided to follow some more experienced riders along the trail.

"After three to four hours of intense riding, the wind started blowing pretty hard. It was blizzard-like conditions out there," Brent said. "My first thought was let's get these machines back to the truck."

As winter weather began to develop,

the snowmobilers looked for cover and headed for some trees. That's when the trouble began. Brent's snowmobile got stuck in a snowdrift. After freeing his machine, the other riders decided to return to the parking lot. The group mistakenly believed the Goleys were right behind them. However, they were not.

"It was snowing so hard and the winds were blowing so hard in a matter of 60 seconds their tracks were covered up," Brent said. "That's when I realized we'd better try and catch up to them as quick as we could."

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## Sporadic weather continues to come and go

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If you think the weather in Magic Valley is acting a little strange, then you're not alone.

An active weather pattern is bringing moisture from system north of Hawaii and sending waves of wet stuff over the coastal range and into Idaho's valleys, according to the National Weather Service in Boise.

The combination of above-average precipitation and seasonal temperature changes is causing Magic Valley's seemingly random weather patterns.

On Monday the clouds dissipated and allowed lower elevations to bask in the sun, but later in the evening and into Tuesday morning, those same elevations were waking up to almost 1 inch of snow.

"This is a little bit more than normal," said Stephen Parker, meteorologist with the National Weather Service. "Most of our mountain bases are reporting more than 100 percent of the aver-



Michelle Lewis of Twin Falls uses her lawnmower to clear snow from her home.

age snowpack."

He said Twin Falls and other communities in the lower elevations should see between 1 to 2 inches of snow by late today.

The above-average precipitation will benefit Magic Valley this spring and summer as the snowpack begins to melt.

However, Parker said the valley should be concerned if the melting snowpack is augmented by late rains, which would flood some areas.

# Pakistan: Airstrike took out 4 foreign terrorists

## Accounts still mixed over who was killed

The Associated Press

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — At least four foreign terrorists died in the purported U.S. airstrike aimed at al-Qaida's No. 2 leader in a Pakistani border village, the provincial government said Tuesday.

The U.S. administration, meanwhile, called Pakistan a valued ally in the war on terror Tuesday and pledged to continue pursuing al-Qaida leaders amid concerns the airstrike has strained ties between the two countries and could provoke more anti-American sentiment.

The statement issued by the administration of Pakistan's semi-autonomous tribal regions bordering Afghanistan also said that between 10 and 12 foreign extremists had been invited to the dinner at the village hit in Friday's attack.

It was the first official confirmation by Pakistani authorities that foreign militants were killed in the attack on the village of Damadola. Women and children also died, triggering outrage in this Islamic nation.

The statement did not identify who the foreigners may have been

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# Wallet missing for 56 years returned to Idaho woman

The Associated Press

BLACKFOOT — A woman who lost her wallet 56 years ago has had it returned to her after it was found behind a movie theater concession stand during cleaning.

The wallet belongs to Vestie Whom, but Larry Christian had a hard time locating the wallet's owner, who was then known as Vestie Michelson.

The wallet contained a Blackfoot High School student activity card from the 1949-50 school year and some photos, but no cash. The lack of moisture and light kept the wallet in near-perfect condition.

"You could still see the initials BHS on the front and a little note saying 'empty' the owner had placed on the coin purse," Christian told The Morning News newspaper in Blackfoot.

Christian said he found the wallet about two months ago when a work crew was cleaning out the area behind a concession stand to install new windows at the movie theater. A work crew member tried to throw the wallet away, but Christian opened it anyway.

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**TWIN FALLS FORECAST**

Today: Rain and snow showers gradually decreasing. Highs around 40.  
Tonight: A few lingering snow flurries. Lows in the lower 30s.  
Tomorrow: A slight chance for widely scattered rain and snow showers. Highs near 40.

**BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST**

Today: Rain and snow showers gradually decreasing. Highs around 40.  
Tonight: A few lingering snow flurries. Lows upper 20s to near 30.  
Tomorrow: A slight chance for showers. Highs middle 30s.

**IDAHO'S FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**

Widespread snows late morning will taper off as the day goes on. A brief thaw in the snows will pattern tomorrow will be followed by another round of rain and snow Thursday night and Friday.

**BOISE**

Rain and snow will gradually end today as a weak ridge of high pressure builds in the west weather for the day. Precipitation will end by Thursday night and Friday.

**NORTHERN UTAH**

Off and on snow will prevail the next few days. Heavy snowfalls will likely see rain showers during the days.

**Weather by the Numbers**

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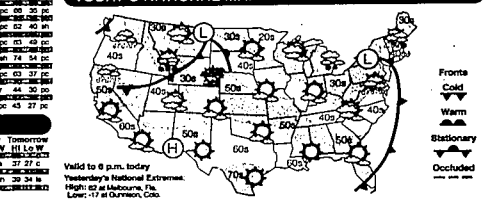
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**Airstrike**

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or who was the target of the missile strike.

Pakistani intelligence officials have said Ayman al-Zawahiri, Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant, had been invited to a dinner in the targeted village of Damadola to mark an Islamic holiday but did not show up and sent some aides instead.

There have been conflicting accounts from Pakistani officials and witnesses over who anyone, reclassified bodies from the scene of the missile strike.

Damadola residents claim all the victims were locals and they buried them all. One Pakistani official told The Associated Press Saturday that the bodies had been taken away for DNA tests, although it wasn't clear by whom.

The statement, citing the chief official in the Bajaur region where the Damadola is located, says its findings were at a report compiled by a "joint investigation team" but gave no specifics on who was involved in the team.

Four U.S. five foreign terrorists have been killed in this missile attack whose dead bodies have been taken away by their companions to hide the real reason of the attack," the statement said.

"It is regrettable that 18 local people lost their lives in the attack, but this fact also cannot be denied, that 10-12 foreign extremists had been invited on a dinner," it said.

In Washington, a U.S. counterterrorism official said Monday it was not yet known if al-Zawahiri was killed.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, said a compound that was hit has been visited in the past by significant terrorist figures.

**California likely next battleground in ongoing assisted suicide debate**

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PHILADELPHIA — With the U.S. Supreme Court's 6-3 ruling Tuesday to uphold Oregon's assisted suicide law, all eyes now turn to California, where a similar law could soon come to a vote.

Opponents of the California law think the Supreme Court ruling will provide little momentum. They believe the Legislature will reject assisted suicide. "This is a very and diverse opposition to the legislation," said Tim Rosales, a spokesman for a coalition of groups called Californians Against Assisted Suicide. "There is opposition on both sides of the aisle, Democrats and Republicans."

The Supreme Court on Tuesday held that the federal government could not prevent Oregon doctors from prescribing a lethal dose of medicine to terminally ill patients. The Bush administration had argued that doctors who did — in compliance with

California's assisted suicide law, would be in violation of the federal Controlled Substances Act.

Oregon voters passed their law in 1994, only to have it delayed by injunction. Voters supported the law again in 1997 in another statewide referendum, this one by 60 percent. Under Oregon law only a mentally competent person with six months or less to live can obtain a prescription for a lethal dose of barbiturates. Two doctors must approve the request. There are waiting periods. The dying person must ingest the lethal dose on his own, without help from anyone else.

Oregon's experience showed that few people actually take advantage of such a law. Between 1998 and 2004, 325 prescriptions were written for a lethal dose of drugs, and 208 people actually ended their lives by ingesting them. Oregonians also care about dying people like knowing they have the option.

Although frequently described as a "right to die" case, Gonzales vs. Oregon was not, strictly speaking, about a constitutional right to end one's own life.

The court has already ruled, in 1997, that there is no such right and did not revisit that holding Tuesday.

Instead, Justice Anthony Kennedy noted in the majority opinion that the question was whether Ashcroft acted in accordance with the Controlled Substances Act when he issued an "interpretive rule" in 2001, declaring that assisting suicide is not a "legitimate medical purpose" for which federally regu-

lated drugs may lawfully be prescribed. Ashcroft's successor, Alberto Gonzales, has continued to oppose the law.

Writing for the majority, Kennedy was joined by Justices John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer.

Scalia argued the dissent. He was joined by Roberts — dissenting for the first time on the court — and Thomas. Thomas wrote separately to argue that the court's ruling was inconsistent with its opinion last year upholding a federal override of California law legalizing "medical marijuana."

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**Stranded**

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However, the wind was blowing so hard that he probably would have been unable to keep his shovel from blowing around. As it turned out, they were only a 10-minute snowmobile ride from Diamond Field Jacks, where the journey began.

"We never considered ourselves being lost," Brent said. "We just couldn't get our bearing in the whitenoise, so we figured we'd camp out in the truck. They did take along roast beef sandwiches to eat and Pepsi to drink, but the food and drink became frozen and didn't provide much sustenance."

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**Wallet**

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The wallet probably fell through a crack into a storage room behind the concession stand, Christian said.

He turned in the wallet to the sheriff's department, where he works as a deputy, but said he was determined to find its owner. He consulted friends, and with some help, found out that Vestle Michelson had married Darwin Wizom.

Christian presented the wallet at last week's meeting of the Birchton County Historical Society, where Wizom is president. Christian told the group he had a historic item to present and handed the wallet to Wizom.

Wizom was amazed to have the wallet returned to her after it had been missing for so long. "After all these years, I'd even forgotten about losing it," Wizom said.

Wizom said that the two were only able to sleep for 15 to 20 minutes at a time because the temperature dropped to 15 degrees and the winds whirled at 45 mph.

"It was so cold that I pulled my arms out of my sweatshirt and held them next to my body to stay warm," Mark said. "When I woke up the next morning, my sleeves were frozen like icicles."

Brent said if they were able to find a beehive nest, they could have lit it on fire to stay warm.

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# 9/11 workers have died of health problems

Whether there's a link to ground zero is unclear

By Amy Westfall  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — James Zadroga spent 16 hours a day toiling in the World Trade Center ruins for a month, breathing in debris-choked air. Timothy Keller said he coughed up bits of gravel from his lungs after the towers fell on Sept. 11, 2001. Felix Hernandez spent days at the site helping to search for victims.

All three men died in the past seven months of what their families and colleagues say were persistent respiratory illnesses directly caused by their work at ground zero.

While thousands of people who either worked at or lived near the site have reported ailments such as "trade center cough" since the terrorist attacks, some say that only now are the consequences of working at the site becoming heartbreakingly clear.

"I'm very fearful," said Donald Fueh, an emergency medical technician and officer in a union with two of the ground zero workers who died last year. "I think that there are several people who died that we didn't realize that they died that day."

Some officials say it is too early to draw that conclusion. Doctors running different health screening programs say it will take decades to get a clear picture of the long-term health effects of working at ground zero.

The city Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, which is tracking the health of 71,000 people exposed to Sept. 11 dust and debris, said last week that it is too soon to say whether any deaths or illnesses among its enrolled members are linked to trade center exposure.

But Robin Herbert, who directs a medical-monitoring program at Mount Sinai Med-



Rescue workers climb through the remains of the World Trade Center in this October 2001 file photo.

ical Center for more than 14,000 ground zero workers, said "certainly it is not inconceivable" that a person could die of respiratory disease related to Sept. 11.

Karin DeShore said she does not need scientists to tell her what caused the death of her friend Keller, 41. DeShore was a Fire Department captain who took Keller to the trade center on Sept. 11, and barely escaped the south tower's collapse.

"He came back coughing" two days later, she said. Fueh said that Keller told him that he coughed up debris so violently he could barely breathe on Sept. 11, and later developed emphysema.

Keller went home to Levittown on medical leave in March. He died on June 23 of heart disease complicated by bronchitis and emphysema, the Nassau County medical examiner's office said.

Felix Hernandez, 31, worked on rescue and recovery work at ground zero following the attacks, said his former supervisor, Lt. Regina Pellegr-

na. In 2002, "it started with a cold he couldn't shake... and it kept getting worse and worse and worse," she said.

Hernandez was diagnosed with various respiratory diseases and was told by doctors at one point that he may have cystic fibrosis, Pellegrino said. He left the job in 2004 when he became too weak to climb stairs, and died Oct. 23 of respiratory ailments in Florida, said colleagues who spoke with his family.

Both Keller and Hernandez, each with a decade on the job, were nonsmokers and had no previous health problems before Sept. 11, Fueh said.

Zadroga, a 34-year-old New York detective, logged 470 hours at the site in 2001, including Sept. 11, and died Jan. 5. Family members and co-workers said he had contracted black lung disease and had high levels of mercury in his brain. Autopsy results have not been released.

David Worby, attorney representing more than 5,000 plaintiffs suing those who supervised the cleanup over their

illnesses, said 21 of his clients have died of Sept. 11-related diseases since mid-2004. He said he was not authorized to release their names, but represented people who toiled at ground zero, at the Fresh Kills landfill in Staten Island where trade center debris was moved, and at the city morgue.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," Worby said. "Many, many more people are going to die from the aftermath of the toxic-

ity." Rep. Jerrold Nadler, whose congressional district includes the trade center site, blames some of the illnesses on the failure to provide some workers with proper masks or respiratory protection. A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study found in 2004 that one in five workers wore respirators while they worked at the site to block out dust laced with asbestos, glass fibers, pulverized cement and other substances.

All the people exposed should be monitored for life so that we know what happened," Nadler said.

# Tape aired of American hostage gives her 72 hours

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The young American woman looked pale and tired as she sat in front of a white background, speaking directly to a video camera. Only her captors could hear her.

The 28-year-old journalist's long, straight, brown hair was parted in the middle and pulled back from her face. She was not wearing her glasses.

Jill Carroll, a kidnapped freelance reporter for The Christian Science Monitor, appeared in a 20-second tape aired Tuesday by Al-Jazeera television, which said her abductors gave the United States 72 hours to free female prisoners in Iraq or she would be killed.

Al-Jazeera would not tell The Associated Press how it received the tape, which it said came without audio, but the station issued its own statement calling for her release. An Al-Jazeera producer said no militant group's name was attached to a message that was sent to the station with the tape on Tuesday.

However, a still photograph of Carroll from the videotape that later appeared on the Al-Jazeera Web site carried a logo in the bottom right corner that read "The Revenge



Carroll

Brigade." The group was not known from previous claims of responsibility of violence in Iraq.

Carroll was kidnapped Jan. 7 in one of Baghdad's most dangerous neighborhoods. Gunmen ambushed her car and killed her translator shortly after she left the offices of a Sunni Arab politician, who failed to show up for the interview.

The U.S. military raided a prominent Sunni mosque a day later, sparking a demonstration by hundreds of worshippers. A U.S. military official said the raid was a necessary immediate response to the kidnapping based on a tip provided by an Iraqi citizen.

Carroll, who speaks some Arabic and wore a head covering while moving around Iraq, has been described by her editor as an aggressive reporter but not a reckless one. Insurgents in Iraq have kidnapped more than 240 foreigners and killed at least 39 of them.

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# Court: Girl may be taken off life support

11-year-old in an irreversible coma since severe beating

By Adam Gorklik  
Associated Press writer

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — A court ruling Tuesday set the stage for a battle over a young troubled life — and the possibility of murder charges against a stepfather.

For four months, Haleigh Poutre has been in medical and legal limbo, hospitalized in an irreversible coma while the state and the man accused of beating her argued over whether the 11-year-old should live or die.

The state's highest court brought the girl's life closer to an

end Tuesday, upholding a 10-year-old judge's order allowing the state to remove her ventilator and feeding tube.

Her doctors said that without life support, Haleigh could die in a few days. "Some describe this as a case about death," the Supreme Judicial Court's ruling said. "It should more correctly be described as a case about a young girl who has suffered tremendously from acts of violence and cruelty and who now will be permitted to pass away with dignity."

No immediate date was set for

the removal of life support, said Denise Monteiro, a spokeswoman for the Department of Social Services.

Haleigh was hospitalized in September and taken into state custody after a beating authorities said was administered by her stepfather, Jason Strickland, and her adoptive mother, Hollie Strickland.

Both were charged with assault. But less than two weeks later, Hollie Strickland, who was Haleigh's aunt and Jason Strickland's wife, was found dead alongside her grandmother in a possible murder-suicide.

Although Jason Strickland never formally adopted the girl, he argued that he should be considered a de facto parent and given a say in whether she lives or dies.

However, the high court

unanimously ruled that Strickland could not prove that his role in Haleigh's life was "of a loving or nurturing nature, or even that it was beneficial to the child."

Strickland's lawyer, John Egan, expressed dismay with Tuesday's ruling. "Obviously we're deeply disappointed," he said.

Haleigh's biological mother, Allison Avrett, supported removing the girl from life support. She has said that her daughter — who was adopted by Hollie Strickland after Avrett moved away with a boyfriend — has suffered enough.

"There is a bit of relief," she said Tuesday. District Attorney William Bennett, who is prosecuting Strickland, did not immediately return a call for comment.



Haleigh Poutre

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# Disputed study: Rape, sexual assault rare in prisons

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A bitterly disputed, government-sponsored study has concluded that rape and sexual assault behind bars may be rampant in movies and books but are rare in real life.

When inmates have sex, it is usually by choice, and often engaged in as a way to win protection or privileges, said Mark Fleisher, a cultural anthropologist who specializes in prisons and crime at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

He said inmates who cry rape and sue are lying and looking for a transfer, money or publicity.

"Inmates say it may happen, but the conditions under which it happens are spartan," Fleisher said. "It is unlikely all the stars are going to align properly for this to happen, particularly in prisons today. You're going to get caught."

The two-year study, commissioned by the U.S. Justice Department for \$339,233, has come under withering attack from other experts. The depart-

ment has not endorsed the study, saying Fleisher has yet to turn over his data for closer examination.

"To take the position that it's not a problem and prisons are safe places is insane," said Reggie L. Walton, a federal judge and chairman of the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission, set up under a 2003 federal law. He said Fleisher's conclusions are "totally inconsistent" with what he has learned during 30 years in the criminal justice system.

Fleisher said he spent more than 700 hours interviewing 564 randomly chosen inmates at dozens of institutions across the country. He said he never met anyone who claimed to be a victim of sexual violence.

He said his findings were no surprise to him, though he ad-

mitted his conclusion "lies in the face of what everyone believes."

Fleisher said he found that inmates' sexual activity is not "routinely or overwhelmingly violent or aggressive" and sex is "engaged in by men and women who choose it." In his report, he suggested that what outsiders see as rape is regarded differently by inmates.

"Prison rape vividly doesn't interpret sexual pressure as coercion," he wrote. "Rather, sexual pressure urges, guides or shepherds the process of sexual awakening."

Justice Department spokeswoman Catherine Sanders said Fleisher's report is being peer-reviewed and is not considered finished. However, Fleisher co-wrote an article about it in The Criminologist, the American So-

clety of Criminology's newsletter.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act, signed into law by President Bush to create the investigatory commission and establish a national zero-tolerance policy for sexual assaults behind bars, called prison rape an epidemic that largely goes unacknowledged and unreported. The law said experts have conservatively estimated that at least 13 percent of U.S. prison inmates have been sexually assaulted, and the total number in the past 20 years is probably more than 1 million.

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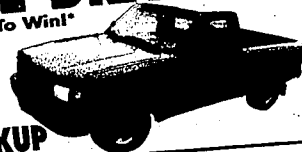


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## EDITORIAL

### Sempra power could stay in Idaho, but is that good?

When Sempra Energy announced plans to build a coal-fired power plant in the Magic Valley, residents responded with valid concerns about coal-fired technology, emissions, water consumption, and other hydroducts.

Now there are new concerns for Idahoans, namely why the company itself.

Earlier this month, San Diego-based Sempra Energy chose to settle a class action lawsuit involving Los Angeles

suspect that electricity generated in Idaho would be wheeled to California, Sempra officials have insisted the target market for the Jerome project is Idaho and the Northwest. Before they begin any construction, Sempra would have to have contracts, which would prove it.

"We will not build the plant unless there's a contract for the power," said Sempra spokesman Art Larson. "The company does not make a significant investment in a power plant, preferably a long-term contract, in place because these plants are very expensive."

Another factor is California's resistance to coal power. Two months ago, the California Energy Commission adopted a new policy prohibiting long-term contracts between coal-fired plants that export power to California investor-owned utilities.

If approved, that change would regulate how much power Sempra can send to California from Idaho and Nevada, where it's planning a 1,200-megawatt coal-power plant in Gerlach.

In either case, with drawn-up contracts or interstate restrictions, Idaho would be getting more electricity from Sempra.

This leads to an important question for Idaho power customers and state utility companies. Given Sempra's history in California and the courts, can Idaho trust the company's financial practices?

Sempra officials say their history stands up to scrutiny. The company's power plants and electricity contracts go far beyond California to other states and countries.

Maybe so, but Idahoans should figure it out for themselves. The myth that says Sempra won't sell power to Idaho isn't standing up. Judging how Sempra's power is sold should be just as compelling as learning how it's generated.

**Our view: Idahoans should ask about Sempra's ability to fairly sell power, not just its ability to produce it.**

**What do you think?**

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

## A grain of truth in society

The day we mourned a man whose life was devoted to clarity, this city was hidden in fog. You couldn't see the Potomac, even on its bank.

There were many things to love about David Rosenbaum. He had a grin that always improved the weather. He was uncommonly generous to reporters he worked with and competed against. He was an exemplary husband, father, brother, uncle and grandfather.



MAUREEN DOWD

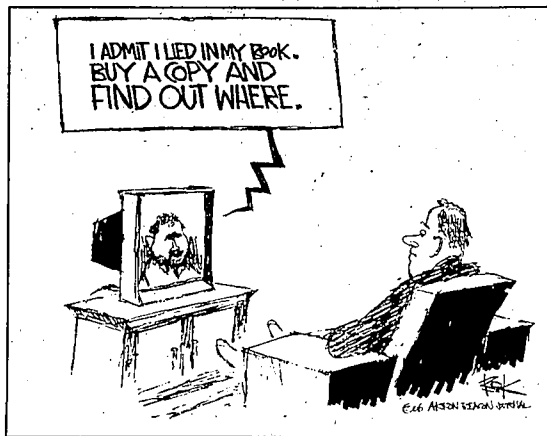
But the truly astonishing thing about David, the Times reporter who was killed in a random robbery a week ago, was his unglamorous, unsentimental, unvarnished goodness. He had a black-and-white sense of honor that was oddly old-fashioned in a capital silted by lies, bribery, greed, corruption and endlessly-he-means-myself.

The skills, as Detective Sipowicz would say, saw David walking in his neighborhood after dinner and whacked him in the head with a pipe. One low-life bought laundry detergent, gas and tires with David's credit card while he lay dying.

His friend David Shribman, the executive editor of The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, wrote in The St. Petersburg Times, where David Rosenbaum worked, "a thoughtful man struck down by the ultimate act of thoughtlessness. A man who taught others when to use 'that' and when to use 'which' only to be felled by that over which he had no control."

Despite George Washington and the cherry tree, we especially have a society consecrated to truth. The culture produces an infinity of TV shows and movies depicting the importance of honesty. But they're really talking only about the importance of being honest about your feelings. Sharing feelings is not the same thing as telling the truth. We've become a country of situationalists.

Journalism, politics and



### Despite George Washington and the cherry tree, we no longer have a society especially consecrated to truth.

publishing have been tarred by scandals that have revealed a disturbing insensitivity to right and wrong. Random House isn't concerned that an author makes up stuff in a book labeled nonfiction; it just kept counting the money after The Smoking Gun exposed James Frey's lies about his own life.

When Frey went on "Larry King Live" with his mom to defend his book's "essential truths," Oprah Winfrey called it to back him up. She sounded disturbingly like Scott McClellan. David doubts about facts in the book, she said, "the underlying message of redemption 'sit' resonates" with her. She should have said: "Had I known that

many parts were fake, I wouldn't have recommended the book to millions of loyal viewers. I wouldn't have made this a lot of money." She should take a page from Stephen Colbert and put the slippery Frey on her "Dead to Me" list.

For David Rosenbaum, still retired at 63 but still full of enthusiasms, there was a right way and a wrong way, and he possessed a natural knowledge of which was which.

"My father taught me the importance of always doing the right thing, always, even when it didn't really matter," his daughter, Dottie, said in the memorial service Friday in a committee room in the Senate, David's old beat. "My 12th birthday party, my parents took me and a bunch of friends to see a movie, and they counted up how many of us were already 12 so that they could pay the adult fare, even though none of us carried ID, and we all looked like total pipsqueaks."

As his pal Robin Toner put it, David thought that behind every arcane law provision and appropriations bill, "there were real people, getting something or having something taken away by their government." You had to keep digging and arguing to find

the truth in the fog. Even when he was smothered by conventional wisdom, Robin recalled, "David's voice would break out: 'I disagree!'"

He was practicing a lost art. Tough questioning now has no place in polite society. My then-Ann Alito cries, and the Democrats back off from examining why Samuel Alito was so opportunistic about his bigoted alumni club and whether he will curb women's rights for generations. It's the wimpification of debate.

W. maa-maus the Democrats and the press on his admiring of the very stirring of fact and fiction on Iraq, trying to stifle any debate over the phony genesis of the war as bad for morale. What's truly bad for morale is when the president suggests it's dishonest to have an honest debate about the Bush cabal's dishonesty.

If only someone had said, "I disagree!" in W's presence long ago, on pre-emptive war, on kidnapping and torture, on illegal eavesdropping.

David's tortoise-shell reading glasses are still hanging on his computer. That scrupulous gaze will be missed.

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County, the cities of Los Angeles and Long Beach, a Los Angeles manufacturing company, and the state of Nevada. Plaintiffs lauded the deal as netting more than \$1.8 billion in cost benefits to consumers, including \$377 million in cash.

Sempra acknowledged no wrongdoing in the settlement. Plaintiffs had argued Sempra officials were in collusion with El Paso Corp. to divide natural gas markets and limit supplies. Those discussions allegedly fueled high prices in California's power crisis of 2000-2001.

Plaintiffs in the case originally wanted \$23 billion. El Paso Corp. of Houston had already settled its portion of the case for \$1.6 billion. Sempra officials said a jury verdict supporting those demands would have been "fatal to the company." So they chose to settle.

More litigation awaits Sempra. The company still faces two more lawsuits filed by California Attorney General Bill Lockyer. One is an electricity overcharge proceeding in federal court, the other is a California Public Utilities Commission investigation into natural gas pricing.

So how does this all affect Idaho and the company's pursuit of a \$1.4 billion, 600-megawatt coal-fired plant near Jerome? More than you think.

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## LETTER

### Find a happy medium when it comes to wolves

In regard to the over-population of the wolf crisis, I would like to make a suggestion.

Instead of letting the wolves over-populate then slaughtering them for surviving, why can't they catch, spay-neuter and release the animals? That would keep the population under control right where politicians and Game and Fish want them and deer and elk.

There should be some kind of happy medium where the real concern of animals comes into play. Spay-neuter and release of wild feral cats through the Sheena Foundation has been a tremendous success. Now we don't have hundreds of suffering kittens because the adult cats are spayed and neutered.

Why shouldn't we give the wolves a chance with a spay-neuter release program to keep

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their numbers down humanely and not kill them cruelly. As long as the wolves breed, there will be a need to eradicate them or they will kill all the baby elk and then turn to livestock.

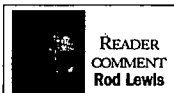
Also with the wild horses. Why can't the Bureau of Land Management neuter the stallions, and then we wouldn't have to fight over the slaughter of over 100 wild horses? SHERIL ALLEN Buhl

## Rigorous high school needed in Idaho

Our world is always changing, but the pace of its transformation into the future picks up speed each and every day.

Idaho's dynamic economy and the jobs it offers reflect this shift. Idaho employers from every industry are looking for workers who can adapt to today's increasingly fast-paced, technical world. They are asking for employees who have strong problem-solving skills fostered from the study of math and science to find solutions to tomorrow's problems.

In order to help meet this challenge, the Idaho State Board of Education has proposed "The Future is Now" initiative to help prepare our children for an international job market where competition is not half a world away but only a mouse-click away. Stronger science and math requirements (three years of science and four years of math), additional college-level classes and completion of a college entrance exam are all part of the board's initiative. It represents a formula to increase student involvement in post-secondary education and



READER COMMENT Rod Lewis

better prepare our children for the workplace.

Studies have shown that one of the best predictors of student participation and achievement in post-secondary education is increased academic rigor in high school. Idaho already requires students to take eight credit hours (four years) of English to graduate. However, Idaho requires only two years of math and two years of science for high school graduation. This means that students can graduate from high school without taking a single math or science class after their sophomore year. In addition, Idaho has no minimum standards for the level of math or science required prior to graduation.

As a result, many of our students are ill-prepared for college or work after graduation.

Currently, 41 percent of Idaho students entering college must take non-credit remedial courses before taking equivalent college level courses, particularly in math and science. These students pay significant sums of money to leave high school level math in college, rather than learning the same subject for free in high school. Of course, it is no surprise that the more remedial courses a student takes, the longer it takes for that student to graduate.

Some have expressed concern that requiring more math and science will rob students of the elective courses provided — that we're going to churn out robots rather than well-rounded students. In truth, the initiative will have little effect on students' existing opportunities regarding electives. Under the board's plan, students will continue to be able to take anywhere from 15 to 35 electives depending on the district's schedule and offerings.

For those students already taking math and science in their junior years and math in their senior year, the initiative will have little or no impact on

their coursework. The board strongly endorses a well-rounded education and continues to support music, the arts, athletics and other horizon-broadening courses. At the same time, not asking our children to dedicate time to the fundamental areas of math and science in today's world is a disservice to them. It's true that all students may not attend college, but we owe it to all of Idaho's students to prepare them adequately for the workplace or, at a minimum, to enable them to make a choice between the workplace and college. Nearly two-thirds of jobs over the next 10 years will require some post-secondary education. If we do not encourage students to at least consider higher education, it could be the start of a cycle of lower than hoped-for competition for the rest of their lives.

We must do our part to provide an educational framework that prepares our students for future success.

Roderic Lewis of Boise is the president of the Idaho State Board of Education.

### Environment would suffer under Sempra

I would like to encourage you to not allow Sempra to come to Idaho. The effects of the smokestack could be devastating to everyone's health. With the ozone and haze for 15 years. I can't imagine what the smoke would do to me and

other folks who have breathing concerns. Maybe we should all talk to the people in Fort Morgan, Colo., and see what their reaction is to the coal burning.

Jerome County will get a small consolation from this; the real economic benefits will go to the southern California oil owner of the plant, Wyoming coal company that supplies the

coal, and the Omaha-based railroad that transports it. That leaves Idaho with the pollution and the health and environmental problems that accompany construction of a coal-fired plant.

If Wyoming has the coal, why can't someone have the plant? SHERIF BALLERSTEN Gooding

## LETTER



LETTERS

Library expansion will address area's needs

I am writing to encourage readers who are residents of Twin Falls to vote favorably for the Twin Falls Public Library Expansion Bond on Feb. 7.

Since the early 1950s when used books were collected for reading rooms by a penny-draw cart, the citizens of Twin Falls have indicated their interest in and dedication to having a library to improve the cultural and educational climate of the community.

At the present time, the library has more than 600 visitors per day, and the projected population growth would indicate that the demands on the library will escalate greatly in the future.

The proposed expansion and remodeling as determined by the Library Expansion Advisory Panel is designed to address the needs and expectations of the community as indicated in a 2004 citizen's survey. These needs cannot be met in the existing building. Space for the growing book collection expected to reach 240,000 works in the next 20 years; a public room to accommodate conferences for up to 100 people; a larger area for the Idaho and Pacific Northwest Room to make it more user-friendly and materials more accessible; a larger and greatly enhanced area for young adults (grades six to 12); a better accommodation for children's books and activities and improved computer technologies are among the improvements that would be made possible if the proposed bond is passed.

Please join me in voting "yes" for this forward-looking project that will not only serve us well now but also future generations. RUTH TURNER  
Twin Falls

Having a role in plant's siting may make sense

The following is a composite of several news releases concerning a new coal-fired power plant in northern Nevada. My point in sending this is that, whether or not the NIMBY's in the Magic and Wood River valleys will read the consequences of a coal-fired power plant in their pristine backyards, they are going to get them. We have been downstream of

the Valley power plant, owned by Idaho Power, for more than 20 years. This is a good look at the pros and cons of this source. The point being that we absorb the by-products of these plants with zero benefit. It would be a good idea to ensure that this process will repeat itself, should the irrational opposition to anything that smacks of "dirty power" continue in our region. Would it not be much smarter in the long term to encourage the siting of these type of facilities where we can regulate and keep an eye on them, as well as benefit from their not inconceivable financial and employment contributions?

I hold no opinion on the proposed Sempron plant. I will wait to review the facts of the application and its conformance with the requirements of Jerome County, which in my opinion should have exclusive right to its approval or denial (a suitable subject for another letter).

Newmont Mining Corp., the largest gold mining company in the world, announced that it has completed the permitting process for its proposed 200-megawatt, coal-fired power plant in Nevada. The plant is planned to be located on Newmont's historic T. Luzzo Ranch in Eureka County, Nev., between the towns of Elko and Battle Mountain. Construction of the plant is expected to cost approximately \$450 million and will provide long-term, reliable electrical power to the majority of Newmont's Nevada operations. Newmont will initially utilize approximately 75 percent of the plant's output and expects to sell the remainder to the local utility, Sierra Pacific Power Co. The plant will incorporate the best available control technology for air quality protection and is designed to exceed the Environmental Protection Agency's stringent New Source Performance Standards for plant emissions. Newmont has selected Fluor Enterprises as the plant's engineering, procurement and construction management contractor. Newmont is currently targeting project completion in the first half of 2008. When completed, the plant is expected to reduce Newmont's Nevada Operations' current cash operating costs by approximately \$25 per megawatt hour.

GLENN ELLWELL  
Jetmore

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"I was what made this EU Three approach so successful. They (Britain, France and Germany) stood together and they had one uniform position." — German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Jan. 13, 2006.



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Makes you want to weep. One day earlier, Britain, France and Germany admitted that their two years of talks to stop Iran's nuclear weapons program had collapsed. The minutes had been two seals on their nuclear facilities and were resuming activity in defiance of their pledges to the EU Three. This negotiating exercise designed as an alternative to the U.S. approach of sanctioning Iran for its violations of the Non-Proliferation Treaty had proved entirely futile. If anything, the two-year hiatus gave Iran time to harden its nuclear facilities against bombing and acquire new anti-aircraft capabilities and clandestinely advance its program.

With all this, the chancellor of Germany declares the exercise a success because the allies stuck together! The last such success was Dunkirk. Lots of solidarity there too.

Most disappointing was this assessment comes from a genuinely good friend, the new German chancellor, who, unlike her predecessor, Gerhard Schröder (now a wholly owned Putin flunky working for Russia's state-run oil monopoly), actually wants to do something about terrorism and nuclear proliferation.

Ah, success. Instead of being years away from the point of no return for an Iranian bomb, as we were before we allowed Europe to divert and proliferation efforts into transparently useless talks, Iran is probably just minutes away. And now, of course, Iran is run by an even more radical government, led by a president who fervently believes in the imminence of the apocalypse.

Ah, success. Having delayed two years, we now have to deal with a set of fanatical Islamists that we know in advance will not be deterred from pursuing nuclear weapons by any sanctions.

When if we could get real sanctions, which we will not,

the last remaining months before Iran goes nuclear are about to be frittered away in pursuit of this newest placebo.

First, because Russia and China will threaten to veto any serious sanctions. The Chinese in particular have secured in Iran a source of oil and gas outside the American sphere to feed their growing economy and assure happy geopolitical support a rogue power that — like North Korea — threatens, distracts and diminishes the power of China's chief global rival, the United States.

Second, because the Europeans have no appetite for real sanctions either. A travel ban on Iranian leaders would be a joke; they don't travel anyway. A cutoff of investment and high-tech trade from Europe would be a minor irritant to a country of 70 million people with the second largest oil reserves in the world and with oil at \$60 a barrel.

North Korea tolerated 2 million dead from starvation to get its nuclear weapons. Iran will tolerate a shortage of flat-screen TVs.

The only sanctions that might conceivably have any ef-

fect would be a boycott of Iranian oil. No one is even talking about that because no one can bear the thought of the oil shock that will instantly follow taking 4.2 million barrels a day off the market.

Indeed, the threat here works in reverse. It is the Iranians who have the world over a barrel. On Jan. 15, Iran's economy minister warned that Iran would retaliate for any sanctions by cutting its exports to "raise oil prices beyond levels the West expects." A full cutoff could bring \$100 oil and plunge the world into economic crisis.

Which is one of the reasons the Europeans are so mortified by the very thought of a military strike against Iran's nuclear facilities. The problem is not just that they are spread out and hardened, making them difficult to find and to damage sufficiently to seriously set back Iran's program.

The problem that mortifies the Europeans is what Iran might do after such an attack —

not just cut off its own oil exports but shut down the Strait of Hormuz (through which nearly half of the world's export oil passes) by firing missiles at tankers or scuttling its own vessels to make the strait impassable. It would require an international armada led by the United States to break such a blockade.

Such consequences — serious economic disruption and possible naval action — are something a cocooned, aging, post-historic Europe cannot even contemplate. Which is why the Europeans have had their heads in the sand for two years. And why they will spend the little time remaining — before a group of apocalyptic madmen go nuclear — putting their hands back in the sand. And congratulating themselves on allied solidarity as they do so in silence.

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**Can You Benefit from Roth 401(k)?**

As 2005 ends, you are a year closer to retirement. Even though that day may still be a long time away, it will eventually arrive — so you'll need to prepare for it. And starting next week, you may have one more retirement savings vehicle — the Roth 401(k).

Just like a regular 401(k), a Roth 401(k) allows you to spread your money among a variety of investments. But there are differences between the two types of 401(k) plans. When you invest in a traditional 401(k), you generally contribute "pre-tax" dollars, which means you are not taxed on your contributions today. These contributions and your earnings will be taxed when you withdraw them at retirement. Using the Roth feature in your 401(k) allows you to contribute "after-tax" dollars, which means you pay taxes on your contributions right away. However, your withdrawals and earnings will be tax-free (provided you're at least 59½ and you've had the account for at least five years when you retire).

Furthermore, if you leave your job, you can roll over the Roth portion of your 401(k) into a Roth IRA — and Roth IRAs don't force you to take required minimum distributions after you turn 70½, which could be a big advantage if you won't need the money until later in your retirement years.

And here's one more advantage of the Roth 401(k): There are no income restrictions attached to it.

Of course, your employer may not even choose to offer the new Roth feature in your company's 401(k). But if it is available, should you contribute? Before deciding, consider these factors:

- Your age** — The younger you are, the more advantageous it may be to contribute some of your 401(k) dollars into the Roth portion of your plan. As a young worker, you'll have more years to take advantage of the tax-free earnings potential provided by the Roth feature. This additional time helps compensate for the cost of having to fund your plan with after-tax dollars.
- Your tax bracket at retirement** — If you expect to be in a high tax bracket when you retire, you may find the Roth 401(k) to be particularly appropriate. The value of being able to withdraw tax-free is worth more if you're in a high tax bracket.
- Your willingness to divide 401(k) dollars** between "pre-tax" and Roth — Your total 401(k) contributions — from all sources — are limited to \$15,000 in 2006 (or \$20,000 if you're 50 or older). You could choose to put all \$15,000 into either the pre-tax portion of your 401(k) or the Roth (after-tax) portion. You could also divide the \$15,000, in any ratio you choose, between the two portions. For example, you could defer \$7,500 into the pre-tax portion and \$7,500 into the Roth portion.

Before investing in the new Roth feature of your 401(k), you may want to consult with your tax advisor and investment professional. You might only have a few years in which to take advantage of the Roth 401(k), because it will cease to be offered in 2010, unless Congress acts before then to make it a permanent fixture of the retirement planning landscape.

As long as it's around, though, the Roth 401(k) is going to be a valuable retirement savings vehicle — so think about putting it to work for you.

**Questions:**  
1. **True or False** — You have to pay taxes on the growth in your Roth.  
2. **True or False** — Unless Congress acts, a Roth will no longer be offered after 2010.

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## The things we do for 'Judge Judy'

**M**y wife owns a 26-inch Sony portable TV set, and it's on the blink. So last week, we took it to the shop for repair.

It weighs about 75 pounds, but that's not the problem. For design reasons lost in Tokyo, Sony chose not to put any screws corners on this particular TV.

And worse, no handles. It's like trying to carry a wet, 75-pound bar of Dove soap.

Are TV designers nuts? My sister-in-law, who's an obstetrician, and my brother-in-law, who's a cardiac surgeon, recently brought a \$4,000 flat-screen TV that hangs on the wall. It's so ugly that Melissa went out and bought a specially designed piece of art — which I don't suppose was cheap — to cover it up when they're not watching it.

Time, I believe, to rethink the concept of what a television set is supposed to be.

Going on three generations of Americans have tried to turn it into a piece of furniture. It's not its an appliance, and an ugly appliance at that.

Does anyone seriously try to tuck blenders or toasters to fit home decor? That would be stupid. And yet we as a culture go to extravagant lengths to pretend there's not a cathode-ray tube sitting in the living room.

Hearken back to the era of Philco and Motorola and recall what early TVs looked like. They were giant structures of oak and cherry wood veneer surrounding a screen about the size of your checkbook cover.

You sat nearby and squinted at the screen, hoping that if you reception was good enough you could tell the difference between Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca, standing side by side.

In the fullness of time, your mega-set died, you left it where it was, purchased a 10-inch, black-and-white portable, and placed it on top of the old TV. No was using perfectly good furniture.

A television set — or at least the box of furniture that it came in — is a 25- or 30-year family commitment.

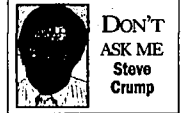
Shortly after my first wife and I were married, her parents gave us their old TV about the size of a small house — and we rented a U-Haul trailer to bring it from Pocatello to Twin Falls. The trailer was partly secured to the back of the car by a couple of clamps that attached to the rear bumper.

By the time we got to our house, the bumper was about an inch away from falling off entirely.

And rightly so. Consumer electronics, the great American miracle of the '50s and '60s, was not intended to be a movable feast.

In the years since, almost everything electronic has shrunk miraculously in size — except for TV sets. They just keep getting bigger.

Why, I'm not sure. Could it be that we subconsciously believe



**DON'T ASK ME**  
Steve Crump

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# Buhl elementary to begin Saturday school

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

**BUHL** — Popplewell Elementary School has announced the start of a Saturday School program for students who don't complete assignments or who misbehave in class.

The announcement was made Friday afternoon during a school assembly.

"Our whole point is to get the kids to get stuff finished," said Mike Genar, dean of students at Popplewell Elementary. "We're trying to instill that work ethic in them."

The program is not new to the district, which has been using



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the program in the middle and high schools, but it will be the first time the elementary school will be using the program.

Other school districts such as Filer and Rupert also are requiring Saturday School for students who fail to do school work, as well as for students

with behavioral problems.

"We will obviously work with the students and parents first," Genar said. "But if we don't get any results, then we will assign them to Saturday School."

School administrators said the program is not intended for students who are struggling to

meet grade requirements. Rather, it is for students who simply do not complete assigned school work, or who are behavioral problems in class.

"We have programs in place for students who are working on their assignments and may be struggling with them," Genar said. "Saturday School is for kids who are not being accountable for their assignments."

Students can be referred to the program by their teachers. However, school administrators will discuss each student on a case-by-case basis.

The program is held from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday. Students begin the class by writing

an essay that explains why they were assigned to Saturday School and how they will resolve the situation so they will not attend the program again. Following the essay, the students must work on school assignments. They cannot speak to other students, sleep or do anything except what has been assigned to them.

"They don't like it," said Gary Moon, Buhl High School principal. "But our hope is that it is a deterrent. Some students aren't deterred by suspension because they don't want to be here in the first place, so we figure if we take some of their time, it might change their minds."

## Son, grandson create a piece of art for final resting place



Bill Ramsey Jr. stands with a casket that his son, Kirk Ramsey of New Plymouth, Idaho, built in his high school woodshop class. Bill added the custom decoration to the casket, which was used to bury his father, Kirk's grandfather, William 'Bill' Ramsey, of Hoyburn, who died on Jan. 14.

## Project was a final tribute to Kirk Ramsey's beloved grandfather William

By Kimberly Ottley  
For The Times-News

**HEYBURN** — "It's one of the most significant things I'll ever do," Kirk Ramsey told his classmates in New Plymouth, Idaho, when they expressed disbelief at the coffin he was building in his high school shop class.

This unusual project was a final tribute to Kirk's beloved grandfather, William "Bill" Ramsey, who died Monday at his home in Hoyburn.

Kirk's project began last October at his grandfather's request. William Ramsey had been diagnosed with leukemia in June 2004, and had asked a cabinet-maker friend to build a coffin for him. When the friend was too overwhelmed with other wood projects to take on the task, William Ramsey asked his son, Bill Ramsey Jr., if he thought Kirk could build it.

Kirk enjoyed woodworking and seemed to have a talent for it. He and his dad approached his high school woodshop teacher, who approved the project.

Originally, William had requested the casket be constructed from red fir planks. Bill and Kirk honored Ramsey's request for red fir, but also incorporated yellow

pine and black walnut. The selection of wood was significant for Kirk.

"Dad and I cut the red fir in Hagler Canyon," Bill said. He explained that among his father's favorite things to do was to skidout wood with a horse.

The yellow pine was located in Feather-croville, Idaho.

"Dad really enjoyed that country," said Bill.

The black walnut came from trees on Eagle Island that were removed to make way for a subdivision, Bill said his father had a connection to those trees because they could have been the very trees William Benjamin Ramsey, Bill's grandfather, might have sat under during his travels to Eagle Island years before.

With Kirk working on the box of the casket, Bill turned his attention to the lid. "I would really like a man leading a pack string of horses," William told Bill when he asked what he might want depicted on the top. In the end, Bill called on his friend, Karen Durant, to help him create three wood panels depicting typical scenes from his father's cowboy life.

Durant's company, Credability, specializes in laser engraving and had just purchased a new engraving machine

when Bill approached Durant about the project. After a couple of weeks of planning and developing, the scenes were burned and then overlaid on the red fir.

As a final touch, Bill chose one of his father's many poems and had it engraved under the scenes:

*To see the sunrise all gold and red  
To smell the fragrance of homemade bread  
To reach and touch a loved one's cheek  
And hear "I love you" when they speak  
When tears of joy stream down your face  
And your soul responds to the sweet salt taste.*

Bill explained how the poem sums up what was most important to his father. "Dad reveled in the simple things," he said. "He always tried to figure out how simple he could make something to have meaning."

William had the opportunity to view Kirk's and Bill's work before his death. "He didn't say much," Bill said. "He was really touched."

Bill's mother, Glenna, said William was amazed that his kids would go to so much work.

"He was disappointed it had to go in the ground," Bill said.

On Jan. 14, William "Bill" Ramsey was put to rest in a casket that is a masterpiece, much like the life he has now finished.

## Ed Board proposes tougher rules for graduation

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — Sometimes one plus one doesn't always equal two.

Few disputed the need for more math and science in the state's high school curriculum at a Tuesday, Jan. 17, hearing in the Idaho Legislature. Yet, that doesn't mean a consensus was reached on how to make the change.

Like most things, it all comes down to a matter of funding.

Rod Lewis, president of the Board of Education, asked members of the Senate Education Committee to consider a rule change that would increase high school graduation requirements — principally in math and science courses.

Education and legislators alike struggle with methods to boost the number of students the state sends directly to college after high school each year. The number is ranked fourth from last in the nation.

If approved, the proposed rule would eventually require high school students to complete two more years in math and one additional year of science. Seniors would need to complete a project reflecting the curriculum of their studies — a requirement already in place in several school districts. Students also would have to take a college entrance exam in the 11th grade.

Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, said the administrators at the schools in his district support the concept of raising math and science requirements. They've expressed concerns, however, over how to attract math and science teachers to rural school districts where the proposed request includes sufficient funding for incentives to bring the additional teachers.

Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, is a member of the House Education Committee but listened in on Tuesday's hearing. Pence sees good in the proposed rule change but still has reservations about implementing it in rural school districts.

"There are two things more rigor in the classrooms," Pence said.

Yet, Pence fears this might be another unfunded mandate to ask small schools to handle.

"The bean counters think that the cost of extra teachers, materials, and other additions for the cur-

riculum was going to be paid for by the state. They're wrong. It's going to come to school with extra exposure."

He explained that OCR helps the kids extra into reading and learning in other subjects, such as math, science, social studies and life skills.

By the way, Elementary Principal Helen Brown said that the curriculum has been a tremendous help in building consistency into what and when subjects are taught.

In fact, students exposed to OCR in Buhl can transfer to other schools teaching the pro-

gress. See **TEACHING**, Page B3

## Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of 2005
Balcon	128%	64%
Big Wood	149%	77%
Little Wood	154%	77%
Snake	154%	77%
Little Lost	111%	67%
Henrys Fork/Teton	120%	64%
Upper Snake Basin	124%	70%
Oakley	124%	70%
Salmon Falls	177%	70%

As of Jan. 17

A comparison of basin averages, as the 2005 average is 100 percent.

# Workshop tries to improve teaching of new elementary program

## Author stresses the importance of parental help

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** — Over 145 teachers, aides and elementary school principals gathered at Buhl High School Monday for a workshop on how to better teach the Open Court Reading

curriculum used in elementary schools throughout the Magic Valley.

Later in the afternoon, parents were invited to discover how the program — now in its second year at Buhl's Popplewell Elementary — is being used to streamline the education curriculum.

Buhl Elementary School Librarian Priscilla Sison said that since first given kindergarten, she built upon so that each year the students' growth in that area is expanded.

Jerry Lebo, reading specialist with the Los Angeles Unified

School District, and an author with the program, explained it as "schemata building."

He took the topic of shadows as an example and said that at first thought, kindergarten described them as "scary and dark."

Once the students had a lesson on what (and how) a shadow is made, they can take that information and apply it to man and science concepts in the future.

Lebo also said that students' success is highly dependent on parental involvement.

He said that the more things

pre-kindergarten students were exposed to — such as trips to the museum, working with scissors and pencils and knowing shapes and letters — the better off they'll be with future learning experiences.

"There are two things that are important to a student's success: One being an opportunity for academic exposure and the ability to process information," he said.

Lebo explained that the latter, teaching a child to process information, was the job of instructors. It also proves students a "leg up" when they



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Leonard N. Hepworth

**RUPERT**—Leonard N. Hepworth, 83, of Rupert, died at his home Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006. Leonard was born in Blackfoot, Idaho, on April 19, 1922, to Joseph Eugene and Anna Myrtle Nielson Hephworth. Leonard married Laverne Denning on Nov. 13, 1944, in the Salt Lake Temple. After their marriage, he served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, and then returned to complete his bachelor of science degree in agronomy at Utah State University in Logan, Utah. Moving back to Blackfoot, Leonard worked as a United States government employee in the On-The-Farm Training Program for veterans and started a small dairy with a herd of eight cows.

Leonard put his name in to draw a homestead in Rupert, Idaho, and moved in the spring of 1958 to a farm covered with sagebrush. Leonard, Laverne and their oldest son, Len, worked endless hours to clear the sagebrush to plant crops that spring. A house and a barn were built and the dairy herd



was soon moved from Blackfoot. Craig and Jan were toddlers through the beginning years, with Quinn joining the family a few years later. Leonard loved his farm and dairy, working until a few years ago. With farming and work in his blood, he spent his time in retirement trimming his trees and taking care of his yard. He was active in his church and served in many capacities, including Sunday school teacher, young men's leader and preschool teacher and secretary.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Laverne of Rupert; three sons, Len (Tracy) Hephworth from Hermiston, Ore., Craig (Chris) Hephworth and Quinn (Keith) Hephworth from Rupert, Idaho; daughter, David (Jan) Peterson-Walch from Orem, Utah; 12 grandchildren, Mike (Nick) Hephworth, Jacob Erin Stevens, Kristen (Dixie) White, Kylan (Danette) Peterson, Kerri (Cody) Tolson, Kevin Peterson, Ryan, Laura, Jill, Rachel, Kyle and Chelsea Hephworth; five great-grandchildren, Keaton, Christian, Connor, Paige and Everett; a brother, Neil (Oliver) Hephworth; and a sister, Lorraine (Jack) Denning. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister and brother-in-law, Anona and Lowell Nelson; and a son-in-law, Dan Peterson.

The funeral will be held at noon Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, at the Apecola 2nd Ward LDS Church, with Bishop Tim Gaines officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. prior to the service Thursday.

Jim Norwood



**HAGERMAN**—James "Jim" Virgil Norwood departed this life for the next on Friday, Jan. 13, 2006. Jim, a lifetime resident of Hagerman, proudly served his country for 23 years, retiring from the United States Marine Corps as a company sergeant in 1974. Jim was stationed around the world, including Korea, where he participated in the battles of Korocho, Valley, and Heart Break Ridge during the Korean War.

After returning to the states to serve for a few years, Jim was shipped to Okinawa, Japan, in 1958 with G Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, where he learned judo and continued to hone his expertise in marksmanship. In 1961, Jim served as a marksmanship instructor at MCRD in San Diego, and then was shipped to Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis. In 1967, Jim joined M Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division, in Vietnam, where he saw heavy action and was wounded and honored with the Purple Heart.

While recovering from his injury, Jim was stationed in Oahu, Hawaii, at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station before departing for a second tour of Vietnam with a company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, where he was stationed for five months before returning to the states to complete his military career.

Jim exchanged his military dress blues for cowboy boots and denim and cowboyed for several years, working cattle for the Star and Bruce Ranch on Juniper Mountain and Brailsford Ranch before accepting an appointment as mayor of Hagerman in 1995. Jim served the citizens of Hagerman for 2 1/2 consecutive terms before retiring in 2004. Jim was a devoted lifetime member of the Scottish Rite and the Hagerman Masonic Lodge No. 78, serving in several Mason leadership capacities, including district deputy grand master, secretary and a master in his 30-plus year commitment.

Jim is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dorothy "Dot" Norwood (1932-1981) and parents, Virgil and Ardith (Parrott) Norwood. Jim is survived by his devoted younger sister, Virginia "Ginger" Hanson of Oakland, Calif.; and



four loving children, David Norwood of Winchester, Tenn., Debra Kovar of Twin Falls, Catherine (Jude) Anderson of Twin Falls and Scott (Anna) Norwood of Hagerman. Jim "G-Pa" is loved and greatly missed by his six grandchildren, Schandy Sellers of Tennessee, Autumn Haynes of Boise, Zachary (Janelle) Norwood of Tennessee, Shane (Brina) Norwood of Filer, Rebecca (Shane) Strickland of Twin Falls and Jenny (Sonny) Lara of Texas. Jim is also survived by 12 great-grandchildren.

A service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at Demary's Gooding Funeral Chapel, 737 Main St. in Gooding. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Jim's name to the NRA (National Rifle Association) for the lobbying efforts to protect our Second Amendment rights, of which Jim was a passionate supporter and advocate.

Gordon R. Bennett



**TWIN FALLS** — Gordon Ralph Bennett, 77, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006, at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. Gordon was born Oct. 10, 1928, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the son of Ralph and Grace Wassmer Bennett. He worked as a mechanic in the auto industry, and in his spare time he loved to golf, fishing, horseshoes, hunting, fishing, doing puzzles, watching TV and classic cars. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and enjoyed being active in church life during his younger years. He was married to three wonderful women, his first wife, Nancy; his wife, Michalean; and his wife, Marilyn. Surviving Gordon are his daughters, Don Bennett of Tracy, Calif., Lee (Pat) Bennett of Orange Park, Fla., Peggy (Jan) Nichols of Hayward, Calif., and Kathleen Bennett of Twin Falls, Idaho; and 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are his stepchildren, Susan (Dave) Neuschwander of



Rock Springs, Wyo., Cheryl (Arn) Bass of Richfield, Idaho, Linda (Floyd) Harrison of Twin Falls, Idaho, Rick (Stacey) Young of Jerome, Idaho; and stepson-in-law, Dave, McClymonds of Twin Falls, Idaho; his brothers and sisters, Charles (Deanna) Bennett of Boise, Idaho, Harvey (Vickie) Bennett of Magna, Utah, JoAnn (Ted) Vohs of Bandon, Ore., Geraldine Johnson of West Valley, Utah, and Paulotte (Walt) Kerr of Sandy, Utah. His parents, sister, Eva Gay, brother, Eugene, son, Ronald; stepdaughter, Vickie McClymonds; wives, Michalean Bennett and Marilyn Bennett, preceded him in death. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, at Wasatch Lawn Mortuary. A graveside service for Gordon will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at the Wasatch Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Salt Lake City, Utah. He will be laid to rest with full military honors at Wasatch Lawn following the services. Services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho, and the Wasatch Lawn Mortuary and Memorial Cemetery of Salt Lake City, Utah.

DEATH NOTICE

**David Romualdo JEROME** — David Romualdo, 90, Jerome, died Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory of Jerome.

SERVICES

Melba R. Cleveland of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. today at the First Christian Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Bert Nish Hutchinson of Malta, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Malta 1st and 2nd Ward LDS Church; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Buhl).

Roger Wayne Evans of Sun Valley, memorial celebration of life at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the River Run Lodge in Sun Valley (Wood River Chapel in Hailey).

Jasmine Mae Hoffman-Smith of Burley, memorial Mass at 11 a.m. Friday at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave.; graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Valley Vu Cemetery in Malta (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Buhl).

Frances Jenkins Keller of Rupert, graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at the St. George City Cemetery in St. George, Utah; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and shortly before the service Friday at the cemetery.

Robert E. Pyle of Twin Falls and formerly of Fillmore, Calif., funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Fillmore, Calif. (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls and Joseph Reardon Funeral Chapel in Ventura, Calif.).

G. Nadine Shillingburg Williams Johnston of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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## Teaching High schools

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gram and never miss a beat.  
"We used to have different reading programs being used in the different grade levels," Brown said. "The consistency that this has given us has helped to get everybody on the same page."  
Teachers in the audience felt that OCA was a great program, but more instruction on how to implement it was needed.  
Grace Owen, a kindergarten teacher at Popplewell Elementary, said, "We need to sit down and learn how to use the program better."  
Brown indicated that although the curriculum has been implemented, it may take a few years for it to "click together." Furthermore, Brown stated that ongoing staff development will continue.  
Anne Bybee, a concerned parent that attended the workshop, said that since the curriculum has been used, she has noticed a positive increase in teacher morale and attitude.  
However, Gretchen Montgomery — who has two students in the elementary — was concerned that the program teaches to one level and that her students wouldn't be challenged.  
Lebo said, "The program was approved based on research to address what needs to be done to address the greatest good for the most students."  
So far, that greatest good has done well for Popplewell Elementary.  
Although the exact figures were unavailable, Sisson said, "Our IR scores are right on."  
The IR (Idaho Reading Indicator) is a test given to students to measure their reading proficiency.  
Brown said, "Our goal was that by using the program all students would be testing at or above proficient." She said although gains are being made, it would take five to six years to achieve a successful change with the reading program.

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riculum redesign would start at \$1.5 million annually and gradually increase to \$17 million by 2013, when all the added math and science classes were in place.  
The Board of Education toured the state last summer presenting the plan. It received hefty opposition by all accounts — a subject highlighted by Sen. Gary Schatzler, R-Moscow.  
"Many rural schools already struggle to meet the ISAT requirements on the funding allocated," Schroeder said. Often, schools are forced to eliminate advanced placement courses because there aren't enough resources to help both the students who struggle and those who excel, he said.  
The Board made adjustments in its proposed rule after listening to suggestions from the public and school officials, Lewis said. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and the State Department of Education support the proposed rule. The Idaho Education Association also recently expressed support for the measure, Lewis said.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

## Crump

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that if television gets big enough, it will stop being well-justified television. Or do we really need to see all the pores on Jake Plummer's face?  
I have some friends with a big-screen TV who subscribe to TiVo mostly for the stop-action feature. Basically they watch television for the opportunity to transform moving images into electronic still lifes — sort of pixelated paintings, if you will.  
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There were several times, during our trip back and forth to the car with my wife's TV set last weekend, that I thought I was going to drop the damn thing. But I didn't.  
Do you think I did the right thing?

Columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223 or scrump@mvalley.com.

T.F. Public Library to host planning meeting  
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., is having a meeting at 7 p.m. today in the program room. Renee Haight, a member of the library's board of trustees, will lead the discussion. The presentation will include a review of the planning process and a discussion of the community's expectations for future library service. For more information, call the library at 735-2964.

Lake Walcott advisory group releases agenda  
BURLEY — The Lake Walcott Watershed Advisory Group will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 25 in the Burley City Council Room.  
On the agenda are a legislative update on HB145 for state watershed advisory groups and basin advisory groups, an Edwards and Elmo Creek 319 project water-quality-monitoring update, a Lake Walcott total maximum daily limits monitoring update on the Snake River, five-year review status, and Copper Creek 319 project in the Lake Walcott hydrologic unit code.

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OBITUARIES

Emma Hunt

**FILER** — Emma Christine (Chris) Hunt passed away on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006. She was residing at Country Living Estates in Filer, Idaho, at the time of her death.

Chris was born July 1, 1939, to Levi and Lovin Crum in Grove, Okla. She was raised with her parents and 11 brothers and sisters in the Little Kansas and Tahlequah, Okla., areas. She married Joe C. Blakey Dec. 25, 1950, in Tahlequah, Okla. They were married for 20 years. They have four children: Jo (Kay) Chaff of Twin Falls; Phyllis (Bryce) Campeau of Twin Falls; Harold Blair of St. Anthony and Ronald (Debrn) Blair of Nampa; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. On June 26, 1970, Chris married Marvin Hunt Sr. in Twin Falls, Idaho. They were married 30 years.



They farmed and ranched in Filer and Buhl in addition to operating the Roadrunner Truckstop in Bliss, Idaho. Her husband, Marvin; and her parents; four brothers; and one sister preceded her in death. Also surviving Chris are her

brothers and sisters, Edwin Crumm of Arkansas, Bobby Crumm of Oklahoma, Enola Lamont of Arkansas, and Virginia Mahan, Sadie Crumm and Billie Black, all of Oklahoma.

The funeral for Chris will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, at the Filer First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Gary Gilman officiating. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. She will be laid to rest at the West End Cemetery in Buhl, Idaho, following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to the Hospice Visitors, 308 Shoshone St. E., Suite 1, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

We love you and miss you, Mom.

Irene Ihler

**TWIN FALLS** — Irene Ihler, 65, of Twin Falls, was called home by her heavenly father Sunday evening, Jan. 15, 2006, at the Caring Place in Twin Falls.

Irene was born July 10, 1920, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Albert and Beata Kluedner Lierman. She grew up at Clover and later at Garden, Idaho, graduating from Eden County High School. On Feb. 14, 1940, Irene married Elmer Ihler at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls. The couple farmed and had a dairy operation west of Filer, then in the Castledare area. Later, Elmer and Irene formed Iher and served as secretary and right-hand man.

Irene also drove school bus for more than 10 years for Immanuel Lutheran School, worked for several years for Bertie's Poultry and spent more than 20 years at Idaho Frozen Foods. In 1958, Elmer and Irene purchased property on the Salmon Tract south of Twin Falls. Irene was very active at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer and served extensively with



the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Her greatest loves were her church and her family.

Irene is survived by her children, Lowell (Carol) Ihler of Kimberly, Gary (Bonny) Ihler of Twin Falls and Michael Ihler, also of Twin Falls; six grandchildren, Carl and Wayne Ihler of Kimberly and Gary and Carol Ihler of Kimberly; and eight great-grandchildren. Also surviving is her brother, Victor Lierman of

Portland, Ore., and two sisters, Lenore Huettig of Twin Falls and Alberta (Art) McFurland of Kimberly. She was predeceased in death by her husband Elmer, her daughter, Connie Thrush; her parents; and two brothers, Kenneth and Lloyd Lierman.

Irene's family would like to especially thank the staff of The Caring Place for their compassionate care during Irene's final days.

The funeral will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, at the Peace Lutheran Church in Filer, with Pastor Gary Benedix officiating. Burial will take place at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. The family will be present to greet friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Memorial contributions in Irene's name can be given to the Peace Lutheran Church Building Fund or to a charity of choice and may be left with funeral chaplains staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1142.

Duncan lawyers want outside jury

By John K. Wiley  
Associated Press writer

**COEUR D'ALENE** — Lawyers for sex offender Joseph Edward Duncan III said Tuesday they want a jury from outside Kootenai County brought in for their client's murder trial in a case that has drawn worldwide news coverage.

Duncan faces the death penalty for three counts of murder in a case authorities say was intended to let him kidnap two small children, 9-year-old Shasta Greene, who was rescued alive, but her brother was found dead.

In motions filed Tuesday, Kootenai County public defender John Adams said Duncan, 42, who has a long record of sex crimes against children, cannot receive a fair trial from the residents of the Idaho Panhandle county of about 100,000 people.

"Given the massive pretrial publicity and demonstrated hostility toward Mr. Duncan in this county, a lengthy voir dire of a sizable jury pool will be necessary, with uncertain and unreliable results," Adams wrote, referring to the process of interviewing potential jurors to determine if they have a bias in the case.

Adams also wrote that he intends to challenge the constitutionality of an Idaho law that bars insanity as a defense in criminal cases.

That law indicts "severe punishment on the mentally ill" and violates the U.S. Constitution, Adams said.

Duncan has pleaded innocent to three counts of murder in the

deaths of Brenda Kay Greene, 40; her son, Slade Vincent Greene, 13; and her boyfriend, Mark Edward McKinnon, 37.

Duncan, of Fugate, N.D., has not yet been charged in the kidnapping of Shasta Greene, or the kidnapping and slaying of her 9-year-old brother Dylan.

Prosecutors contend Duncan killed the two adults and older brother to abduct the younger children for sex, a crime that could result in the death penalty should he be convicted.

In other motions filed Tuesday, Adams sought to prevent a jury from viewing the small home along Interstate 90 where Brenda Kay Greene, her son and boyfriend were killed, and to suppress comments that Duncan made to law enforcement officers when his attorneys were not present.

County Prosecutor Bill Douglas declined to comment on the motions Tuesday.

First District Judge Fred Gieber is expected to schedule a hearing on Adams' motions soon. Duncan's trial is scheduled for April 4.

Last week, Douglas asked Gieber to allow Shasta Greene to testify outside Duncan's presence.

"The little girl didn't witness the killings in her mother's home, but told investigators she heard of the deaths from Duncan, court documents indicate."



Duncan



Benjamin Franklin, as played by Terry Shepard of Boise, speaks before a small crowd gathered in the rain Tuesday on the steps of the Idaho Statehouse in Boise.

Benjamin Franklin impersonator calls for 'Patriot's Day'

By Anne Wallace Allen  
Associated Press writer

**BOISE** — It's not every day that conservative Republican state Rep. Lenore Barrett finds herself sharing a microphone with a member of the Green Party and a Benjamin Franklin impersonator.

But Tuesday wasn't just any day: It was the 300th anniversary of Franklin's birth. Barrett joined Boise security guard Jerry Shepard, who braved cold rain in red, white and blue finery, buckled shoes and tricorn hat to ask Idahoans to reflect on their own liberty as Congress debates the country's domestic anti-terror law, the Patriot Act. They joined in a news conference in front of the Statehouse with speakers from other groups, all with the same theme: Liberty is precious — and can be taken away.

For me, as someone who doesn't hold mainstream views, I've often had my patriotism questioned," said Robert McMillin of the Idaho Green Party, who spoke at the event. "My ideas make sense: I care about the health and long-term safety and security of this country."

Barrett and Shepard, 58, are asking the Idaho Legislature to pass a resolution proclaiming

April 19 of every year Patriot's Day in Idaho. Shepard's also working to get the city to designate a Liberty Tree — a symbol of the places where Americans have met to talk about independence.

Shepard chose Franklin's birthday for the event because to him, the Boston-born inventor, diplomat and revolutionary embodies liberty.

"We need to have a balance between liberty and security, and I feel that the Patriot Act threatens the government with too much power," Shepard said. "I think Ben Franklin would be saying this, because Ben Franklin was always concerned about the balance of power in government, too."

Celebrations of Franklin, some going on all year, are being held around the United States and indeed the world.

Idaho didn't become a state until 184 years after Franklin was born. But to Shepard, Idaho is a perfect place to celebrate Franklin's legacy. Shepard, who grew up in Morrison, Ill., loves Idaho and its strong sense of independence from government. As he thought about ways to protest the Patriot Act, Shepard decided to call for a day honoring Franklin and all patriots who fought for liberty. His idea for a resolution was born.

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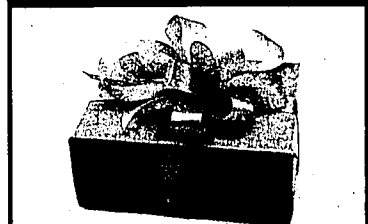
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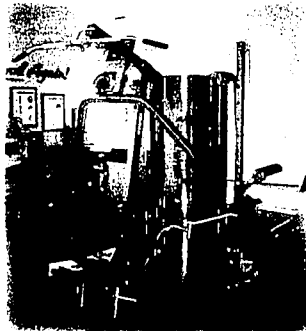
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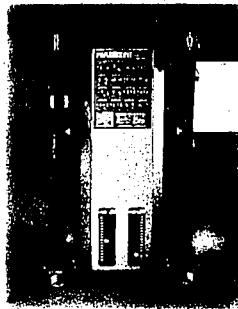
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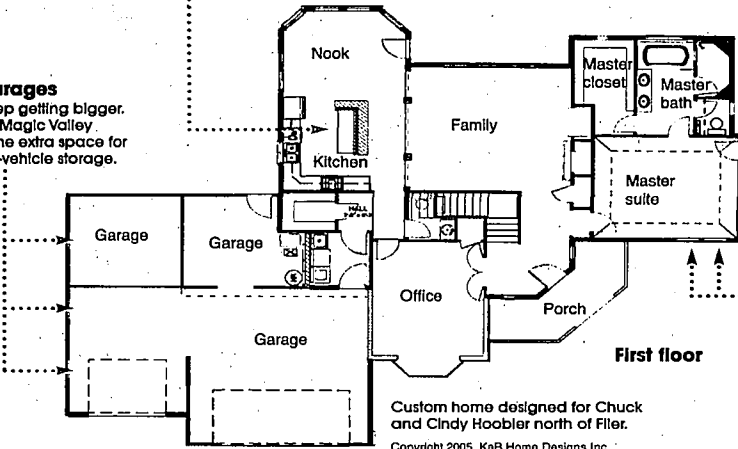


## Housing MATTERS

What details are local home buyers demanding?

**Island kitchen**  
 Large, open kitchens continue to be popular. In addition to islands, buyers want tile floors and granite counter tops.

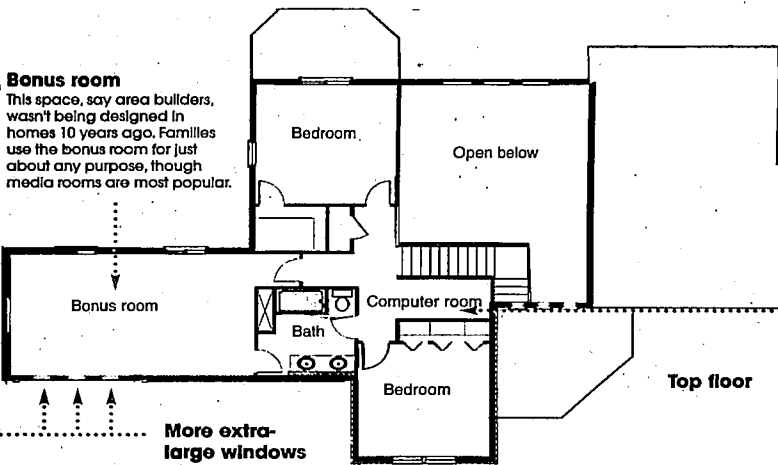
**Larger garages**  
 Garages keep getting bigger. Builders say Magic Valley buyers use the extra space for recreational-vehicle storage.



**Extra-large windows**  
 Home buyers are demanding larger windows to take advantage of Magic Valley's magnificent views.

Custom home designed for Chuck and Cindy Hoobler north of Filer.  
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**Bonus room**  
 This space, say area builders, wasn't being designed in homes 10 years ago. Families use the bonus room for just about any purpose, though media rooms are most popular.



**Computer space**  
 Buyers want separate spaces for kids' computers, so an office isn't enough. This home takes advantage of a small loft space.

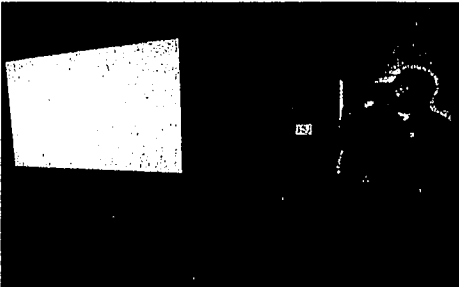
More extra-large windows

## Big garages, large windows set Magic Valley homes apart

By Matt Christensen  
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When Pam and Rob Hufstetter decided to build a new home in Twin Falls, they knew exactly what they wanted: an island kitchen, a large garage and a media room. Those features — in addition to space for computers and large windows — are hit in Magic Valley housing, say area builders. And with more single-family dwelling permits issued in Twin Falls last year than ever before, they are appearing with increasing frequency. It's space for technology, said Twin Falls builder and designer Kevin Bradshaw, that home buyers value above anything else.

"Technology is going to be a major part of home building in the future," he said. "We're already seeing it." Computers, flat-panel TVs, home-theater systems — once features found in dens and family rooms — are getting their own space in new Magic Valley homes. Enter the bonus room, where families relax, watch movies and surf the Internet. Typically found above the



Pam Hufstetter, left, admires her family's media room with her 15-year-old daughter, Amanda, and husband, Rob. Rooms like this one, where the Hufstetters watch DVDs, are popular in new Magic Valley homes.

garage, the bonus room makes use of space that 10 years ago would have been an attic — or nothing at all. The Hufstetters' bonus room, a place they call the "media room," is furnished with a DVD library, stereo, PlayStation, projection screen and a handful of speakers. When the house was being built, Rob, a self-described "techno geek," installed

the bonus room's Internet wiring himself. The Hufstetters, who moved in around Thanksgiving, wanted to keep their family room formal, so a space for their four children to relax was a must-have. The bonus room is a playroom for 21st-century children — and their parents. "We watch more DVDs up here than anything," Pam said.

"It's a place the family spends time together." That's also the purpose of the bonus room being built in Chuck and Cindy Hoobler's new home north of Filer. Originally, their design didn't include a bonus space, but the Hooblers added a few hundred square feet above the garage to accommodate a family game room. Also not in the design but

added later, big windows — a feature builders say is more popular here than in other parts of the country. The Hoobler home, still under construction, showcases extra-large windows in the bonus room, garage and master bedroom. The house faces a scenic canyon, and the family wanted to take advantage of gorgeous Magic Valley views.

"We're seeing more four-car garages, not just three anymore," said Darren Novak, a partner at A Plus Specialty Construction in Twin Falls. "People are adding on to garages to get more space for boats and utility vehicles."

Thank southern Idaho's famous outdoor recreation for that trend. The Hooblers plan to construct a side building for their RV and the Hufstetters use the extra space in their two-car garage for their sons' dirt bike.

And, of course, everyone wants a large kitchen. The island, a feature popular for years, is still in high demand, as are granite countertops and tile floors, said Novak and Bradshaw. Buyers also prefer open

kitchens, where stainless-steel appliances can be seen from the living areas. The kitchen, once a space meant exclusively for meal preparation, is now a family gathering point and a place for entertaining.

But when you want to be alone?

For solo computer time, today's new-home owners can retire to a bedroom or computer loft. Each of the Hufstetters' bedrooms — in addition to their media room — is Internet-ready. And the Hoobler house has a separate lofted space for the kids' computer upstairs from the office.

"We're going to continue to see a lot of people coming in from other areas who are spending more money," Bradshaw said.

That's likely to mean bigger homes and more second stories.

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FOOD & HOME

Here are some ways to save in the kitchen

By Robb Mather Jenkins and Renee Erna Chicago Tribune

Hold on to your wallets. This winter is shaping up to be a winter of bad weather, high prices and the need to pinch pennies. Heating oil has seen double-digit increases in price, and gasoline prices are still above \$2 a gallon. Natural gas prices have risen 9 percent, and colder-than-usual temperatures may mean bills of 17 percent more than last year for the average household, according to the federal Energy Information Administration.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused the loss of thousands of chickens on Southern poultry farms. Even if birds weren't killed, power losses and gasoline costs have driven up the price of chicken. But chicken may look like a bargain, compared with the price of beef. Here, too, high gasoline prices affect the price you pay at the supermarket.

Summer drought has pushed up the cost of the grains used to feed livestock, so dairy prices are liable to rise at the grocery store. And with jet fuel prices rising alongside gasoline, imported fruits and vegetables will be more expensive, too.

The Chicago Tribune's Good Eating staff offers some great tips on how to stretch your grocery bucks so you won't have to diet but that copy of Deyne Nickerson's 1960 classic, "365 Ways to Cook Hamburger."

What the government suggests you spend

The USDA creates food plans designed to match four levels of spending. The four levels are Thrifty, Low-Cost, Moderate-Cost and Liberal. Here's how much money the USDA estimated you would spend per week at each level last October (the most recent numbers available when this story was written).

Family of two:  
Ages 20-29 years: Thrifty, \$70.80; Low-Cost, \$89.50; Moderate, \$110.50; Liberal, \$138.30.  
Ages 31 and older: Thrifty, \$67.70; Low-Cost, \$85.30; Moderate, \$106.50; Liberal, \$127.80.  
Family of four:  
Children ages 2 and 3-5: Thrifty, \$102.10; Low-Cost, \$128.20; Moderate, \$157.40; Liberal, \$194.30.  
Children ages 6-8 and 9-11: Thrifty, \$118.60; Low-Cost, \$151.90; Moderate, \$189.20; Liberal, \$228.20.

For more information, visit the USDA's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion's Web site at [www.usda.gov/cnpp/website1.html](http://www.usda.gov/cnpp/website1.html).

Thrifty plan: By the day and by the week

The USDA also publishes suggested menus for a week's worth of meals at the Thrifty Food Plan level. The menus include breakfast, lunch, dinner and a snack and assume that all food is prepared at home. To see more menus, visit [www.usda.gov/cnpp/food-plans.html](http://www.usda.gov/cnpp/food-plans.html) and click on "preparing nutritious meals at minimal cost."

Here's what a day's worth of menus for a family of four at the Thrifty Food Plan level looks like:

• Breakfast: Orange juice, cold cereal, toasted English muffin, milk  
• Lunch: Turkey patties and

hamburger buns, coleslaw, milk  
• Dinner: Beef-noodle casserole, lima beans, bananas-orange salad, milk  
• Snack: White bread, chick-pea dip, lemonade

And here's a week's worth of dinner menus for a family of four on the Thrifty Food Plan, suggested by the USDA:

**Monday:** Southwestern salad, steamed rice, margarine, apple-orange salad, milk

**Tuesday:** Spanish baked fish, steamed rice, peas, whole-wheat bread, margarine, peach cake, milk

**Wednesday:** Stir-fried pork and vegetables with rice, dinner roll, margarine, mandarin oranges, milk

**Thursday:** Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, white bread, margarine, orange slices, milk

**Friday:** Baked spicy fish, noodles, peas and carrots, white bread, margarine, chocolate rice pudding, milk

**Saturday:** Fried meatballs, spaghetti and sauce, leaf lettuce, salad dressing, French bread, milk

**Sunday:** Cheese-stuffed potatoes, macaroni, peas, margarine, orange slices, milk

Beyond the supermarket

• Shop creatively: Sometimes drug or hardware stores offer terrific prices on kitchen items, especially shelf-stable foods, gadgets and storage/cleaning products.  
• Visit different stores when you can: Or at least skim the advertisements and circulars that come in the newspaper or mail. The more knowledgeable you are about prices and stores, the savvy you will be when it comes to knowing whether an advertised sale is really a deal.  
• Shop ethnic to buy ethnic: Prices for staples such as tortillas, rice, soy sauce and the like will be cheaper — but do consider the store's location. You don't want the money saved going toward gasoline.

Meaty issues

• Low profile, low prices: Meats that are in less demand often cost less, so skip the beef steaks and pork chops and try the pot roasts and pork shoulders. Pass by the skinless, boneless chicken breasts and choose the whole bird. Buying larger packages of meats often can save dollars; at home, divide them, put into smaller storage bags and freeze.  
• Freshness counts: Fish is no bargain if it isn't fresh. Be flexible at the fish counter; choose only the freshest-looking (and sweetest-smelling) products. The sniff test is especially valuable. Anything that smells fishy is fishy if you are suspicious, ask to smell the fish before buying or, if the staff refuse, open the package as soon as you purchase it and complain if the fish stinks.

Gearing up for battle

• Eat something before you shop: Then you'll be less likely to fill your cart with giant bags of those barbecue potato chips you love so much.  
• You've heard it before, but here it is again: Making a list before you head for the supermarket helps you not only get everything you need but also helps you avoid spontaneous, frivolous purchases.

It's all in the packaging

• Bean bargains: Use dried instead of canned. A 15-ounce can of bean costs (which holds

about 1 1/2 cups) will set you back only 79 cents or so, true. But a one-pound bag of dried bean costs 99 cents (and yields 5 to 6 cups of cooked beans). If you eat a lot of beans and you should, you're supposed to get 3 cups of beans and other legumes a week, you'll save money and you'll have better-tasting meals.

• Cutting corners: So-called "baby" carrots or "mini" carrots are mostly nothing of the kind. They are regular carrots processed in a tumbler. You pay for the convenience of having them peeled and cut. Make carrot sticks yourself, saving money and keeping them fresh longer (and preserving their nutrition). Mini or baby carrots: \$1.64 a pound. Regular carrots: 89 cents a pound.

• Butter binge: When butter is on sale, seize the opportunity. Buy extra and freeze it.

• Buy frozen concentrate orange juice, instead of orange juice by the carton, which costs twice as much. One leading brand in a 64-ounce carton recently cost 7 cents an ounce, compared with the 12-ounce frozen container, which makes a 3 1/2-cent-per-ounce drink.

• Every day's a holiday: Post-holidays are a great time to cash in on products embellished with seasonal colors. The reductions can be as much as 75 percent. Don't mind about you, but we don't mind using resealable bags in January for products that have olives or pumpkins on them.

• Buy spices and herbs in bulk. Buy only what you think you might use in a year. The little jars cost so much, and most contain more of the spice or herb than you'll use before it's too old to have much flavor left (about a year). And that's a waste of money.

Strategic shopping

• Cruise the perimeter: The sidewalls of the typical supermarket carry the fresh foods: produce, dairy, seafood and meat. The middle aisles contain more processed foods, which by their very nature carry extra costs for production, packaging and advertising. Aim for "fresh" foods, not packaged foods.

• Ounce for ounce: Use the unit-pricing labels found below each product on the shelf. Price is broken down by ounce; use that per-ounce price to compare two products to find the best value.

• Think seasonally: Complement your meals with produce that's in season where you live, because the farther food has to travel, the more expensive it comes. Skip the winter tomatoes and substitute shredded carrots in a salad.

• Clearance cover: Markets often have a cart or shelving unit in an out-of-the-way corner for their last-ditch clearance products. (Smart shoppers know where they are.) These are usually overstocked products they no longer have room for, and savings can be dramatic. Check the expiration dates when applicable.

Tricks at home: Leftover bonus

Put "planned-overs" in your dinner rotation: There are two ways to do this. The first is to make a double batch, then freeze half for another night. We like to hit the pot or casserole, we'll use to reheat the second

batch, freeze it, then remove it from the container and put the frozen meat into a resealable bag. When it's time to reheat, it'll fit in the pot and we don't have to wait for the meat to thaw to find out.

The second part of planned-overs is to cook once to save time the second night. The rest of the roast chicken makes a great potpie the next night. Left-over roast beef turns into terrific hash. In fact, this planned-over plan is what makes roasts and larger cuts more economical than ground beef. Buy bone-in when you can for better flavor and a bones' bonus for the stockpot.

Think you can't afford those roasts and larger cuts? Plan soup for dinner one night, and pasta another. You'll have even more in your freezer if you make a third night a mealless menu, like cheese enchiladas, or eggs in some fashion, or vegetable stir-fry.

Using old bread

Stale baked goods leave us cold except for French or Italian breads. Slice, dab with a little garlic and fry in good olive oil to make exceptional croutons for salads. Processing stale bread in the food processor gives you bread crumbs, useful as a topping for gratins or binders for meatballs and fish cakes.

Your own 'frozen' foods

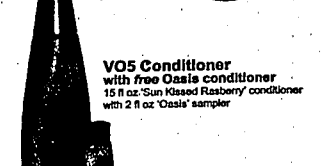
• Bread boon: Packaged waffles, pancakes, rolls and biscuits in the freezer section seem ridiculously expensive when you consider how easy it is to freeze homemade versions. Preparing waffles or pancakes for 4? Simply double the recipe and freeze the remaining in a large freezer bag between sheets of parchment or wax paper.

• Freeze extra bread or bagels: When you are ready to eat them, remove frozen bagel halves from the freezer, wrap them loosely in paper towels at room temperature. They will be ready for the toaster in a matter of minutes.

• Be a cheese scootie: Save those leftover pieces of hard cheese and freeze them in a plastic container. When the container is full, grate the cheese pieces using a food processor, mix in plenty of minced garlic, pack it all into a caddy and bake in the oven until bubbly and browned. Makes a great cocktail party spread.



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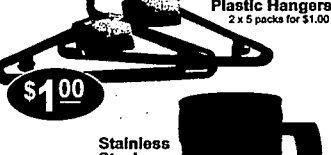
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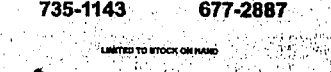
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# What's between your tortillas?

By Marcia Kramer  
The Washington Post

The humble quesadilla is America's new grilled cheese sandwich — and then some. "It's love grills" these sandwiches," says Roberto Quinones, executive director of the McLean, Va.-based Tortilla Industry Association. Quesadillas — tortillas filled with cheese and placed on a hot griddle just until the cheese melts — "put a new spin on grilled cheese," he says.

Typically, Americans are not about to stop there. Quesadillas might have gotten their start in Mexico, where they traditionally contained little more than queso and a slice of ham, but in the United States, they've become a staple. And the tortilla nowadays are likely to be made with spinach or sun-dried tomatoes.

Eugene Suarez Jr., who with his father owns Abuelita Mexican Foods in Manassas, Va., attributes the quadrupling of their business over two years to the Americanization of tortillas. "Tortilla-based foods are not considered Mexican anymore," he says. "They've become mainstream."

Tortillas, of course, are used for more than quesadillas — wraps for sandwiches, for instance. Tortilla sales nationally have climbed an average of 8 percent annually for the past 10 years.

Quesadillas are easy to make, inexpensive and eminently adaptable. They also make great hiding places for mothers looking to slip some vegetables and protein into their kids' diets, Quinones says. "And it doesn't have to cut the crusts off."

## BBQ QUESADILLAS WITH JAVY'S QUICK AND EASY BARBECUE SAUCE

Makes 4 folded-over quesadillas

This takes less time if a store-bought, chipotle-flavored barbecue sauce and prepared garnishes are used, but these recipes will add layers of flavor. If you make the sauce, you'll have enough to make another batch of steak. Recipes adapted from "Cocina," by Leland Atkinson (Ten Speed Press, 1996).

- For the barbecue sauce:**
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
  - 2 cups thinly sliced onions
  - 1 1/2 cups cider vinegar
  - 2 dried ancho chili peppers, broken into pieces, with seeds removed
  - 10 large cloves roasted garlic (may substitute 4 teaspoons prepared roasted garlic) (see note)
  - 1 cup molasses
  - 2 1/2 cups ketchup
  - Salt
  - About 1 1/2 cup water

- For the quesadillas:**
- 1 1/2 pounds top sirloin steak
  - 2 tablespoons Barbecue Spice Rub, or salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
  - 1 cup barbecue sauce
  - Four 10-inch flour tortillas
  - 2 1/2 cups grated Monterey Jack cheese (about 10 ounces)
  - 1 tablespoon unsalted butter, at room temperature

- For the garnishes (optional):**
- 1/2 cup crema (recipe follows)
  - 1 cup salsa fresca (recipe follows)
  - 1/4 cup chopped scallions, green parts only
  - 4 sprigs cilantro

**To make the barbecue sauce:** In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat the oil. Add the onions and cook, stirring occasionally, until they are browned and soft, about 5 minutes. Add the vinegar, and when it is warmed through, add the dried chili and chipotle peppers, roasted garlic, molasses and ketchup, stirring to combine. Add salt to taste. Add some or all of the water to adjust the consistency. Cook for 8 minutes and then remove from the heat. Puree the sauce in batches in a blender or food processor



Photo by SARA ERAS/Washington Post

## CHICKEN QUESADILLAS WITH ROASTED RED PEPPERS AND SPINACH

Makes 4 quesadillas; 4 to 6 servings

We've taken a grilled version of this peppery chicken and moved it indoors. The roasted red peppers and blanched spinach add both flavor and flair. For even more of both, serve with mango salsa that has been laced with cardamom and jalapeno chili pepper.

Recipes adapted from "Quesadillas," by Steven and Katherine Ramsland (Prima, 1997).

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 4 ounces each)
- 2 to 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 to 3 tablespoons freshly ground black pepper
- 12 ounces fresh spinach (about 4 1/2 cups), firm stems removed
- Eight 8- to 10-inch flour tortillas
- 3 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese (about 12 ounces)
- 2 cups chopped roasted red bell peppers (2 to 3 peppers), stemmed, seeded and diced (see note)
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions, white and tender green parts
- 1 cup Mango Salsa (recipe follows)

Brush both sides of each chicken breast half with the oil and coat with the pepper, putting lightly so it sticks. Place a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and cook for about 5 minutes per side or until golden. Set aside to cool before shredding into bite-size pieces.

Meanwhile, bring a large pot of water to a boil, add the spinach and blanch it for 1 1/2 minutes. Drain through a colander and rinse with cold water. Using your hands, squeeze as much moisture out of it as you can. Chop coarsely and set aside.

Place 4 of the tortillas on a work surface. Using half of the cheese, scatter it evenly on each of the tortillas. Layer the shredded chicken on the cheese, followed by the roasted red bell peppers, spinach and scallions. Top with the remaining cheese. Place a tortilla on each one and press down lightly.

In a large pan, griddle or grill pan over medium heat, cook each quesadilla for 2 to 3 minutes per side or until lightly browned and the cheese melts. Transfer to a work surface and cut into 6 to 8 wedges. Serve with Mango Salsa.

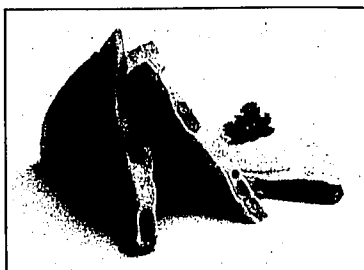
**NOTE:** To roast a bell pepper, place it on a piece of aluminum foil positioned about 4 inches from the broiler element. Turn every few minutes until the skin is charred on all sides. Place the charred pepper in a bowl, cover with plastic wrap and let it sit for 15 minutes. Remove the charred skin; it will slip right off.

**For the Mango Salsa (makes 1 cup)**

- 1 large mango, peeled, seeded and diced
- 1 jalapeno chili pepper, roasted, peeled, seeds and stem removed, and minced (see note)
- Juice from 1 lime (about 2 tablespoons)
- 1 tablespoon minced cilantro
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- Sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Crushed cardamom seeds

In a medium bowl, gently toss the mango, jalapeno chili pepper, lime juice, cilantro and oil. Add a pinch each of the salt, pepper and cardamom and stir to combine.

**NOTE:** To roast a jalapeno chili pepper, follow same procedures as for a bell pepper.



## CORN, BLACK BEAN AND RED ONION QUESADILLAS

Makes 4 quesadillas; 4 to 6 servings

Here, the vegetables provide a crunchy contrast to the creamy melted cheese, with a little kick from the chili powder. The quesadillas can be made on the stovetop or, especially if you're increasing the recipe, in the oven. Serve with salsa, sour cream or guacamole.

Adapted from "Simple Vegetarian Pleasures," by Jeanne Lemlin (Harper Collins, 1998).

- Eight 8-inch flour tortillas
- 1 cup frozen corn, thawed
- 1 cup freshly cooked or canned black beans, rinsed and well drained if canned (may substitute kidney beans)
- 2/3 cup paper-thin slivers of red onion
- 2 cups grated Monterey Jack cheese (about 8 ounces)
- 1 teaspoon chili powder

Place 4 of the tortillas on a work surface. Sprinkle one-

quarter of the corn, beans, onion, cheese and chili powder evenly on each tortilla, leaving a 1/2-inch border. Top with the remaining tortillas and press down to help them stick together.

To cook them on the stovetop: Heat a large, ungreased skillet or grill pan over medium heat. (If the tortillas are more than fresh and moist, lightly coat the skillet with nonstick spray oil.) Add 1 quesadilla and cook for 4 to 5 minutes, then flip over and cook another 4 to 5 minutes. It's done when it begins to get brown flecks and the cheese is melted.

To bake: Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Place the quesadillas on a large, ungreased, rimmed baking sheet (use nonstick spray oil if the tortillas are on the dry side) and bake for 5 minutes per side.

Transfer the quesadillas to a cutting board and cut each into 4 wedges. Let them rest for 1 to 2 minutes before serving.

## POTATO QUESADILLAS

Makes 4 quesadillas

Street vendors in Mexico City can't make enough of these. This version not only replaces the cheese with potato but also uses fat-free tortillas and fat-free chicken broth. Save leftovers for breakfast.

- For the quesadillas:**
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
  - 1 small white onion, thinly sliced
  - 1 large russet potato, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch cubes
  - 1 cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
  - Salt
  - Freshly ground black pepper
  - Eight 8-inch fat-free tortillas

- For the garnishes (optional):**
- 1 cup low-fat sour cream
  - 1 tomato, seeded and chopped
  - 2 fresh or pickled jalapeno chili peppers, thinly sliced
  - 1 small white onion, thinly sliced

**For the quesadillas:** Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Coat 2 sheets with nonstick spray oil. In a medium nonstick skillet over medium heat, heat the oil. Add the onion and cook, stirring often, for about 5 minutes or until golden brown. Add the potato and cook for 1 minute. Stir in the stock or broth and cook for 8 to 12 minutes, or until the potatoes are soft and the liquid has been absorbed. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Arrange 4 of the tortillas on the baking sheets. Divide the potato mixture among the tortillas and spread evenly. Top each with 1 of the remaining tortillas. Lightly coat the tops with nonstick spray oil. Bake for 5 minutes, turn over and bake another 5 minutes, or until lightly browned and heated through. Cut each quesadilla into 8 wedges.

**For the garnishes:** Arrange the sour cream, tomato, jalapeno chili peppers and onion in separate serving bowls, if using. Serve with the quesadillas and pass at the table.

## A word about reheating

Quesadillas are best eaten fresh. If they need to be reheated, avoid the microwave, which makes them soggy, and the oven, which dries them out.

Instead, warm the quesadilla in a nonstick skillet over medium or medium-high heat, turning it once, until the cheese softens and the tortilla crisps slightly, 3 to 4 minutes total. (Those with thick fillings will remain somewhat soft.)

until smooth. (Strain the sauce through a fine-mesh strainer, if desired.) Set aside, or cover tightly and refrigerate for up to 6 days.

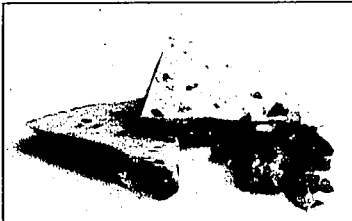
**For the quesadillas:** Rub the meat with the barbecue spice rub or salt and pepper to taste. Set aside.

Heat a grill pan over medium-high heat or prepare an outdoor grill for medium-high direct heat. Grill the meat for at least 10 to 12 minutes total, turning to sear it on both sides. Transfer the meat to a cutting board and let it rest for 5 minutes, then slice thinly across the grain.

Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan over low heat, warm 1 cup of the barbecue sauce. Add the sliced meat and cook for about 8 minutes. Remove from the heat and set aside.

To assemble: Preheat the oven to 250 degrees. Wrap the stack of tortillas with aluminum foil and place in the oven for 5 to 10 minutes to make them pliable.

Spread 5 tablespoons of the sauce over half of each tortilla, leaving a 1/2-inch border. Place



The humble quesadilla is America's new grilled cheese sandwich, and then some. Quesadillas are easy to make, inexpensive and easily adaptable. Here, BBQ beef quesadillas.

one-quarter of the barbecue-sauced meat over the cheese, then top with another 5 tablespoons of the cheese. Fold each tortilla over and seal gently. Brush the tops with half of the softened butter.

On a dry griddle or large pan over medium heat, cook the

quesadillas in batches for 2 to 3 minutes on each side until they are browned and crisp on the edges, using the remaining butter. (Finished quesadillas may be kept warm by placing them on a baking sheet in a 250-degree oven.)

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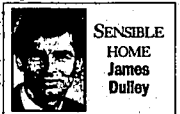
FOOD & HOME

# Dry air can be downright unpleasant

**DEAR JIM:** The air in my home is so dry, I am afraid the static sparks will ignite me. Seriously though, I need a humidifier, and I heard using one will also lower my heating bills. Is this true and which ones are best?

—Ron D.

**DEAR RON:** Fortunately, I have never heard of anyone self-combusting from static shocks in their homes, but it is unpleasant.



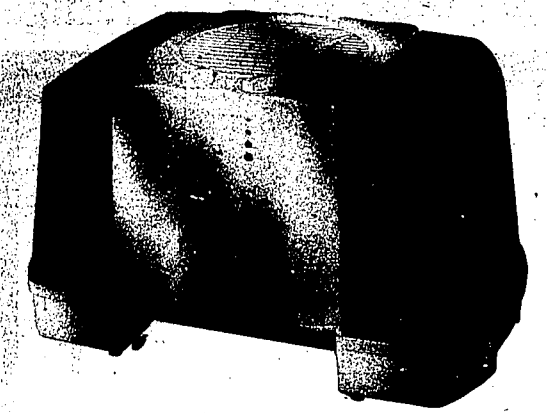
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It is also not healthy to live in such dry air. If indoor air is either too dry or too humid, unhealthy microbes, allergens and dust mites may thrive in your home.

Using a humidifier can reduce your utility bills. By reducing the amount of evaporation from your skin, properly humidified air can make you feel comfortable at a lower air temperature. Even though the humidifier uses some electricity and does cool the air slightly, you save overall by being able to set the thermostat lower.

Before you invest in a humidifier, try making your home more airtight to reduce the amount of cold dry outdoor air leaking in. Normal human activities, such as cooking, washing, bathing and breathing, produce moisture. If you reduce air leakage, the humidity level will rise.

If you do not have a problem with mildew in your bathroom, run the bathroom vent fan less or not at all. Leave the warm room air in the bathroom to add humidity to the air. This also allows the warm water to heat the air. Do the same when you wash dishes or boil any water. Place pans of water near floor



Dufley photo

This evaporative model has a three-speed control and will evaporate up to five gallons of water per day. The base can be removed and cleaned in a dishwasher.

registers so the warm air passes around them.

If you still need some additional humidity in the air, a freestanding humidifier is your best option. Furnace-mounted ones are convenient, but they work only when the furnace is running. With one or two freestanding units, you can control when they run and at what humidity output.

Evaporative humidifiers are very effective and easy to use. These use a large vertical piece of wick material with the lower end submerged in a water reservoir. A small fan draws room air in through the upper portion of the damp wick. As the air passes through the wick, it picks up moisture. Select one which has at least two fan speeds and a large reservoir so

you do not have to fill it often.

For bedroom use, some models have a super-quiet low speed. Many models use antimicrobial filters. Even so, clean the unit regularly per the manufacturer's instructions.

Warm mist humidifiers use more electricity because they boil the water, but they are designed so the vapor output is just warm for safety. They are quiet and require little maintenance.

A few companies still offer ultrasonic models which are quiet and use little electricity. I use one by the corn stove in my home.

**DEAR JIM:** We recently made a two-room addition to our home. We don't use those rooms often, and they have electric baseboard heat. Would

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—Julia K.  
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# Refreshing the palette

By Anzie Groer  
The Washington Post

Every year, paint companies and trend forecasters roll out their predictions for what's on the color horizon. The past couple of years have been dominated by "spa colors" of wazy blues and greens, with splashes of melon and a blush of pink. Teal blue and bubble brown have been widely paired, particularly by traditionalists, as have creams and sage, and many brews of latte. The more adventuresome have joined rooms with shades of orange, purple and the still-linger-

lime.

January and February — when it's too cold to garden or is prime time for interior design projects, especially now that the paints are more low-odor. It's a good "pick-me-up," says Peggy Van Allen, color marketing manager for Pratt & Lambert Paints.

So, in the hopes of getting a heads-up about trends, we asked eight companies that manufacture and market paint what shades will be ascendant in 2006. As the color wheel spins again, their predictions spatter in all directions.

**Paint trends**

- **Behr, Mother Nature**  
"The greens of 2006 are warm, more natural looking and complementary than other hot colors, such as browns, purples, even some yellows," says Tiffany Campbell, Behr spokeswoman. Available at Home Depot stores. [www.behr.com](http://www.behr.com) or 877-237-6158
- **Duron, Alabaz**  
"Red is now, and this one is cross-cultural. It goes from a real mid-century modern feel that teams with black and white to Latin or Asian," says Mark Woodman, color marketing and design manager. [www.duron.com](http://www.duron.com) or 800-723-8766
- **Dutch Boy, Peaceful Pines**  
"A strong yellow-green, kind of an avocado," says Donna Schroeder, color marketing manager. Not available at retailers until April. [www.dutchboy.com](http://www.dutchboy.com) or 800-828-5669
- **Sherwin-Williams, Jargon Jade**  
This intense bluish green "reflects the influence from another culture, in this case China," says senior designer Becki Ralich Spak. Jade and vivid red "are a historic combination used on the exterior of many ancient temples."

- [www.sherwin-williams.com](http://www.sherwin-williams.com) or 800-723-8768
- **Glidden, Golden Kivi**  
"Embody comfort, restoration and well-being" and "opens up" neutrals and dark hues, says Barbara Richardson, color director for ICI Paints, which makes Glidden. [www.glidden.com](http://www.glidden.com) or 800-454-3336
- **Benjamin Moore, Queen's Wreath**  
"A purple-based color with gray undertones, very characterful," says Eileen McCormick, corporate communications administrator. [www.benjaminmoore.com](http://www.benjaminmoore.com) or 888-238-6667
- **Pratt & Lambert, Boucle**  
"It's between sage and teal blue" and pairs nicely with dark brown, says P&L color marketing manager Peggy Van Allen. [www.prattandlamert.com](http://www.prattandlamert.com) or 800-289-7723
- **Pittsburgh Paints, Cathedral Glass**  
Based on "environmentally conscious living, it's like a blend of grass and sky. It is a very strong organic color," says Dee Schlotter, marketing communications director. [www.pittsburghpaints.com](http://www.pittsburghpaints.com)

# Shimmer and shine — the latest in home decor

By Charlyne Varkony Schaub  
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

Roll out the red carpet. Turn on the spotlights. And say hello to "Hollywood Glam."

"Think back to the days when Hollywood deserved its name. Imagine Greta Garbo and Jean Harlow dressed in Humphrey Bogart wearing a white dinner jacket."

Now translate this nostalgia for old-fashioned glamour into home fashion. Mirrored furniture, Chaises, Bars serving martinis and Manhattan cocktails decked out with triple mirrors and elegant perfume bottles. Fabrics and luminaire finishes with a touch of shimmer — often paterickly correct fake fur throws.

Michelle Lamb, publisher of The Trend Curve newsletter, calls Hollywood Glam "a trend style" that promises to keep gossipy conversers. She and other trend watchers say it also ties in with signs that our color palette is ready to shift back into neutral.

"Everyone wants to feel like a star or a starlet," she said in a telephone interview. "People miss the idea of being glamorous. Glamour looks good, feels good and ties in with the luxurious fabrics of the moment — linen, velvet and silk."

Lamb said Hollywood Glam also appeals to a need we all have for more time in a fast-paced world. "It's the look of money," she said. "Jean Harlow had time to sit before a dressing table. Hollywood Glam is about having the time to sit in a dressing room or mix a martini. Who has time for that today? I think it feeds the American dream. You can live like that and you can have the time to look like that."

The glam trend has been developing for a couple of years. Thomastville threw out the first salvo in 2002 with its Humphrey Bogart Collection, including signature pieces such as an elegant deco-inspired dressing table and a bar with a nod to the woodwork of French Art Deco designer Emile-Jacques Ruhlmann. And momentum has been building ever since.

We have seen pieces of the look, such as mirrored furniture, but this fall all the elements have come together. Hollywood Glam is finally accessible and affordable. Inspiration comes from designs of the 1920s through the 1940s. Glam has strong roots of Hollywood Regency, a style that originated in Southern California in 1930 that combines English, French Regency, Greek

## Some reflections on earlier times

No one definition fits Hollywood Glam. It gets its inspiration from the 1920s through the 1940s and has many interpretations. Here are what design experts are saying:

"Hollywood Regency is a little overdone, a little too much of the Raj for my tastes. Real Hollywood Glamour is Art Deco or French Deco. It really is elegant. It brings to mind Greta Garbo. Hollywood Regency is more like Hedy Lamarr."

—Linda Lee, editor of *Inside/Out* magazine

"There's a real Art Deco influence overruling all of this. Hollywood Glam has a traditional feel, but it works in a traditional or modern decor. Mirrored pieces work in every color palette, and they reflect the other colors in the room. But mirrored

walls are too much. You want a reflected look without going overboard."

—Kim Shaver, vice president of merchandising communications for Hooker Furniture

"Details are more important. With a lack of distressing on the finish, the beautiful luster of the wood will show. The chaise may have metallic legs. The bar will have beautiful crystal. It will be cut and it will be etched and may even be colored. Leather will be smooth and subtle. It may be tinted pale blue or lavender. Rugs are plush and very thick. You gotta have fake fur on throws and pillows or maybe even on the edge of a chair."

—Michelle Lamb, trend guru and publisher of *The Trend Curve* newsletter

Revival and old Hollywood. There's also an echo of art deco. "I think we all long for glamour," says Linda Lee, editor of *Inside/Out* magazine, a Miami design magazine based in Miami that used a Hollywood Glamour theme for the first issue.

Why now? Robert Thompson, professor of pop culture at Syracuse University, said it takes a while for a nostalgic style to go from kitsch to desirable.

"In many ways, interior design styles are like wine," he said in a telephone interview. "You can't push the vintage. You have to let things age, and when they age they change character. If they ferment long enough, they ferment into something classy and timeless."

What helps fuel Hollywood Glam is the images we see in classic black-and-white movies such as Casablanca. These

"People are buying a piece of mirrored furniture just to have a little of it. The bigger picture is fabrics are returning to more of a luxurious look. It's a kind of refined glamour. I don't think it's out of control. People are still very budget conscious."

—Mark Mayfield, editor-in-chief of *House Beautiful*

"What that time period captures is a perfect combination of classic and traditional meets clean and modern. It's a solution. Not everyone loves chrome legs with leather upholstery. Some don't like tufted backs and formal fringe. The appeal is timeless luxury, a cleaner and more modern aesthetic."

—Andrea Banda, director of merchandising for Robin Bruce

movies produce a record of glamour that stays in circulation within the culture, he said. Perhaps they'll stay in our homes as well. Here's looking at you, kid.

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# 1940s tract house becomes Japanese refuge

By Janet Eastman  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Deborah Furlan saw something in the ramshackle ranch-style house off a busy street in the Toluca Lake section of Los Angeles as a Japanese-inspired oasis with a soaring glass entrance. Uncluttered rooms with sliding doors and screens could let the outside in. Lush groves of brassy maple and bamboo could rise from the neglected concrete yards.

It took seven years, a blown budget and the burden of a do-it-yourself strategy, but like a plain piece of paper that is folded into an origami swan, the flat original structure became a graceful two-story with low-lying outstretched wings.

The size of the house almost doubled to 4,000 square feet, but the remodeling blends with the tract-home neighborhood. A wood gate and vine-covered concrete wall separate the property from the outside world. A Zen meditation garden with a trickling water basin beckons visitors at the front door.

"People sometimes have difficulty imagining something better," says Furlan, sitting next to husband David Kane at their dining room table. Once skeptical of the project, Kane is smiling now. On this early Sunday morning, the sun is filtering into the vaulted great room Furlan envisioned.

That others doubted her didn't push Furlan off her track. At the time, she had little experience in home remodeling but could call upon a degree in engineering, a passion for plants and a Japanese mother who had taught her to create beauty through simplicity, arrangement, proportion.

"Deborah could see what it could be," says David, the president of a small aerospace manufacturing company, "but I'm the type who could see something 85 percent complete and still wouldn't get it."

Furlan knew that transforming a ranch-style house into one with distinct Japanese elements was not as radical as it sounded. In the 20th century, architectural pioneers — including Arts and Crafts' Greene & Greene and Frank Lloyd Wright, and Modernism's R.M. Schindler and John Lautner — studied traditional wood-frame Japanese construction, with its recognition of the importance of natural light and shadows, to build functional, air-flowing California homes.

After World War II, houses went up quickly to meet demand and time-consuming craftsmanship went out the aluminum windows. But still, Furlan could see beauty in her 1940s ho-hum house.

The new double-door entry area in the couple's home has wood windows on three sides, with bougainvillea and wisteria covering the exterior trellises and pressing against the glass. This is where we greet friends and hang coats and take off our shoes," Furlan says.

When shoes are deposited in built-in bins, stocking feet slide across white oak planks and concrete floors that have been acid-stained in fern green, walnut and black.

Earth tones are used throughout the house, a traditional palette in Japan.

The concrete floors are heated in the master suite's glass-wrapped sitting room and bath. Separating the sitting room from the bedroom is an interior sliding door. At night, the couple closes it for privacy, but during the day it's left open



Photos by OMA PRAZZI, Los Angeles Times

The tranquil tearoom, with its spare yet elegant design, is Deborah Furlan's ideal place for contemplation. An opening underneath the table allows guests to comfortably dangle their legs.

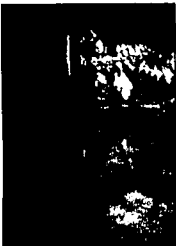


The Zen meditation garden beckons visitors with a trickling fountain and various flowering and fruit trees.

to capture the view of the landscape around the pool and to create a larger area. A carved wood transom over the receding door lets in light and circulates the air.

An austere tearoom near the den shows the Japanese approach to restraint and pleasing

proportion. The floor is laid with movable straw mats. Since the 15th century, tatami mats have been used to cover floors. Each mat is the same size — about 3 by 6 feet — and sets the dimension of the room and the distance between structural supports and wall openings.



A Japanese rain chain imparts functional serenity to a Los Angeles ranch house.

"This is a six-mat room," says Furlan, pointing to the rectangles that fit together like a perfect puzzle. This is her favorite part of the house, "a top-of-the-world perch for contemplation."

When friends come to visit, the couple brings out a red and black lacquered table that is only 14 inches off the ground. They lift out the tatami mat in the middle of the room and place the table over the opening.

When guests sit, the space below accommodates legs. A tokonoma, or decorative alcove, in the room is regularly dressed with flowers, Japanese artwork and ceramics to pay

homage to the changing seasons.

It now displays a ceramic Oribe tea vessel, a rectangular glass vase with red holly berries. Furlan's mother, Sachiko Furlan, is a noted ikebana sensei, a floral teacher.

"I have been inspired by this design style all my life," says Furlan, who was born in Yokohama, Japan, but moved to the United States as a baby. "It is based on a deep reverence for the beauty and simplicity of nature."

## Taking the new plunge in the loo

By Valerie Finholm  
The Hartford Courant

How can we write this delicately?

Using a plunger can be messy — you push down on the wooden handle attached to the hard rubber plunger and air pressure dislodges the clog. But sometimes, you end up with water all over the toilet and the floor.

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# Great gratin casseroles are bronzed and beautiful

By **Cace Sullivan**  
The Seattle Times

Gratins are quintessential fall-to-winter dishes, warming and often rustic but not without a bit of sophistication. A coat of crusted cheese or bread crumbs tossed with olive oil bakes to a crisp, bronzed top that sets them apart — they're the upper-crust of casseroles.

A classic example is Gratin Dauphinois. Layers of potatoes, cream and cheese are baked to a velvety texture that contrasts with the deep gold crust of Gruyere cheese. It's a sumptuous, special-occasion dish.

Not every gratin is baked in cream. But if a recipe does request it, substituting the total amount with milk may cause the sauce to curdle, especially if you're using vegetables that are very acidic or that have a high moisture content. Tomatoes, zucchini and mushrooms come to mind.

For cooking potatoes in 2 cups cream, as does a traditional recipe for Gratin Dauphinois, can be heavy and claying in our reduced-fat world. An experiment with substituting half the amount of cream with whole milk, which produced a gratin that was still rich and luxurious and the rest of the potatoes kept the sauce from separating.

Cheeses such as Gruyere, Emmentaler, Fontina and Manchego melt beautifully and will present a crisp golden top. Fine, fresh bread crumbs made from a rustic Italian or French bread make a crunchy crust that pairs well with soft-textured vegetables and fish.

The crumbs also will thicken

8 servings

- 7 medium Yukon Gold potatoes, sliced
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 5 cloves garlic, crushed and peeled, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 sprig rosemary, about 4 inches long
- 2 eggs Italian parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt or to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon ground white or black pepper

8 servings

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- 3/4 cup pecans
- 3 pounds butternut squash
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 cup finely chopped yellow onion
- 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 4 ounces fresh, mild goat cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped Italian parsley

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Generously grease a 2-quart casserole dish with 1 ta-

## GRATIN DAUPHINOIS

1 tablespoon butter  
4 ounces Gruyere cheese, grated

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Peel potatoes and cut lengthwise into quarters; cut crosswise into slices about 1/4-inch thick. Place in a 6-quart pot with cream, milk, 4 crushed cloves garlic, thyme, rosemary, parsley, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Bring to a high simmer over medium-high heat, reduce heat to medium-low and simmer gently 6 minutes. (Sit off to prevent potatoes from sticking to bottom of pot.) Remove pot

from heat and discard garlic and herb sprigs.

2. Use remaining clove garlic to run around the inside of a 1/2-quart gratin or baking dish. Butter the inside of the dish well so that it's evenly coated.

Transfer potatoes and cream to the dish and sprinkle top with Gruyere cheese. Bake about 45 minutes or until browned and bubbling.

Remove from oven and let rest 10 to 15 minutes before serving.

From "Anthony Bourdain's Les Halles Cookbook"

## PICCATA CHICKEN GRATIN

Makes 4 to 6 servings

- 1 lemon
- 6 skinless and boneless chicken thighs
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 3/4 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh thyme
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Nutmack cooking spray or oil
- 1/3 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt or to taste

Freshly ground black pepper

**Trimming:**  
1/2 cup fresh bread crumbs  
1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley  
2 teaspoons minced fresh thyme

1. Zest the lemon, mince 2 teaspoons and set aside. Juice the lemon and reserve 1 tablespoon. Put the chicken in a dish and sprinkle with garlic, rosemary and thyme. Whisk together lemon juice and 2 tablespoons olive oil. Pour over chicken, cover and marinate at room temperature 1 hour or refrigerate up to 24 hours.

2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spray or oil a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Place chicken in the dish and pour the marinade over it. Sprinkle the broth around it. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake

20 minutes.

3. While chicken is baking, combine bread crumbs, parsley, thyme, capers and lemon zest. Drizzle with olive oil and toss until the crumbs have absorbed the oil.

4. Remove baking dish from oven. Drain broth into a small saucepan. Spoon the topping evenly over the chicken and continue baking 15 minutes or until just cooked through. If topping needs more browning, place under a hot broiler. Boil the reserved broth until reduced to about 3 tablespoons. Transfer chicken to plates and drizzle a little of the reduced broth around it. Serve immediately.

Adapted from "Gratins: Savory and Sweet Recipes from Oven to Table" by Susan Satter

## BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND PECAN GRATIN

bleep butter and set aside. Spread the pecans on a baking sheet and toast in the oven 5 to 7 minutes; or until fragrant and deeper in color. Set aside to cool, then chop coarsely.

2. To make a whole squash easier to cut, pierce in several places with a paring knife. Microwave at 100 percent power 2 minutes, then rotate and repeat. Remove from the oven and set aside 5 minutes. Cut the end of the squash, then cut into large chunks. Seed, peel and slice 1/4-inch thick.

3. Heat remaining tablespoon butter with 2 medium eggs and continue with the remaining ingredients. Use medium heat. When sizzling, add onion and saute 5 minutes until light-

ly browned. Add garlic and saute 1 minute. Add cream, milk, salt and pepper; bring to a simmer. Add squash and simmer gently 5 minutes. Stir in pecans.

4. Transfer half of squash mixture to the prepared pan and dot with half of the goat cheese. Spoon remaining squash mixture on top and dot with remaining cheese. Place on a sturdy baking sheet and bake 45 minutes or until the squash is very tender and the cream is almost absorbed. Remove from oven and sprinkle with parsley. Let rest 10 to 15 minutes before serving.

From "Gratins: Savory and Sweet Recipes from Oven to Table" by Tina Satter

Baking dishes of various materials — pottery, lead cast iron or copper and stainless steel — are available. For the most part, the classic oval shape is beautiful and functional, but any

wide, shallow baking dish is an alternative, as long as it's both oven- and broiler-safe.

Before baking a gratin, preheat the oven for 20 minutes. Place the dish on a sturdy bak-

ing sheet to keep spills from falling onto heating elements. Once the gratin has finished cooking in the dish for a few minutes so the dish can set up and the juices can thicken.

## Quesadilla

Continued from C3

For the garnishes: To make a cup of simple crema, add 2 tablespoons of buttermilk to 1 cup of sour cream, stirring well to combine. For 1 cup of salsa fresca, add a medium bowl of combine 1/4 of a red onion, diced; 4 Roma tomatoes, seeded and diced; 1 to 2 jalapeno chili peppers, stemmed, seeded and diced; 1/2 cup of fresh cilantro, chopped; 1/2 cup of sugar; 1 tablespoon lime juice; 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil; and 2 tablespoons Mexican hot sauce. Stir gently and allow to stand at room temperature for 30 minutes before serving. Cover and refrigerate for up to 3 days.

Cut each quesadilla into 6 to 8 wedges and divide among warmed plates, serve with a streak of the crema, the salsa fresca, chopped cilantro and chilito as garnishes, if desired. Serve hot.

**NOTE:** To roast garlic, slice the top off of 1 head of garlic so that the tops of the cloves inside are exposed. Lightly drizzle with olive oil and wrap tightly in aluminum foil. Bake in a preheated 425-degree oven for about 45 minutes or until the garlic has softened and browned. Set aside until cool enough to handle, then squeeze the softened garlic cloves out of their skins and discard the stem end.

## JIMMY THE B's WILDCAT BARBECUE SPICE RUB

Makes about 1 1/4 cup

This rub tastes better than store-bought brands we've tried. The recipe was created in the kitchens of Washington's Red Sage restaurant.

- 3/4 teaspoon cumin seeds, toasted (see note)
- 1/2 teaspoon coriander seeds, toasted
- 2 1/2 pieces dried chipotle chili peppers, toasted, broken into pieces, seeds removed
- 2 teaspoons dried sun-dried tomatoes, not packed in oil (optional)
- 2 1/2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon powdered mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Place all the ingredients in a food processor or spice grinder and blend until the spices are well blended. (Remove the large pieces of sun-dried tomatoes, if using.) Store in an airtight container for up to 3 weeks.

**NOTE:** To toast the cumin and coriander seeds, place a small skillet over medium heat. Add the seeds (do this in separate batches) and toast, shaking the pan occasionally until the spices are fragrant, 2 to 4 minutes. Transfer to a heatproof bowl and cool completely. To toast the dried chili peppers,

place them in a dry skillet over moderate heat for 1 to 2 minutes, watching carefully so they don't burn.

## QUESADILLAS WITH ONION AND POBLANO CHILI PEPPERS

Makes 4 folded-over appetizer-size quesadillas

The sauted onion and chili peppers lend some punch, but if you prefer quesadillas with just plain cheese, they'll still taste good. Quesillo de Oaxaca, available at Latino specialty stores, is the most tangy, but mozzarella, string cheese or Monterey Jack are good substitutes. Serve with a spicy salsa, either fresh or cooked.

Adapted from "A Cook's Tour of Mexico," by Nancy Zaslavsky (St. Martin's Press, 1995).

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, or more as needed
- 1 small white onion, chopped
- 2 poblano chili peppers, roasted, peeled, seeds and stem removed, and cut into thin strips (see note)
- 4 corn tortillas
- 1 cup quesoillo de Oaxaca, mozzarella cheese, string cheese or Monterey Jack cheese

In a large skillet over medium heat, heat the oil. Add the onion and chili peppers and cook to 2 minutes, or until lightly brown. Transfer to a small bowl. There should be oil remaining in the skillet. If not, add 1 tablespoon of oil. Add 1 tortilla, cook 30 seconds, then using tongs, turn it over. Place one-quarter of the onion-chili pepper mixture on half of the tortilla and top it with one-quarter of the cheese. Fold the empty half over the filled half, using the tongs to press down and spread the filling and press the edges closed. Move the que-

sadilla to the side of the skillet and continue with the remaining three tortillas, overlapping the folded quesadillas if necessary. Cook on both sides, about 1 minute total. The quesadillas should be golden and a little crisp. Transfer quesadillas to a cutting board and cut each one into thirds. Serve immediately.

**NOTE:** To roast a chili pepper, place it on a piece of aluminum foil positioned about 4 inches from the broiler element. Turn every few minutes until the skin is charred on all sides. Place the chili pepper in a bowl, cover with plastic wrap and let it sit for 15 minutes. Remove the charred skin; it will slip right off.

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**School nurse keeps tradition alive**  
By Cathy Roemer  
TWIN FALLS -- Gone are the days when school nurses took care of students' bumps, bruises and daily medications. But one woman keeps the tradition alive in Twin Falls, Kyle Hodges, whose services are donated by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, divides her time among Twin Falls' elementary schools.

**Jerome city, county officials plan for future**  
By Cathy Roemer  
TWIN FALLS -- Jerome is planning for the future. City and county officials are planning for the future.

**Skating after dark in Buhl**  
By Eric Larson  
TWIN FALLS -- Skating after dark is now an option in Buhl. The city has extended the curfew at Centennial Ice Skating Park.

**Vansette Talbot leads Pirates**  
By Nathaniel Garbrandt  
TWIN FALLS -- Stopping an opponent's star player is supposed to be a good thing. Most of the time.  
Trying to shut down Hagerman senior post Skyler Talbot casually comes with a price.

**AND SATURDAY IN SPORTS ...**  
**Esqale women face hungry Bruins**  
**CSJ looks to avenge non-conference loss to SCCC**  
By Eric Larson  
TWIN FALLS -- With a 66-65 defeat at the hands of the Boise State Community College Bruins in their non-conference game, the College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles head to Boise State City tonight with one goal on their minds.  
With the one that matters.  
The Bruins' best victory over the Esqale women during December's Ozias State College Las Vegas Classic may be a feather in SCCC's cap, but it's nothing compared to a scenic Westside Conference win. With the 66-23 win in the conference last at 8-2, all Esqale Bruins (11-2-3-3) finally were in the position to avenge their non-conference loss to the Bruins' top spot.  
"The pressure definitely is on them. It's not on us," CSJ head coach Sandy Rogers said. "We'd like to win, because that would put us in the driver's seat. But they know that we're here to come up here tonight, so I think they'll be under a little bit of pressure."

For these stories and more, check out tomorrow's The Times-News.

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# A Change of onion soup – plain or fancy

By Ronke Fein  
Special to  
The Stanford Advocate

When it's cold and snowy outside, there should be onion soup inside. Onion soup, earthy, rich and filling, can soothe the soul weary of winter. You probably don't even have to go to the supermarket to buy the ingredients for the classic version, since onions and canned or homemade stock are the only two essentials.

What you do need is some time and patience to let the onions cook slowly at very low temperatures so they can sweeten off their asperiveness and transform from sharp and pungent to sweet and delicate. The raw crunch softens. The natural sugars caramelize, putting a gentle brown blush on the translucent white. Add a good, heavy beef broth and the dish is almost done, but for a final splash of sherry, preferably, a sweet Oloroso or medium dry Amontillado, which gives the soup a refined finish.

If you have some crusty French bread and cheese in the house, you're in luck. Serve them with the soup, or make the soup Bisto-style: a soup-croûte filled with onion soup and topped with bread and a thick layer of melted cheese will bring a smile to everyone's face. It's simple to do: Put the bread on top of the soup, scatter the cheese on top and, just minutes before serving, bake the filled soup croûtes until the bread is soft and swollen with liquid and the cheese bubbles and becomes crusty brown.

1/4 cup sherry, preferably Oloroso type

Heat the butter and olive oil in a soup pot or large saucepan over moderate heat. When the butter has melted and looks foamy, add the onions, salt and sugar. Cook over low-to-medium heat, stirring occasionally, for about 30 minutes or until onions have softened and become caramel-colored.

Add the flour and mix ingredients together for 3 minutes. Gradually add the beef stock, stirring gently as you pour it into the soup. Cook the soup partially covered, for 35 minutes. Add the sherry. Cook another 5 minutes.

Serve the soup as is or topped with bread and cheese croûtes. Makes 8 servings.

### Bread and Cheese Croûtes

8 1-inch-thick slices French bread  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 clove garlic, cut in half  
1 1/4 cups freshly grated Swiss cheese  
2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Bake the bread on a cookie sheet for 15 minutes. Brush the bread tops with the olive oil and rub the surface with the cut side of the garlic. Turn the bread slices over and

bake them another 15 minutes. Just before serving the soup, place the soup in oven-proof bowls and top each with one slice of the bread.

Sprinkle the cheeses evenly over the bread. Place the bowls on a cookie sheet and bake the soup for about 12 minutes or until the cheese melts and is bubbly.

### ROASTED ONION AND SHALLOT SOUP

4 medium yellow onions, peeled and thickly sliced  
12 shallots, peeled and halved  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
Salt and sugar  
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves  
6 cups vegetable stock  
1/4 cup dry sherry  
1/2 cup light cream

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Place the onions and

shallots on a cookie sheet. Sprinkle them with the olive oil and toss the vegetables to coat them lightly with the oil. Sprinkle the vegetables with some salt, sugar and the thyme leaves. Roast, turning the vegetables occasionally, for 45-50 minutes, or until they are lightly golden.

Place the vegetables in a soup pan. Add the rice and vegetable stock. Cover the pan and cook the soup at a simmer for 35 minutes. Puree the soup. Return the soup to the pan. Stir in the sherry wine and cook 1-2 minutes. Enrich the soup with cream, heat through and serve. Makes 6 servings.

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# Local class previews future Boise restaurant's cuisine

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Participants in a class next week will preview the cuisine of Boise chef Jonathan R. Mortimer's new restaurant, Franco Latino, set to open in April in Boise.

He will teach the "Franco Latino" class from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in

Twin Falls. Cost is \$45. The cuisine fuses French cooking styles and techniques and Latin flavors and ingredients. The class menu includes: cinnamon and cumarin-rubbed pork roast with spicy vegetable stew; seared salmon with chipotle essence; chile braised Kobe beef and cornbread with jalapeno jelly. To sign up, call Rudy's at 733-5477.

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### ONION AND POTATO SOUP WITH PITA CRISPS

6 medium all-purpose or Yukon Gold potatoes  
2 large carrots  
1 medium yellow onion, peeled and sliced  
2 (14-ounce) cans vegetable stock  
5 cups water  
1 tablespoon salt  
1/2 cup light cream, optional  
2 pita breads  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
Sea salt (or use regular table salt)

Peel potatoes and carrots, cut into small chunks and place in soup pot. Add onions, stock, water and salt. Bring to boil. Lower the heat and simmer the soup, partially covered, for 45-50 minutes, or until the vegetables have softened.

Puree the soup in the pot using a hand blender, or transfer to a small blender (return the soup to the pan).

Add cream. If desired, and cook 5 minutes or so to reheat. Serve immediately. In soup bowls, drizzle with cream, topped with 2 pita crisps.

To make crisps while soup cooks: Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Brush both sides of the bread with the olive oil and sprinkle with sea salt. Slice the breads into 8 wedges each. Place the wedges on a cookie sheet. Bake 4-5 minutes per side or until crispy. Makes 8 servings.

### FRENCH ONION SOUP

2 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
2 pounds yellow onions, peeled and sliced  
3/4 teaspoon salt, or to taste  
1/2 teaspoon sugar  
1 1/2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
6 cups heated beef stock



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**FOOD & HOME**

**Clipping your way to big savings at the store**

By **Rainee Erna**  
Chicago Tribune

Yes, coupons can be a pain to clip, much less organize. But do the math: Save \$3 per weekly trip, and that's more than \$150 in your pocket at year's end. It's not hard to do.

Some \$318 billion worth of coupons are issued every year, writes Stephanie "The Coupon Mom" Nelson in her book, "Great Secrets of The Coupon Mom" (DPL Press, \$17.99).

She notes that the best source for grocery coupons are the Sunday newspaper circulars. The Internet also is a good source — worthwhile sites include Nelson's, couponmom.com and coolings.com — but many sites require users to submit personal information they may prefer not to share.

To make clipping more expedient, invest in an inexpensive coupon organizer. When you've collected a decent pile, sort them during TV commercial

breaks or other empty minutes. Keep it where you'll remember to grab it before heading to the store.

Other tips:

- Use coupons when the item goes on sale for optimum value. Ditto when stores have double-coupon days.
- Accept coupon "extortion" — e.g., if you buy items A and B, you get item C for free — only if you will use all the products you have to buy. Ditto for sizes and/or flavors you don't typically purchase.

ly purchase.  
 • Skim through your organizer prior to each grocery trip to review your cache and toss expired coupons.  
 • Don't forget, coupons are accepted at many department and drug stores too.  
 • Coupons exist for your benefit, not vice-versa. Don't feel obligated to use them for items you don't need or don't normally buy. But when you're curious about trying a product, they're a great incentive.

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The Times-News

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To tell your story, or to tell us about someone else, call Times-News correspondent Joan Bean at 733-0830.

**Brussels sprouts — a seasonal survivor**

By **Leah Eskin**  
Chicago Tribune

In bitter weather we hunker down with hot tea and bulky sweater, willing to wait it out. We try not to dwell on those friends long gone, the fresh tomato and strawberry, sweet pea and peach. We prod the fire, stir the chocolate and sigh that we love winter. Really.

And yet, it's good to know that there is a comrade who goes the distance.

Take the brussels sprout. It may be small and round, hunched and humble. But it is green. And on the winter table, that's an accomplishment.

The brussels sprout enjoys a long slow grow, budding first from the stalk in series of curious knobs. It lumps along through mild, hot and chilly weather, right into the darkest months, reaching its sweetest best after frost. The brussels sprout faces the cold-weather feast fresh, free of brine, bottle or freezer burn.

During its many months of maturation, the brussels sprout draws wisdom from the deep, packing the baby bud with vitamin and mineral vigor. As well as a whiff of bitterness, which taints its reputation. Ancient vegetable folklore has it that the first sprout sprang from bitter herbs from lunchroom folk-lore is that sprouts sink.

Not so. We find the mini-cabbage crusts charming. Brussels roasts up dense and intense, their lightly layered leaves perfectly suited to drawing up seasoned sauce. Which is to say, butter.

We like our brussels bacon-flecked or salt-roasted or muddled into honey hash. Or, sliced and stuffed.

A happy heap of Brussels lends, no matter how finely pingled a slice job, still offers old-fashioned comfort.

**BROWN BUTTER BRUSSELS SPROUTS**

Serves 4

- Brussels sprouts
- Butter
- Salt and pepper
- Lemon

1. Gather: "Take oh, let's say a pound of Brussels sprouts and 2 tablespoons of butter, some salt, pepper and the juice of about 1 lemon," Chicago cook Donna Grezek said.

2. Shred: "Finely shred the Brussels sprouts. With a knife. One by one. You don't want to shred into the core. With a sprout lying on the table, start from the bud end. Cut circles, like a chiffonade. Cut around the stem."

3. Brown: "Brown your butter in a saute pan on high heat until it just begins to brown. Add the sprouts. You don't want to overcrowd the pan. If you overcrowd the pan they steam instead of saute. Then they get that overcooked broccoli taste."

4. Toss: "Toss until the edges just start to caramelize. All this is done over high heat."

5. Season: "Add salt and pepper and a squeeze of lemon."

6. Serve: "I take these to parties. Everyone's like, 'I never even knew I liked brussels sprouts.'"

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SPORTSQUOTE

The Steelers won the game and I'm still alive, so I guess I'm doing pretty good.

— Terry O'Neill, 50, of Pittsburgh, after he suffered a heart attack just seconds after Steelers player Jerome Bettis' fumble at the two-yard line late in the fourth quarter against the Indianapolis Colts

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Where did the Carolina Panthers receiver Steve Smith go to high school, junior college and college?
ANSWER below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High School BOWLING: Jerome at Gooding, 4 p.m.; Kimberly at Eller, 4 p.m.; Twin Falls at Minico, 4 p.m.
EWS BASKETBALL: Century at Burley, 7:30 p.m.; Deco at Snake River, 7:30 p.m.; Glenna Ferry at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.
Idaho Falls at Minico, 7:30 p.m.; Raft River at Oakley, 7:30 p.m.; Twin Falls at Pocatello, 7:30 p.m.
RICHFIELD at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.
WRESTLING: Minico at Highland, 6 p.m.; Gooding at Deco, 6 p.m.; Grace/Aberdeen at Raft River, 5:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Gooding wrestlers plan fundraiser

GOODING — The Gooding High wrestling program will hold a "Roasted Pig" benefit dinner at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23 in the Gooding High School multi-use room to raise money for state wrestling expenses. Cost will be \$5 per person or \$20 per family up to six people. Tickets may be purchased from wrestlers or at the door.

Igloo Pentathlon swim meet is Saturday

TWIN FALLS — More than 300 swimmers will compete in the annual Igloo Pentathlon meet this Saturday at the YMCA/City Pool by Twin Falls High School. Events start at 10 a.m.

ISU's Oliver to leave at end of season

FOCAEYELLO — Idaho State basketball coach Doug Oliver will step down at the end of the season. The Bengals (7-8, 0-4 Big Sky) have lost their last six games. "A few weeks ago, a few moments ago, whatever, I had made my decision that I wasn't going to come back for another year of coaching at Idaho State," Oliver said Tuesday. Oliver was hired at Idaho State in 1998 after 12 seasons as the head coach at Saint Joseph's.

He's 82-128 in eight seasons at Idaho State. Idaho State athletic director Paul Bubb said Oliver made the announcement at this point in the season out of concern for his players and a desire not to "put additional pressure on them based on wins and losses."

The Bengals have finished third or higher in the Big Sky Conference in three of their last five seasons.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Smith attended Los Angeles University High, Santa Monica City College, where he was a teammate of the Cincinnati Bengals Chad Johnson, and the University of Utah.

WRESTLING



Twin Falls High School senior Kyle Smith wrestles Minico's Case Hruza, bottom, Tuesday during their 160-pound match in Twin Falls. Smith prevailed by decision, 2-1.

Class dismissed

Minico dominates tri-meet against T.F., Buhl

By Nathaniel Garrabrandt Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It was everything you'd expect from a local tri-meet involving Minico, which is to say a thorough wrestling clinic courtesy of the Spartans. Looking forward to a tough dual at SA Highland Wednesday evening, Minico held warm ups last night in Twin Falls, defeating the host Bruins 69-15 before dispatching Buhl 74-3.

Twin Falls split on the night, staging a rally through the upper weights to claim a 46-34 victory over the Indians. "We just wanted to wrestle well tonight," said Spartans head coach Brad Cooper. "We've got a tough match tomorrow with Highland, so we wanted to look tough tonight and hopefully it carries over tomorrow."

In the evening's opening dual, Minico built a 48-0 lead against Twin Falls before the Bruins collected their first win with a dramatic 2-1 decision from senior 160-pounder Kyle Smith over Case Hruza.

The bout was scoreless before Smith conceded a point early in the third after giving up a third caution for jumping the whistle. Utilizing superior strength, Hruza kept Smith in check for the next two minutes and seemed to have the match locked up. But with only 24 seconds remaining on the clock, Smith slipped his opponent's grasp and collected a reversal to snag the win.

"Hruza, that kid is freakishly strong," said Smith. "I could just feel it — we'd tie up and he'd be crushing me with his forearms. I can't believe I got that caution. I kept going too soon. Then, 24 seconds left, I saw the clock when there was a minute left and I thought I better go. So I just felt it, I set up and thank God, man, I pulled it out. I knew that my team needed it. I didn't want it to be like 86-0. I just felt like it was up to me being the team captain."

Twin Falls sophomore 171-pounder Brent Martinez followed Smith with a pin of Kottie Barrie in 1:48. Martinez was the only non-Spartan wrestler to record two pins on the night, later pinning Buhl's Vincent Orr in 2:23.

But, as evidenced by the scores, it was Minico's night just about everywhere else, with showcase performances in almost every weight division. Among them, as usual, were strong showings from Kirt Anderson at 145 and Wes Cooper at 189.

"It doesn't matter who I'm wrestling," said Anderson after pinning Twin Falls' Adam Atwood in 54 seconds. "I've always got to wrestle tough. So I read my shot, took him down. With my shot, I set up a turn, turned him. There's always something you can do, it just depends on what they give you."

Cooper also took care of business quickly, pinning Twin Falls' Nathan Hansen in 55 ticks and Buhl's Jake Busby in 1:14. "We just got back from a tournament in Idaho and it's good to have a match to get back into things," said Cooper. "We hadn't had a dual for a while so it's good to have a dual."

Buhl senior Cameron Sobotka celebrated his 18th birthday by notching the Indians' lone win against the Spartans, an 8-5 decision over Robert Fernandez at 135. Sobotka built a 7-1 lead in the first period with a pair of takedowns and a near-fall and held on as Fernandez seemed to find a second wind late in the second period.

"Just trying to go over what our coaches have been teaching us in practice," Sobotka said. "Taking good shots, getting out Please see CLASS, Page D2

Bruins defense denies Minico

By Wes Smalling Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — After two straight losses, the defensively minded Twin Falls Bruins got back on track with a 41-29 non-conference girls basketball win over the Minico Spartans on Tuesday in Baun Gymnasium.

It was a slow start on the scoreboard for both teams in the first quarter and Twin Falls crawled to a 6-5 lead by the end of the turnover-filled period.

"I think the first quarter was pretty sloppy but the next three quarters were a lot more like we have been playing," said Bruins head coach Joe D. Shepard. The two teams picked up the pace offensively in the second quarter, which featured Minico junior Sarah Schenk's second 3-point shot of the night and a six-point performance off the bench by Bruin senior post Tristin Woodhouse. A buzzer-beating putback by Bruin senior point guard Ashley Irons put the Bruins up 24-19 at the end of the quarter.

But the Bruins have won games this season by slowing down the game with their defense. And in the third quarter, their defense was stingy as it gets: The Spartans failed to score a single point in the third.

"We adjusted our defense at halftime," Shepard said. "We went to box zone. On Schenk, because she started hitting a couple shots."



Minico Spartans guard Dan Ramirez battles Bruin guard Brenley Box for the ball during their girls basketball game Tuesday in Baun Gymnasium in Twin Falls.

The Bruins held Schenk to a pair of free throws in the fourth hour 25-minute match on Tuesday 10-8 in the final game. Minico head coach Clint Stratman said his team usually scoring 80 percent of points on her first serve, firing six aces and hitting 18 winners.

Davenport was consistent, winning 80 percent of points on her first serve, firing six aces and hitting 18 winners. She next plays the winner of Wednesday's match between Russians Maria Krikenko and Galina Voskoboeva.

Davenport does it tough to advance to third round

MELBOURNE, Australia — Lindsay Davenport got a tough workout from Karolina Spikien in the second round of the Australian Open before advancing Wednesday with a 7-6 (4), 6-3 victory.

Australian Open

forehand winners. Davenport, the 2000 Australian champion, had six breakpoint chances in the second set before finally converting after the sixth game went to deuce six times.

Two of Davenport's three previous wins over Sprem have come at majors. She won in the fourth-round here last year en route to the final and the quarterfinals at Wimbledon in 2004 after losing the set with consecutive

6-0, 7-5 win over Julia Schurrif, who had ousted ninth-seeded Elena Dementieva in the first round. Defending women's champion Serena Williams was to play Camille Pin of France later Wednesday, while No. 4 Maria Sharapova faced American Ashley Harkleroad. Men's No. 2 Andy Roddick was scheduled to play Wesley Moodie.

The Associated Press

ing champion Venus Williams. Sprem worked Davenport around with some big serves and powerful forehands in the 1

On Thursday, Twin Falls (9-9) plays at Highland and Minico (5-12) plays at Jerome.

Two Falls AI, Minico 29

Raising hair, medals in search of Olympic glory

The Winter Olympics are more than three weeks away, so there's no reason to panic if you still can't tell a skeleton from a slalom, or a triple lutz from a triple toe.



TIM DAHLBERG

Don't know what a Salchow is? Don't have a cow, because the peacock network will devote 416 hours over 17 days to explain the intricacies of sports most Americans have no clue about.

Here's a primer, though, for those wanting a headstart on the only thing that really matters back home about the Turin Games — how many medals the skaters, skiers, boarders and, yes, even curlers, from the United States will win.

And because a good place to begin because, right now, the prospects of a big medal haul for the U.S. team seem to be halter than the top of Zach Lund's head.

Lund, in case you missed it, is a skeleton racer, one of a rare breed of thrill seekers who love nothing better than to strap themselves to a sled and head point it down a mountain, and hold on for dear life.

He's pretty good at it, too. So good, in fact, that he's earned a leading the World Cup rankings at the beginning of the year and was a medal favorite in Turin.

He's apparently not so fearless, though, when it comes to appearing in public without his helmet. You see, Lund is folliolly challenged and, like many men, takes a moment supposed to stare off balding.

You can't blame Lund for trying to save his hair at the tender age of 28. Chicks may dig guys who have a little hair, but they're usually so fond of guys who are going prematurely bald.

Unfortunately, the primary ingredient in his Prospect is the same thing used to give a performance-enhancing drug from detection in urine tests. Busted for a bad hair day, He now faces a hearing that could keep him from Turin.

Lund isn't the only one who may end up getting a refund on his airfare to Italy. The U.S. team hopes to qualify only one female slider, and some sliders claim there are some, er, skeletons in the closet of U.S. coach Tim Naeffle, too.

Naeffle, under suspension while the U.S. Olympic Committee decides whether to let him go to Turin after several female sliders have been arrested there sexually. He professes his innocence, but the issue is such a sensitive one that it's hard to believe Naeffle will be allowed to go to Turin.

From head to groin, there are question marks everywhere. Michelle Kwan will likely be asked to qualify only one female figure skater in the Olympics, despite a grain pull that kept her out of the U.S. Championships over the weekend and questions over whether she can compete for a medal under new figure skating judging rules.

Kwan was given a spot on the team over her rival, the people who run the U.S. Figure Skating team in a special session worthy of a papal election to debate whether the elected selection. When a puff of white smoke came out of a St. Louis area, they had helped protect NBC's investment by putting the only real skating star American out of the team.

Figure skating may be the most popular Winter Olympics event on American television, but viewers are going to have to get to know a lot of Russian skaters on the medal podium. U.S. chances for medals are on such thin ice that it took an act of Congress — not a presidential veto — to make Canada's Tanith Belbin an American citizen in time so she and partner Benjamin Agosto could have a chance to win something.

That would, of course, be the always worthy anticipated ice dancing competition.

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SPORTS

AK-47 goes off for triple-double

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Andre Kirilenko had Utah's first triple-double since 1999 and the Jazz ended a two-game losing streak by beating the Toronto Raptors 111-98 Tuesday night.



Utah Jazz forward Andre Kirilenko (47), of Russia, forces his way to the basket against Toronto Raptors guard Lennox Ross during the third quarter of their NBA game Tuesday, in Salt Lake City.

Kirilenko finished with 16 rebounds and 11 assists for the Jazz's first triple since Karl Malone's 29 points, 12 boards and 10 assists May 4, 1999, against the Los Angeles Clippers. Kirilenko also had four blocks to go with his first career triple-double.

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By the start of the fourth quarter, Kirilenko was one rebound and two assists short of the triple-double and the Raptors pulled down two boards to get even closer. Toronto was keeping the score just close enough that coach Jerry Sloan left Kirilenko and the other starters in the game and Kirilenko finally got the triple with a few minutes to go.

Kirilenko tapped the ball in the corner to keep it from going out of bounds, then he got to the loose ball before anyone else could and passed it underneath to Brown for a layup that put the Jazz ahead 103-87 with about 3:40 left in the game.

Hurricanes hustle past Flyers, 4-3

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Rod Brindley scored the fourth round of a shootout to lift the Carolina Hurricanes to their eighth straight victory, 4-3 over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday.

Brian Glavin scored the game's first two goals. Grant Marshall got the go-ahead goal and Patrick Elins had three assists for New Jersey. The Devils have won seven in a row and sent the Blues to their seventh straight loss.

Devils 5, Blues 3

ST. LOUIS — Martin Brodeur broke a tie with Hall of Famer Tony Esposito for fifth place on the NHL career goals list, making 26 saves in the New Jersey Devils' 5-3 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Tuesday night.

Islanders 2, Blackhawks 1, OT

CHICAGO — Oleg Khvatko scored off a rebound at 3:02 of overtime, and Rick DiPietro made 34 saves in the New York Islanders' 2-1 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Tuesday night.

Class

Continued from D1. In the night's concluding dual, Twin Falls took every division from 160 on to transform a 34-22 deficit into a win by defeating their consecutive wins and garnering forfeits at 215 and heavyweight.

Results

Middle 60, Twin Falls 25 100-pound — Andrew DeMarco won by split decision, 10-9. 115-pound — Mike Galt won by split decision, 10-9. 135-pound — Mike Galt won by split decision, 10-9. 150-pound — Mike Galt won by split decision, 10-9.

Davenport

Continued from D1. 2002 over Nevada No. 349, Hings was back for the first time since playing in six consecutive Australian final four events. Hings won three straight starting in 1997, then lost three straight.

and heel problems.

"I could already feel the atmosphere creeping in from the previous years. You don't know how good it feels — this stadium has so good for me. Other women's winners Tuesday included second-seeded Kim Clinger, third-seeded Anicla Mauremsio and No. 5 Mary Pierce. Men's winners Tuesday included top-ranked Roger Federer and No. 3 Lleyton Hewitt, who lost the final here last year to Marat Safin.

Dahlberg

Continued from D1. the head, everyone keeps trying to get inside the one belonging to Bode Miller.

and a free thinker, whose idea of a great Olympics would be to take his best and not win any medals at all. How he's going to explain that to Nike, which is reading a huge advertising bill, built around him and is paying him millions to win gold, should be interesting.

Filer girls knock off Declo

The Times-News

Local sports

FILER — Sophomore Jill Hancy had 14 points and 10 rebounds to lead Filer to a 57-46 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference home win over Declo Tuesday.

Gooding 54, Buhl 11

BUHL — Amy Tranhoff scored 17 for Gooding as the Senators rolled over the Buhl Indians 54-11 in Tuesday night's Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference action. Britaine Tonne put up 13 and Katie Garcia added 10 to contribute to the win.

Bliss 34, Shoshone 32

SHOSHONE — Bliss pulled up a road Magic Valley Northside Conference win as the Bears defeated the host Indians 34-32 Tuesday. Bliss jumped out to a first lead, but was more aggressive and attacked the basket.

Filer 87, Declo 46

Declo: 10-11-00 11:14-12:00

Gooding 54, Buhl 11

Gooding: 10-11-00 7:40-8:30

Wendell 29, Kimberly 31

WENDELL — Led by senior guard Hallie Kelsey's 22 points, the Wendell Trojans defeated the Kimberly Bulldogs 39-31 Tuesday night.

Bliss 34, Shoshone 32

Bliss: 10-11-00 7:11-8:00

Dietrich 48, Carey 38

CAREY — Free throws were the difference in the Dietrich Blue Devils beat the Carey Panthers 48-38 in a Northside conference game Tuesday.

Wendell 29, Kimberly 31

Wendell: 10-11-00 7:40-8:30

Hagerman 63, Castletown 26

HAGERMAN — Freshman Breccia Mangum registered a double-double for Hagerman as the Pirates moved to 10-0 in the Northwest Southside Conference with a home win over Castletown 63-26 on Tuesday.

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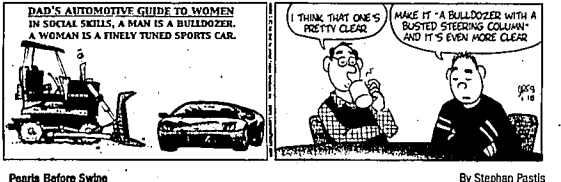
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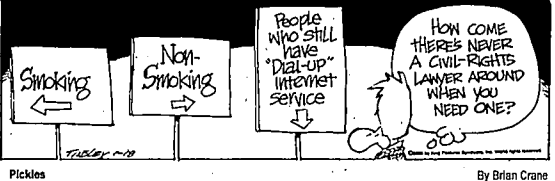
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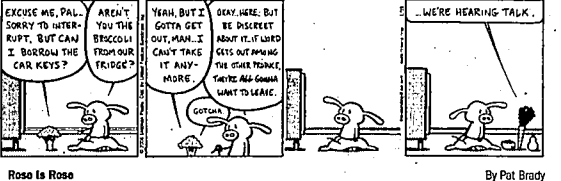
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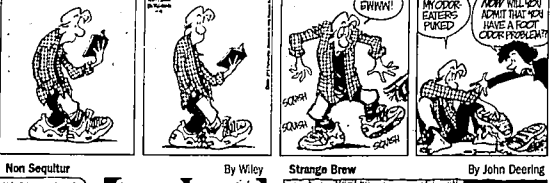
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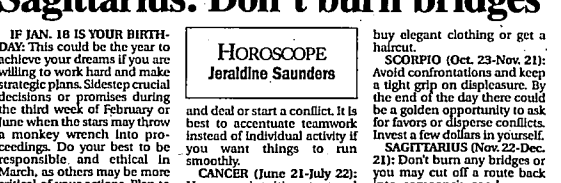
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Sagittarius: Don't burn bridges

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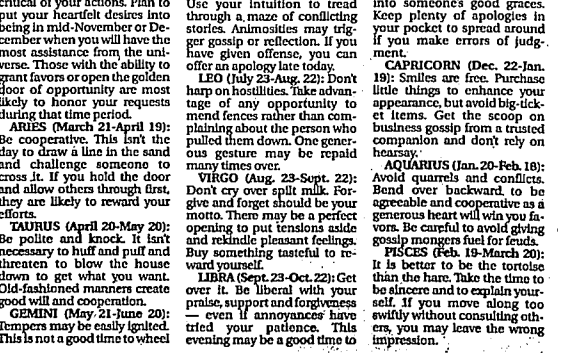
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and deal or start a conflict. It is best to accentuate teamwork instead of individual activity if you want things to run smoothly. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Use your intuition to tread through a maze of conflicting stories...

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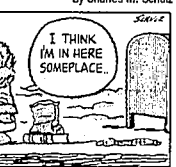
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"When did cowboys start hidin' horses instead of cows?"

# Poem brightens bleak holiday for woman mourning her mom



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

promised to "love, honor and cherish" your mother at the time of their marriage. If your mother were in her right mind, she would not want you to sacrifice your independence. Do not allow your father's guilt to move back. This is his problem. Please do not allow him to make it yours.

DEAR ABBY: While visiting my aunt over the Thanksgiving holiday, I noticed your booklet, "Keepers" on her coffee table. While thumbing through it, I came across a poem that made me think of my mother, who died in early September. I was missing her terribly at that moment, and the poem lifted my spirits and comforted me. I asked my aunt where she had gotten the booklet, and she told me she had ordered it from you last spring.

Is it still available, and how can I get some of them? I'd love to share that poem and some of the others in your collection with my sisters and brothers.

—ISLAND GIRL  
DEAR ISLAND GIRL: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother. I'm sure the holidays will be especially poignant for you and your siblings, but please know that your mother would not have wanted her death to bring you sadness. She gave you life, and would want you to make the most out of every day that you are given.

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is included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY: After 26 years of marriage, my parents seem headed for divorce. My father is the one who wants it, and I sent my manic-depressive mother into the hospital with thoughts of suicide.

Now I am in the middle. My mother doesn't want to talk to my father, so the only information he can get is from me. He has mentioned several times the idea of my moving back home and taking care of her. He is planning to move out in a month.

Abby, I only recently got out on my own, and I am enjoying my independence. I love my mother and don't want to lose her, but I am resistant to moving back into a house where I have experienced so much pain. Am I being selfish? What should I do?

—FEELING GUILTY  
IN THE MIDWEST  
DEAR FEELING GUILTY: The person who brings selfish is your father. He's trying to talk you into assuming the responsibility he assumed when he

DEAR ABBY: I have a 15-year-old son, "Max" has just announced that he has a girlfriend. He talks to her on the phone constantly. I have met her, and she's a very nice girl.

I had the "sex" talk with Max. I explained about AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, and how some girls who say they're on the pill really aren't, and that the pill does not protect either partner from sexually transmitted diseases. I also gave my son condoms (only two) and explained that it was not permission to have sex. However, I'm afraid he might not listen and do it anyway. If that happens, I want my boy to be protected.

I have gotten conflicting opinions from friends about having given Max the condoms. Do you think I did the right thing? —DON'T WANNA BE A GRANDMAMA (YET) IN MANHATTAN BEACH  
DEAR DON'T: I think you did the right thing, also the intelligent and pragmatic thing—and in exactly the right order.

# 100-year-old man gets married

MORRIS CHAPEL, Tenn. — For the third time in his 100 years, the Rev. James Rual Chalk has walked down the aisle.

Chalk on Sunday married long-time friend Evelyn Johnson, 68, before nearly 100 family members and friends.

"I told someone I'd know my Brother Chalk since I was 10," said Pastor Dennis Moffett, lowering his hand just below his hip. "The one of his family asked him, 'Is there one he hasn't known since they were that high?'"

Chalk has known Evelyn since 1922. Her husband died in 1959, and his second wife, Lou, died a year ago after a long illness.

"I asked her if she knew anything about me, and she said she would make her not want to marry me," said Chalk, who together with his new wife has a blended family of four children, 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Evelyn's answer: "There's nothing not to like about James."

Chalk has been a fixture in the community, both as a preacher and a contractor. Age hasn't slowed him down, either. A few months ago he got a speeding ticket.

Evelyn said that "some of my friends asked why I would marry someone his age, and I said, 'They don't make them like that any more at this age.'"

2-year-old summoned to serve jury duty  
"NEW BEDFORD," Mass. — Kaylee Reynolds had a huge problem when she received a recent summons to serve jury duty. She wasn't old enough to read it.

The 2-year-old has quite a few years to go before she reaches the minimum age of 18 to serve on a state jury. Lucky for Kaylee, New Hampshire's Chief Justice Patricia J. Wood seemed willing to let it slide for a while.



James R. Chalk, 100, kisses his new wife, Evelyn Johnson, 68, during their wedding Sunday at the House of Mercy in Morris Chapel, Tenn.

## Odds & Ends

"We'll give her a 16-gauge grace period," Wood said.

Wood guessed the mix-up could be traced to a local census form. If the form has a blank or mistake birth date, July 4, 1776, is filled in.

"With that date well know it is wrong," Wood said.

Besides her questionable understanding of the concepts of guilt or innocence, there are other reasons why it's best to wait for Kaylee to serve. Her mother, Patricia, says Kaylee gets really crazy if she doesn't get her nighttime nap.

Parrot attacks burglar, helps solve crime  
WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Polly went a burglar!

A pet parrot attacked a man who broke into its owner's apartment, and the bite and blood marks helped police identify a suspect.

The blue and gold macaw-

hybrid named Sunshine attacked Michael L. Deeter, 44, after he broke into the apartment, police said. Sunshine had blood on its beak and Deeter had marks on his hand consistent with those made by a parrot.

Deeter told police the bird bit him very hard after he entered James 12B's apartment and he still had the marks to prove it when he was arrested, authorities said. He allegedly got away with about \$100 and a camcorder.

The crime-fighting bird also helped pinpoint the time of the break-in at 3 p.m. Saturday, when a neighbor heard it making a commotion.

Deeter became a suspect when police learned he had called Erb around 1 p.m. Saturday and learned he would be leaving for work. Deeter confessed to breaking the glass in the door to get into the apartment, but said he was too drunk to remember anything else but his encounter with the bird, police said.

—compiled from

# Hole-in-one odds: One in 2,386 rounds

Odds of making a hole-in-one on the golf course? If you're a really, really good amateur or a pro male, you may make a hole-in-one every 206 rounds (in female pros: one in every 238 rounds). If you're like most of us, though, you may average one every 2,386 rounds.

This day in history: A.A. Milne, creator of Winnie the Pooh, was born on Jan. 18, 1882. His famous initials stood for the name his proud parents gave him: Alan Alexander Milne.

"Goodie" came from the Bantu word for peanut, "nguba." The significant difference between a star and a planet is that a star has a mass big enough to crush atoms and burn. How big does that have to be? Well, the smallest-known star is only about 10 to 50 times bigger than Jupiter, which in turn is 11 times bigger than Earth.



Random Kinds of Factiness  
Jack Mingo  
Erin Barrett

president of the United States. Ross Bagdasarian, creator of the singing chipmunks — Alvin, Simon and Theodore — was said to have gotten his inspiration from watching chipmunks.

Yosemite National Park — and then named his characters after the officers of his record company.

What's that smell? "Musks" comes from "muschka," the Sanskrit word for testicle. Moose are lethal fighters. If one stands its ground, a wolf will back down and skulk away.

Vespa is the medical name for a hangover.

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

# Demand soars for newly approved diet pill

Public has 12 hours to get free pills that were the subject of ConsumerLab test featured on NBC, Today Show, CNN, Oprah Magazine

BY MARK STODDARD  
Universal Media Syndicate

Regional Health Hotline operators are dishing out a full month's supply of free diet pills to dieters from all across the country.

Today, for just 12 hours only, consumers will flood Regional Health Hotlines that have been set up for each time zone.

They'll be trying to beat the clock in order to get a free supply of a diet pill that is newly approved for quality.

This massive support effort is being coordinated to provide a free full month's supply of PatentLEAN® to every adult over age 18 who calls the toll free hotline. They will only be asked to cover the cost for just the second month.

This effort was launched to make sure consumers can get PatentLEAN® now until new shipments are able to reach over 22,000 pharmacies nationwide.

The generous program provides the first month free for those who beat the deadline. But, the free program faces possible cuts due to supply chain shortages.

It all started when a highly publicized ConsumerLab.com report appeared last month approving the quality of the diet pill called PatentLEAN®.

All the publicity following the feature stories about ConsumerLab's Tests on NBC, Today Show, CNN, and in "O" the Oprah Magazine is expected to totally deplete national pharmacy supplies of PatentLEAN®.

The well respected report showed that PatentLEAN® is the only diet pill "approved" with "the dose found to be effective," and without health-risk stimulants.

With 4 U.S. Patents pertaining to weight loss, clinical studies and now this new ConsumerLab quality approval, PatentLEAN® gives readers the assurance that this product is safe and effective.

Two clinical studies showed that with PatentLEAN®, proper diet and exercise people lost 3 times more weight than those who tried diet and exercise alone. Remarkably, 80% of the average weight

lost was from body fat in just 8 weeks!

Now, this massive national stop-gap effort has been organized to dispense remaining supplies of the newly approved diet pills direct to the general public for free.

A company spokesman confirmed that extraordinary steps were required. By the time pharmacies could place new orders through normal distribution channels, it would take months before shelves could be restocked.

"Even though it was not my fault, now it's my problem," said Matthew Woods, Chief of Health Supply Services. "No one saw it coming. So we had to take these steps to make sure everyone gets their supply of the recently approved diet pills. We are still providing the first of a two month's supply free, even though a sudden national shortage exists," Woods confirmed.

"Some may be lucky enough to find a pharmacy with a supply still on hand. We urge readers to go to their pharmacy first. We've heard reports that Rite Aid still had some stock. If you find it there, by all means buy it and then send us the receipt so we can send you your free additional month supply," Woods said.

"Chances are they will be sold out. That's why we're bracing for all the calls. But those who call must use the designated phone number set up for their time zone to get the free supply. If the lines are busy, please tell them to keep trying," he added.

"We'll do whatever it takes to be sure everyone gets through, but we can't help you after the phone lines close. We can only guarantee stock for twelve hours. After that, when it's gone, it's gone, and callers will be turned away until our labs can produce new supplies," Woods said.

Everyone wants to get the full 8 week supply, because that's what the clinical trials used to achieve the remarkable weight loss results.

The phone lines will be open for 12 full hours with extra operators brought in to support all the calls.

"Now, there's going to be a lot of excited people shedding pounds," said Woods. "We're pulling out all the stops to keep up with demand."

That's why the next 12 hours are so critical. It is important that readers use the special telephone number for their time zone to beat the deadline. ■

## You can take the weight loss test

Circle 'True' or 'False' after each question. If you answer TRUE to 3 or more, you could achieve good results with newly approved PatentLEAN®.

QUESTION	TRUE	FALSE
1. As I age, it is harder for me to lose weight.	T	F
2. I have failed at dieting more than once.	T	F
3. I want to lose at least 12 pounds.	T	F
4. I want visible results that will be noticed.	T	F
5. I made a resolution to lose but it was too hard to keep with it.	T	F
6. I don't want stimulants like caffeine, green tea or ephedrine.	T	F
7. I am a victim of Yo-Yo dieting.	T	F
8. I am concerned about the health risks of being overweight.	T	F
9. I want to see good results in less than 8 weeks.	T	F
10. I would rather eat five times a day than 'starve.'	T	F

## Doctors tell us how to lose weight and help keep it off

Clinical studies back safe and effective, quality approved diet pill that has now been awarded four United States Government Patents

BY MARY BETH ANDREWS  
Universal Media Syndicate

After reading ConsumerLab.com's report approving the quality of PatentLEAN, I was intrigued to find out why diet failure may not be the dieter's fault. So I sat down with two distinguished medical researchers, Dr. John L. Zenk and Dr. Joseph C. Dietz, to understand how to help lose weight and keep it off.

### Question: What is PatentLEAN?

**Answer: Dr. Zenk** PatentLEAN is an effective and trusted dietary supplement that has been clinically tested as a method of losing weight primarily through the reduction of body fat.

### Question: Does PatentLEAN contain any stimulants?

**Answer: Dr. Dietz** No. PatentLEAN contains absolutely no stimulants or vasoconstrictors such as Ephedrine, Caffeine, Green Tea or PPA (phenylpropanolamine).

### Question: What is the active ingredient in PatentLEAN capsules? Does it have any negative side effects?

**Answer: Dr. Zenk** The active ingredient in PatentLEAN is called 3-Acetyl-7-Oxo-Dehydroplandrosterone. Clinical results show no serious adverse side effects when used as directed.

### Question: What is it?

**Answer: Dr. Dietz** This complex compound is a natural substance which is produced by the body.

### Question: Is PatentLEAN natural?

**Answer: Dr. Zenk** Yes. PatentLEAN begins as natural organic plant material. It is manufactured to a very high level of purity. Its potency was approved by ConsumerLab.com's report.

### Question: Why do I need to take PatentLEAN if my body makes it naturally?

**Answer: Dr. Dietz** As we age, our natural production of this complex compound declines. This decline is most dramatic after the age of 30. By age 40, we produce only half as much of the material needed to make 3-Acetyl-7-Oxo-Dehydroplandrosterone as we did at age 20. By taking PatentLEAN, you are simply putting back something that declines as we age.

### Question: How long until PatentLEAN starts working?

**Answer: Dr. Zenk** It starts working immediately, however it is important that you use PatentLEAN for the full eight weeks. This is a realistic time frame to see good weight loss results. The clinical studies were conducted over an eight week period. Once you have achieved your desired weight loss, we recommend PatentLEAN to help maintain your new weight.

### Question: Will I have to starve myself while using PatentLEAN?

**Answer: Dr. Dietz** Absolutely not. We actually recommend 5 balanced, reduced calorie meals a day. What most of us don't understand is that diets by themselves often stall our metabolism. The body goes into a physical response of being starved and over time it begins to lose muscle mass as a defense mechanism. It is not uncommon to see Resting Metabolism drop by 3% or more as a result of this response. But the participants in one double blind clinical study who took PatentLEAN on a calorie restricted diet without exercise actually experienced a 5.3% increase to their resting metabolism. That is why it can be important to continue taking PatentLEAN even if you slip off your diet for a while. It may help combat the effects of decreased metabolism from past Yo-Yo dieting.

### Question: What about exercise?

**Answer: Dr. Zenk** Even a simple exercise plan with PatentLEAN is the most effective way to keep the body from going into a physical response to being starved. In clinical studies of PatentLEAN participants diet included one thousand eight hundred calories and one hundred eighty minutes exercise per week including warm up and cool down, so consult your physician to develop your program.

### End of interview.

Well, I have to admit that even I was impressed with these doctors and their easy to understand explanations in simple layman's terms on how PatentLEAN can work and help lose weight and keep it off. And it's a really good bargain since covering the second month gets you the full first month's supply free. ■

By Mary Beth Andrews

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DR. ZENK SERVES AS THE CLINICAL MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE COMPANY WHICH PATENTED THE ACTIVE INGREDIENT IN PATENTLEAN. DR. DIETZ CURRENTLY CONDUCTS FULL-TIME DIET AND PHARMACOLOGICAL RESEARCH FOR PATENTLEAN.

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### IMPRESSIVE PILL:

Actual Size 



PatentLEAN is the brand that has been newly approved by ConsumerLab.com

## When to call to get Free Supply

To assure the orderly movement of the supplies of PatentLEAN until drug stores are able to restock their shelves, a Regional Health Hotline has been set up.

You can now call during the times that are listed in your time zone. Simply call the number to get your full month's supply free, you will only be asked to cover the cost of the second month's supply with shipping so you'll have it immediately.

1. Begin calling at the exact time using the designated telephone line shown below for your time zone.
2. It has been reported that a supply of PatentLEAN exists at Rite Aid. If you can find a pharmacy that has PatentLEAN, just pick up 2 bottles and then send your sales receipt to the address provided and you'll receive another full month's supply. Call the Regional Health Hotline to get an authorization code to write on your receipt.

This is the phone number you should call for your time zone if you live in the:

PACIFIC TIME ZONE

MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE

CENTRAL TIME ZONE

EASTERN TIME ZONE



Begin Calling at 10:00 AM  
Lines Close at 10:00 PM  
Your Hotline is: 1-800-238-5223

Begin Calling at 10:30 AM  
Lines Close at 10:30 PM  
Your Hotline is: 1-800-601-3407

Begin Calling at 11:00 AM  
Lines Close at 11:00 PM  
Your Hotline is: 1-800-781-3348

Begin Calling at 11:30 AM  
Lines Close at 11:30 PM  
Your Hotline is: 1-800-207-1749

Ask for Dept. H4152

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## Market Watch

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Dow Jones Industrials	10,860.32
Nasdaq composite	2,302.69
Standard & Poor's 500	1,282.93
Russell 2000	703.62

AP Photo

## Stocks of local interest

close change	
Con Agra	\$20.55 ▲ .03
Idacorp	\$31.18 ▲ .23
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## Commodities

close change	
Oil, by barrel	\$55.05 ▲ .23
Live cattle	\$65.55 ▲ .57
Gold (per oz)	\$1,252.70 ▲ 2.72

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## Lynwood board members named

The 2006 board for the Lynwood Merchants Association are: President Vert Yergensen of Twin Stop Chevron, Vice-president Jack Englinger of Idaho Title Loans, Secretary Jamie Carlton of Uderly Family and Friends, Treasurer J.R. Scholes of Mr. Han's/The Stylist, Linda Nebeker of Hart's Tux and Gowns, Storm McKague of Idaho Title Loans, and owner-appointee Bob Ringer of Hamnack Management.

## Idaho Power rates topic of meetings

**BOISE** — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is having public meetings over the next three weeks. In Twin Falls, Pocatello and Boise about Idaho Power's request for a 7.8 percent rate increase. The Twin Falls meeting will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at Twin Falls City Hall, 305 Third Ave. The other meetings are Jan. 23 in Boise and Jan. 24 in Pocatello.

If Idaho Power's request is approved by the commission, the bill for an average residential customer who uses 1,200 kilowatt-hours per month would increase from \$74.23 to \$79.18.

## Briefly

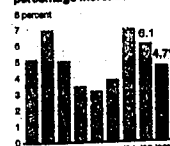
**Ameristar Casinos, Inc.** plans to release its fourth quarter 2005 earnings report Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. ... **Yuhoo Inc.'s** fourth-quarter profit was up 53 percent over the same quarter in 2004. The company reports \$683.2 million in earnings ending in December ... **Technology Inc.** has called for the redemption on Feb. 6 of its 250 percent convertible subordinated notes due Feb. 1, 2010. ... **Albus** is remaining on top of the global passenger jet market in 2005.

— compiled from wire and staff reports

## Money snapshot

### Retail sales decline projected for 2006

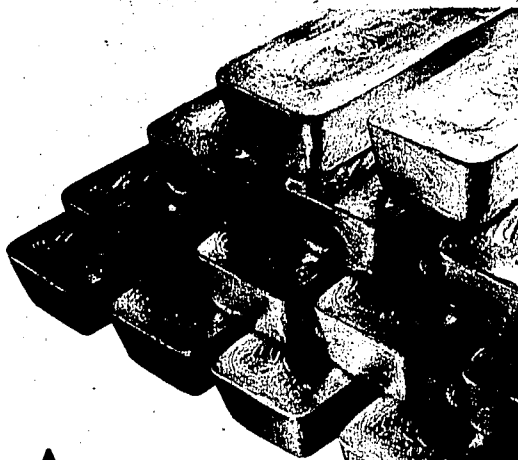
Consumer spending is expected to slow down this year due to economic trends that include rising energy costs and a slowdown of the housing market. Total retail sales annual percentage increase



Retail chain store sales index, Average monthly percentage change, Q4 2005 year

3.4%  
3.8%  
3.8%  
3.9%  
3.9%  
3.0%

SOURCES: National Retail Federation; AP Operational Council of Shopping Centers



# A new gold rush

## As prices rise, gold producers boost exploration, production

By Sandy Shore  
Associated Press writer

**DENVER** — From offices in a downtown skyscraper overlooking the snow-capped Rockies, Newmont Mining Corp. is intensifying a global hunt for the next mother lode of gold.

Spurred by rising prices, Newmont opened one gold mine in Nevada in December and plans to open two more — one in Nevada and another in Ghana — in 2007.

Other corporate prospectors are taking similar steps, dusting off back-burner projects and pouring more money into exploration around the world. They are moving that environmentalists decry as a threat to pristine habitats, air and water.

This isn't just a conservationist issue; this is a human health issue, said Julie Wedge of Nevada's Great Basin Mine Watch environmental group.

Mining companies pulled back on production and exploration when gold prices faltered and sank to a 20-year low in the late 1990s after central banks determined they no longer needed to keep large gold stocks. By 2004, production had flattened out and then declined.

Gold prices, meantime, have climbed back into the mid-\$500 range, recently hitting the highest level since 1981. "We think it's going to be a good period for some number of years," Newmont Chief Executive Wayne Murdy said.

Production is expected to be flat to slightly up in the next few years as companies complete regulatory and permit processes before starting operations, analysts and industry officials say.

Many of these projects, which were discovered in the mid-'90s or even earlier, were put on the shelf when prices drifted below \$350. But these are the kind of projects that are coming back on stream, said Bruce Alway, a senior analyst with London-based GFMG, a precious metals consulting organization.

It also means people are going to be spending money on projects that were more advanced or kept going to fast-track stuff that they've got on the books," he said.

Companies also are putting more money into exploration, a key to the industry's future. From 2004 to 2005, exploration budgets for 95 percent of the world's gold

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A miner works in Newmont Mining's Leeville mine near Carlin, Nev., in this November photo. Newmont is intensifying a global hunt for the next mother lode of gold.

## About Newmont Mining

**BACKGROUND:** Founded as a holding company in 1922 in New York City, first gold production occurred in 1923 when Newmont acquired Empire Star Mine in California.

**HEADQUARTERS:** Denver  
**OPERATIONS:** Operates mines on 51,500 square miles around the world, including the United States, Indonesia, South America, Asia and Australia/New Zealand. Mine in Ghana scheduled to start this year. **GOLD:** Newmont had 92.4 million equity ounces of gold reserves and 7 million equity ounces of gold sales in 2004.

**EMPLOYEES:** 14,000  
**ON THE NET:** <http://www.newmont.com>

The Associated Press

# SEC wants more about executive pay and perks

By Marcy Gordon  
Associated Press writer

**WASHINGTON** — Regulators moved Tuesday to require companies to provide far greater detail about executives' pay and perks in an effort to bring more openness to an area that has provoked investor anger.

The five-member Securities and Exchange Commission voted unanimously to propose the biggest changes in rules governing disclosure of executives' compensation since 1992. The proposal could be adopted by the SEC sometime after a 60-day public comment period, possibly in time for the spring annual-meeting season next year.

Publicly traded companies for the first time would be required to furnish tables in annual filings showing the total yearly compensation for their chief executive officers, chief financial officers and the next three highest-paid executives. The true costs to the bottom line of the executives' pay packages, including stock options, would have to be spelled out.

"This information is information that shareholders have a right to know," Commissioner Cynthia Glassman said before the vote.

Also under the SEC proposal:

• The level at which an executive's total perks must be detailed would be reduced from \$50,000 to \$10,000.

• New disclosure tables for executives' retirement benefits and the compensation of company directors would be required.

• Companies would be required to explain the objectives behind executives' compensation. Annual filings would have to include sections written in plain English on executive pay.

Studies have shown dissatisfaction in top executives' salaries, bonuses and stock benefits in recent years, as well as big increases in compensation as a percentage of company earnings — money that otherwise would go to shareholders. At the same time, critics of corporate conduct underline what they see as a disconnect between pay and performance.

With the pay gap between employees and bosses widening enormously, Commissioner Roper Campos said, investors may ask whether "payment for performance has been replaced by payment for pulse."

SEC Chairman Christopher Cox, who has made full disclosure a priority since taking the agency helm last August said, "Simply put, our rules are out of date."

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# Retailers redesign as boomers hit 60

By Yan Q. Mu  
The Washington Post

The new Good Grips flip claw hammer has a fiberglass core and a non-slip handle, to lighten shock and prevent injury.

Whirlpool Corp. created a front-loading washing machine mounted on a pedestal to reduce back strain.

Moore Inc. designed a new line of shower-stall grab bars that tries to mask its purpose — to prevent people from slipping — behind sleek metallic finishes and special detailing.

As the baby-boom generation starts turning 60, retailers are redesigning basic kitchen tools and high-tech electronics with a new end in mind: selling to older consumers who don't want to concede they are older. The conundrum was at the foreword of the National Retail Federation convention, which opened Sunday in New York. There, designers and marketers wrestled with the fact that it isn't

enough to manufacture a can opener that's easy for someone with arthritis to use — they must market it even when mentioning arthritis, or even age.

"You'll see a shift in focus," said Patrick Conroy, a consumer business analyst for Deloitte & Touche USA LLP. "If they ignore it, they'll do so at their own peril."

People older than 50 account for almost half of total U.S. consumer spending, according to a recent Deloitte report. "Wealth Wisdom: Serving the Needs of Aging Consumers," which estimates their spending power at \$1.7 trillion.

Yet retailers have preferred to focus on younger consumers to develop brand loyalty. The irony, said Gretchen Addl, a senior executive at design firm Ideo Inc., is that the boomer generation is the one that forced retailers to pay attention to the youth market in the first place.

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# Industrial output posts solid gains despite autos

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — The nation's industrial output posted a solid increase in December as recovery in production of Gulf Coast oil and gas wells offset a slump in auto manufacturing.

The Federal Reserve reported that production at the nation's factories, mines and utilities rose by 0.6 percent last month following gains of 0.6 percent in November and 1 percent in October.

The three strong months represented a recovery in industrial production following a 1.3 percent plunge in September that reflected widespread shut-

downs of oil wells, refineries and chemical production following Hurricane Katrina.

For December, manufacturing output edged up a modest 0.2 percent following a 0.4 percent gain in November. The weakness came in production of autos and auto parts, which fell for a third straight month as

the industry continued to seek a back output in an effort to reduce the level of unsold cars. The 2.9 percent drop in December followed an even bigger decline of 4.9 percent in November. This weakness was offset by strength in the production of computers, airplanes and furniture.

# Google buys California advertising company to expand into radio

By Steven Levington  
The Washington Post

**WASHINGTON** — Google Inc. agreed Tuesday to buy radio advertising company in a further effort to extend its beyond-advertising technology beyond the Internet.

The internet search giant, which has already tested its print advertising expertise in print

media, bought dMare Broadcasting Inc., a Newport Beach, Calif., company for \$102 million in cash. Under the deal, Google is obligated to make additional payments of up to \$1.1 billion over the next three years if certain business targets are met.

dMare provides an automated system that allows companies to advertise on radio; its process helps companies schedule, deliver and track their ads.

"Google is committed to exploring new ways to extend targeted, measurable advertising to other forms of media," Tim Armstrong, vice president of Google's advertising sales, said in a statement.

Mark Fratrik, vice president of BTA Financial Network Inc.

In Chantilly, Va. said he believed the collaboration between Google and dMare would benefit both Google and the radio advertising business. Companies wanting to advertise on radio will be able to plan their campaigns that include targeted exposure of the Internet, he said.

"It's a way for Google to move effectively get into the media

planning stage of advertisers, and it may make it easier for advertisers to think about the Internet," Fratrik said.

The arrangement combines two niche advertising media — the Internet and radio — with Google's ability to target consumers on the taste of consumers. Fratrik said that advertisers

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MONEY

Wall Street close: Stocks drop as oil prices \$66 a barrel

The Associated Press
NEW YORK — Stocks added Tuesday as oil prices rose past \$66 a barrel and Wells Fargo & Co. reported better earnings than expected.

Oil prices have been creeping higher for weeks but Tuesday's sharp, violent rise put into question the market's ability to absorb gains from the first weeks of January, said Steven Goldman, chief market strategist, Weeden & Co. in Greenwich, Conn.

Disappointing bank earnings also spurred selling, Wells Fargo missed analysts' expectations, sparking a spike in personal bankruptcies in the fourth quarter

net companies and pushed down auto and electronics stocks. Other international markets also dropped Tuesday. According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones Industrial average fell 63.55, or 0.58 percent, to 10,896.32.

MONEY TIP
The 'new' 30-year Treasury bond: What's in it for you?

By Marshall Loeb
MarketWatch

NEW YORK — The U.S. Treasury has announced that it will issue 30-year bonds for the first time in five years, and many investors may be asking "What's in it for me?"

notes, that could spell trouble for mortgage rates. Why? Banks often package their mortgages in investment pools and sell them as bonds called mortgage-backed securities. They trade like 10-year bonds because the underlying securities are typically paid off in no more than 10 years as people refinance their homes or move.

Gold

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mining companies nearly tripled, from \$784 million to \$2.4 billion, according to Western Economics Group of Halifax, Nova Scotia, which researches and analyzes the global mining industry.

But what, based on the lack of exploration that we've seen in the last few years, that we will see high gold exploration that will be kept maintained for at least two years, said Jason Goulden, the group's director of corporate exploration strategies.

Barrick opened three mines last year — in Peru, Argentina and Tanzania — and plans to open a fourth this year in Australia. Barrick is working to get regulatory approval for its acquisition of Vancouver-based metal and uranium mine and cash-and-stock deal that would create the world's largest gold producer.

Newmont began operations in Sulawesi in 1996. It stopped mining two years ago but resumed processing ore until Aug. 31, 2004, when the mine closed. The Indonesian government alleged last year that pollution from newly built processing health problems for villagers living near Bayat Bay. It also says the mining giant violated environmental laws by dumping millions of tons of pollutants into the bay.

If you have a 30-year investment horizon, you should be pursuing higher returns than you can get on a Treasury," said McBride. He expects the interest on the new 30-year bond to be 4.5 percent. That's about the same as what a 10-year Treasury pays now.

If your investment horizon is less than 10 years, you face significant risk with 30-year bonds, which are more sensitive to interest rate changes than short-term bonds. If you have to sell an investment of rising interest rates, you could sell it substantially below what you paid for it," says McBride.

But if pension funds and insurance companies start snapping up the 30-year Treasury in place of 10-year Treasury

Companies are focusing more on untapped areas of Asia, South America, Russia and Australia. "The shift has moved from the former Soviet Union to Asian countries," Goulden said. "We're seeing a lot in China now that we didn't see in the past cycle.

An emerging issue in the west is mercury. Nevada, for example, is drafting rules that would govern mercury emissions from gold mines based on input from both industry and environmentalists.

Newmont opened a \$220 million underground mine in northeastern Nevada last year and is working to open a \$236 million open-pit operation in north-central Nevada in the first quarter of 2006. The mine is ranging from \$410 million to \$435 million in cost is expected to open in the second half of the year in western Ghana.

Murphy insists the company did nothing wrong. "We're highly, highly apologetic about what happened there. We think all the scientific evidence is overwhelming, and we'll slowly get our eye in court to be able to prove that," he said.

Google
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Looking to connect with men in the 18-24 age bracket, for instance, could buy time on the appropriate radio stations and complement the exposure by buying space on Web sites that cater to the same age group.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists various stocks including AAPL, MSFT, and others with their respective prices and changes.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table with columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Includes sub-sections for Gainers, Losers, Diaries, and Indexes.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists various NASDAQ stocks including AAPL, MSFT, and others.

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Here are the 625 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are listed by name. Stocks in bold indicate a percent or more in price.

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Retail

"The problem is that this marketing hasn't grown up with them," she said at the NRF convention. "A lot of (retailers) are afraid that if they go to an older market they'll lose the youth market." The issue is further complicated by the tricky tactics used to target the younger generation...

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"We're here to enhance the natural performance features of the human body," she said. In August, Gap Inc., which built its brand on the youth market, targeted women 35 and older in New York and Chicago. Called Forth & Towne, they feature... "The store is really designed to feature confident women. For grown-ups," Forth & Towne President Gary Muto said.

Executives

Continued from E1. Still, some critics of corporate conduct don't believe fuller disclosure of compensation goes far enough, and they say it may dilute the competitive advantage among companies that will push compensation higher. Even after the corporate disclosure rules in 2002, as shown by their executives' extravagant pay packages with scant justification — often tied to short-term leaps in stock prices — the SEC began in 2004 to consider new disclosure requirements. The Business Roundtable, a group representing chief executives of the nation's largest companies, offered qualified support Tuesday for the SEC proposal. Rules governing disclosure of executive compensation are intended to provide for proper valuation of stock options so that their value is not overstated, said the group's president, John Castellan.

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**LANDS FOR LEASE**  
**FARM/PASTURE LEASES**  
The Bureau of Indian Affairs is now accepting sealed bids until noon, January 24, 2006 on several farm/pasture leases on the Fort Hall Reservation. Bid forms and additional information can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Indian Affairs at 208-238-2307.

PUBLISH: December 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 28, 30, 2005; January 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22 and 24, 2006

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**  
Case No. CV-05-214

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
IN RE: *Janessa Marie Bedolla*  
Legal name of Person  
Date of Birth: July 27, 1994

A Petition by *Janessa M. Bedolla*, born on July 27, 1994 in (city) Morgan Hill, State of California now residing at 459 Torrance Drive, Twin Falls (city), in the state of Idaho, proposing a change in name to *Janessa Marie Mondacha* has been filed in the above entitled court, the reason for this change in name being to take her fathers last name.

The Petitioner's father is living. Such petition will be heard at 9:15 o'clock am on February 15, 2006, in courtroom number 5 at the Twin Falls County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 06, 2006.  
PUBLISH: January 18, 25, February 1 and 8, 2006

**INVITATION TO BID**  
All sealed Bids must be received by 5:00 P.M. On February 1, 2006. ALL Sealed Bids will be opened at 10:00 A.M., on February 2, 2006 at the Idaho Transportation Department, Supply Services Purchasing Section located at 3311 West State Street, Boise, Idaho. Bidders and other interested parties are invited to be present at the bid opening. This is to furnish all materials, equipment and labor for the **INTERSTATE FENCE REPLACEMENTS STAGE 1**: EB MP 255.00 to MP 258.60 and EB MP 266.50 TO MP 269.00 as per the specifications contained in requisition number K-301510.

**PUBLIC WORKS LICENSE REQUIRED**  
No bid will be considered unless accompanied by an acceptable guaranty in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. This guaranty must be in the form of a certified check or a cashier's check drawn on some Idaho Bank, made payable to the Idaho Transportation Department, or a bidder's bond. Surety will be forfeited in the event of failure to sign the contract.

The Idaho Transportation Department reserves the right to reject all bids or to accept the bid deemed best for the State of Idaho.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2006.  
**MARK LITTLE, PURCHASING AGENT**  
IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT  
Copies of Bid Packages, including all Drawings, Bid Results and Plan Holders List, may be obtained by visiting our web site at: <http://tid.idaho.gov/business/business.htm> or by contacting your local Plan Room PUBLISH: January 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, 2006

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
Trustee's Sale No. 03-PFA-4187 notice is hereby given that, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on April 27, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 AM, of said day, at the office of alliance title company, 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1515, Twin Falls, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, to-wit: lot 4 of Brommer's Fairway Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho recorded in volume 5 of plats, page 5 The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 66-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 539 Buchanan St., Twin Falls, ID 83301, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Jennifer L. Lewis, an unmarried woman, as Grantor, to First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, and, as Grantee, to First American of Accredited Home Lenders, INC., as Beneficiary, dated 2/19/2001, recorded 3/26/2001, under instrument No. 2001-005326, Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by The Bank of New York, As Trustee For The Holders of The EOCC Ass'n Backed Certificates, Series 2001-1 F, the above grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. The default for which this sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 3/18/2001, for the monthly payment which became due on 7/1/2005 and all subsequent Monthly payments, plus late charges and other costs and fees as set forth. Amount due as of December 19, 2005 Delinquent Payments from July 01, 2005 to payments of \$526.56 each \$2, 183.36 (7/01-05 through 12/19/05) Late Charges: \$528.12 Beneficiary Advances: \$967.93 Suspense Credit: \$-32.23 TOTAL \$4, 647.18 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal amount is \$55,851.97, together with interest thereon at 6.000% per annum from 6/1/2005, unit paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 12/19/2005. Fidelity National Title Insurance Company Trustee c/o Regional Trustee Services Corporation 616 1st Avenue, Suite 550 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sales Information: <http://www.trustco.com> ASAPA 741319

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**IN THE COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINIDOKA**

Case No. CV2005-1144  
**SECOND NOTICE OF ATTACHMENT**  
2002 PRODUCE SALES, INC.

**JULIE LINDAUER DOUTHIT and MARK RAYMOND DOUTHIT**  
wife and husband; **JOHN DOES and JANE DOES 1 - 10**

vs  
Defendants

**UNDER AND BY VIRTUE** of an Order of this Court for a Writ of Attachment issued on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006, out of and under the seal of the above entitled Court, I am commanded and required to provide notice of the attachment of the property described in said Writ of Attachment, said property being more particularly described on Exhibit 1A attached hereto.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that any creditor of the Defendants herein who, within thirty (30) day after the posting and publication of this Notice, shall commence and thereupon prosecute to final judgment higher action of his/her claim against the Defendants and shall share pro rata with the attaching creditor in the proceeds of Defendants' property where there is not sufficient proceeds to pay all judgments in full against them.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006

**EXHIBIT 1-A**

**MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS AND BOAT:**  
(All believed to be located at 359 S. 350 E., Burley, Idaho)  
2004 Ford F-350 truck, VIN#1FTWV33PGEA69195  
1999 Oldsmobile 442, VIN#3448792116971  
1989 Oldsmobile 2 door, VIN#448792111839  
1979 Pontiac Firebird, VIN#2X87K9L169592 located at  
1998 Chevrolet truck, VIN#3200909 (last six) located at  
1973 Volkswagen B.g., 2 Door, VIN#1D0472347  
1985 Para Truck (trailer), VIN#1GKPK37W9F332720  
1986 2x6 Flatbed Trailer (Snowmobile), VIN#ZB20259  
2000 Flatbed Trailer  
Red Utility Trailer  
Multiple axle homemade flatbed trailer located at  
1997 Bayliner 18 foot boat w/outboard, VIN#1L81201XH1541653

**MOTORCYCLE:**  
2000 Suzuki, VIN#JS1V51AEY102772

**SNOWMOBILES:**  
SkiDoo Cat 153 Black, VIN#4JF6SSNHWST134054, purchased 3-25-05, Shafter Financial ARCA200504004 - phone number: 1-800-428-8692  
2002 Arctic Cat 600 EFI, VIN#F0ZS2NHW22115308, purchased 3-15-04,  
Wells Fargo, APP#4757454 - phone number 1-208-393-4242  
1999 Yamaha, VIN#R850218I  
2000 Yamaha 700 Min., VIN#R8D004516

**ATV'S:**  
Honda 500 Predator, VIN#4XAGU50A742202994

**REAL PROPERTY**  
Real Property located in Minidoka County, Idaho, in the name of John Louis Lindauer and Julie Marie Lindauer commonly known as 240 B.S. Moridian, Burley Idaho and more particularly described as follows:  
The S1/2NW1/4 of Section 4, Township 10N, Range 24E, Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho.  
Subject to:  
(a) Accruing taxes, leases and assessments;  
(b) Easements of record, if any; and  
(c) The right of Leonard Lindauer, and his wife, LaVerne Lindauer, to maintain their mobile home on the premises, as their dwelling place, until the death of the survivor of them, with the right of ingress and egress.  
Real Property located in Cassia County, Idaho, commonly known as 375 South 350 East, Burley, Idaho, believed to be in the name of Julie Douthit.  
Real Property located in Cassia County, Idaho commonly known as 359 South 350 East, Burley, Idaho and more particularly described as:  
TOWNSHIP11 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO  
Section 12: A part of the NW1/4SW1/4, more particularly described as follows:  
Commencing at the Southwest corner of the NW1/4SW1/4 (Monumented by a 5/8 inch rebar) which shall be the True Point of Beginning;  
Thence North 89°28'00" West (Recorded as north) for 527.00 feet along the West section line to a 1/2 inch rebar;  
Thence North 89°04'45" East (Recorded as East) for 204.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar;  
Thence South 02°28'00" East (Recorded as East) for 527.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar;  
Thence South 89°04'45" East (Recorded as West) for 204.00 feet along the South line to the True Point of Beginning  
Real Property located in Cassia County, Idaho, commonly known as 240 West 200 South, Haystack, Idaho and more particularly described as:  
TOWNSHIP10 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO  
Section 1: All that part of the N1/2NE1/4, more particularly described as follows:  
Beginning at a point 170 feet East of the Northwest corner of the N1/2NE1/4;  
Thence South 1320 feet;  
Thence East 156 feet;  
Thence North 1320 feet;  
Thence West 156 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING

**BANK ACCOUNTS**  
All accounts whether savings, checking, or otherwise which are situated at First Federal Savings Bank which are believed to be in the sum of \$28,110.29, not including Account #90053639 which has been previously attached.  
All accounts whether savings, check, or otherwise which are situated at DL Evans Bank which have not previously been attached.

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Water District No. 130 Proposed Revision

NOTICE OF HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING IN THE MATTER OF REVISING THE BOUNDARIES OF WATER DISTRICT NO. 130, THOUSAND SPRINGS AREA, WITHIN THE EASTERN SNAKE PLAIN AQUIFER, IN ADMINISTRATIVE BASIN 37.

The Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Director") is authorized to divide the state into water districts for the purpose of distributing water among appropriate users...

PUBLIC HEARING FOR REVISION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WATER DISTRICT:

7:00 pm, January 26, 2006, at the American Legion Hall Post 31, 281 North State Street (Highway 30), Hopedam, ID

Information and testimony presented at the hearing on January 26, 2006, will create a record upon which the Director will rely to determine the final boundaries of the water district is appropriate.

The Director proposes that all surface water rights with points of diversion located within the revised boundaries to be included in Water District No. 130, except those used solely for domestic and/or stock water purposes and those surface water rights currently diverted from or tributary to the Big Wood and Little Wood Rivers.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

FIDELITY NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Successor Trustee will on May 12, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 AM, of said day, at THE OFFICE OF ALLIANCE TITLE COMPANY, 1411 FALLS AVENUE EAST, SUITE 15, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, 83402.

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**GENERAL** PSA: Foster Homes Needed! Service Act-terative for Idaho is looking for foster homes for children with behavioral/emotional challenges. Excellent training and support! Reimbursement rate of up to \$1000 per child. For more info. Call Anjie at 208-288-1902 or email: vovanje@mindspring.com

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**GENERAL** Need gas? Mystery Shoppers needed in Buhl, Eden, Flor, Gooding, Hansen, Holister and Wendall. Apply online at www.secretaboprat.com

**HVAC** Foreman, Service Tech, & Apprentice needed in Sun Valley Ketchum area. Pay DOE, benefits. 208-726-5520.

**HVAC** Needed immediately in Bellevue. HVAC Journeymen. Full-time permanent position. Wages DOE. Some benefits. Call 208-720-2544 for JR at Boulder Mountain Heating

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**MECHANIC** perform oil changes, tire repair, brake repair & minor mechanical duties on heavy duty trucks. Experience required. Resumes to: Idaho Milk Transport 208-876-5001 Attn: Safety Director

**MECHANIC** Experienced Construction Equipment Mechanic. Top pay for person! Contact Don 208-320-2570

**MECHANIC** Mechanic wanted full time. Minimum 1 year experience. Supply own tools. Salary DOE plus benefits. Call 208-431-1033.

**MECHANIC** Experienced wanted. References required. Wage DOE. Apply at Auto Tech 110 W. D St. Wendell, Idaho.

**MEDICAL** AACO Nursing Agency RN a up to \$45/hr LPV's up to \$25/hr CNA's up to \$22.50/hr Free gas/weekly pay \$2000 bonus 800-656-4414

**MEDICAL** Caring part-time RN needed for in-home care. Make your own hours. Bring resume to 11320 Calle Ave. E. Ste A, Twin Falls

**MEDICAL** Looking for a motivated, caring, loving person to do 24 hr. in-home care of elderly, who require assistance in home. Background check, FT, billing exp. preferred. Send resume to Dr. Savage 1411 N. Fillmore suite 802, Twin Falls, ID. 83303-5804

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Cassia Regional  
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Registered Nurses -SDS, ICU, & Med/Surg -Includes Full Time Positions  
Physical Therapist -Home Care (PRN)  
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OR Tech (Full Time PRN)  
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Gooding, ID 83330  
208-334-4433 x 109  
Zimmern@GSI.RMC.org

**MEDICAL**

**BridgeView**

**NOW HIRING:**  
Physical Therapist/  
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Life Care Centers of America, the nation's largest privately owned skilled care provider, has a full-time opportunity for a Physical Therapist or a PT Assistant. If you share our heartfelt approach to caring for the elderly consider joining our family at BridgeView Estates.

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2001 Pontiac Sunfire #53152-2	NOW \$5572	2005 Buick Century #51154-4	NOW \$13466
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2001 Pontiac Grand Am #53221-1	NOW \$6543	2002 Ford Explorer #52452-4	NOW \$15976
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2005 Chevrolet Cavalier #53064-4	NOW \$10988	2004 GMC Safari Van AWD #51214-4	NOW \$16998
2004 Chevrolet Malibu #53115-4	NOW \$10989	2004 Dodge 1500 Crew 4x4 #51154-4	NOW \$24920
2003 Pontiac Grand Prix #5241-1	NOW \$12977	2003 Cadillac Escalade #51234-4	NOW \$35990

**2005 HYUNDAI SANTA FE**

MSRP ..... \$29509  
ROB'S DISCOUNT ..... \$4664  
MFR REBATE ..... \$2000  
OWNER LOYALTY\*\* ..... \$1000

AS LOW AS **\$21,845**



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ROB'S DISCOUNT ..... \$2980  
OWNER LOYALTY\*\* ..... \$500


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MSRP ..... \$29784  
ROB'S DISCOUNT ..... \$4590  
MFR REBATE ..... \$3000  
OWNER LOYALTY\*\* ..... \$1000

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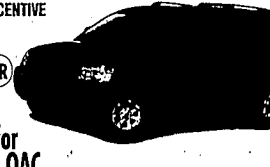
2005 Hyundai Elantra #51218-1	NOW \$10488
2005 Dodge Neon #52124-4	NOW \$12488
2005 Nissan Sentra #51175-9	NOW \$13488
2005 Dodge Stratus #52111-9	NOW \$13988
2004 Chrysler Sebring #51214-4	NOW \$14488
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MANUFACTURER'S INCENTIVE **\$2500**  
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MANUFACTURER'S INCENTIVE **\$3000**  
MFR. REBATE **\$750** OR

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2004 Hyundai Santa Fe #52071-1	NOW \$17488
2004 Nissan Altima #52171-9	NOW \$18488
2004 Honda Element #52181-1	NOW \$19488
2005 Nisan Quest #51711-9	NOW \$21488
2005 GMC Envoy SLT #52074-4	NOW \$22988
2005 Honda Odyssey #51714-4	NOW \$26988
2005 Nissan Murano #51214-4	NOW \$27488
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**MANAGER** Cleaning/Maintenance Manager needed to live in some location, trade for rent. Uptown Motel. Report. Call 208-678-2239, msg or 208-431-8882.

**MANAGER** Needed immediately! Custom Colular is looking for a Manager. At least 6 months experience, \$10/hr. Must be a highly motivated person.

**MANAGER** Office Manager for busy dental practice. FT, billing exp. preferred. Send resume to Dr. Savage 1411 N. Fillmore suite 802, Twin Falls, ID.

**DRIVER** Clear Springs Foods, Inc. is accepting applications for a relief long haul driver. This position entails replacing full time drivers during their vacations, shuttling equipment to and from repair agencies and performing various work in the processing operations.

The person hired for this position will be offered a very competitive wage and benefit program that includes:  
• Family Medical and Dental Insurance  
• Paid Personal Leave  
• Vacation and Holidays  
• 401(k) Retirement Plan  
• Employee Stock Ownership Plan  
• Life Insurance

If you possess a Commercial Drivers License (Class A), have an experienced background in the operation of a class eight vehicle, and have interest in driving on a full time basis in the future apply today. Interested candidates must complete an application. Please call 208-543-3428 with questions.

**Clear Springs Foods, Inc.**  
Processing Operations  
1579-A Clear Lakes Road  
Buhl, Idaho 83316  
An Employee-Owned Company  
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**CLEAR SPRINGS FOODS**

**CONAGRA FOODS** SPECIALTY POTATO PRODUCTS

ConAgra Foods, Inc. has openings at its Twin Falls, Idaho Potato Processing Plant for processing maintenance mechanics.

Duties include plant-wide maintenance on processing equipment, installation of equipment and fabrication of support equipment.

Qualified candidates will possess a minimum of one year experience in maintenance or three years in food processing equipment operation.

A working knowledge of mild and stainless steel welding, plumbing, hydraulics and basic electricity (single-phase and three-phase) is also required.

Demonstrated maintenance and trouble shooting skills are highly preferred. Must be able to work graveyard, swing or day shift.

Upon completion of 60-shift probationary period, employees are eligible for a full range of benefits including medical, dental, vision, life and 401k savings plan.

Applications will be accepted Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 850 Russel St. Twin Falls, Idaho  
**NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE.**  
EOE M/F/V/H



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**MEDICAL**  
**Nurse Aide**  
 If you are a dedicated, Certified Nurse Aide, Registered Nurse or LPN. The new management at Sun Bridge for Twin Falls is looking for you. Our excellent benefits include health, dental and life insurance, 401k plan, vacation and sick pay. Come join our energetic health care family. Apply in person at: Sun Bridge for Twin Falls, 640 Filer Ave. W., Contact Jeanette Sperks or Pat McKay EOE

**MEDICAL**  
**Nurse Aide**  
 needed for assisted living facility in Jerome. Part-time 3 1/2 hours, 24-32 hours per week. Call Dorothy 208-324-4912 or 208-324-8324

**OPERATOR**  
 Mill Operator - Must have 2+ years Mill Operator experience with various responsibilities. Full-time position. M-F 7:00 to 2:00. Benefits, 401K ESOP. Wage DOE. Apply in person at 815 Main Street, Hazelton, ID 83335. EOE M/F/D/V

**PROFESSIONAL**  
**Development**  
 Director Idaho Youth Ranch seeks a dynamic, creative, and experienced individual to group head our fund raising efforts and supervise development staff in Boise. Please see our web site: www.youthranch.org.

**PROFESSIONAL**  
**Financial**  
 Controller for a Southern Idaho agri business. Must have CPA, corporate and supervisory exp. preferred. Email resume: megan@hotmail.com

**RECEPTIONIST**  
 Must have excellent customer service experience. Be professional, a team player, with computer skills, telephone and some bookkeeping. Part to full-time, you meet these requirements please fax your resume to: 208-733-0604

**RECEPTIONIST**  
 Recipient needed for busy Vet. Must be willing to work Saturdays. Full-time. Wage DOE. Send resumes to: Box 9254 c/o The Times-News P.O. Box 848 Twin Falls, Idaho.

**RESTAURANT**  
**Cashier & Cook**  
 Both positions are part-time. Must be available mornings & evenings and be 19 yrs. old. Bilingual a plus. Apply in person at: 799 Cheney Dr.

**RETAIL**  
**Wal-Mart in Jerome**  
 is now hiring for Overnight Stockers. We pay great wages and benefits. Great opportunity for advancement. Good opportunity for advancement. Good opportunity for advancement. Good opportunity for advancement.

**MICROBIOLOGIST**  
 Full-time Manager for Food & Milk Quality Lab in Jerome, Idaho. The successful candidate will perform bench testing, manage lab work and schedule bench technicians. Postsecondary education: minimum of B.S. and training, and experience in microbiology, animal or food science. Wage DOE. 514-523-3200 resume to: 360-308-7817 or email to: oster@idstatehealth.com

**PLUMBER**  
 Licensed Industrial Journeyman Plumber & Service Technician. DOE. Apply at: Perrelli Plus Filing Idaho, 208-733-7300

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 Journeymen, Apprentices, & Service Technicians. Excellent pay with vacations, holidays, life insurance & 401k. 208-328-4128

**PROFESSIONAL**  
**Walker Center**  
 hiring for Youth Technician. Adolescent experience preferred. Call Danielle at: 4481 605 11th Ave E, Gooding, Idaho

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**SUPERVISOR**  
**Area Supervisor**  
 Regional Oil Co. needs a Area Supervisor to oversee rural fuel deliveries in the Twin Falls, Jerome, Lincoln, & Gooding counties. Background should include customer service, knowledge of vehicle maintenance, equipment operation, construction and agricultural industries. Must have a Plus Clean driving record required. Vehicle, phone provided. Profit sharing plan, health insurance provided. Salary DOE. Send resumes to: Alexia Trevis P.O. Box 815 Twin Falls, ID 83303

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**NEWSPAPER**  
**Marketing Coordinator**  
 The Casper Star-Tribune seeks a Marketing Coordinator to work closely with the marketing team to increase readership and circulation. Duties include event management, in-house campaigns, print and online brand management, social media, advertising proposals and collateral development. If you thrive in a high energy and creative environment, this job is for you! The successful candidate will have a positive, can-do attitude and be committed to excellence. They have themselves and the organization. College degree in Marketing or Business. Interfere with one year of marketing experience. Please send resume by January 20, 2006 to: P.O. Box 80 Casper, WY 82602 EOE casper@timesnews.net

**PROFESSIONAL**  
**Brand Specialist**  
 \$10.50 per hour. Largest automotive group in this area is looking for two individuals to become Brand Specialist. Looking for 2006 graduates who are seeking an above average income and good working environment. Good opportunity for advancement. Good opportunity for advancement. Good opportunity for advancement. Good opportunity for advancement.

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**PROFESSIONAL**  
**Twin Falls County**  
 Adolescent Intensive Outpatient Drug/Alcohol program has two career positions:  
 FT Drug/Alcohol Counselor.  
 Requirements: CADC, licensed BSW/MSW or BAMA in related field and 6 months treatment experience. Good communication and organizational skills and ability to complete assessments, write plans, facilitate groups.  
 FT Program Administrator/  
 Treatment Supervisor.  
 Requirements: 5 yrs FT professional experience in treatment, or BAMA in relevant field with 4 yrs professional experience, 2 yrs DV treatment, and 1 yr supervisory experience. Must be able to oversee outpatient programs' treatment activities.  
 Twin Falls County offers competitive compensation with full health insurance, retirement, paid holidays, vacation, and sick leave. Applications available on-line www.twinfallscounty.org or in the Human Resource Office, (4th floor Twin Falls County Courthouse). EEO/Drug Free workplace.

**PROFESSIONAL**  
**Refrigeration Technician**  
**Freezer Mechanic**  
 Soneca Foods has a full-time position open on the Freezer Team.  
 -Proven Mechanical Skills in the area of Industrial Ammonia Refrigeration Systems.  
 -Technical school certification is desired.  
 -Food Processing Experience is a plus.  
 -Experience with Process Safety Management.  
 -Commitment to work in a Team Environment, including communication and conflict resolution skills.  
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## THE ACES ON BRIDGE® Bobby Wolff

"Believe me, wise men do not say 'I shall live to do that.' Tomorrow's life's too late; live today!"  
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One of the best bridge magazines is "Bridge Today," edited by Matthew and Pamela Granovetter (www.bridgetoday.com). A collection of the best articles from the magazine has now been published in a book, unsurprisingly titled "The Best of Bridge Today Digest." It is available from Master Point Press. Today's hand, from this book, features the defenders Vic Mitchell (who died in 1995) and Sam Stayman.

After South had received spade support from his partner, he opted to play in the suit game, rather than in no-trump. Declarer won the heart lead in dummy, then led a low spade. Vic Mitchell (East) took his time before following. He could see that hearts and clubs were unlikely sources of defensive tricks, so it seemed as if diamonds and trumps alone would have to supply the requisite four tricks to defeat the contract. His partner was relatively unlikely to hold a singleton spade queen or ace. If that had been the case, declarer might have led the spade jack from dummy to persuade Mitchell to crash his partner's honor.

Therefore, at trick two Mitchell rose with the spade king. (It would not have helped South to rise with the ace.) West returned a diamond, and now, on winning the next trump with the ace, Stayman was able to give Mitchell the diamond ruff that defeated the contract.

- NORTH** 01-18-A  
 ♠ J 8 6  
 ♥ A Q J 5  
 ♦ J 9 3  
 ♣ A K 2
- EAST**  
 ♠ K 5 2  
 ♥ 9 8 2  
 ♦ 7 5  
 ♣ J 8 6 5 4
- SOUTH**  
 ♠ Q 10 9 7 4  
 ♥ K 10 7  
 ♦ A Q 4  
 ♣ A 10 3

Vulnerable: Both  
 Dealer: North

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1 ♠ Pass 1 NT\* Pass  
 2 ♦\*\* Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
 4 ♠ All pass  
 \*15-17  
 \*\*New Minor, a forcing relay

Opening lead: Heart three

### BID WITH THE ACES 01-18-B

South holds:  
 ♠ J 8 6  
 ♥ A Q J 5  
 ♦ J 9 3  
 ♣ A K 2

South West North East  
 Dbl. Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
 ?

**ANSWER:** Pass, since you showed all your values except for a stray queen at your first turn. Your distribution is exceedingly unpromising, and your partner denied game interest when he responded at the one-level rather than inviting with a jump to two spades, or taking stronger action.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at [bobbywolff@mindspring.com](mailto:bobbywolff@mindspring.com).  
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