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Planners approve change to canyon rim ordinance

Decision could pave way for taller buildings

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For Federation Pointe LLC's vision of a new plaza on the Snake River Canyon rim to become reality, the company says it needs to be able to build big. And Tuesday evening, city planners took the first step in

making that vision a reality by approving a recommendation to the City Council to amend a zoning ordinance, that would, through the planned-use development process, allow for buildings taller than 35 feet along the canyon rim between Stock Creek Canyon and Blue Lakes Boulevard North. They also added a 100-foot setback

requirement. Most everyone in the audience at Tuesday's meeting came out in favor of Federation Pointe's request for a zoning change that would allow taller buildings within the canyon overlay for projects larger than 10 acres that would include cultural activities. Please see RIM, Page A2

"Hindsight alone is not wisdom. And second-guessing is not a strategy."

— President Bush



President Bush delivers his fifth State of the Union speech Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Bush: There's no peace in retreat

The Associated Press

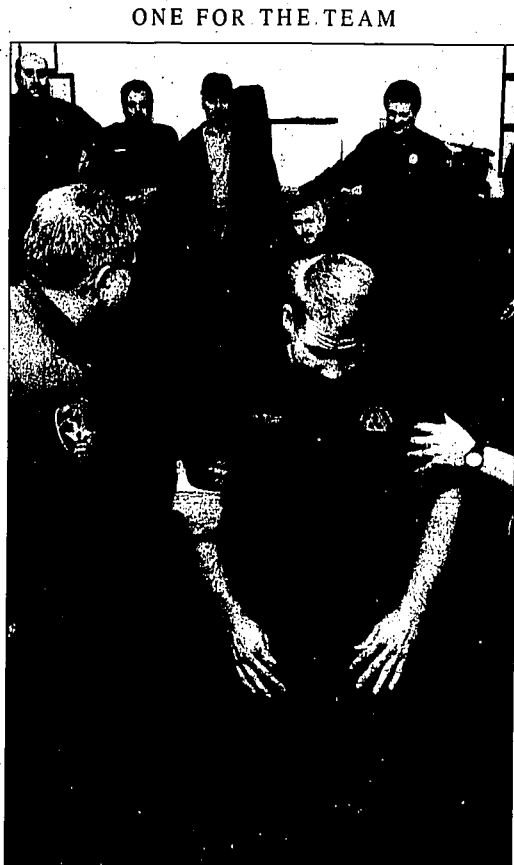
WASHINGTON — A politically weakened President Bush declared Tuesday night that America must break its long dependence on Mideast oil and rebuked critics of his stay-the-course strategy for the unpopular war in Iraq. "America is addicted to oil, which is often imported from unstable parts of the world," Bush said as he sought to drive the election-year agenda in his annual State of the Union address.

Rejecting calls for the withdrawal of troops from Iraq, Bush said, "There is no peace in retreat." He also snapped at those who complain he took the country to war on the erroneous grounds that Iraq possessed weapons of

Magic Valley residents speak out

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mass destruction. "Hindsight alone is not wisdom," Bush said. "And second-guessing is not a strategy." In an unscripted moment, anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan, the mother of a fallen soldier in Iraq, was taken into custody by police in the House gallery just before Bush spoke to a joint session of Congress. She was escorted from the visitors gallery after she caused a disruption, a Capitol Police official said. — Congress — facing midterm elections in November. Please see BUSH, Page A2



Lt. Don Newman of the Twin Falls Sheriff's Office, with Sheriff Wayne Tousey at his side, steels himself for a 50,000-volt shock from the X26 Taser during a training session on Tuesday.

Police take ride on the lightning

By Bob Kirkpatrick Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Imagine getting hit by 50,000 volts of electricity. That's what deputies with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office have at their command, with the new X26 Taser, and that's what Lt. Don Newman endured Tuesday when he volunteered to be shocked during a training session. "I-wave energy is transferred through your entire

body, disrupting the brain waves to your muscles, causing involuntary spasms," Newman said. "And it really hurts." Newman, who led the Taser training on Tuesday, said the device is used on people who resist arrest. He said it keeps both the suspects and officers from being injured. A study by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office reported an 80 percent reduction in officers being hurt in the line of duty. Newman

said, "It actually saves lives." The Taser also is useful in disarming suicidal people, or those under the influence of methadone, he said. The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office used to carry the M26 Taser, which Newman said was an inferior model that lost up to 80 percent of the energy from the discharged probe to the suspect. The X26 loses only 20 percent of its energy. "A full hit from the X26 can Please see TASER, Page A2

The Eagle has landed ... in Boise?

Proposal to expand CSI services in Treasure Valley comes suddenly

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It was as significant as it was unexpected when Jerry Beck, president of the College of Southern Idaho, announced on Monday the proposed expansion of college services into the Treasure Valley. After completing his report in a board meeting, Beck nodded to board member II. Fred Scholtes to read the motion. The next minute was a blur as Scholtes read the proposal to expand lower-division courses into Ada and Canyon counties. In what may be CSI's most significant move to expand its services, there was surprisingly little discussion about cost, services, or even why the college wanted to do it.

"I think the thing I want to point out here," Beck said Tuesday night, "is that this is still a discussion. The board has asked me to ask the State Board of Education for permission, and I think that

NewsTracker

- **Last we know:** The CSI board unanimously approved a proposal to offer lower-division courses in Ada and Canyon counties.
- **The latest:** Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore., Boise State University and the College of Southern Idaho are all preparing to offer courses in Treasure Valley.
- **What's next:** President Jerry Beck will put the proposal on the State Board of Education's calendar as an agenda item. CSI hopes to win approval in time to offer Treasure Valley courses this fall.

when we have a response from the board, there will be a lot more to talk about." Please see CSI, Page A2

Coretta Scott King, wife of slain civil rights icon, dies at 78

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Coretta Scott King who worked to keep her husband's dream alive with a chin-length-high grace and serenity that made her a powerful symbol of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s creed of brotherhood and nonviolence, died Tuesday. She was 78. The "first lady of the civil rights movement" died in her sleep during the night at an alternative medicine clinic in Mexico, her family said. Arrangements were being made

to the Georgia Capitol and piles of flowers placed at the tomb of her slain husband. Flags at the King Center — the institute devoted to the civil rights leader's legacy — were lowered to half-staff. "She wore her grief with grace. She exerted her leadership with dignity," the Rev. Joseph Lowery, who helped found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, with King's husband in 1957.

Coretta Scott King was a supportive lieutenant to her husband during the most dangerous and tumultuous days of the civil rights movement, and after his assassination in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968, she carried on his work while also raising their four children. "I'm more determined than ever that my husband's dream will become a reality," the

young widow said soon after his slaying. She pushed and goaded politicians for more than a decade to have her husband's birthday observed as a national holiday, achieving success in 1996. In 1989 she founded the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta and used it to confront hunger, unemployment, voting rights and racism. "The center enables us to go out and struggle against the evils in our society," she often said.



King

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Tonight: A few snow flurries, otherwise cloudy. Lows near 30.
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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

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IDAHO FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Good snow will continue to add to the great ski conditions today and tomorrow. The valley areas will see less precipitation. Mid temperatures will allow for enjoyable outdoor conditions.

BOISE Another potent Pacific storm system will spread rain and snow into southeastern Idaho today. Snow levels will generally be above 4000 feet with significant accumulations.

NORTHERN UTAH Mountain rain/snow mix will continue as another Pacific storm plows into the region.



Yesterday's State Estimates: 48 in. Lewiston, Low: 41 at Starley weather by the Inland Empire. High by heavy snow. No large snow showers. High by heavy snow. No large snow showers.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY "Expect people to be better than they are; it helps them to become better. But don't be disappointed when they're not; it helps them to keep trying."

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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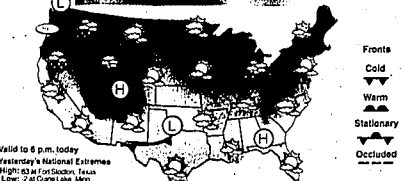
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CSI

Continued from A1 Local control CSI has repeatedly emphasized local control over college programs and funding, and before retiring board member Bill Babcock gave his final farewell to the board, he said, "One you start taking away is the opportunity for the local board to make decisions, it will take that ability to make decisions from the local community, and I think that's a mistake."

Just a discussion? Heck said he began discussing the expansion with board members about six months ago when Gov. Dirk Kempthorne began discussing a community college initiative.

Taser Continued from A1 last up to five seconds," Newman said. "And it can penetrate through two inches of clothing."

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Bush

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Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, chosen to deliver the response for the Democrats, said Bush was on the soaring national debt, the frustrated effort to rebuild the hurricane-battered Gulf Coast, Medicaid cuts and other issues.

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Rim

Continued from A1 Federation Pointe investors want to develop a 12,000-square-foot area that would include two 750-foot-tall buildings.

The project would be privately financed. Florence, one of Federation Pointe's investors, called it "a place where you can live, work and play."

Florence pointed out that Twin Falls has changed in the 13 years since the last canyon overlay ordinance was approved.

"We think we have matured as a community and we can look at things a little differently than in the past," Florence said.

He said when he was a kid, "you'd drive across the bridge and that was your canyon rim experience." But Twin Falls has

changed a lot since back then. He cited the tremendous amount of growth in the area, including plans for a new hospital and a new Mormon temple.

He said even though the canyon rim has some great new walking and bicycling trails, "what we haven't been doing is creating places so people can access the trail." A project such as Federation Pointe's would create such a place, he said.

Even if the City Council approves the recommendation, it would not automatically give the project, or any other project, an automatic green light. Although city planners seemed to like Federation Pointe's project, they didn't want to open up a Pandora's box.

"It's not your project I'm worried about. It's the next one," said Planning and Zoning Commissioner Dusty Tenney.

Not everyone in the audience was in favor of the change. Retired banker David Mead, representing a local group called Citizens of the Rim, walked to the podium with a huge stack of re-

search conducted on the rim since 1968.

"I'm known in certain quarters as 'elder of the rim,'" Mead said.

Mead said there have been rock slides in different parts of the canyon and it might be prudent to perform a new geological study before building higher taller structures.

"Can the canyon hold that much weight, or does it need another geological study?" Mead asked.

Approving Federation Pointe's request for a zoning title amendment did not open the door for Federation Pointe's project or any other project. The recommendation must still be approved by the City Council.

And even if it is approved, all projects would have to go through the PUD process and be approved by a citizens review committee.

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NATION

Alito wins confirmation

58-42 Senate vote was largely on party lines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Samuel Alito took his place on the Supreme Court Tuesday after winning Senate confirmation, a personal triumph for the son of an Italian immigrant and a political milestone in President Bush's campaign to give the judiciary a more conservative cast.

The 58-42 Senate vote was largely along party lines as Democrats registered overwhelming opposition to Bush's choice to replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, whose rulings have helped uphold abortion rights, affirmative action and other liberal precedents of the past 50 years.

Bush hailed Alito as "a brilliant and fair-minded judge who will strictly interpret the Constitution and laws and does not legislate from the bench."

"It is a seat that is reserved for few but that impacts millions," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist moments before the Senate voted to confirm Alito.

Alito, 55, and a veteran of 15 years on the appeals court, watched on television alongside Bush at the White House as the Senate voted.

He was sworn in about an hour later in a low-key ceremony

at the Supreme Court building across the street from the Capitol. Chief Justice John Roberts' Bush's first nominee for the high court, administered the oath of office.

Alito's confirmation has been a certainty for days, and all Republicans except Sen. Lincoln Roberts' Bush's first nominee for the high court, administered the oath of office.

There is no consensus that he will allow the court to perform its vital role in continuing the march of progress toward justice an equal opportunity," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, leader in a final attempt to derail the nomination that exposed Democratic divisions inside.

Roberts was confirmed by a far wider margin, 78-22, last year, replacing the late William H. Rehnquist.

Republicans were unanimous in voting for Roberts, and Democrats had split evenly, 22 in favor and 22 opposed.

Roberts was viewed by Democrats as one conservative replacing another. By contrast, Alito is seen by Democrats and outside groups aligned with them as a Reagan-era conservative replacement for a moderate justice whose opinions kept the court centered.

The conservative Family Research Council said it welcomed Alito's confirmation

on behalf of those whose "weariness over the courts' encroachment of judicial activism rallied voters across the country in pursuit of a new course."

Apart from placing Roberts and Alito on the nine-member Supreme Court, the Senate has confirmed Bush appointees to 42 of 179 total seats on the federal appeals courts. Several of those were confirmed in bruising political battles that brought the Senate to the verge of political meltdown.

Bush has long said he hoped to appoint members of the Supreme Court in the mold of Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

The two men are among the court's minority that has voted to overturn the landmark 1973 court ruling that establish a woman's right to an abortion, the issue representative of a litical and cultural divide that has persisted for over 30 years.

Judging from the court docket, the first case Alito will hear from his seat at the far right end of the bench will involve a pair of challenges to Clean Water Act regulations, appeals from cases filed by landowners and a paper mill.

Alito's confirmation capped a seven-month drama that began when O'Connor announced she would retire, signaling the first change on the court in a dozen years. Bush named Roberts to replace her, but Rehnquist died before the Senate could hold hearings. The



Craig Crapo support Alito

BOISE — Idaho Republican Senator Craig Crapo joined the 58-42 majority in voting to confirm Samuel Alito Jr. Tuesday as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

"I believe he is exactly the sort of man the Founding Fathers had in mind as they framed the Constitution," Crapo said in a statement immediately following the vote. "Judge Alito will be a phenomenal Supreme Court justice."

Crapo said the wide margin of confirmation showed a majority of senators did not believe a long and contentious nomination process was necessary.

— The Associated Press

president swiftly tapped Roberts to be chief justice.

Bush then named White House counsel Harriet Miers to the O'Connor seat, but she drew fierce opposition from conservatives who worried that she would not be reliable enough on issues such as abortion. Abandoned by Senate conservatives, she withdrew. Bush picked Alito to replace her.

Band manager to plead guilty

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — The former manager of the heavy metal rock group Great White has agreed to plead guilty to 100 counts of involuntary manslaughter stemming from a deadly 2003 nightclub fire, a judge said Tuesday.

Daniel Bieleche will enter the plea next week and serve no more than 10 years in prison under the deal with prosecutors. Superior Court Judge Francis Darrigan said.

Bieleche had been charged with 200 counts of involuntary manslaughter for starting the

blaze when he ignited pyrotechnics during a Great White performance at the Station nightclub in West Warwick. He had pleaded innocent.

Sparks from the pyrotechnics ignited highly flammable foam lining the club's walls and ceiling, creating a fast-moving blaze that killed 100 people and injured more than 300 in the fourth-deadliest nightclub fire in the country's history.

Some victims' relatives reacted angrily to news of the plea, saying they hoped to see Bieleche go to trial.

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Ex-postal employee kills 5, commits suicide

COLUMBIA, Calif. (AP) — A former postal worker who had been put on medical leave for psychological problems shot five people to death at a huge mail-processing center and then killed himself in what was believed to be the nation's deadliest workplace shooting ever carried out by a woman.

The attack Monday night was also the biggest bloodbath at a U.S. postal installation since a massacre 20 years ago helped give rise to the term "going postal."

Investigators would not release the killer's name or discuss a motive for the attack.

The rampage — the nation's first deadly postal shooting in nearly eight years — sent employees running from the sprawling Southern California complex and prompted authorities to warn nearby residents to stay indoors as they searched for the killer.

The 44-year-old woman had not worked at the plant for more than two years but still managed to get inside the fenced and guarded Santa Barbara Processing and Distribution Center. She drove through a gate by following closely behind another car. Then got in the front door by taking an employee's electronic identification badge at gunpoint, authorities said. The employee was not hurt, authorities said.

She opened fire with a 9 mm handgun, reloading at least once during the rampage, Santa Barbara County Sheriff Jim Anderson said.

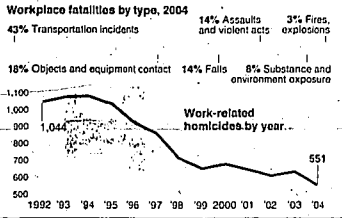
Authorities found two people dead outside the plant, blocks from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Another body was just outside the door, and a wounded woman was just inside. Three more bodies — including that of the killer — were farther inside.

The wounded woman, Charlotte Colton, 44, was hospitalized in critical condition. She had been shot in the head.

All of the killer's victims were believed to be employees at the postal center. Postal Inspector Randy DeGasperin said the woman had been placed on medical leave in 2003 for psychological reasons. He said she had been removed from the building by sheriff's deputies that year for acting

551 workplace deaths last year

A former postal worker shot and killed five people and herself at a Calif. mail-processing center. The workplace shooting is believed to be the deadliest by a woman in the U.S.



strangely. She made no threats, but other workers were afraid she might hurt herself, authorities said.

DeGasperin said it was unclear if she targeted certain people or fired at random, but "chances are she might have known her victims."

The sheriff said the woman's hair had been cut, and her appearance was different from when she worked at the plant. Her electronic pass card, had been taken away when she stopped working at the facility, he said.

James Alar, a criminologist at Northeastern University in Boston and an expert on homicides, said the death toll might be the highest ever for any workplace shooting carried out by a woman.

"Men, more than women, tend to view their self-worth by what they do" at work, Fox said. Men also appear more prone to use violence in seeking revenge

while "women tend to view murder as a last resort," he said.

As the shooting began, some of the 80 or so workers streamed out of the building. Some ran to a firehouse.

"I was dumping mail on a belt when the gunshots suddenly 'boom, boom, boom, boom,'" said postal worker Alger Bursante, 56. He rushed out of the building.

"It is really very shocking. This is a peaceful place," Bursante said.

Postal employee Charles Kronick told KFYR-TV in Santa Barbara that he was inside the building when he heard shots. "I heard something that sounded like a pop, and then I heard a couple seconds later, another pop, pop, pop," Kronick said.

Kronick said his boss came running over and told him to get out of the building, and "we all hurriedly got out quick."

The dead were identified as Ze Fairchild, 37, Maleka Higgins, 28, Nicola Grant, 42, Guadalupe



AP Photo

Representatives from various law enforcement agencies investigated the scene where a former employee shot several workers at a United States Postal Service distribution center.

Swartz, 52, and Dexter Shannon, 57.

Postal manager General John E. Foster said counselors would be available to the families and employees. "Our heartfelt prayers and condolences go out to the families of the victims and to our employees who have suffered through this tragic incident," he said in a statement issued in Washington.

It was the deadliest shooting at any U.S. workplace since 2003, when 40-year-old Doug Williams gunned down 14 co-workers, killing six, and then committed suicide at a Lockheed Martin aircraft parts plant in Meridian, Miss.

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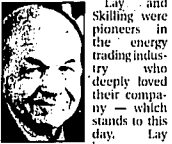
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NATION

Defense: Enron books not cooked

HOUSTON (AP) — Lawyers for former Enron Corp. chiefs Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling insisted Tuesday the men were guilty of no crimes, arguing the company was never infested with fraud and instead fell victim to a sudden crisis of market confidence.



Lay and Skilling were pioneers in the energy trading industry who deeply loved their company — which stands to this day. Lay

Michael Hargrett said, as "one of the finest free-market institutions the world has ever seen."

A federal prosecutor laid out a different version of events, telling jurors in opening statements in the men's trial that they lied to Wall Street and their own employees to cover up the crumbling finances that drove what was once the nation's seventh-largest company into bankruptcy protection in December 2001.

Daniel Petrocelli, arguing for Skilling, went so far as to suggest 13 of the 16 Enron executives who have pleaded guilty to federal crimes were innocent but caved in to intense pressure from zealous federal prosecutors.

"This is not a case of hear-no-evil, see-no-evil," Petrocelli said, at times animatedly jabbing his finger at the jury. "This is a case of there was no evil."

Directly countering four years of negative publicity that turned the very name Enron into a symbol of accounting chicanery, Petrocelli said, "There's no evidence any books were cooked at Enron."

Mourners take time to honor Coretta Scott King's legacy

ATLANTA (AP) — On the day Coretta Scott King died, Lori Smith wanted to pay her respects — by exposing her children to the legacy of peace and nonviolence created by the civil rights pioneer and her husband.

Smith, an accountant from Atlanta, watched videos and looked at exhibits Tuesday at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change with her two daughters — ages 7 and 16 months — after learning that Mrs. King had died.

"I wanted my children to see," Smith said, "It's very important for them to know what I already know. It's important that we pass that along to future generations."

Scores of other well-wishers laid flowers and cards at the center, or toured a section that provides information and documentaries about King's slain husband, Martin Luther King Jr. Paul Green, 16, said a lot has changed since the civil rights era of the 1960s, as he watched a video about King's life. But, he said, in some ways things could be better.

"People could step up that aren't stepping up," he said. "People as a whole. There are things that could be done better."

Smith said she grew up during the tail end of the civil rights era and attended Martin Luther King's funeral as a youngster. She said other people will need to carry on the King message.

"I love it to her," Smith said.



McKendree Elementary school students Whitney Shepherd, 10, Elzabeth Shepherd, 5, and Cameron Shepherd, 6, sit in front of the crypt of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Tuesday at the King Center in downtown Atlanta. The civil rights leader's widow, Coretta Scott King, died overnight at the age of 78.

"We owe it to her." Dozens of schoolchildren who had come to the site to learn more about King walked past and watched as other adults — some with tears in their eyes, many dressed in business suits or hospital scrubs — stopped by on their morning commutes to pay their respects to his widow.

At the memorial near downtown Atlanta that Coretta King built to her husband decades ago, people from all walks of life paused to honor the woman's legacy after learning of her death. Some laid flowers and knelt in prayer. Most stood silent, staring at King's tomb and

the surrounding reflecting pool. At the neighboring Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King preached and his widow remained a member after his death, the telephone rang constantly as people offered their condolences.

Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue ordered flags at all state buildings to be flown at half-staff and offered to allow the body of Mrs. King to lie in state at the Capitol.

At the Capitol, about a mile from the King Center, lawmakers observed a moment of silence and then took turns delivering emotional speeches, calling Mrs. King "the first lady of the civil rights movement."

Airman back from Iraq wounded by deputy

CHINO, Calif. (AP) — A videotape released Tuesday shows a sheriff's deputy shooing an unarmed Air Force policeman who recently returned from Iraq as he appeared to obey an order to get up off the ground.

KTLA-TV broadcast a 40-second clip it said came from a Chino resident who videotaped Sunday night's shooting, which followed a 100 mph car chase.

Senior Airman Elio Carrion, 21, was listed in good condition

at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton. He was shot three times in the chest, ribs and leg, his father-in-law, Ernesto Paz, told KTLA-TV.

Carrion was a passenger in a Corvette that crashed into a wall following the brief chase, authorities said.

The dark, grainy videotape shows Carrion lying on the ground next to the car, talking to a silhouetted officer who is pointing a gun at him. Carrion supports himself on one arm

and his face is brightly lit by the officer's flashlight.

Carrion is heard telling the officer he is unarmed and is in the military.

At one point, a voice is heard saying several times: "Get up." Carrion says: "I'm gonna get up." As he rose, at least four shots were fired and Carrion collapsed. Investigators from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department took the original tape, refusing to release it to the public or describe what it shows.

Turn for the verse

Elko's cowboy poets are a different breed. Thursday in The Times-News



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British soldier killed by roadside bomb; hostages appear in new video

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A roadside bomb killed a British soldier in southern Iraq Tuesday as kidnappers in a new video threatened to kill two German hostages if Germany fails to stop cooperating with the Iraqi government.

In a series of kidnappings, sectarian killings, police found the bodies of 16 "handcuffed" and "blindfolded" young men around Baghdad, and gunmen shot dead the wife and two sons of a Sunni Arab cleric north of the capital.

Kidnappers threatened to kill Thomas Nitzsche and René Braun-

lich if Germany does not close its embassy in Iraq, withdraw all the German companies from Iraq and stop cooperating with the Iraqi government within three days.

The videotape aired on Al-Jazeera television showed Braunlich speaking and clapping his hands in front of him as if begging. No audio was heard.

The two men were abducted last week in the northern industrial city of Beiji.

The video came a day after Jill Carroll, a 28-year-old freelancer for the Christian Science Monitor also held

hostage, appeared weiled and weeping in footage on Al-Jazeera.

U.S. officials said they have ruled out meeting the kidnappers' demand to release all Iraqi women in detention.

"Everything is being done to work with those who might have influence, and there are an awful lot of people who are calling for her release," U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Tuesday.

More than 250 foreigners have been taken captive since the war started and at least 39 have been killed.

Reporters Without Borders, an inter-

national journalist advocacy group, said it would send representatives to the Middle East to promote a campaign in the Arab media for the release of Carroll, who was seized in Baghdad on Jan. 7.

The father of a kidnapped Canadian-Christian activist urged the release of his son and three colleagues.

"I appeal for the captives of my son and his three friends to release them unharmed," Dalip Singh Sooden said on Al-Jazeera Tuesday. His son, 32-year-old Harmeet Singh Sooden, was seized Nov. 26 in Baghdad.

British Cpl. Gordon Alexander Pritchard, 31, was killed Tuesday as he led a three-vehicle convoy hit by a roadside bomb in Umm Qasr, near the border with Kuwait.

He was the second British soldier killed in Iraq in as many days, making his death the 100th British military fatality since the conflict began in March 2003.

The 8,000-strong British contingent is based in the Shiite south, which is less violent than the Sunni Arab areas to the north where most of the 136,000 U.S. troops operate.

Wounded journalist arrives in U.S.

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. (AP) — Wounded ABC anchorman Bob Woodruff and cameraman Doug Vogt arrived in the United States on Tuesday for treatment at a Navy hospital.

They were airlifted from the U.S. military base in Ramstein, Germany.

They were among 30 patients on a C-17 military evacuation plane that arrived at Andrews Air Force Base. Woodruff, Vogt and three other patients were put on a bus for National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda. The other patients were taken to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

At Bethesda, Woodruff and Vogt are expected to receive treatment for the head wounds and other serious injuries they suffered Sunday in a roadside bombing in Iraq. The Navy medical center has specialized equipment that can treat penetrating head wounds, according to hospital spokesman Ellen Maurer.

Jeffrey Schneider, vice president of ABC News, said outside the hospital that the network considered but rejected the idea of sending Woodruff and Vogt to a private hospital.

"We talked to all the military people and determined that this is the best place in the world to treat those kind of injuries," he said. Schneider added that ABC is paying for its employees' treatment. "The cost will not fall on the American taxpayer," he said.

Agency: Iran documents are for making nuke weapon

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The U.N. nuclear watchdog agency said in a report Tuesday that Iran obtained documents and drawings on the black market that serve no other purpose than to make an atomic warhead, Tehran warned of an "end of diplomacy" if plans to refer it to the U.N. Security Council are carried out.

The report by the agency, ahead of a meeting of its 35-member board Thursday, also confirmed information recently provided by diplomats familiar with the Iran probe that Tehran has not started small-scale uranium enrichment since announcing it would earlier this month.

Nevertheless, the findings added to pressure to refer Tehran to the Security Council within days. Such a move, Iran said, would lead to a halt in surprise U.N. inspections beginning Saturday and prompt it to resume frozen nuclear activities.

"If it happens, the government will be required under the law to end the suspension of all nuclear activities it has voluntarily halted," Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said late Tuesday, speaking on Iranian television.

Iran insists its nuclear program is civilian only and has no other purpose than to generate power. Enrichment can produce either fuel for a nuclear reactor or the material needed to build a warhead.

European and Russian officials insisted the opportunity for negotiations was not to refer Tehran to the council when it meets in Vienna.

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EDITORIAL

New high school may gain more votes with lower price

Whether your barometer is based on the Census, enrollment figures, or the hallway spectacle between classes at Twin Falls High School, the conclusion is about the same: The city of Twin Falls needs a new high school.

It's also a city with conservative taxpayers. And those voters are the ones the district must convince with creative financing options.

Twin Falls School District officials say now is the time to plan for the new school. The district has planned a \$49.7 million bond issue election for March 14. The new high school would go for \$37.6 million, with another \$10.1 million for renovations at all local public schools except for one elementary. The bonding plan would go for 20 years.

Most voters will agree: Twin Falls is no longer a one-horse town for high schools. Two facilities would broaden the scope of educational courses for high school students and reduce overcrowding in classrooms.

The grade reconfiguration (four grades in high school; K through 5 in elementary) would also accommodate what is expected to be a growing population of elementary students.

The \$49.7 million is an ambitious load of cash. This proposal needs a two-thirds supermajority at the polls. On a first try at the ballot, those are still tough odds.

To reduce that cost, the district could explore its options of selling portions of the land where the new high school is planned for construction. The proposed construction at the northwest corner of Washington Street and North College Boulevard, may use only 50 of the 80 acres allotted.

Historic Superintendent Wiley Dobbs says the planning committee for the high school proposal has studied

numerous options with the additional acreage. "We don't want to immediately get rid of those 20 acres," Dobbs said. "We kind of want to look at it as an investment. With our Realtors on the scene, we know the price will go up. So we may want to look at selling that and buying another property for future growth."

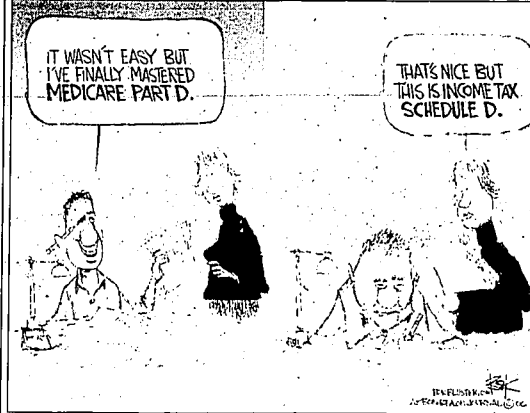
Dobbs said leasing the land could also be an option. But the long-term plan when selling district land is to apply it to a ward additional land.

That's proven to be a wiser course in the past. Twin Falls School District owns a number of valuable acres across from the College of Southern Idaho, near the new soccer field at Grand View, and an 85-acre tract that came from well-timed land purchases by the school board.

But in this instance, the committee shouldn't shy away from plugging that 20-acre sale, whenever it happens, back into the \$49.7 million project. Telling fiscally conservative voters about that option could gain their support.

Dobbs said selling land to invest in current projects goes against tradition, but he didn't dismiss it. "That's something the board could look into. There's always a possibility to look into it."

The district and the committee may be hesitant to go this route. But they can't ignore history. In 1991, district voters cast ballots for a new \$20 million high school facility that included a technical center. The plan was soundly beaten by voters 2 to 1. Many felt it was too much at one time. Voters may be inclined to say it again on March 14. District officials have sufficient time to show the \$49.7 million plan is worthy of support. The more flexibility they show with the financing, however, the better chances this proposal may have.



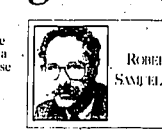
When it comes to health care, we're living in a fantasy world

Almost everyone agrees that we ought to fix the "health care system" — a completely meaningless phrase despite its popularity with politicians, pundits and "experts."

The people who proclaim it rarely tell you the disconcerting choices it might involve. Instead, they focus on a few specific shortcomings of our \$1.9 trillion health-industrial complex and imply that, if we correct these often-serious flaws, we'll have "fixed" the system or at least made a good start. This is rarely true, and so most forays into "health reform" end with disillusion, regret and a sense of futility.

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ROBERT SAMUELSON

expand "choice" without fixing the harder job of finding a better balance among competing goals.

Every attempt to do so has failed. Consider the "managed care" experiment of the 1990s. The idea was simple: herd patients into health maintenance organizations or large physician networks; impose "best practices" on doctors and patients as a way to encourage preventive medicine and eliminate wasteful spending and cut costs through administrative economies. But managed care upset doctors and patients. After a backlash, managed care relaxed cost controls.

Now, some say that because the "market" has failed, greater government control is the answer. Private insurance has high overhead costs and generates too much paperwork. True, still, there's not much evidence that over long periods, government controls health spending any better. From 1970 to 2003, Medicare spending rose an average of 9 percent annually. In the same years, private insurance costs rose 10.1 percent annually.

Disliking the incensurate system, we hide them — to individuals. We subsidize employer-paid health insurance by excluding it from income taxes. The 2003 cost to government an estimated \$126 billion. Most workers don't see the full costs of their health care. Nor do Medicare recipients, whose costs are paid mainly by other people's payroll taxes.

We're living in a fantasy world. Given our inconsistent expectations, our health-care system — not one controlled by government or one following "market" principles — can satisfy public opinion. Politicians and pundits can score cheap points by emphasizing one goal or another (insure the uninsured, cover drugs for Medicare recipients,

But these changes won't happen unless we don't want to see the costs. We don't have the health-care system we need, but we do have the one we deserve.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek magazine.

A tale from bipartisan days of old

The strength of partisanship is so strong in Washington these days that it is difficult to remember that it was not always the case that Republicans and Democrats were at each other's throats.

A wonderful reminder of that can be found among the old histories compiled by two dozen of Ronald Reagan's main associates that were released Sunday by the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia. They are available at www.millercenter.org.

One of the tapes was furnished by Max Friedersdorf, who ran the White House congressional liaison staff for Reagan. Friedersdorf recounts in the interview what happened while the president was recovering at George Washington University Hospital, after the unsuccessful assassination attempt outside the Washington Hilton Hotel on March 30, 1981.



DAVID BRODER

Reagan was seriously wounded by John Hinckley and the day after the shooting, Friedersdorf got a call in the White House from James Baker, Reagan's chief of staff, who was at the hospital. "Get over here," Baker commanded.

"I went over to GW Hospital and went up to the president's room," Friedersdorf said, "and I was outside the room with Mrs. Reagan and her Secret Service agent. Baker said, 'I want you to stay here until I tell you to leave.'"

What had happened, Friedersdorf learned, was that Nancy Reagan "was all upset," because Sen. Strom Thurmond had come over to the hospital a few hours outside the room with folks who had taken over the lobby up the elevator and into Reagan's room, where he attempted to chat with the gravely wounded president.

"Reagan was outraged, distraught," Friedersdorf said. So Baker directed him to take up the watch, and "if any congressman or senator comes around here, make sure the Secret Service doesn't let anybody up, even on this floor." Friedersdorf said he remained on duty during daylight hours for most of the next four days, and then went back to the president had recovered enough to start seeing people.

"The first person to be admitted was, I think, my son, Thomas B. 'Tip' O'Neill, the speaker of the House. When the Massachusetts Democrat arrived, Nancy Reagan slipped out of the room and Friedersdorf treated a cancer of the suite where he could remain unobtrusively. "Tip got down on his knees next to the bed, and said a prayer for the president, and he held his hand and kissed him and they said a prayer together — the 23rd Psalm.

"The Speaker was crying. The president still, I think was a little bit more, I think he knew it was the speaker because he said, 'I appreciate your coming down, Tip.' He held his hand, sat there by the bed, and held his hand for a long time."

"When I reached Friedersdorf last week at his retirement home in Florida, I asked him how it happened that Reagan's first guest was the leading Democrat on Capitol Hill. 'Well,' he said, 'Tip was third in line of succession after the vice president. He was not a Democrat, didn't bother anybody. We didn't even think about it. Tip had been calling constantly to see how the president was doing. And there was a bond there.'"

I asked Friedersdorf if he could imagine that sort of relationship flourishing now between the Republican president and the top Democrat in Congress. "Absolutely not," he said. "Silly, I think he is right."

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Idaho schools need steady funding measure

The Idaho Education Association wants the need for steady and sufficient funding of education in Idaho.

In the governor's State of the State address, he states that "through all of the budget cuts in the past years, we have kept education off the chopping block." This is not an accurate statement. The percent of the state general fund budget going to K-12 public schools has slipped from 51 percent in 1995 to 45 percent this year. If a bond were appropriated 51 percent of the state budget this year, they would be receiving an additional \$2.5 million. Education has not been a priority, our legislators and, because of this, the students in Idaho have not shown progress.

Legislators have stated that teachers should be satisfied with the governor's proposed budget that would provide a 3 percent salary increase. I would like to point out that educators are not only concerned about their salaries. We are concerned about class sizes, a decrease in classroom budgets, a lack of adequate materials and a lack of funds for enrichment activities such as field trips. Idaho spends 2.5 times as much per person as it does per student. It is time that we change this status.

Educators and concerned citizens throughout the state are pushing to put an initiative on the November 2006 ballot that would reinstate the 6 percent sales tax. This would establish a stable and adequate funding source. Good schools are an indicator of strong communities. Idaho is a great place to live, an attitude this will not always be true unless we make an investment in our youth. I ask that you support the children of Idaho and sign a petition to put this initiative on the ballot and eventually vote yes to reinstate the 6 percent sales tax. It is an investment that

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will reap many rewards.
CARLIE CARSON
Currier
(Editor's note: Carlie Carson is a science teacher at Garfield Junior High School.)

Sempra another health threat after Libby tragedy
My name is Kitty Martin. I lived in Jerome for 20 years. I never make my home in Hagerman, but I am originally from Libby. Mom, I am certain that many of you reading this letter have heard of Libby. When I was growing up, Libby was the residents presumed, pristine, sitting as it did in a hollow between the Cabinet Wilderness Area and the Snake River. Today it is the site of a rather notorious debacle involving a cover-up by a private corporation and an excessive number of cancer cases. I am rounding a zonalite mine, its workers and the citizens of the community of Libby. Having worked my way through cancer therapy myself, I am disinclined to face another threat, hidden or disclosed, to the area in which I make my

home. For all the reasons anyone can give for approving the Sempra plant, there are many more for rejecting it. For all the jobs and income the principals of the corporation may promise, there will be two-fold as many jobs because responsible companies will be disinclined to settle here in the face of the risk to their employees and the community. I implore those responsible for approving Sempra's request to establish a coal-fired generation plant here in the Snake Valley. Let's find the strength of character to reject the request. At least, make it a voting proposal and give the people living in these areas that will be impacted by this company a chance to approve or reject.

KITTY MARTIN
Hagerman
Low school funding has effect on families
Just a few short years ago, the Twin Falls School District offered elementary orchestra and an alternative middle school program. Due to budget constraints, the district has had to cut these programs. Also, the

junior high school practical arts course program has had to eliminate an elective, and the gifted and talented program has been cut in half. After-school tutoring has also been affected. These are not just drop-out programs that help children. At the same time that so many great programs have been cut or eliminated, families and teachers are having to buy more and more school supplies, and valuable lessons are being cut because the schools don't have the money to buy the materials.

Lack of funding is affecting our children. One of the most important things we can do as citizens is to stay involved in the political process. Returning the sales tax to 6 percent provides adequate and stable funding for our schools. It will help provide supplies in classrooms and restore quality programs we've happily enjoyed or curtailed. With so much at stake, shouldn't we have the opportunity to vote on this? When a friend or neighbor asks you to sign a petition to bring this to a statewide vote, please say "yes."
MAGGI FORTNER
Kimberly

LETTERS

Thoughts on building plants, bridges, schools

Several issues that bother me and, I suspect, others:

1. On the coal-fired generating plant proposed for Jerome County, I wonder how many of the outspoken opponents have visited with people from other mountain communities such as Hayden and Craig, Colo., where they have lived with coal-fired plants for many years. I suspect it is a situation where they would rather deal with emotion than facts. Whose and what facts shall we believe?

2. Why is it that the large car dealerships have to move to other places for "sales" and occupy large areas of shopping center lots and prevent shoppers from using the parking spaces as they were originally designed and permitted by the city?

3. I listen to and view the discussions of another crossing of the Snake River Canyon with interest also because it seems for many that a decision to construct a rim-to-rim bridge is a given. Being an engineer, I think bridges are nice to look at but, from an aesthetic viewpoint, I think another above-the-rim bridge will spoil a lot of natural scenery. I hope a below-the-rim structure with some lowering of the approach roadways will also be evaluated. A shorter and less costly structure may be possible that way.

4. Speaking of spoiling the natural scenery, it is proposed south rim hotel, a 10-story or 16-story building. Either is too much, and I still feel just a preliminary run at a future conversion to a high-rise condominium building.

5. On the issue of school construction, I am continually amazed that almost every new school around here is constructed with much money spent on nonessential and useless entrance structures. Why can't school construction stick to the basics? Would standard, low-cost, long-lasting building materials and plans be too much to ask, including roof construction that doesn't leak the first year?

6. And last but not least, on

the issue of simplifying income taxes and eliminating loopholes, etc., I can't help but think that if that were done, what would all the accountants and tax lawyers do for work?

TOM PESTOVNIK
Jerome

Library expansion is a project worth funding

On Feb. 7, the voters in the city of Twin Falls will be asked to decide on the city library's plans for expansion and renovation. The library's board of trustees, staff and a panel of interested citizens have been working on this proposal for more than two years.

Our community can be very proud of its library services. We have been able to provide a high level of service for many years because of the hard work of the library staff and the foresight of Twin Falls citizens.

Most recently, the community overwhelmingly voted for an expansion project begun in the late 1980s. I hate to think what our library would be like now if it had not been for the support of the community then.

Now we need to think about the needs of our citizens and library patrons over the next 15 to 20 years. Our library is full. This is especially true in areas like information technology and our wonderful local history collection, and we do not have proper facilities for young adults or for community meetings. About 600 people visit the library every day, and that number will only increase.

For a family owning property with a taxable value of \$10,000 after the homeowner's exemption, the proposed bond will cost about \$18.70 per year in property taxes. That is about \$1.25 per month. This is less than we were paying over the past 15 years for the previous expansion.

On Feb. 7, this will be the only issue before the voters. It is, therefore, very important that our citizens show their support by coming out to vote for the library.

TOM KERSHAW
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Tom Kershaw is co-chair of the Library Expansion Advisory Panel.)

Letters deadline is today

Voters in Twin Falls and Jerome will head to the polls on Tuesday to weigh in on two local projects. Twin Falls residents will vote on a city library expansion. Jerome voters will vote on a wastewater treatment expansion.

The *Times-News* welcomes letters and comments on these issues, but all letters must be submitted by 5 p.m. today.

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WILL JOHNSON
Halley
(Editor's note: Will Johnson is a junior at Wood River High School.)

Middle Eastern history collides with democracy

What's going on in the Middle East? It is a family feud which began 4,000 years ago when God chose Abraham to bring his blessing to mankind. Abraham and his wife, Sarah, were promised a special child at a future date, but Abraham became impatient and fathered a child by Hagar, Sarah's maid, whose name was Ishmael. Jealous Sarah drove mother and child away.

Later, Sarah bore the promised son, Isaac, who married Rebekah and produced twins, Esau and Jacob. As the twins struggled in the womb, God spoke to her that these would become two great nations; descendants of the elder red-haired Esau would serve the younger son, Jacob.

Isaac loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob, and through cunning obtained the eldest's blessing for her favorite, and the hatred between the twins was exacerbated. Esau despised his birthright, selling it to Jacob for a bowl of lentils.

Fast forward some years. Esau married an Edomite, synonymous with Arab. Abraham sent them to the east to live to avoid trouble at home between the brothers.

Centuries passed. Mohammed was born in 570 B.C., and the entire history of the Arab people made a paradigm shift. They accepted Mohammed's teaching and the descendants of Jacob did not, and the hatred intensified. More centuries passed and Israel, under the auspices of the British Balfour Declaration, established a nation in the heart of the Islamic world, where it remains today as an insult to Mohammed, the Holy Koran and Allah.

When U.S. forces entered Iraq, we greatly increased the hatred. And now it is a war between the fundamental Muslims and the western world. There are 1.3 billion, 10 percent of whom are fundamentalists. Thousands are willing to die to see the western "infidels" expelled from their land. Their hatred has escalated to a level of religious passion that cannot be fathomed by the west.

I'm sure our democratic form of government is the best, although it has become riddled with bribery and crookedness by both of the major parties. But is the price worth paying to build a clerical-run democracy in Iraq? I don't believe it is.

H.E. (GENE) POLLARD
Jerome

Missing Sempra coverage disappointing

As *The Times-News* had previously publicized, there was a meeting on Wednesday evening, Jan. 25, in the new Twin Falls City Council location lead by the Keep Magic Valley Magic committee.

This meeting presented important facts and information which will affect our future quality of life and our habitat, should Sempra be allowed to build a coal-fired plant in Jerome—anywhere in Idaho.

(Why have both California and Washington banned such plants?)

I was among more than 70 concerned Magic Valley residents in attendance, which included a former Idaho governor and members of the legal, medical and engineering professions—all concerned, knowledgeable, caring individuals.

Where was *The Times-News*? Your absence was noted and very disappointing.
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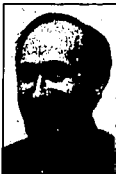
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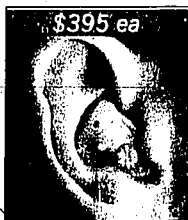


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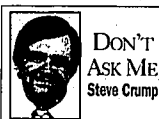
I have a friend who is so mechanically inept that his wife actually had a T-shirt made up that reads, "Please don't help!"

I'm considering asking her where I can get one for my wife.

That's because last weekend I dropped a screwdriver into the dryer. Not the part where the clothes go, mind you, but down the chute that normally houses the lint filter.

I'm thinking that was not a good thing.

Some months ago I bought Victoria, a set of screwdrivers mounted them on a wall rack in the laundry room, just above the dryer. The other evening I had just put a load of wet clothes into the dryer, pulled out the lint filter and was in the process of cleaning it when I bumped the screwdriver rack with my elbow.



Tools flew everywhere, and one fell down the lint chute.

And when I pressed the dryer's "on" button, a soul-shattering racket ensued.

So I pulled the dryer away from the wall, got my socket-wrench set and removed the plate on the back of the machine. Then I found the lint chute, took it out and dislodged the errant screwdriver, being careful to put everything back in reverse order.

I pushed the dryer against the wall and turned it on. It sounded like a Boeing 747 was taking off in the laundry room.

It also caused Victoria to accuse me of being a technician.

She's right, of course, but I try not to advertise it. Not until a major appliance blows up.

Insular as I can tell, the problem is that I did not properly secure the screws which hold the dryer together. This causes the parts of the dryer to want to fly off in different directions and, willing to do so, to clank together in frustration.

So I tightened everything up, but the dryer only got louder.

"Well," my youngest son told Victoria when she described my handiwork, "we should have seen that coming, shouldn't we?"

See, the problem is that Bob Vila — you know, the original guy on TV's "This Old House" — never lived in my neighborhood, so everything I learned came from Time-Life home repair books.

Not wishing to disparage Time-Life, but every repair project in their books works. It's not that way in real life.

Things hang on the wall tend to fall off the wall. Things I assemble seem to come astunder. Things I take apart always have parts left over.

And that's the point, really that I put up the screwdriver rack, not that I dropped one of the screwdrivers down the dryer?

My wife is threatening to call a repairperson, which I just hate. That means I'll be present when he or she takes one look at the dryer and proclaims, "What idiot did this?"

Victoria knows exactly which idiot did that. It's just beating a dead horse.

And it's not that I have to take this abuse. I can sit on the couch and watch the football game, which is what I should have done last weekend instead of putting the clothes in the dryer.

No good deed, it seems, ever goes unpunished. William Butler

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	1 of Aug.	% season
Salmon	131%	80%
Big Wood	147%	93%
Little Wood	145%	87%
Big Lost	135%	80%
Little Lost	115%	68%
Henny Fork/Teton	104%	63%
Upper Snake Basin	127%	78%
Columbia	119%	72%
Salmon Falls	145%	90%
	As of Jan. 31	

A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average. The number of basin snowpack for 2005-06 is 100 percent. For other years, which peaks at 147 percent.

Final CJD test results completed

Woman died from classic form of disease

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Final test results on brain tissue have confirmed another Idaho woman died from the classic form of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

"Test results showed it was not the variant form of CJD," said Tom Shannah, spokesman for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, on Tuesday. The variant form of CJD is caused by eating meat from a cow with bovine spongiform encephalopathy, commonly known as mad cow disease.

Since January 2005, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has received nine reports of people — seven women

and two men — diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease — or CJD — a fatal brain-wasting disease carried by prions, an abnormal form of protein in the bloodstream. Prions cause folding of normal protein in the brain, leading to brain damage. Symptoms include dementia and other neurological signs. Its victims usually die within four or five months after onset of the disease, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The cases included four women from Twin Falls County, a woman from Minidoka County, a woman from Benewah County in northern Idaho, a woman from Bear Lake County in the southern corner of Idaho on the Utah

border, a man from Elmore County and a man from Caribou County in southeastern Idaho.

Of the nine people in Idaho who have died, five had autopsies and their brain tissue was sent to the National Prion Disease Pathology Surveillance Center at Cleveland's Case Western Reserve University.

Of those five, three women — two women from Twin Falls County and the woman from Benewah County — tested positive for a prion disease, and final results on all three of them have not shown they died of classic CJD and not the variant form.

Five people, including the Elmore County man and a Twin Falls woman, tested negative for a prion disease.

Autopsies were not performed on the other four suspected CJD victims. How-

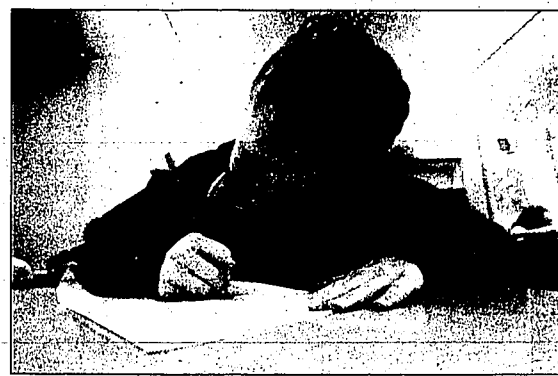
ever, a CDC neurologist has reviewed their medical records, Shannah said.

The number of cases is highly unusual. Normally, there is one case of CJD per million people a year. Between 1981 and 2003, Idaho averaged 1.2 cases a year, Shannah said. He said there was one year during that period when Idaho had three cases.

Because of their ages — all of the victims except one were over the age of 60 — health officials suspected they died of classic CJD and not the variant. However, the only way to confirm CJD is by testing brain tissue, according to the National Prion Disease Pathology Surveillance Center.

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicalvalley.com.

CUTTING THE FLUFF



White Pine Elementary School fifth-grader Cambree King works on math problems Tuesday morning in Burley. The school utilizes the Saxon math program.

New math program focuses on basic math concepts

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

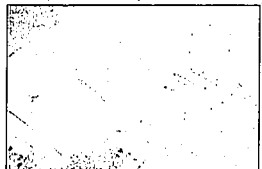
BURLEY — Students at Whitepine Elementary School in Burley are learning a new math program that rejects the idea of a litany of math-out curriculum. The program is the "meat and potatoes" of mathematics instruction, said Kevin Bushman, Whitepine Elementary School principal.

This is the first year the Cassia County School District has used the Saxon Math program, which educators are calling the Open Court Reading and mathematics. Like Open Court, Saxon outlines the curriculum for teachers, teaches students through repetition and eliminates the so-called "fluff" of other programs have added.

"The constant problem we used to have was that we only have 180 to 189 days we can teach, but we had 284 chapters we needed to teach," Bushman said. "So it really came down to asking ourselves, 'What were the 100 things we were going to leave out?' With Saxon, we can teach all the concepts."

Bushman said Saxon math teaches a concept curriculum instead of the traditional chapter curriculum, which generally includes more material than schools have time to teach. Before Saxon Math, teachers would teach math problems with colorful pictures, games and stories.

"It's only the meat and potatoes," Bushman said. "When you



Saxon math book.



Traditional math textbook.

are looking through the textbook, you're not seeing all the pictures and things. I mean, it just looks boring compared to other math books."

It also eliminates multiple-choice options, which makes the program more difficult.

"There was a lot of resistance to it from my class," said Requeine Kay, who teaches the fifth-grade honors course. "They actually had to figure it out from scratch."

Many student test scores declined during the program's implementation. However, Kay said student test scores have continued to improve as they work through the curriculum.

It also requires teachers to follow a strict teaching schedule — something that has been a point of debate among other curricula in other districts. And homework assignments challenge parents to be involved with their child's math progress.

"I'm not going to say it has been accepted 100 percent," Bushman said. "It's something that's new, and it's harder, but I think it is something that had to be done. For the first time, we've

been able to cover everything in one year, and that's something we've never been able to do before."

Bushman said the district searched for the program while searching for a state-approved math program to replace its outdated curriculum. The U.S. Department of Education requires schools to use math programs that have been scientifically researched.

Like Open Court Reading, Saxon brings a community to the school district. If students transfer from one school to another, they will remain on the same lesson because all math classes are on the same calendar. Subsequently, it also prevents some students from moving ahead, and it makes it more difficult for students who already struggle with math courses.

"There are some kids who could probably go a little beyond where we're at," Kay said. "But as far as understanding what they are doing, Saxon helps them really understand the concepts instead of doing it once, moving on and losing that understanding."

So many lessons, so little time

Previous (Traditional) curriculum:
Lessons: 225
Tests: 39

Total instructional days needed: 264

Current (Saxon) curriculum:
Lessons: 120
Tests: 35

Total instructional days needed: 155

Number of instructional days in school year: 180

• Although there are 180 school days in the year, most schools have 164 because of conflicting events.

Source: Cassia County School District

Getting better

Marine gets out of intensive care

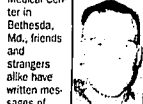
By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It was just two days shy of breaking the National Naval Medical Center's record for number of days in the intensive care unit.

But after 52 days, Capt. Travis Greene was finally well enough to be moved from the Bethesda, Md., hospital's intensive care unit to a regular floor Monday night.

Leave a message

As Marine Cpl. Travis Greene recovers at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., friends and strangers alike have written messages of support in his guestbook on the family's Carebridge Web site. Greene's parents also provide daily updates on their son's condition.



To read more, or to leave a message yourself, go to the Web site at <http://www.carebridge.org> and click "visit." In the first box, type "travis greene" and click again on "visit."

"We got our matching orders yesterday, so we marched up to the fifth floor," said the Marine's father, Terry Greene, on Tuesday. "We're just elated that we got out of the ICU and got him up to his own room. He's doing extremely well. His voice is coming back."

Greene, 24, a 1999 Twin Falls High School graduate and a star on the Bruin track and field team, lost both legs in an explosion Dec. 7 in Ar Ramad, Iraq, just west of Baghdad. One Marine was killed and three other Marines and one Navy corpsman were injured. They transferred to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in nearby Washington, D.C., a couple of weeks ago, Terry Greene said. Walter Reed, located about 10 miles from Bethesda, is physical therapy central for injured troops. Once Greene is well enough, he'll join the others at Walter Reed to begin intensive physical therapy and to learn to walk again on prostheses.

Greene was on his third tour of Iraq when he was injured. He was recently awarded the Purple Heart.

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Sun Valley: In a Holding pattern

By Karen Bossick
For The Times-News

SUN VALLEY — Consider Sun Valley Holding steady, thanks to Earl.

Some 500 appreciative well-wishers turned out Sunday night hoping to leave Carol and Earl Holding breathless with their expressions of gratitude for all the couple has done for the community in the 29 years they've owned Sun Valley.

But, in the end, it was Sun Valley owner Earl Holding who took everyone's breath away.

With the eyes of 490 dinner patrons and dozens more entertainers and waiters focused on him, Holding told about chatting with "a top guy" for Union Pacific Railroad a number of years ago.

"He said, 'The happiest day of my life was when I turned over Sun Valley to someone else,'" Holding recounted. "I told him, 'Thank God you didn't because I would have owned it if you hadn't!'"

"Carol and myself and our three kids all love Sun Valley. It's our most fun place ... we spend quite a lot of

time here. The things we've built we've done with love and care and we're going to continue building nice new things here for you ...

"And as long as I'm alive and as long as Carol is around, as long as my three kids are alive, this will never, ever be sold. We'll run it."

A gasp rippled through the room. Then a cheer and thunderous applause as the crowd jumped to its feet, any worries anyone had about what the future holds for Sun Valley gone in an instant.

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Carol and Earl Holding.

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OBITUARIES

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Lucie James

TWIN FALLS — Lucie Elizabeth James, 90, went to sleep and awoke up in the loving arms of Jesus on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006.

Lucie was born Jan. 20, 1916, on a ranch outside of Martinsburg, Neb., the daughter of Fredrick and Lucie Burkhalter. She was baptized on March 25, 1916, and confirmed in the Christian faith at Clover Trinity Lutheran Church on April 13, 1930. Lucie attended Poplar Grove School near Colfax, where she met her future husband, John H. James. They were married on Nov. 14, 1934. The couple lived in the Bull area, where, for a time, Lucie managed the responsibilities of a wife and mother while coping for dozens of Basque sheepmen. She later worked in the sales department at Land K Appliances for 10 years. They moved to Twin Falls in 1991. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Filer. Lucie demonstrated a love for her



Lord through a selfless heart that always placed the needs of others before her own. She enjoyed cooking for family and friends, reading her Bible and the companionship of dogs.

She is survived by four children, Fritz James of Bull, Idaho, Irene (Linda) James of Alpha, Ill., Frank (Loretta) James of Prineville, Ore., and Louise (Ed) Swayze of Filer,

Idaho; a sister, Irma Weaver Bulhak; a brother, Rene (Louise) Burkhalter of Bull; and a sister-in-law, Evelyn Burkhalter of Twin Falls. She had 20 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. Lucie was preceded in death by her husband, John; her parents; and three brothers, Freddie, Elmer and Johnny.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at Peace Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens St. in Filer, with the Rev. Gary Benedict officiating. There will be no viewing. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to the Peace Lutheran Church Building Fund.

The family would also like to express appreciation to the staff and management of the Twin Falls Care Center for their dedication during Lucie's stay.

Bob Bingham



He was born in Richfield on Feb. 26, 1942, the son of Lynn Afon Bingham and W. Opal Bingham, and grew up in Jerome with sisters Wilma and Myrtle working on his farm. Bob loved to work on his cars, help others keep their running and enjoyed tearing electronic things apart and putting them back together. Employment was very important to him as he worked for the North Side News, Upperwater, Clear Springs Trout Co. and the past 15 years with the Speers company. His caring personality and ability to work through difficult times, and he always had that big smile and

healthily laugh. He will be missed. Although he was a private person, his family was very important to him and he loved to help — he will be missed.

He is survived by his loving parents, Lynn and Opal; sisters

Wilma (Irene) Neal and Myrina (Irene) Liddell; nieces, Tamara (John) Sprague, Sarah (John) Arbon, Hannah (Adrian) Clark; and nephews David Liddell, Nick (Donna) Neal and Troy Neal. A good number of great-nieces and nephews will continue to remember "Uncle" Bob's big smile as well.

The funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel, with committal following at the Jerome Cemetery. Visitation will be available from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006. The family suggests memorial donations to the Idaho Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, P.O. Box 44620, Boise, ID 83711. Funeral services are under the direction of the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Judy Mae Canty



ter, sister and mother, and she will forever be missed by her family and friends.

Surviving Judy are her loving sons, Steven Carty (Aimee) of Filer, Idaho, and Oliver (Jennifer) Carty of Medical Lake, Wash.; her best, most significant other, Ron Wolf of Twin Falls; stepdad, Tom Kleinandt of Ocean Beach, Md.; brothers, Freddy Taylor of Maryland, Steven Taylor of Thompson, Utah, Terry Taylor of Denver, Colo., Danny Pillow of Des Moines, Iowa, and Charlie Pillow of Washington, D.C. Her parents preceded her in death.

A service of remembrance for Judy will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 2006, at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, Idaho. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children, Fairfax Road at Virginia Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84103. All other services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

James D. Stephens



general and John (Dean) Kofford; his Aunt Caroline Dudley Nelson (Viviana, Callie); his Uncle Clarence Dudley (Twin Falls); his stepfather, Esther (Darril) Bovan of Burley; and stepbrother, Richard (Pam) Davis. Preceding him in death were both sets of his grandparents, Charles and Francis, Drury Stephens and Carl and Bernice Dudley, all pioneer residents of Twin Falls; his father, John D. Stephens; and his stepmothers, Clara Brune Stephens and Edith Davis Stephens; and his aunt and uncle, Elizabeth (Betty) Stephens Kofford and Reed Stephens.

The funeral for Jim will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Private interment will be held in the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at the funeral home. Services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

William T. Hornaday

HAGERMAN — William Temple Hornaday, 89, of Hagerman, died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending

SERVICES

Mary Pauline Ellis of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Ava Louise Owen Flinn Hudelson of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Raul Meleso Mendez of Gooding, Mass. of Christian Burial, at 11 a.m. today at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Dean Mendez Arzandems of Gooding, Mass. of Christian Burial, at 11 a.m. today at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Jerry Klimes of Jerome, funeral

at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome LDS 1st and 3rd Ward Chapel, 825 E. Ave. B (Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

Otto LaVar Milton of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Rossmussen Funeral Home, 1250 E. 16th St. in Burley; and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Marlow Bernard "Caplain" "Berf" Hurst of Ketchum, Memorial service at noon Thursday in the Limelight Room at the Sun Valley Inn; visitation from 1 to 4 p.m. today at the Wood River Chapel in Halley.

Joe Victor Ross of Twin Falls,

celebration of life at 4 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls; graveside service at 9 a.m. Friday at the West End Cemetery in Bull; visitation from 3 to 8 p.m. today with the family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E.

David Don Ivie of Harpers, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Camas County High School gymnasium (Blackmer Funeral Home in Grangeville).

James Thomas Dealy of Jackpot, Nev., celebration of life beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday at Barton's Club 93 in Jackpot (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICES

William K. Tucker — **TWIN FALLS** — William Kenneth "Ken" Tucker, 86, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at Sunridge Care and Rehab.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, at White Mortuary, with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Park. A viewing will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at White Mortuary, with the family greeting friends from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Kendra S. Cordier — **TWIN FALLS** — Kendra Sue Cordier, 21, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Linda L. Summers — **BUHL** — Linda Lee Summers, 52, of Buhl, died at the Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center.

At the family's request, no services will be held. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls.

Geraldine L. Graf — **NAMPA** — Geraldine L. Graf, 87, of Nampa and formerly of Burley, died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at her home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel.

William T. Hornaday — **HAGERMAN** — William Temple Hornaday, 89, of Hagerman, died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending

and will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service in Gooding.

Mary Ellen Rosenbaum — **KIMBERLY** — Mary Ellen Rosenbaum, 90, of Kimberly, died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at the Kimberly Christian Church, 307 Madison St. E. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may contribute to the Ike Kleister Safe House for children at 142 Sixth Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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Ethel D. Kraus

RUPERT — Ethel D. Kraus, 82-year-old Rupert resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

She is survived by her husband, Walter Kraus of Rupert; and her children.

At Ethel's request, no services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Payson Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

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Courts strike down partial-birth abortion ban

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two federal appeals courts on opposite sides of the country declared a ban on so-called partial-birth abortions unconstitutional Tuesday, saying the measure lacks an exception for cases in which a woman's

health is at stake. The first ruling came from a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals here. The decision, which found the law unconstitutional, on three separate grounds, applies in California,

Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Alaska and Hawaii, plus Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. Hours later, a three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan

issued a similar decision. It affirmed a 2004 ruling by a judge who upheld the right to perform the late-term abortion even as he described the procedure as "gruesome, brutal, barbaric and uncivilized."

LDS leader released from hospital

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Gordon B. Hinckley, the 95-year-old president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was released from the hospital Tuesday, a week after a cancerous growth was removed from his large intestine, a church spokeswoman said.

"He is home now and continues to rest comfortably," spokeswoman Kim Farah said in a statement. "We expect he will be able to resume his normal schedule soon." Doctors are pleased with his progress, she said. No other information has been released about his condition. The growth was found during a routine medical screening — presumably a colonoscopy — and was removed through a small incision Jan. 24. It is not known whether there were indications of additional cancer.

Greene

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ple Heart and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. The last couple of months have been a roller coaster ride for the Marine and his family. He's had endless surgeries and too many blood transfusions to count. He got off the ventilator only to be put back on it. He battled infections and fevers and at one point developed acute respiratory distress syndrome. But he continued to fight and it seems the former track star has cleared another hurdle. The regular dressing changes are still uncomfortable, but he doesn't have to go to surgery again until it's time to remove his stitches. It looks as though the ventilator is gone for good and he's trained in his feed-

ing tube for pizza and Chinese food. "It's been eating as much chow as we can get in him," his father said. "He had some physical therapy this morning and they tried to get him to sit upright, but he's not quite ready yet. They put a trapeze bar above his bed. Maybe by the end of the week." The Marine seems to be out of the woods, but he still has a long road ahead of him. "This is a marathon we're in," Terry Greene said. "It's going to be awhile yet before they take him over to Walter Reed. The sooner we can get him with those other men, the better off he's going to be." He said he and his wife, Sue,

are finally able to relax a little. "We're so happy to be at a point where it's not life-threatening any longer," he said. "It's been a huge mental drain on Sue and I. At every corner, every little thing was life-threatening. Now, we're relieved. We're able to actually take a breath and look at one another. The Caring-Bridge (Web site) responses are just phenomenal. There are lots of words of encouragement." The other Marines and Navy corpsman regularly visit Greene and he recently got a visit from some New York City firefighters. Terry Greene said his goal is to see his son able to sit up in time for Sunday's Super Bowl. "On the fifth floor, there's a lounge area for patients with a

big screen TV," he said. "I'm hoping he can get up in the chair by Friday so he can watch the game with other people on the floor on Sunday. His mom is going to make him deviled eggs. He needs the protein." Terry Greene plans to join his son for the big game. But he doesn't plan to cut the Marine any slack. After all, a Super Bowl is still a Super Bowl, even when you're watching it in the lounge of a military hospital. "He's a Steelers fan," Terry Greene said. "I've got to be going for the Seahawks." Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

Crump

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Yeats, my favorite poet, said so: "Things fall apart; the center cannot hold; Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world... The best lack all conviction, while the worst Are full of passionate intensity." That's me, full of passionate intensity. Maybe if I got a bigger wrench...

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Pay, treatment top Department of Correction's budget request

BOISE (AP) — Idaho is losing correction officers to higher-paying jobs elsewhere, leading to a nearly 30 percent turnover rate among the state's prison staffers, Department of Correction Director Tom Beauclair told legislative budget writers on Tuesday.

"My number one priority is a raise for correction officers and untrained staff," Beauclair said. "Our correction officers start at 33 percent below the market rate, and not only do they start lower, they lose ground during their career."

—The average wage for prison

guards runs at about \$12.66 an hour in Idaho, compared to more than \$18 in Washington and more than \$19 in Oregon, Beauclair said.

Meanwhile, the state lacks community-based treatment centers for drug-addicted offenders, forcing officials to

decide whether to send inmates out of state for treatment or release them back into society with many of the same problems that prompted their prison time, Beauclair said.

In all, Beauclair asked members of the joint

Finance-Appropriations Committee to approve a budget of more than \$155 million for the 2007 fiscal year, nearly \$36.5 million more than in the previous year and almost \$13 million more than Gov. Dirk Kempthorne recommended.

Holding

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"Here's to Sun Valley that gives us all life and here's to Carol and Earl who gave us Sun Valley," Sun Valley General Manager Wally Hultman said as he raised his champagne glass in toast.

"I was already thinking this was the nicest affair I'd ever been to, then to have Mr. Holding say that — that just made it all the more special," said River Hill lift operator Rex Davis.

Sun Valley's thank-you celebration started, fittingly enough, on Dallar Mountain outside the house that Carol built for the kids of Sun Valley.

Alicanna Collins and Katie Rothgeb, dressed in the beige-colored Austrian ski garb Sun Valley's original Austrian ski instructors wore, greeted the Holdings as they arrived at Carol's Dollar Mountain Lodge.

As "It Happened in Sun Valley" played, they escorted the Holdings through the lodge to the patio, which was festooned with foreign flags and balloons.

David and Jill Hitchin were among the few hundred people who looked on.

"We brought our grandkids here to see who made all this possible," Hitchin said, motioning to 3-year-old Ella Guy and 5-year-old Oliver Guy, who take lessons on Dallar Mountain before school each morning.

Carol Holding smiled broadly, clapping with glee, as members of Sun Valley's Alpine Team zig-zagged down the hill in a daytime version of the Christmas Eve torchlight parade.

"Growing up here has been like a fairy tale," 16-year-old Grayson Palmer told the couple. "My brother's been full of summers wandering the valley's mountains and in winter shredding Baldy. None of this would have been possible without you."

Carol was full of praise for the figure skaters led by former national judge competitor Dawn Peterson, who was wearing Sonya Klauer Dunfield's 1952 Olympic outfit.

"I have to tell you the show you put on, Christmas Eve was unbelievable," she also heaped praise among the dozens of children who had filled two baskets full of "thank you" cards.

"These little children have done it all on their own. I know that doesn't come easy."

"I just want to give all you kids a hug. Don't stay back and be bashful."

Sun Valley owner thanks employees

Here's the gist of what Sun Valley Owner Earl Holding had to say in what may have been his first public speaking appearance since his stroke three years ago:

"You'll have to forgive me for not standing. I had a crazy damn stroke three years ago and my arm and right leg aren't very good and my voice is awful."

"Throughout the years, I've built giant refineries and pipelines and drilled thousands of oil and gas wells and built hotels and so on. But the thing Carol and I love most is Sun Valley."

"We've got a great team that runs this place, headed by Wally. He has so many good people that work for him. This is an outstanding resort. I don't think there's anything in the country that will compare with it."

"I'm so proud of all of you who put your shoulder to the wheel and made this thing happen. (Recalling riding a train from Cheyenne to Laramie for a University of Wyoming football game) "A great big fellow about 6-foot-6 sat next to me. I told him my name and he told me his. He was the top guy for the Union Pacific Railroad. He said — 'Let me tell you. It was the happiest day of my life when I turned over Sun Valley to someone else.'"

"I told him, 'Thank God you did it because I wouldn't have owned it if you hadn't!'"

"Carol and myself and our three kids all love Sun Valley. It's our most fun place ... we spend quite a lot of time here. The things we've built and we've done with care and we've been going to continue building nice new things here for you."

"We have a work force here that's second to none. People here give their all to make this place work. Many years gone by, it was a very difficult place to earn a profit and we've been quite successful. And I thank you for all that you do. I'm honored to be here and I'm very pleased to own this place. We're grateful to all of you for all you do."

"Sit down and I'll tell you one more thing: As long as I'm alive and as long as Carol's alive and as long as my three kids are alive, this will never, ever be sold. We'll run it."

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne capped the evening by proclaiming an Earl and Carol Holding Day.

"We all know Sun Valley, Idaho, is a destination for the world, not because it happens to be near New York or Los Angeles but because it's earned a reputation," he said. "Earl, you will be seated tonight, but the world will always look up to you."

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Section C

CLUELESS ABOUT SEAFOOD? Even land-lubbing Idahoans can find good fish

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Looking for some fresh seafood for dinner tonight? How can you tell?

Chances are that the halibut, salmon or cod you find in your supermarket's freezer case have been filleted and wrapped in plastic. The crab, lobsters and mussels are covered with thick shells, and the shrimp are a uniform shade of nondescript pink.

Heck, even the "smell" test doesn't work most of the time.

"I've seen customers sniff the plastic and swear they could smell the fish," said Jerry Fowler, meat manager at Sovernmart in Twin Falls. "All they were smelling was plastic."

The hard truth is that in Magic Valley, 550 miles from the nearest ocean, fresh fish shopping is largely a matter of faith in the seller.

"There's not a huge demand for seafood in this area," said John Stokes Jr., who runs Stokes Food Center in Burley. "We have seafood sales periodically that do pretty well, but as far as people coming in and saying, 'Why don't you carry more halibut?' — it doesn't happen very often."

Stokes added that's not the case in the Wood River Valley, with its transient population of current and former coast dwellers, many of them with deep pockets. Two companies, Flown in Fresh of Gannett and Mountain Pride of Sun Valley, supply Blaine County's flourishing restaurant trade, and Wood River Valley supermarkets sell a wide variety of seafood.

But on the Snake River Plain to the south, seafood demand is largely determined by price — and fish can be expensive.

"You can walk out with a \$70 or \$80 sack of groceries if you buy seafood," Stokes said.

Our frozen-seafood business is much bigger than our fresh-seafood business because most of our customers aren't willing to pay the price for fresh," Fowler said.

Seafood sold to independent supermarkets in the Magic Valley, like Stokes and Sovernmart, comes from middlemen who in turn buy from fishermen on the West Coast. It goes to distribution centers, like the Associated Foods warehouse in Salt Lake City, before it gets to stores.

The supply network is more sophisticated at chain supermarkets like Fred Meyer and Albertsons, which carefully track the balance between supply and demand.

"It's a perishable commodity," said Leo Jaramillo, food manager at Fred Meyer in Twin Falls, "so we try to keep the difference between supply and what we can sell to a minimum."

Kroger, the company that owns Fred Meyer and Smyth's stores, knows in advance what kind of fish sells well at the Twin Falls store. It supplies accordingly.

"But we do have a freedom to order fish on our own," Jaramillo said. "We would stock inventory that can be a major financial drag on

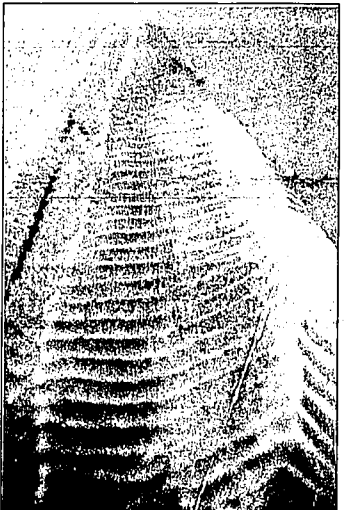


A fresh whole Dungeness crab at the Fred Meyer store in Twin Falls.

How to be choosy

- Buy from stores with rapid turnover. Once you have found a reliable place, develop a relationship with one or more of the employees.
- All seafood should be displayed on ice in clean cases. Fish flesh should be shiny, firm and slightly moist. Mussels and clams should be closed.
- For fish steaks, oily species such as mackerel and strongly flavored fish such as salmon are not good fits.
- Buy whole fish and ask the fishmonger to fillet them. Those cuts should be fresher than the fish in the case, and you can use the head and bones for stock. Rule of thumb: The fillets will be about half the weight of a whole fish.
- If the merchant doesn't put the fish in a sealed plastic bag of chipped ice, ask for that way.
- Fish product should be free of imperfections, rips and tears, with eyes that are not glassy but translucent. The flesh should be firm and unyielding, not mushy to the touch. Fresh fish will have a brighter, cleaner taste. Fish one to three days "old" are good choices, but anything older than that deteriorates.
- Many fishing boats freeze fish immediately after harvest, or as soon as possible after it's caught. Fish frozen aboard ships is better than previously frozen fish in seafood display cases.
- Lobsters are often kept alive in tanks with rubber-banded claws that you can choose for dinner. Ask your fishmonger for tips about selecting. Frozen crabs and crab parts should be chosen for color; if they look as if they've seen better days, they probably have.

Sources: Minneapolis Star Tribune; loveto-know.com



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Manilla clams.



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an independent grocer. "We don't sell a lot of it in our store," said Ben Swensen, manager of Sovernmart. "But we're planning to offer a wider selection of seafood in our new store (planned in south Twin Falls)."

"Seafood prices fluctuate, but the trend has been that it's becoming more expensive,"

Stokes said. "A lot of people just aren't willing to pay \$8, \$10, \$12 a pound," Fowler said.

Stokes typically offers a couple of big seafood sales a year — staged outside the store — at which customers can get a particular fish or shellfish at a bargain price. But when it's

gone, the store doesn't ramp up seafood inventory until the next sale, Stokes said.

At Fred Meyer and other major chain supermarkets, the everyday seafood inventory tends to be larger, although stocks can vary depending on what type of seafood the store is putting on sale.

"We carry a whole range of shellfish, as well as salmon, steelhead and other fish," Jaramillo said.

For customers unskilled at choosing seafood, Jaramillo advises looking at the color. Halibut fillets should be a flat white color, for example, and sockeye salmon bright red.

"They should be a uniform color," he said. "And when you're looking at shellfish, look for discoloration on the shells."

Small does matter, Jaramillo adds. Fresh fish shouldn't have a strong odor, fish past its sell-by date will smell fishy.

Stokes suggests trying freshwater fish, such as tilapia or trout. Idaho supermarkets tend to stock them since the state is a freshwater fish producer.

"Tilapia has white flesh and a very mild flavor," he said.

When you get fish home, keep your purchase in the coldest part of the refrigerator, the experts say. Don't soak it in water, and don't refreeze seafood that has been thawed.

And cook fish, if possible, the day you buy it.

"If you're confused about seafood — and many Idahoans are — don't be afraid to ask questions, Jaramillo said.

"We're here to help."

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The big game's on the tube, and chili's on the stove

By Stephanie Witt Sedgwick
Special to The Washington Post

One of the easiest parties to host is one centered around sports. Strangers mingle easily and the entertainment is right there on the television. The only challenge: luring your guests away from the TV set.

So why try?

Tailor a meal that can be eaten with eyes forward — and make sure it's one that lets the cook enjoy the game and the guests. An obvious choice is the all-American chili. Prepared ahead, it can be kept warm for hours on low heat or in a slow cooker set on warm. Start with quesoadillas filled with whatever combination of cheese, meat and vegetables you like. They lend themselves to play-by-play preparation. Have everything grated, diced and sliced; cook during commercial breaks. Salsa is optional; you can make one that's a chunky version of guacamole and serve it with cornbread or tortilla chips.

For dessert, try Vanilla Waffle Ice cream with caramel

sauce fits the theme. Or make a Mexican-style dulce de leche and buy one of the many excellent caramel sauces available.

ADOBO BEEF AND WHITE BEAN CHILI 10 to 12 servings

A few carefully chosen ingredients define and shape this chili's character. A spicy, smoky flavor comes from the sauce of canned chipotle on adobo. By using the sauce and not the chili peppers, you get spice without overpowering heat. Adobo sauce and chili powders can vary in intensity. Add both judiciously, one spoonful at a time.

Coarsely ground beef gives this dish more body. It is usually available around football weekends, but if you can't find any already packaged, choose a chuck roast or steak and ask the butcher to grind it for you.

Great Northern beans absorb the smoky sauce beautifully. Avoid using small white beans, which can get mushy during the cooking time.

Instead of regular tomato sauce, try to find Pomodoro Tomatoes. In this product, tomatoes are crushed, strained and vacuum-packed. If you can't find the Pomodoro, pureed tomato may be substituted.

Serve this chili with a healthy dollop of sour cream on each portion. Feel free to add garnishes such as grated cheese, diced avocado or chopped scallions. If the chili gets too thick during the cooking process or when reheated, use water to adjust its consistency.

About 4 tablespoons vegetable oil
3/4 pound (2 1/2 to 3 cups or 1 medium-large) onion, finely chopped
3 1/2 to 4 pounds coarsely ground chuck
About 2 teaspoons chili powder of your choice, or more to taste
Two 15- or 15 1/2-ounce cans white beans, such as Great Northern beans, drained and rinsed
2 to 3 tablespoons adobo sauce from a can of chipotle on

adobo
3 to 4 cups (about 26 to 34 ounces) strained or pureed tomatoes, such as Pomodoro
Salt
Sour cream, for garnish (optional)

Over medium heat, heat enough oil to coat the bottom of a large pot. Add the onion, reduce the heat to medium-low and cook until the onion is soft, about 8 minutes. Meanwhile, over medium heat, heat enough oil to coat the bottom of a large skillet. Add some of the ground chuck, taking care not to crowd the skillet. Cook the beef, breaking it up with a wooden spoon, until it is

no longer pink in the middle. Using a slotted spoon, transfer it to a bowl so that any excess fat is removed. Continue cooking the remaining meat in batches, adding more oil as needed.

Add 1 teaspoon of the chili powder to the onions and stir to combine. Add the cooked beef, beans, 1 tablespoon of the adobo sauce, 3 cups of the "strained" or pureed tomatoes and 2 cups of water. Add salt to taste and stir to combine. Increase the heat to medium-high and bring to a boil, then immediately reduce the heat so the liquid just bubbles around the edges. The liquid should cover the meat and beans; if it does not, add water and tomato in equal proportions. After 15 minutes, taste and add more chili powder or adobo sauce as desired. Cook on low to medium-low heat until the meat is tender and the flavors have melded, 60 to 75 minutes. Taste the chili halfway through and adjust the seasonings with more adobo, chili powder or salt to taste. Garnish with sour cream, if desired.



Beef and bean chili, served with a chunky avocado and tomato salad.

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FOOD & HOME

Meatloaf sandwiches get sassy

By Carol Mighton Haddix
Chicago Tribune

Man's meatloaf was the typical tribute: a mixture of ground veal, pork and beef, all bound together with egg and bread crumbs. The best part, though, was the next day, when she gave us slices of the loaf nestled between slices of white bread smeared with mayonnaise for our lunchboxes. Those sandwiches were the best.

I still love them, but now I like to vary them by adding a flavored mayonnaise, baby lettuces and switching to sourdough or a whole-grained bread. Sometimes the mayo gets a touch of minced garlic or hot chilies, as in this recipe.

MEATLOAF SANDWICHES WITH SPICY MAYONNAISE

Yield: 2 servings

Look for canned chipotle chilies in adobo sauce in the Mexican food aisle of the supermarket. Store the remainder of the chilies in the refrigerator for 2 weeks. Or run them through a blender and freeze the puree in an ice cube tray. Transfer to a freezer bag and use as you wish in soups, stews and dips.

1/2 cup regular or light mayonnaise
1/2 cup canned chipotle chili, chopped

1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lime juice
1/4 teaspoon each: salt, freshly ground pepper
4 slices sourdough bread or other rustic bread
4 thin slices leftover meatloaf
Baby lettuces

1. Mix mayonnaise, chili, lime juice, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Spread over each of the bread slices.

2. Place 2 slices of the meatloaf on 2 of the bread slices. Mound lettuces generously on top. Cover with remaining bread slices. Cut sandwiches in half.

Short ribs, as easy as 1-2-3

By Candy Sagon
The Washington Post

I love making beef short ribs because they take only about an hour to cook and are so easy to make. You just throw in some wonderful liquid, let them cook for a couple of hours, then serve. Or you can wait a day. They're even better after they sit in the refrigerator overnight.

What's really fun is to make short ribs using a recipe that calls for a few ingredients, one of them certain to astound your guests: prune juice.

Yes, my favorite no-brainer short ribs recipe contains prune juice. It's a trick I learned 10 years ago from New York chef Rozanne Gold's first cookbook, "Recipes 1-2-3."

Combine a cup of teriyaki sauce (any prepared sauce will do) with a cup of prune juice and marinate the short ribs overnight. The next day, you add some water and black pepper and simmer the ribs for two hours. The dark, spicy marinade-turned-sauce is cooked to thicken it before it's poured over the sticky tender meat.

Serve the short ribs with buttered noodles (Gold likes big, broad noodles like pappardelle tossed with a little butter and rosemary) and a salad, and friends and family will consider you a bloody genius. Just for fun — and after they've licked their plates clean — ask them to guess what was in the sauce. They will be surprised.

MAHOGANY SHORT RIBS

4 servings

The prune juice tenderizes the marbled ribs of beef, while the teriyaki sauce adds sweetness and salt. If you're serving wine, a California zinfandel makes a perfect match. Adapted from "Recipes 1-2-3," by Rozanne Gold (Viking, 1996).

3 pounds bone-in or boneless beef short ribs, cut into 4 pieces
1 cup teriyaki sauce
1 cup prune juice



What's really fun is to make short ribs using a recipe that calls for a few ingredients, one of them certain to astound your guests: prune juice.

1 cup water
1/2 teaspoon whole black peppercorns

Place the meat in a lidded container and cover with a mixture of the teriyaki sauce and prune juice. Cover and refrigerate overnight or up to 1 day.

Remove the ribs from the marinade, and set aside. In a large pot over medium-high heat, combine the marinade, water and peppercorns. Bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce the heat to medium-low, add the meat and cover. Cook for 2 hours, or until the meat is very tender or falls away from the bone.

Transfer the cooked short ribs to a platter. Increase the heat to medium-high and cook the sauce for 5 minutes, or until it is syrupy. Pour it over the meat, and serve hot. To reheat, remove any congealed fat from the top of the sauce and slowly warm the ribs in the liquid.

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Colorful meal made in one pot

By Linda Gassenheimer
Knight Rider News Service

I can't pass a grocer's display of red, yellow, orange, purple and green peppers without buying some.

They're so colorful and inviting that I decided to create a recipe to show them off.

I was in Provo on a September and had a delightful one-pot dinner.

The meal was served at the table right from the copper pot in which it was cooked.

The colorful vegetables, meat and potatoes all cooked together and made a pretty picture. This Mixed Pepper and Pork Medley will look pretty served in any pot or just right on individual plates.

Today's leaner pork cooks quickly and should not be overcooked.

In general, pork needs to reach an internal temperature of 160 degrees. In this recipe, the cubes will dry out if cooked too long.

A few years ago, the Canadians developed a yellow-flesh potato called Yukon Gold. Its color and buttery flavor have made it very popular.

Now, there are other yellow-flesh varieties available, called gold, yellow or yellow gold. Any of these can be used in this recipe.

For this rich but not particularly spicy blend of pork and sweet peppers, I'd suggest serving a low-tannin red wine, maybe a cabernet sauvignon from Chile or a California merlot.

MIXED PEPPER AND PORK MEDLEY

1 large or 2 small Yukon gold potatoes, about 1 1/2 pound
1 teaspoon olive oil
1 1/2 pound pork tenderloin, cut into 1-inch cubes
1 medium red pepper, sliced about 2 inches long and 1/2 inch wide (about 2 cups)
1 medium yellow pepper, sliced about 2 inches long and 1/2 inch wide (about 2 cups)
2 medium cloves garlic, crushed

1 cup canned crushed tomatoes
1/2 cup water (optional)
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1/2 small crusty loaf 5-grain bread or pumpkinseed bread

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Wash potato. Do not peel it. Cut into 1-inch cubes. Place in medium saucepan and cover with cold water. Cover with a lid and boil 10 minutes. To microwave, wash and cut into 1-inch cubes, place in a bowl with a 1/2 cup water, cover and microwave on high for 5 minutes.

Heat oil in a medium non-stick skillet. Brown pork on all sides, about 2 minutes. Remove to a plate.

Add peppers, garlic and tomatoes to the pan and saute, covered, 10 minutes. If the mixture looks dry, add 1/2 cup water.

When potatoes are done, remove from water, and add to skillet.

Return pork to skillet and simmer gently, covered, 10 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Place bread in oven to warm for 5 minutes.

Serve on individual plates and sprinkle chopped parsley on top. Serve bread on the side. Makes 2 servings.

Staying sharp in the kitchen

By Terri Sapienza
The Washington Post

Good knives, as any professional chef will tell you, are the cornerstone of a proper kitchen. And quality knives last longer, cut better and are safer if they are used, cleaned and stored properly.

Nancy Pollard, owner of La Cuisine, a specialty cookware store in Alexandria, Va., has been selling and sharpening knives for 25 years. She has good advice about making good knives well worth the investment.

Cleaning: It's OK to put

knives made of stainless steel in the dishwasher, but not those made of carbon steel. (Oursure of the type you own.) Stainless blades will be shiny, carbon becomes dark gray and spotted.) Repeated exposure to extreme temperatures can shorten the lifespan of the handle, and therefore the knife. To extend the life of a quality knife, wash by hand. Dry thoroughly.

Storage: Protect the blade. Knives kept in a drawer should, at the very least, have the blade covered with a sleeve or guard. A guard prevents the blade from being chipped or chip-

ping something else. It also protects rummaging hands. Wooden knife blocks, in drawers or on the counter, are another option, as long as they are kept clean.

Pollard prefers wall-mounted magnetic storage bars, for blade protection and convenience.

Surface area: Wooden cutting boards are easier on knives than plastic surfaces, Pollard says. Plastic doesn't have as much give and will dull the edge more quickly.

Maintenance: All knives need to be sharpened regularly (Pollard recommends profes-

sional sharpening; she has seen much damage done by electric sharpeners used in the home).

Two low-tech habits will help keep knives on the cutting edge longer:

Make sure blades are protected when not in use, and give them a few swipes with a sharpening steel regularly. Pollard steels her blades after every other use but says steeling after every use would be better still.

"Steeling keeps a knife that's been sharpened in better shape," she says. "Kind of like a pedicure."

Banana is the key to this soup

By Marcia Kramer
The Washington Post

This delicious entree soup owes its complex flavor in part to — of all things — banana. It breaks down during the cooking, which helps to thicken the broth, but not before bestowing a sweet-sour taste and its fragrance.

Speaking of which, there's also a fair amount of garlic, but what do you expect from a grand champion winner of the Gilroy (Calif.) Garlic Festival? Ginger Mojeno of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., came up with this recipe for the 2004 festival.

Most of the time it requires is for chopping, some of all of which could be done in advance.

Serve with crusty bread.

GARLIC SEAFOOD SOUP

4 servings

3/4 pound mussels
3/4 pound clams
3/4 pound red snapper fillets (may substitute grouper fillets)

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 cup grated ginger root (about 2 ounces)

1/2 cup finely minced sweet onion (about 1 small onion)

1/2 cup finely minced garlic (about 1 head)

1/2 medium red bell pepper, diced

1/2 medium yellow bell pepper, diced

1 small tomato, seeded and diced

2 lemons (1 juiced for broth, 1 cut into wedges for garnish)

1/4 cup clam broth
3/4 teaspoon saffron
1 cup coconut milk

1 1/2 tablespoons finely chopped cilantro



Photo by JESSIE DYAN, Washington Post

The banana in this delicious Garlic Seafood Soup breaks down during the cooking, which helps to thicken the broth, but not before bestowing a sweet-sour taste and its fragrance.

1 small, whole jalapeno chili pepper
1 small banana, peeled and thinly sliced
Salt

Freshly ground black pepper

Rinse and, if necessary, deheard the mussels by removing any strings that protrude from the shells. Scrub the clams (if they feel gritty, soak them in salted ice water). Cut the red snapper into 2-inch pieces. Set the seafood aside.

In a large nonstick skillet over medium heat, heat 2 tablespoons of the oil. Add the ginger, onion and half the garlic, stirring constantly. When the mixture becomes fragrant, after about 1 minute, increase the heat to medium-high and add the bell peppers and tomato. Cook for 5 minutes. Turn the heat to low and cover.

Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, heat the remaining 2

tablespoons of oil over medium-high heat. Add the remaining garlic, 1 to 2 tablespoons lime juice, the clams, mussels and clam broth. Cover the pan and cook for 2 minutes. Discard any clams and mussels that did not open while they cooked.

Add the saffron, coconut milk, red snapper, half the cilantro, the jalapeno chili pepper, banana and the bell-pepper mixture from the skillet, stirring to combine. Cover and cook for 6 to 8 minutes. Discard the jalapeno and add salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle with the remaining cilantro and serve with lime wedges.

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Informal Northrop feels fresh, spacious

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Clean lines join with a hipped roof to give a fresh look to the Northrop. Raised stone forms corner quoins and accents the sturdy square columns of this informal single-level home. Inside the vaulted entry, you immediately feel a sense of spaciousness.

This plan could be easily adapted for wheelchair accessibility.

A vaulted great room is the largest space, spanning about two-thirds of the rear. Its wealth of windows makes this broad area naturally bright on all but the darkest days.

On the far right, high windows flank the fireplace, and the rear wall has three sets of windows.

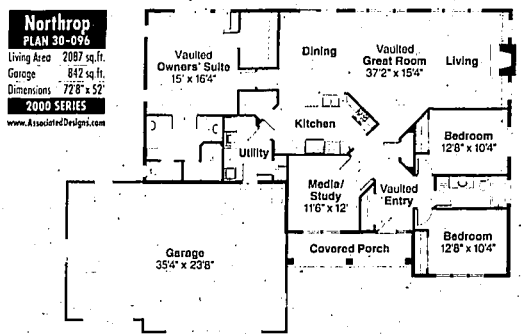
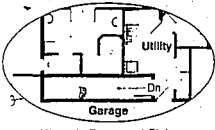
One set slides open to access a large patio. Standing at the kitchen sink, you can gaze out on activities in the great room. A coat closet and curved entry from the counter behind the dishwasher.

Storage space is plentiful here, expanded by a large walk-in pantry. More storage is found in a nearby utility room, which is larger than most. Connected to the garage, it also doubles as a mud room.

Coat closets and enclosed shelves line the hallway from the entry to the great room. Double doors here open into a large, bright front room that could be furnished as a media room, study, home office, or even a fourth bedroom, if needed.

The Northrop's vaulted-owners' suite has direct patio access and a large walk-in closet. Double doors swing in to reveal a bathroom with two vanities, a large walk-in shower, and a private water closet. Secondary bedrooms share a bathroom near the entry.

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Manufacturers offer flexible, insulated ducts

By Alan J. Heavens
Knight Rider News Service

Question: I'm remodeling an old house, doing my own work. I have a metal duct that runs through a crawl space. What do you recommend to go around it and insulate it?

Also, there is one place where I want to redirect the duct to another part of the room. Instead of metal, is there another material I can use for ductwork that would be easier to work with?

Answer: Several manufacturers produce flexible insulated duct. I have a couple of ducts in my house, including two that run from my basement into the crawl space under our kitchen addition.

My ducts consist of a flexible aluminum core wrapped in pink insulation, surrounded by a black plastic jacket, then fitted into the standard metal ducts. Not only do they hold in the heat in the winter and condition air in the summer, they eliminate condensation problems that occur on the surface of metal ducts in warmer weather.

You might be able to replace the metal duct in your crawl space with a flexible insulated one. Or — this is just an idea. I haven't tried it yet — wrap the existing metal duct in fiberglass insulation and sleeve in black plastic. It wouldn't be flexible, but it would be insulated.

Foam pipe insulation offers ease and efficiency

Question: We recently purchased a ranch home with a full basement that is not heated. I suspect our hot water is being cooled by the temperature of the basement air. We have looked at insulation to cover the hot-water pipes. There seem to be two or three types, including one that is an outer rubber sheath.

Answer: I'm a big fan of the foam insulation that comes with a slit lengthwise and fits over the pipe. It cuts easily, is easy to work with, and comes in 1/2- and 3/4-inch sizes, depending on the size of the pipe. Insulate the cold-water pipes, too, so they won't sweat in the summer.

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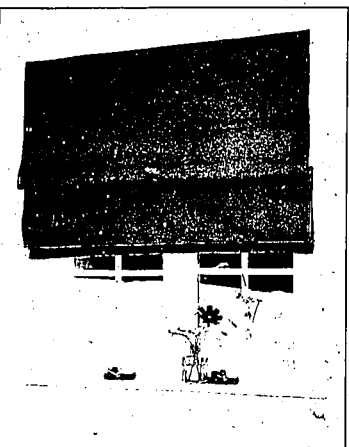
— Tina S.

DEAR TINA: Inefficient windows are a significant area of heat loss in a home and can increase your monthly utility bills. When the window glass surface gets cold, your body radiates heat to it, making you feel chilly even in a reasonably warm room. This often results in someone setting the furnace thermostat a little higher, and this wastes even more energy.

Installing insulated shades or curtains is an excellent method, especially since you are already planning to redecorate, to improve the efficiency of old windows and your comfort. The insulation value of typical single-pane windows is R-1 and double-pane windows is R-2. The best insulated window shades can increase this by more than R-6. They also reduce chilly drafts.

The efficiency of the shades is important, but keep in mind they must also look nice. If you install some ugly but efficient shades, you likely will not close them as often as you should. I cannot tell you how many homes I have inspected and found their insulated window shades open.

Many companies offer insulated window shades, which you can find at most home centers and on the Internet. When



This insulated Roman shade is 72 inches long and attaches to the headrail with Velcro (hardware is included). This 100 percent cotton shade has an acrylic foam backing for insulating value and is available in six different widths.

selecting them, it is important to compare the insulation level and how well the edges seal against the wall or window framing. Also check the ease of raising or sliding them open. If it is cumbersome, you will not use them often.

A Roman shade design is very popular and efficient because it can be quite thick. You can make your own from scratch, but it is better to get well-insulated ones in kit form. The best

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James Duley

ones have four insulating layers including reflective Mylar and a vapor barrier in the center. A magnetic edge strip is used so they seal very well against the wall.

With these kits, cut the insulated Roman shade fabric to size and add your own material cover to complement your decor. If you are not good at sewing, the kits include special adhesive strips which are activated with a steam iron.

For large windows and patio doors, side-pull curtain kits are available with the same multi-layer material and magnetic seals.

Cellular pleated shades can more than triple the insulation of single-pane windows. These are ideal for contemporary decors because they almost disappear when opened. The ones with the highest R-value use double cells and slide in vertical edge tracks to block drafts.

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Organic: Bye or buy?

The Washington Post

If you're inclined to buying organic, check a new report by Consumers Union, www.consumersreports.org. Listing organic foods that are and aren't (they say) worth choosing.

Yes: apples, bell peppers, celery, spinach, strawberries. Maybe, if money is no object: sweet corn, broccoli, mangoes, peas; processed foods. Don't bother: seafood, cosmetics. Who knew "organic" fish can harbor mercury or PCBs?

Oatmeal: An overnight success

By Jill Wendholt Silva
Knight Ridder News Service

Think of oatmeal as your wake-up call to good nutrition. A cup of cooked steel-cut oats has 8 grams of total fiber. Two of those grams are soluble.

In the '80s, oatmeal became the first whole food to receive FDA approval to make a health claim because it contains beta-glucan, a soluble fiber that absorbs cholesterol from the blood. Studies showed just 1 1/2 cups of cooked oatmeal a day can produce cholesterol-lowering effects.

Instant oatmeal is easy to prepare, but it has just half the fiber, and the thin, precooked flakes produce cereal with a bland flavor and gummy texture. By contrast, steel-cut oats have a chewier texture and naturally nutty flavor.

The tradeoff is they take much longer to cook, and that's an important consideration for a busy cook trying to get the family out the door every morning. This Winter Peach Oatmeal lets breakfast cook while you sleep. Just fill the slow cooker with oats and water before bed and let it cook all night.

Shopping tip: Steel-cut oats are also known as Scotch oats or Irish oatmeal. Whatever name you prefer, the oat groats have been cut into two to three pieces with a steel blade; they haven't been steamed, and rolled into flatter flakes, like quick-cooking oats. With the recent emphasis on eating more whole-grain foods, more mainstream supermarkets are stocking tin canisters of steel-cut oats. One popular brand is McCann's.

WINTER PEACH OATMEAL

Makes 6 servings

- 1 cup steel-cut oats (or Irish oatmeal)
- 4 cups water
- 1 cup dried peaches, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 cup white grape juice
- 1 (6-ounce) carton peach or vanilla flavored low-fat yogurt
- 6 tablespoons English walnut pieces, toasted

Combine oats and 4 cups water in a 3 1/2- to 4-quart slow cooker. Cover and cook on low setting 6 to 8 hours or until oats are tender and cereal is thick.

Combine peaches, nutmeg and white grape juice in a small saucepan. Cover and heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer 8 minutes or until peaches are tender. Uncover and cook 2 to 3 minutes or until liquid is slightly reduced.

To serve, spoon cooked oats into individual serving bowls. Top each with 2 to 3 tablespoons warm peaches and syrup, then a dollop of yogurt. Sprinkle with walnuts.

Why is my coffee cloudy?

Knight Ridder News Service

Question: The coffee I make in my new coffee press is cloudy. What causes this, and how can I fix it?

Answer: When you use a French press, you must use coarse-ground coffee. Otherwise, the grounds may slip past the filters and make the coffee cloudy, said John Economou, president of Peard Coffee Co. in Akron, Ohio. Because the coffee is coarse ground, it must be a dark roast in order to extract enough flavor to produce a robust cup of coffee. For the same reason, the water should be very hot — 190 to 200 degrees.

The French press makes a good cup of coffee if it's made properly, Economou said.

A daughter also makes chrust

By Zofia Smardz
The Washington Post

I've been thinking lately that it's time to make some chrust. With Lent approaching, maybe throw a party, so I can bask in the raves this elegant-looking bread-stuffed pastry always gets. And think of my mother.

I don't know whether she liked baking or loathed it — she pretty much resented the whole culinary thing, to be honest, even though she was a major whiz at it — but she'd probably hate it that so many of my memories of her involve dough. I can't help it. That's so often how I see her, in our apartment kitchen, at the old Formica-topped table that's been cleared of all our homework and the weeks' worth of Polish newspapers my father hasn't waded through yet. She's dusting the surface with flour, and then begins the ritual kneading and rolling of the great globs of dough that will soon become a bounty of baked goods and traditional Polish pastries.

There she is, at Easter and Christmas, before Polish Independence Day or the choir picnic or the church bazaar, kneading and pounding and rolling and cutting. My sisters were good helpers, but I mostly sat at the table just watching the process unfold. That's where I saw the day I saved my mother's tears dropping into the dough after she read the letter saying that my grandmother in Poland — whom my mother hadn't seen in 17 years — had died.

Still, the Easter bakes was as sweet as ever that year. Ditto the other cakes — the *sernik* cheesecake, or the several loaves of *makowiec*, the poppy-seed-filled strudel you can't get through any Polish holiday without. Poppy seed was never my favorite filling, so a lot of times I'd wheedle until my mother filled a roll with prune or apricot paste instead. That made me happy.

But what made me happiest was when she made the deep-fried pastry pronounced "hrust."

It that sounds a lot to your ear like "crust" — it always has to mine — that's only appropriate, because this is a crisp, delicate, not-too-sweet pastry, I mean an ingredient or two and its name changes to *florki*, or "little fa-

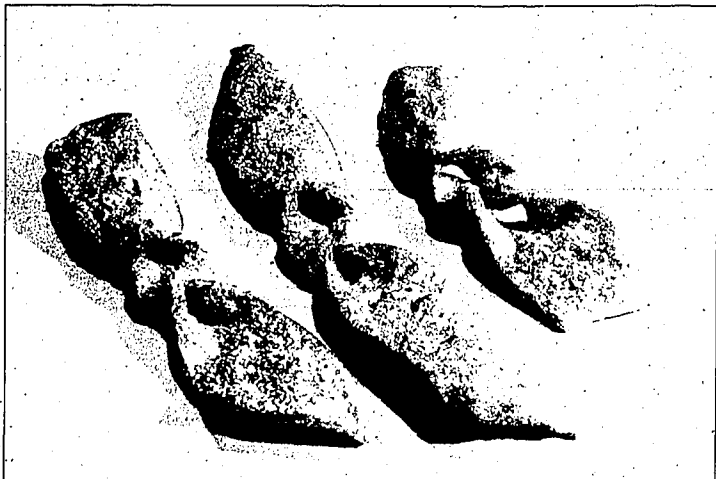


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Chrust — crisp and tasty like mother made it.

vors." While it's deceptively simple to make, the really good cooks of my childhood brought a certain magical touch to the task that made the truly superior or hatches stand out.

My mother always fretted over whether her dough was light enough, and whether she'd rolled it thin enough and fried it just the right amount of time.

I wish I could convince you of how right she got it by telling you just to try her recipe for yourself and see, but darn it all, I went through a phase in my youth of, shall we say, self-declared culinary independence.

OK: I refused to learn to cook. I was in a stand in which my mother gave me her full-hearted support (she didn't want us girls to be slaves to the kitchen). But as it turned out, it was to my everlasting regret. I was in my mid-20s when she died, and I hadn't absorbed any of her secrets or skills.

And yet she must have known I'd come to the kitchen someday, because she didn't leave me totally without resources. On a

church trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pa., a couple of years before she died, she bought me a small Polish cookbook that has become my trusted substitute for picking her brain.

I've used it for nearly 30 years now to make all the dishes she could have taught me to make — including chrust. And I'll tell you, what comes out is every bit as crisp and tasty as the stuff she made. At least I like to think so.

CHRUST

Makes 3 to 4 dozen 4-by-1-inch pastries

A lot of traditional chrust recipes call for sour cream or heavy cream and butter. But I prefer this simpler approach — and I hardly ever have sour cream around anyway. Recipe adapted from "Treasured Polish

Recipes for Americans" (Polish Club, 1974).

- 1 whole egg, plus 3 egg yolks
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup confectioner's sugar, plus more for dusting the pastries
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon rum (light or dark)
- 1 cup flour, plus more for dusting the work surface
- 2 1/2 to 3 cups vegetable oil, for frying

In a large bowl using a hand mixer on high speed or an electric stand mixer on medium-high speed, beat the eggs and salt for 2 to 3 minutes, until the mixture is thick and lemon-colored. Add the sugar, vanilla extract and rum, mixing until well combined. Gradually add the flour; the dough will be sticky. Transfer to a well-floured work surface and knead the

dough for 10 to 15 minutes or until it becomes smooth and springy. Divide in half, cover and set half aside. Roll out each half until it's paper-thin, about 1/16 of an inch. Using a pastry wheel or knife, cut into strips about 4 inches long and 1 inch wide, cutting each end on the diagonal. Make a small slit in the center of each strip and gently pull one end through to form a bow-tie shape.

Add the oil to a large skillet and heat until the oil ripples. Working in batches, drop in 3 or 4 pieces at a time, frying the chrust until they are light gold-

en brown, about 5 seconds on each side. Drain briefly on paper towels, then transfer the chrust to a large platter and sift the confectioner's sugar, generously coating both sides, using a fine-mesh strainer.

The chrust may be stored in an airtight container for up to 1 week.

How do I 'cook' eggnog?

Knight Ridder News Service

Question: I know I shouldn't serve eggnog made with raw eggs, but I forget the recipe for the cooked kind. Doesn't the rum kill the bacteria, anyway?

Answer: No, alcohol won't kill any salmonella bacteria that may be present in eggs, and you can't see or taste the bacteria, either. The safest bet is to make a cooked custard base and, if you like, to fold in beaten egg whites

just before serving in the powdered kind.

To make the cooked custard base, combine 6 eggs, 1/4 cup sugar, a pinch of nutmeg and 2 cups milk and stir over medium-low heat until the mixture registers 140 degrees on an instant-read thermometer. Do not boil or the eggs will scramble. Chill, then stir in 2 cups cold milk, a dash of nutmeg and rum if desired.

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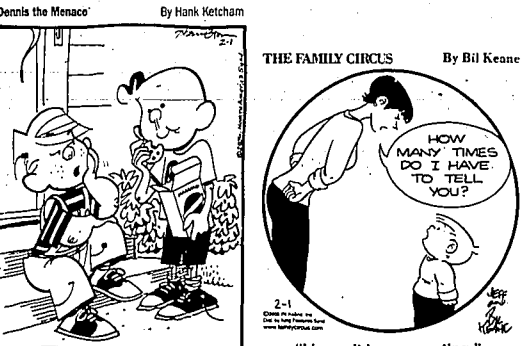
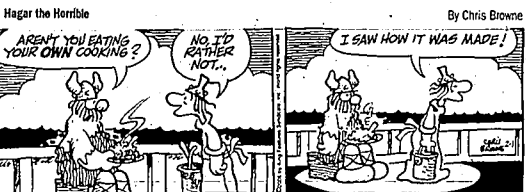
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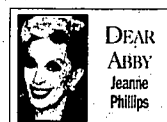
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Smart people look for love in more of the right places

DEAR READERS: As promised, today I'm printing my own tried-and-true list of hints to meet a potential mate. (Because some of my suggestions have already been offered by others, I'm abbreviating this list.) Read on.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

Simply put, decent people are found where decent people gather. You will never meet anyone sitting at home, so get out of the house and become involved. Enroll in an adult education class, take a class in auto mechanics, welding, computer training, sailing, navigation, golf.

Volunteer your services. There are plenty of under-privileged, disabled, elderly and teens who could use a friend. Get involved with your church or a civic organization. Join a political party and volunteer to help at a polling station. (You'll meet everyone in your district!) Join a professional organization — Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, manufacturing organization or any organization having to do with your profession.

Take dancing lessons — square dancing, line dancing, ballroom or salsa. Take up fishing or hiking, join a gym or health club. Do some entertaining and ask your friends to bring along a friend. If you have children, join Parents Without Partners.

You may not meet "The One" right away, but you'll make new friends — and one of them may

have a friend who's perfect for you.

I'DEAR ABBY: A former friend I'll call "June" was the cause of many important relationship breakups in my life — one of which is mended now. We hadn't spoken for years.

About seven years ago, June was hired at the place where I have worked for the past 12 years. She now tries to find and make up excuses to converse with me, both in and out of work. I ignore her. I am not mean or rude; however, I have complained to our supervisors that I don't want anything other than work-related issues to do with June. They have notified her of my complaints, and she is getting the hint.

Outside of work is another story. I "forgave" her many years ago, but I still do not wish to have her as a friend or acquaintance. Please tell me how to get rid of her. I have considered a restraining order, but she hasn't done anything threatening.

—**BEING STALKED IN KOKOMO DEAR BEING STALKED:** The

next time June approaches you outside of work, if you haven't already done so, tell her exactly what you have told me. If that doesn't do the trick, change your routine — the places or the hours that you shop, go for exercise, etc. If the woman still pursues you, then do inform the police that you are being stalked by someone who appears to be unbalanced, because that may be what the woman is, and get it on record.

DEAR ABBY: I was sitting with a friend today, and we began talking about the rising gas prices. After a few minutes she said, "Why don't Americans do what they do in Europe?" I asked her what that was, and she told me that Europeans take a regular day off from driving — which not only saves gas but also brings families closer together. What an excellent idea for people here in the United States.

I think it is a simple solution to a growing problem and could make a huge difference. Do you think this is possible?

—**JIM H., NAPLES, FLA.**
DEAR JIM H.: I certainly do. When people are determined enough, anything is possible. We may not be able to control gas prices, but we can decide how we want to spend our money. For those who need to economize, walking, riding bicycles, ride-sharing and public transportation are sensible solutions.

Your share of debt hits \$27,487

The last time we checked (last Wednesday), the national debt was up — to a record \$8,200,762,367,139.59. Your personal share of that is \$27,487. Of course, that was last Wednesday — it's been increasing by an average of \$2.28 billion a day, so it's more by now.

This day in history: Today is more or less the midpoint between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, originally celebrated as Imbolc by pre-Christian Celts. Imbolc was the feast of Celtic goddess Brigid — later improbably adopted as a Christian saint by the Catholic Church, it was meant to mark when the snow factoring in preparation for the birth of lambs, a first harbinger of spring. Tradition has it that if the sun shines today, winter is on its way out, but if it's hidden



RANXMI KINDS OF FACINESS Jack Mingo Erin Barrett

by clouds, there is still plenty of winter to come.

Tomorrow is Groundhog's Day, in which the Imbolc tradition is illogically reversed: if cloudy, spring is sunny, more winter.

Like American Sign Language, Braille came from France. Louis Braille, who was blinded in an accident at age three, invented the raised-dot reading and writing system in 1824.

Learning from history: When Tiberius became emperor

of the Roman Empire, he received a message from the Senate assuring him that they'd pass any legislation he asked for. He returned the message with an outraged comment: "Suppose the emperor is ill, or mad, or incompetent?" When they sent the message again, he responded scornfully: "How eager you are to become slaves!"

American Sign Language came first from France. There, Abbel Charles-Michel l'Epée organized gestures into a coherent language in the 18th century, and Thomas Gallaudet adapted it to American English in 1816. His new language consisted of about 60 percent French Sign Language, combined with a number of signs. Native Americans used to communicate with members of other tribes.

A Cinderella story: Dog has its day

ST. LOUIS — A dachshund-cocker mix with a hard-luck past has ended up being the belle of the ball.

Tillie, the pooch, rescued from a no-shelter in California, was named "Best in Show" Monday at Dog Show USA, an online competition that gives equal standing to purebreds and mixes. Some 150 people voted for Tillie, organizers said. "This is a classic Cinderella story," said award presenter Ernie Planch, as he draped a medal and ribbon around Tillie's tiny neck. She's a mixed-breed rescue dog selected from 15,000 entries. She is America's dog.

She also received a bouquet of carnations and a crystal water bowl.

NBC and pet food maker Purina, co-sponsors of the National Dog Show of purebreds, decided to launch a dog show with two firsts: the competition would include mixed breeds and the public would vote for contestants online.

Tillie, in the mixed-breed category, competed against winners in eight other areas — sporting, toy, herding, working, terrier, "best trick," "owner look-a-like," and "cutest face." "Every dog deserves to have its day in the spotlight," said Michael Moore, interactive marketing director for Purina.

Manhole cover thefts cause gaping problem

INDIANAPOLIS — The potholes here are getting out of control — and it's a man-made problem. Thieves have made off with dozens of the hefty covers and sewer gates in the last few days, leaving gaping holes scattered in streets across the city.

City officials believe the high price of scrap metal is spurring the thefts and have been warning area scrap yards not to buy any manhole covers.



Tillie, a dachshund/cocker spaniel mix from Eagle Rock, Calif., is held Monday by owner Julie George in St. Louis after being introduced as the "Best in Show" at the Dog Show USA competition.

Odds and Ends

Crews worked Monday to put up warning barriers for the holes once protected by the covers, which can weigh about 300 pounds.

"This is a severe public-safety hazard we have here," said Margie Smith-Simmons, a spokeswoman for the city's Department of Public Works. "These manholes range in depth from 4 feet to 30 feet deep."

She said the profit motive for such thefts has escalated over the past two years as the price for a ton of scrap steel has gone from about \$70 to \$300. "Very tough, very time consuming, very expensive," Ronnie Sanders, a city public works project manager, said of replacing the covers. "It's taxpayer dollars going out the window."

Australian official pushes for higher TV standards

SYDNEY, Australia — Australia's prime minister wants the country's television networks to clean up their act. Please.

"I think we have seen a marked deterioration in good manners," Prime Minister John Howard told reporters Tuesday. "I think there are certain vulgar expressions that have no place on television and if there's not some self-discipline exercised in that, I think standards will continue to deteriorate," he said.

Howard was speaking in support of a senior judge who used a speech to the Sydney legal fraternity Monday night to lament the prevalence of boorish behavior and the lack of ordinary manners in Australian society.

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FOOD & HOME

Colorful chicken roulade impresses guests

By Marcia Kramer
The Washington Post

Versatile chicken breasts are a common choice for a week-night dinner when you haven't a minute to spare.

With a little bit of extra effort, though, chicken breasts needn't be common at all. In fact, when stuffed with savory spinach, mushrooms and roasted red bell pepper — and with each slice displaying the colorful filling — they can be impressive enough to serve on the good china at a weekend dinner party.

At Carlos's restaurant in suburban Chicago, the chicken is served on a bed of risotto.

CHICKEN BREAST ROULADE WITH VEGETABLES

Servings: 4
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the chicken breasts can be filled the day before, covered and refrigerated. Then you need only to brown and roast them.

Adapted from "Carlos," by Debbie and Carlos Nieto (Gibbs Smith, 2005).

1 pound spinach, stemmed and rinsed
4 tablespoons canola oil
1/2 pound mushrooms, any variety, sliced
1 medium roasted red bell pepper, prepped, seeded and diced
1 tablespoon goat cheese
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper

6 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, tendersloins removed (about 6 ounces each), butterflied and pressed thin (see note)

Have ready 10 pieces of kitchen twine, each about 12 inches.

Place the spinach in a large pot over medium heat. Cook covered, until the spinach has wilted, 1 to 2 minutes, then drain in a colander. When cool enough to handle, squeeze out any excess moisture and transfer the spinach to a medium bowl.

In a medium skillet over medium-high heat, add 2 tablespoons of the oil. Add the mushrooms and cook, stirring, until they are golden, about 3 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the mushrooms to the bowl of spinach. Add the roasted, diced red bell pepper, goat cheese and salt and pepper to taste and mix until well combined.

Place a portion of the spinach-mushroom mixture atop each butterflied chicken breast; don't overstuff. Working with one piece of chicken at a time, roll the chicken, jellyroll style, to enclose the filling, tucking the ends under. Slip a piece of twine under the middle of the chicken, bring the ends over the

top and tie snugly. Tie 1 more piece of twine near each end of the chicken. Trim any excess twine.

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.

In a large cast-iron skillet or heavy pan over medium-high heat, add the remaining 2 tablespoons oil. Cook the chicken until it is golden brown on all sides, about 6 minutes. Transfer to a rimmed baking sheet and roast for about 8 minutes.

Let sit for about 10 minutes. Discard the twine and cut each roulade into 1-inch slices. If serving with risotto, spoon some onto individual plates and fan the chicken slices over the top. Serve hot.

Note: Chicken breast halves are easiest to butterfly when they are partially frozen. Using a sharp knife held parallel to the work surface, cut almost but not all the way through the thickest portion of the breast. Open like a book and pound it flat.

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Super Bowl food fumble

The Washington Post

There was confusion last week when Food Network's online site proposed Philly Style Cheese Steak Sandwiches, and Amish Shoo-Fly Pie as Super Bowl Sunday recipes for Pittsburgh Steelers fans.

Seattle-friendly recipe suggestions fared slightly better, but the Seattle Style Mault-ahaise listed on Thursday afternoon didn't sound at all familiar to Seattle Post-Intelligencer food editor J. David Chang.

"This was just for fun," said Beth L. Hight, a senior vice president for Scripps Interactive Media and www.foodnetwork.com. "We talked to people who live in the area and asked them which recipes already on the site would they prepare for a Super Bowl party. We were not trying to educate people about what Pittsburgh food is."

By Friday evening, though, the site's Seattle Snacks recipes had morphed into Whole Dungeness Crab, Fried Crab, Roasted Mussels With Spicy Pork Sausage and Salmon Salad, Sandwiches With Taro Chips. The Pittsburgh Party Eats hit closer to home, too: Kielbasa With Apple Cider Sauce, Sauerkraut, Stuffed Cabbage Rolls and Teriyaki Pot Stickers.

In their Sunday editions, Chron and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette food editor Marlene Parrish laid down the usual food bets between rival home towns for Super Bowl XL: it's Copper River King salmon vs. Kielbasa, On their lists for Seattle, steamed Puget Sound mussels, Olympia oysters on the half-shell for Pittsburgh, chipped ham, Klondike bars and Iron City beer. Now that's more like it.

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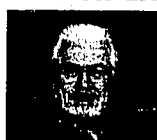
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Coming Thursday
CSI baseball looks to continue winning ways.

The Times-News Wednesday, February 1, 2006 Section 1D

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Yo, A&M! The way your football team has been losing the past few years — 16-19 the past three seasons — you might try your luck with a 12th and a 13th Man.

— Seattle Times columnist Steve Kelley, Texas A&M sought a restraining order Monday against the Seattle Seahawks, asking the NFL champions to stop promoting the "12th Man" marketing campaign

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School
BOWLING
Minico at Kimberly, 4 p.m.
Gooding at Filer, 4 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL
Burley at Pocatello, 7:30 p.m.
Minico at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.
Wendell at Valley, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Postseason
IA Northside Conference, Shoshone HS
Carey vs. Dietrich, loser-out game, 6 p.m.
Shoshone vs. Richfield, championship, 7:30 p.m.
IA Southside Conference, Murtaugh HS
Oakley vs. Raft River, second-place game, 7:30 p.m.
WRESTLING
Century, Kimberly at Minico, 5 p.m.
Highland, Pocatello, Jerome at Burley, 5 p.m.
Valley, Raft River/Oakley at Wendell, 5:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Robert Stuart boy sinks long shot
TWIN FALLS — Robert Stuart ninth-grader Tony Sanchez, 14, sank a 3-pointer from more than 70 feet away with a second remaining in the first half on Monday night at O'Leary Junior High School.
The guard's shot was from near his own 3-point line and went through the opposite basket without hitting the rim or backboard.
The one-armed player made it 36-17, O'Leary, at halftime. O'Leary went on to win 66-46.

CSI men move up to No. 16

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team is ranked No. 16 in Tuesday's NJCAA Division I poll after being ranked at No. 18 the week before.

Kimberly Legion team sets meeting date

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly American Legion Baseball team will hold an organizational meeting at the Kimberly city council chambers at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9. All parents of interested players should attend.

Publicist arrested on child sex charges

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A well-known NASCAR publicist was arrested Tuesday and charged with statutory rape and soliciting a minor for sex over the Internet, authorities said.
Richard Norman "Chip" Williams Jr., of Mooresville, was arrested in the parking lot of a Guilford County church where he had arranged to meet what he believed was a 14-year-old girl with whom he had been conversing in an Internet chat room, Sheriff D.J. Barnes said.
Barnes said investigators targeted Williams after receiving information about a four-year sexual relationship between the publicist and a now 15-year-old girl from Guilford County.
Williams is charged with first-degree sex offense with a child and statutory rape sex offense and solicitation of a child by computer to commit a sex offense, Barnes said.
Compiled from staff reports

Tigers roar

Jerome dominates second half play against Spartans

By John Derr Times-News writer

JEROME — After an anemic first half by both teams, the Jerome Tigers surged to the lead in the third quarter to defeat the Minico Spartans 43-29 and advance in the Great Basin West conference girls' basketball tournament.

"The first half we didn't really come out to play. I wasn't going to let us lose. We have worked to hard to get her," said Lindsay Williams, who led the Tigers for the second straight game with 17 points.

The Tigers (15-6) travels to Burley Thursday at 4 p.m. in a Minico-hosted Wood River in loser-out play.

"We have to come out fired up. We can't afford to take a half off," Williams added.

Jerome swept the two meetings in the regular season by 12 points each time, but it was the Spartans (6-15) who came out with the intensity.

Scoring was sparse in the first period with only a jumper by Williams finding the mark in the first seven minutes.

Minico's Sarah Schenk nailed one from beyond the arc. Williams answered with another bucket, but Dani Ramirez drove the lane and the Spartans led 5-4 after one.

The second quarter wasn't much better. Ramirez dished a pair of assists for Minico while Jane Hope and Lindzie Kuhl scored inside. The Spartans took an 11-9 advantage into the locker room.

Jerome shot 4-of-23 in the first half while Minico hit 5-for-24.

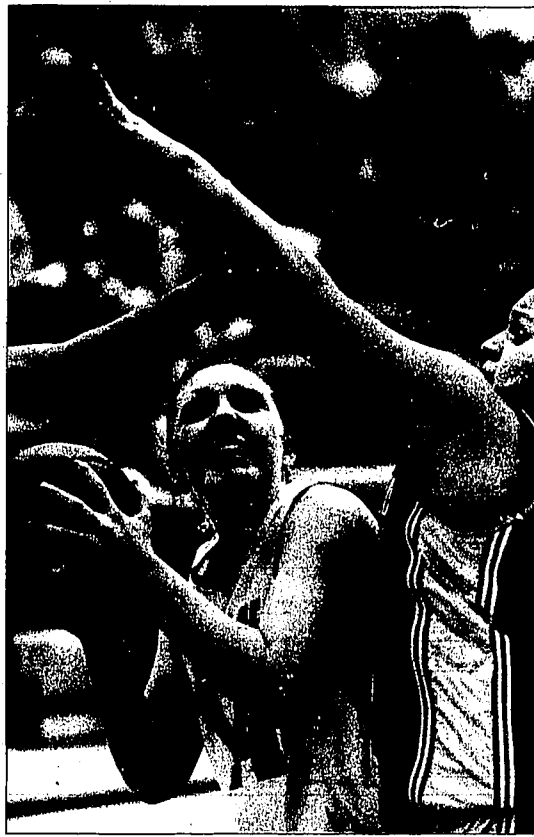
The Tigers, behind Kuhl and Williams, controlled the action for most of the third period by attacking the boards and dominating in the paint.

Williams hit four free throws while Kuhl added a drive and an old fashioned three-point play as the Tigers matched their first half output in just three minutes and led by three.

The lead grew to 10 with four more points by Williams and a drive by Jordan Burnham.

Jerome coach Will Harbison said his team settled down after the break.

"In the third quarter we executed in the half court offense



Tigers senior Jenni Blingham goes up for the shot as Minico senior Veta Arteaga, right, defends Tuesday night in Jerome.

and got better looks," said Harbison.
Ramirez, who paced the Spartans with 10 points, hit a pair of free throws late in the period but Jerome led 27-19 heading into the final period.

The Spartans cut the deficit to four early in the quarter, but Jerome took over on the boards, getting offensive rebounds to pull away down the stretch.

"We were shooting too fast in the first half and not running

our offense," said Kuhl, who chipped in 10 points, mist in the paint.

Although they scored more points, both teams struggled from the field, Jerome hit 25 percent (4-of-16) while Minico hit just 20 percent (3-for-16).

"We played hard for 2.5 quarters. We did what we wanted and took them out of what they wanted to do early. We just didn't have the breaks," said Minico coach Clint Straiman. "They

got the rebounds. Sometimes we blocked out and they went over our backs and got the rebounds."

Jerome 43, Minico 29
1st 8-20-26
2nd 13-18-34
3rd 15-14-43
4th 17-17-60
Total 46-55-113
Rebounds: 18-14-32-45
Assists: 10-12-14-18
Steals: 1-2-3-4
Blocks: 1-2-3-4
Fouls: 15-18-20-22
Time: 20:00
Referee: [Name]

Wendell grounds Pilots

Kelsey drops 32 points, Cox grabs 22 boards

By Nathaniel Garrabrant Times-News writer

WENDELL — It was just one of those games where everything seemed to fall into place for the No. 2 seed Wendell Trojans, who took the lead a minute into Tuesday night's Canyon Conference Tournament opener and never relinquished it to hang a 55-49 loss on No. 3 Glens Ferry.

A couple of monster performances didn't hurt the hosts either, namely a 32-point outing from senior guard Hailey Kelsey and a 14-point, 22-rebound double-double from junior post Eric Cox.

"It was a great game, very emotional," said Trojans head coach Luke Kelsey. "Both sides played hard. Glens Ferry got a good team. Give credit to them. They played a good hard game."

"They did, rallying from a 19-4 deficit early in the second quarter to cut the Trojans lead to 26-24 at the half.

But every time the Pilots got close, Wendell (12-7) found an answer.

Glens Ferry (7-14) opened the second half with a 5-2 run to get to within a point at 30-29, but Cox sank a free throw and Kelsey reeled off eight points in 2.5 minutes to make it 39-33 to reclaim the momentum.

At the end of the night, however, it was a game won and lost at the line, with the Pilots shooting 7-for-20 at the stripe and Kelsey going 15-for-18 on her own.

"We can't beat them on the free throw line," said Glens Ferry head coach Kelli McElone. "We've got to keep them off the free throw line and we've got to be able to put free throws in. I felt like we beat them on the floor. We just can't put Hailey on the free throw line."

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Canyon Conference Tournament

Tuesday's game
No. 2 seed Wendell 55, No. 3 Glens Ferry, 49

Thursday's game
Wendell at No. 1 Valley, 7:30 p.m.

American snowboarders aim to dominate Olympics — again

The Associated Press

ASPEN, Colo. — Shaun White's eyes darted around the room before fixing on the gold medal hanging around his neck.
"This is awesome. I can't believe it," he said. "I can't wait to get to Torino."
Neither can the rest of the U.S. Olympic snowboard team.

The Americans swept the podium at the last Winter Olympics and, based on their performance at this year's Winter X Games, there's a good chance they'll do it again when the Turin Games begin in less than two weeks.

White leads the way.
The 19-year-old from Carlsbad, Calif., took the frustration of bucking under the pressure at last year's Winter X Games and used it as motivation, spending the offseason working on some new moves.

White hasn't lost since, winning all five Olympic qualifiers and taking gold in the two events he entered at Winter X. He's amazingly consistent, rarely missing any of his tricks, and constantly pushes himself to go bigger, learning from other riders and creating new moves.

"White beat a superpile field that included seven Olympians at this year's Winter X, landing three 1080s (three rotations) on his final run for a 91, and says he still has some tricks left in his board bag.

"I just want to go to Torino," White said. "It's all I want to do and it's all I've been thinking about. I'm taking this crazy road to get there, but I'm pumped. I can't wait. I've got some confidence now."

He's not the only one.
The U.S. halfpipe team — Mason Aguirre, Danny Kass and Andy Finch are the others — are a talented bunch, each one capable of pulling off big runs under pressure.
Aguirre, the youngest at 16, won the New Zealand Open quarterpipe last year and earned a



Shaun White gets high above the crowd as he competes in the men's snowboard superpipe event during the Winter X Games in Aspen, Colo., Monday.



Reporters and photographers swarm the mini-stage where Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is seated during Media Day Tuesday at Ford Field in Detroit, site of Sunday's Super Bowl.

Big Ben stands tall in Super Bowl XL pocket

The Associated Press

DETROIT — They came in waves from all directions, occasionally blindsiding him from angles he couldn't have anticipated. Other times they blitzed up the middle, challenging him face-to-face and daring him to stand up to the pressure.

No matter what their strategy was, Ben Roethlisberger always had the answer — adjusting on the fly when needed, or adeptly sidestepping anything he wished to avoid with the polish and poise of a John Elway or a Terry Bradshaw.
Now, if only Roethlisberger can stand up to the Seattle Sea-

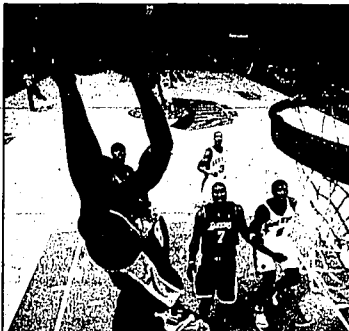
hawks the way he did the dreaded media day at the Super Bowl.
"This is the best part of it, talking to you guys," Roethlisberger said Tuesday. "Being the quarterback, you know that cameras are pointed at you and people want to talk to you. You have to be smart — and know it comes with the territory."
The Steelers kept their 23-year-old quarterback away from the media hordes Monday, not including him among a six-player contingent made available for interviews. That created speculation they were worried Roethlisberger might

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SPORTS

Kobe leads Lakers past Knicks

NEW YORK (AP) — Kobe Bryant is back in Wilt Chamberlain's company again. Bryant scored 40 points, despite making only one field goal in the second half...



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant scores to the basket for a dunk against the New York Knicks during the second quarter...

Nets 91, Pistons 84

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jason Kidd had 23 points and 12 rebounds to help New Jersey snap the Pistons' NBA-best 11-game winning streak.

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant scores to the basket for a dunk against the New York Knicks during the second quarter...

Wizards 84, Pacers 79

WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas scored 20 points, and Antawn Jamison had 19 points and 18 rebounds to lead the Wizards over Indiana...

Mavericks 98, Bulls 94

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 21 points, the most important an open 3-point shot that helped prevent a rivaler second-half meltdown...

Suns 123, 76ers 99

PHILADELPHIA — Boris Diaw had 14 points, 11 rebounds and 13 assists for his first career triple-double, leading Phoenix.

No. 1 UConn holds off No. 9 Pittsburgh

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — Marcus Williams made five free throws in the final 30 seconds and No. 1 Connecticut won its eighth straight, 67-56, against Pittsburgh on Tuesday night...

No. 6 Illinois 66, Wisconsin 51

MADISON, Wis. — Dee Brown and Rich McBride scored 16 points apiece for Illinois. It was Illinois' fourth straight victory over Wisconsin.

No. 8 Florida 69, Mississippi 58

OXFORD, Miss. — Taurean Green had 17 points and Florida won its fourth straight game over Mississippi.

Boys basketball Carey 64, Richfield 42

CAREY — Todd Green put up a double-double with 28 points and 11 rebounds to help the Carey Panthers clinch the 1A Magic Valley Northwest Conference regular season championship...

Bliss 54, Community School 53

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Burley girls crush Wolverines

BURLEY — The Burley Bobcats opened the Great Basin Conference West girls basketball tournament Tuesday night with a 63-16 win over the Wood River Wolverines.

The Bobcats limited Wood River to just eight points over the course of the final three periods. Burley also held the Wolverines scoreless roughly 14 minutes during that span in Tuesday night's win.

Buhl 66, Wood River 33

Buhl — Mitch Burner rattled home the game-winning, with 38 seconds left in the fourth overtime as Wood River failed to convert four 3-point attempts late in a 66-33 nonconference road win for the Indians.

Dietrich 60, TFCA 50

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Oakley 57, Hansen 54

OAKLEY — Senior Chase Anderson and sophomore Mitch Becke each scored 10 points and Oakley to a 57-54 home win over Hansen in Southwest Conference play Tuesday.

Aberdeen 56, Kimberly 45

ABERDEEN — The Bulldogs trailed early but were not able to bounce back as Aberdeen defeated Kimberly 56-45 on Tuesday.

Camas County 53, Shoshone 38

FAIRFIELD — The Camas County Mustangs defeated the Shoshone Indians 53-38 Tuesday night.

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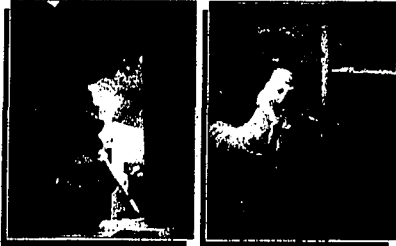
Thanks for a Great Year!

Your new Idaho National Laboratory is officially one year old – and we'd like to take this opportunity to look back at the past 12 months and express our gratitude for the efforts of those who have worked so hard to help assure a successful start.

First, we'd like to thank our more than 3,500 scientists, engineers and support professionals who helped consolidate formerly separate laboratories into a single, high-performing institution – Idaho National Laboratory. From helping the lab achieve certification that its operations are conducted in accordance with the world's premier environmental compliance standard – ISO-14001, to delivering under extreme time pressures the "space battery" that's even now powering NASA's pioneering science mission to Pluto, our remarkable employees have come through when it counts.

Then we'd like to thank the state's elected officials, business and academic leaders, and groups and individuals across Idaho for the warm welcome you've shown us, your willingness to invest your time in learning more about what we do and where we're heading, and your support. Because of that interest and assistance, we've been able to launch important new research centers like the Center for Advanced Energy Studies, begin new educational initiatives like the 2+2 Engineering Program, and start the important renewal of laboratory buildings and facilities.

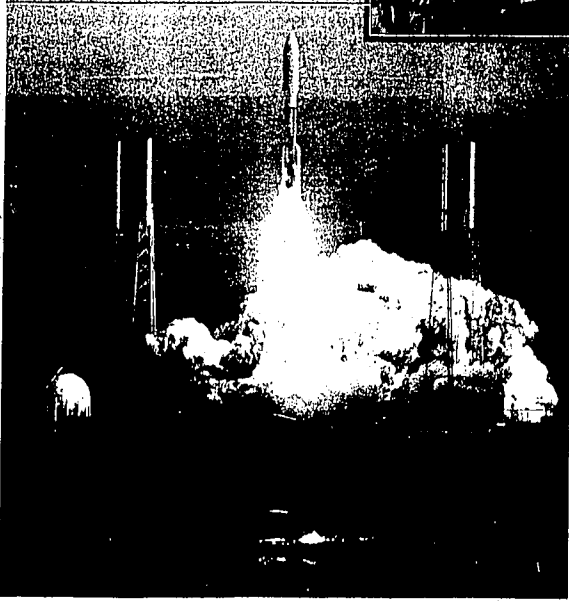
It's been a first year that exceeded expectations. With everyone's continued efforts, there's no limit to the heights Idaho's National Laboratory can reach in 2006 and beyond!



Governor Kempthorne and U.S. Energy Secretary Bodman joined senior INL, state and academic leaders for the unveiling of INL's Center for Advanced Energy Studies, which was established to help focus and advance education and research efforts on national energy priorities.



INL employees Bob Parks, Steve Johnson, Harold McFarlane and Kelly Lively were among the roughly 80 Idaho lab workers who energized NASA's New Horizons science mission to Pluto and beyond.



Market Watch

Jan. 31, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	-35.06
Nasdaq composite	10,664.86
Standard & Poor's 500	-0.96
Russell 2000	2,305.82
	-5.12
	1,260.08
	+2.33
	733.20

Stocks of local interest

Albertsons	\$25.15	▲ .01
Con Agri	\$20.73	▼ .05
Dell Inc.	\$29.43	▼ .25
Idacorp	\$31.66	▲ .02
Micron	\$14.68	▼ .25

Commodities

Oil, by barrel	\$67.92	▼ .43
(March, light sweet crude)		
Live cattle	\$93.55	▲ .30
Gold (April)	\$575.5	▲ 4.9

Greenspan's last act: Raising interest rate

Move comes at the longtime Federal Reserve chairman's last meeting

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve, in the last major piece of business for retiring chairman Alan Greenspan, pushed borrowing costs to the highest point in nearly five years Tuesday and hinted that another rate increase was possible.

Shortly after the Fed's rate announcement, the Senate —

showing broad bipartisan support — approved on a voice vote, Ben Bernanke's nomination to be the 14th chairman of the central bank. Bernanke, 52, will be sworn in as Fed chief this morning in a private ceremony at the Fed's marble headquarters.

That will make the historic change of the guard at the Fed complete.

Greenspan, 79, ends an 18.5-year run, making him the

second-longest-serving chairman of the central bank. He turns over to Bernanke an economy that is in good shape but faces challenges.

Questions persist about whether the housing market will continue to gradually decline or even crash. No one knows whether foreigners will maintain a hearty appetite for investing in the United States and continue to finance ballooning budget and trade deficits. Energy prices pose another wild card.


"Greenspan's shoes are very large and difficult to fill. If anything is up to the task, Ben

Bernanke is the guy," said Charles Ballard, economics professor at Michigan State University.

Bernanke, chairman of the White House's Council of Economic Advisers, is a former Fed governor and economics professor. He is considered one of the country's foremost economic thinkers and has written extensively about the Great Depression.

In opting to boost rates Tuesday, Fed policy-makers said "the expansion in economic activity appears solid" even though recent economic

What's next for Greenspan?



In Fed retirement, Alan Greenspan plans to open an economic consulting business, may show up on the speaking circuit and may write a book. — The Associated Press

MONEY IN EDUCATION

Cottage industry caters to growing number of homeschooling families

By Theresa Agovino
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Jill Nardini planned to homeschool her family even before she had children.

Nardini, 44, a self-described older mom who had fertility problems, said she wanted to spend as much time as possible with her children. Her desire to teach her 9-year-old son Joey and 7-year-old daughter Jesse about their Christian faith also influenced in the decision.

"I know my kids better than anyone else. I know how to direct them," said Nardini, who lives in Kentwood, Mich.

Though still rare, the number of homeschooled children has been rising steadily for the last several years. In 2003, the last year for which figures are available, about 1.1 million students or 2.2 percent of children aged 5 through 17 were being homeschooled, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. That's a 29 percent increase from 1999.

Numerous factors are fueling the trend to homeschool, experts said, including parents' concern about the environment and academic performance in schools or a desire to provide religious instruction. Children's health problems or other special needs are also common reasons.

Whatever the trigger for opting out of a traditional classroom, there are now a myriad services available including magazines, curriculum planners, tutors and specialized class programs to help homeschooling families educate their children. Eduventures, a research and consulting firm, estimates that the homeschool market is around \$650 million, and has been growing at around 8 percent in the last few years.

"There is money to be made," said Tim Wiley, an analyst at Eduventures.

However, Wiley and others said catering to the market isn't always easy. Parents sometimes decide to stop homeschooling or change curricula. Wiley noted distributing products through mail typically brings logistical problems and there is pricing pressure in the tutoring market.

Regulations governing



Jill Nardini, center, teaches in her classroom at her Kentwood, Mich., home with her two children, Joey, 9, left, and Jesse, 7, right on Jan. 15. Nardini planned to homeschool her family even before she had children. Nardini said as an older mom she wanted to spend as much time as possible with her children.

homeschooling differ from state to state. Experts advise homeschooling families to check with local authorities to insure standards are met. Local homeschooling associations can also help decipher the rules and advise parents about how to keep good records of their children's performance which may be necessary for college or job applications.

Suzanne Rijoux opted to buy a packaged, accredited

curriculum four years ago when she began homeschooling her three younger sons, now ages 10, 16 and 14, because it was easier than developing her own program and wanted to avoid any potential problems when her children apply for universities or employment.

The curriculum comes with DVDs for various subjects and there are teachers available by e-mail or phone to help handle any problems. She checks

her son's homework and quizzes but tests are graded by teachers working for the curriculum provider. A Heka Academy, which also keeps records.

"The New Jersey public schools in her district were sub-par, according to Rijoux, claiming her son's fourth grade teacher couldn't control the students and the high school had limited class options. She pulled them out

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Mistake endangers beef trade

Japanese lawmakers warn of deep suspicion

By Libby Quald
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Japanese lawmakers told Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns on Tuesday that a shipment of American beef containing bones prohibited because of the risk of mad cow disease had caused deep suspicion among consumers in Japan.

"It was a very heated discussion," Takashi Saitohara, member of the opposition Democratic Party, said after meeting with Johanns. "Many, many different consumers distrust the American way of inspection and are very much disappointed."

Japan suspended imports of U.S. beef on Jan. 21 after finding a veal shipment containing backbone, which Asian countries consider at risk for mad cow disease. The cut, veal hot rack, is consumed in the United States but not allowed in Japan. The mistake has endangered millions of dollars in potential sales to Japan, which reopened its market to U.S. beef only weeks ago.

The issue prompted opposition lawmakers to walk out of a session Monday in the Diet, the Japanese parliament. They were upset that Tokyo failed to inspect U.S. meat plants before resuming trade with the United States, an admission made recently by Agricultural Minister Shunichi Nakagawa.

Johanns said the mistake could have happened even if Japanese inspectors had visited the plant operated by Atlantic Veal & Lamb in Brooklyn, N.Y. He told reporters after the meeting that Japan had conducted a painstaking, thorough review of the safety of American beef.

"There is nothing about this process that was short-changed," Johanns said.

The department is still investigating what went wrong with the shipment, he said.

The opposition lawmakers from Japan said that before beef shipments resume, the United States needs to be able to pinpoint the movements of all its cattle. They also called on the U.S. to test for mad cow disease in every cow that is slaughtered.

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Meeting tonight on electric rates

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is a having public meeting about Idaho Power's electricity rate hike request at 7 o'clock tonight at Twin Falls City Hall, 305 Third Ave. East. 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. During the months of June, July and August, when the company's higher summer rate is in effect, the proposed increase would be from \$80.22 per month to \$85.38.

Ex-Wal-Mart official pleads guilty to fraud

FORT SMITH, Ark. — A former Wal-Mart Stores Inc. vice chairman who was a protégé of founder Sam Walton pleaded guilty to fraud and tax charges Tuesday, admitting that he stole money, gift cards and merchandise from the world's largest retailer. Tom Coughlin, 57, faces a maximum of 28 years in prison after pleading guilty to five counts of wire fraud and one count of filing a false tax return. He also could be fined \$1.25 million.

The judge ordered a presentencing report that will take up to 14 weeks to prepare.

Wal-Mart lawyers referred Coughlin to federal prosecutors after discovering Coughlin had embezzled money from the company and used expense vouchers to buy products as well as snakeskin boots, hunting trips and Bloody Mary mix. They estimated losses at up to \$500,000.

Coughlin, in a statement received by his lawyers, accepted responsibility for "serious personal mistakes in judgment."

Dell changes board election standards

ROUND ROCK, Texas — The board of directors of Dell Inc. on Tuesday amended the company's corporate governance framework regarding the election of directors. Under the new majority vote standard, which replaces plurality voting for uncontested director elections, a nominee for a seat on the board must receive favorable votes from holders of a majority of the shares entitled to vote. In contested elections, directors will continue to be elected by plurality vote. Also under the revised principles, an incumbent director who does not receive the required majority vote for reelection will be required to tender a resignation. The board will accept or reject the resignation.

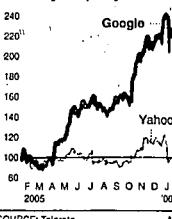
Briefly

Mary L. Forte, 54, stepped down Tuesday as the president and chief executive of Zale Corp., the largest U.S. specialty jewelry retailer. Mary E. Beasley, 54, also 54, was named interim CEO until Forte's successor is chosen. NewsPaper publisher or Knight Ridder Inc., which owns the Idaho Statesman, reported a 22 percent decline, from \$107.2 million to \$83.3 million. In fourth-quarter earnings Tuesday from the same period a year ago.

Google's growth

Google's stock has risen more than 220 percent in the past year while Yahoo's share price has remained about the same.

Change in stock price



Google's earnings double, but stocks plunge

Performance falls short of estimates by analysts

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc.'s fourth-quarter profit nearly doubled, but fell well below the high expectations for the online search engine leader.

The Mountain View, Calif.-based company said Tuesday that it earned \$372.2 million, or \$1.22 per share, for the final three months of 2005. That represented an 82 percent increase from net income of \$204.1 mil-

lion, or 71 cents per share, in the previous year.

If not for a donation to launch its charitable foundation and stock compensation expenses, Google said it would have earned \$1.54 per share. That missed the average estimate of \$1.76 per share among 31 analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial.

Google released its results after the stock market closed Tuesday. Company shares plunged \$9.16 — 13.7 percent — in after-hours trading after gaining \$5.84 to close at \$432.66 Tuesday on the Nasdaq Stock Market. At one point, the stock was down more than 19 percent in late trade.

Revenue for the period totaled \$1.92 billion, an 86 percent increase from \$1.03 bil-

lion in the prior year. After subtracting commissions paid to Google's advertising partners, the company registered fourth-quarter revenue of \$1.29 billion, matching analyst expectations, according to Thomson Financial.

A much higher tax rate during the fourth quarter appeared to contribute to the earnings shortfall.

The company said its effective tax rate in the fourth quarter was nearly 42 percent, well above the roughly 30 percent rate during the second and third quarters. Google also expects its 2006 tax rate to be about 30 percent.

Investors have been fretting about Google's latest earnings report since rival Yahoo Inc. released a fourth-quarter profit

that fell a penny below analyst estimates. That news, released two weeks ago, raised fears that the Internet's advertising market didn't expand as much as most people anticipated during the pivotal holiday shopping season.

The jitters surrounding Google were exacerbated after the company vowed to fight a Bush administration subpoena demanding one week's worth of search requests as the federal government seeks to revive a law designed to shield children from online pornography.

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School

Continued from E1
After a few weeks. Even though the family now lives in Texas...

Genia Suarez couldn't believe the hunger for homeschooling families for information. She started a small home-schooling newsletter in January 2001 and by the spring of 2002 it had blossomed into a glossy quarterly...

The Old Schoolhouse is a Christian magazine but has a diverse pool of advertisers including publishers, colleges, educational toy makers and numerous providers of curriculums and class programs.

Barbara Taylor, senior coordinator of program development at the YMCAs of the USA, an umbrella group...

On the Net

The Old Schoolhouse magazine: http://www.theoldschoolhouse.com/
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AbeKa Academy: http://www.abekacademy.org/

Now homeschoolers make up 50 percent of sales with most of the remainder coming from public charter schools. The Utah architect David Hart anticipated a shortage and his contractors to lock into lower prices with Utah's only cement producers more than a year ago.

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Barbara Taylor, senior coordinator of program development at the YMCAs of the USA, an umbrella group, says that homeschoolers are more likely to be active in smaller crowds. That brings additional revenue the gyms might not otherwise get.

Utah's cement plants can't produce enough

By Paul Foy Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah has an abundance of limestone for mining but too little cement to keep up with construction demand. The shortage has more than doubled the price of concrete in the past year...

The problem doesn't affect the \$212 million restoration of the Utah Capitol. David Hart anticipated a shortage and his contractors to lock into lower prices with Utah's only cement producers more than a year ago.

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Prices have doubled as supplies

haven't been able to meet demand

winter so they won't need as much by next summer, easing the shortage when commercial and residential builders get busy.

The Capitol's reconstruction is expected to consume 20,000 cubic yards of concrete — cement mixed with sand and gravel. It's Utah's largest construction project. No. 1 goes to Intermountain Health Care...

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One recent day saw trucks dump 50 loads of concrete at the Capitol. The concrete is being used for the foundation...

The six-city cement producers — Zurich-based Holcim Ltd. operates one plant in Morgan County and Ash Grove Cement Co. of Overland, Kan., runs another in Juab County...

"Building a new plant is expensive and time-consuming. It takes a few years to bring a plant on line," he said.

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Engineers say the 92-year-old Capitol — built of marble and concrete with almost no reinforcing steel — is doomed without a suspension system. The building remains especially vulnerable to toppling over until it can be fully converted to a set of 265 base isolators by November, said Hart, who heads the Utah Capitol Preservation Board.

The project is expected to reopen to the public and lawmakers in November 2007. The buildings' rebuilding in anticipation of an earthquake is the last special project geologists have determined the main Wasatch fault slips in the Salt Lake Valley with fair regularity about every 1,280 years, with the last violent jolt occurring about 1,200 years ago.

U.S. consumer confidence highest in three years

By Greg Robb Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. consumer confidence improved for the third straight month in January and hit its highest level in more than three years, the Conference Board said Tuesday.

The consumer confidence index jumped to 103.5 in January from a revised 103.8 in December. It's the highest level since June 2002, just slightly stronger than the previous peak of 106.2 hit in June 2005.

hit in June 2005. Economists expected an increase to about 104.6, according to a survey conducted by MarketWatch Confidence in December was originally reported at 103.6.

There was little market reaction to the data as traders awaited the conclusions of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's policy meeting. Consumer confidence has improved steadily since it fell in September and October as hurricanes whipped the economy, driving gasoline prices to historic levels and depressing job growth.

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This month's increase was driven solely by consumers' assessment of current economic conditions. The index has a positive view of the job market, said Lynn Farnor, director of consumer research at the private research organization.

The number saying jobs are "plentiful" rose 2.6% percent from 23.3 percent, while the number saying jobs are "hard to get" fell to 20.3 percent from 22.5 percent.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table with columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Includes Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diaries.

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Huntsman stock soars

NEW YORK (AP) — Shares of global chemical manufacturer Huntsman Corp. soared Tuesday on a report the company is in serious discussions to be bought for much of its debt.

The company's shares rose \$2.30, or 12 percent, to \$21.70 in morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock has risen a range of \$16.50 to \$30 since the company went public nearly a year ago.

The Wall Street Journal, citing unnamed people familiar with the matter, reported in Tuesday's editions that suitors for Salt Lake City-based Huntsman include private-equity firms and those with industry interests, naming takeover firm Apollo Management LP as a leading candidate.

Huntsman posted 2005 sales of about \$1.49 billion and has a market capitalization of about \$4.20 billion. Huntsman Lake Tuesday, company spokesman Don Olsen declined to discuss reports of a possible sale. "Our position is we do not have a comment at this time on what's where I better leave it," he said.

The company, which makes a range of products from polymeric to base chemicals, was close to filing for bankruptcy in 2001 before Mallin Patterson Asset Management LP bought much of its debt.

Jon Huntsman Sr. amassed a conglomerate of companies whose products included the clamshell container for the Big Mac. McDonald's Corp. abandoned the container in the 1990s in favor of more environmentally friendly packaging, but the Huntsman companies continued to grow by producing materials such as ethylene, propylene and polyurethanes used in a wide variety of products, from automotive materials to adhesives and paint.

Jon Huntsman Jr. stepped down as chairman and chief executive of Huntsman Family Holdings Co., the controlling shareholder in a \$9.5 billion offering of chemical manufacturing companies after winning the governorship in November.

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"It is just something that we've looked at, we've discussed, we've debated over and over again, and it's not justified by science," Johann said. "I've noted—that the department is working on a tracking system. Johann announced last May that participation by the industry would be mandatory by 2009, but the department has since eased that goal.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Liberty Home Schoolers group sponsors fundraiser

TWIN FALLS — The Liberty Home Schoolers, a group of Magic Valley home schooling families, are sponsoring a fundraiser for "Operation Give."

The children will participate in a jump rope event through February on Wednesdays. Sponsors are needed. Pledges are welcome on a per jump basis or a one-time dollar amount. The funds raised will be used to purchase school supplies and toys for children in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For more information, call Kristi Dewarp at 423-5088 or Debra Ann Links at 734-1351 or visit www.libertyhomes.org or www.operationgive.org.

Mindokla District holds Scout leader training

REPORT — The Mindokla District Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday. Scout Leader Roundtable Training will start at 8 p.m. for all families of Scouting at the East Miniro Middle School, 85 N. 50 W.

Scout Merit Badge Area will be finishing January's merit badges, which are based on the National and Reading Scouts need to bring their blue cards, paper and pencil. Parents should plan on picking their Scouts up promptly at 9 p.m. The Scout Meeting will be offered Feb. 11 at Shoshone High School, 61 E. Highway 24. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and all training begins at 8 a.m. The cost is \$5. Some snacks and variety coaches will need to bring a lunch. This is for all leaders in scouting who have not yet been trained in their specific

area of responsibility.

New Silver Beaver recipients are Brian Duncan, Cindy Huester, Jim King, Donna Caine, and Mike Gure. Also, Jim Gene Hight, Marvin Chamberlain, Randy Sobotka and Bill Workman. They will be recognized at the group's annual dinner at 7 p.m. March 11 at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 W. Shoshone St. The cost is \$20 per person and the reservations are required by March 8.

The Call Scout program is 76 years old this year and the Scout program is 96 years old. Scout week is the first full week in February and kicks off with Scout Sunday on Feb. 5. All Scouts and leaders are encouraged to wear their uniforms to their respective churches this Sunday to show their support for Scouting.

Christina Solomon, Dave Pinther and Margaret Strickman were awarded the District Award of Merit for this year. The award is given to Scout leaders chosen by their peers for exemplary service to the Scouting organization.

Wendell district holds Latino parent meeting

WENDELL — The Wendell School District is holding a Latino parent meeting with Sam Byrd from 6:30 to 8 p.m. today at the Wendell High School, 750 E. Main.

The meeting will help parents learn more about helping children succeed in school and learn more about the school.

T.F. Sewing Center offers several classes in Spring

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Sewing Center, 157 Main

St., is having several classes this spring.

Feb. 1, 8 and 15: Serger Sewing Class from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$25.

Saturday: Bernina 430 and 440 Embroidery Class from 1 to 3 p.m. There is no charge.

Saturday: Deco Disney Class from 1 to 3 p.m. There is no charge if machine was purchased at Twin Falls Sewing Center.

Monday: Beginning Serger Class from 1 to 4:30 p.m. or 6:30 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$10.

Feb. 11: Special demonstrations and refreshments from 2 to 4 p.m. There is no charge.

Feb. 12 and 19: Sewing Jacket or Vest from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$20.

Feb. 16: "I Love to Sew" Club from 10 a.m. to noon or from 7 to 9 p.m. Sewing Jacket and Fun with Yarns. There is no charge for members; cost is \$7.50 for non-members.

Feb. 16, 17 and 20: Youth and Adult Quilt Class from 1:30 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$20.

Feb. 22: March 1, 8 and 15 and 22: Beginning Sewing from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$50.

Feb. 23: BIAS Binder Class from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$10 and includes kit.

Feb. 24: Kids Make Pillowcase from 3:30 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$20 and includes kit.

For information, supply lists or to register, call the Twin Falls Sewing Center at 733-3344.

AARP prepares tax returns for free

HUNLEY — The American Association of Retired Persons will prepare free tax returns in Mini-Cassia.

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The schedule is:

• Mondays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2241 Overland Ave. Tel: 878-6646 for an appointment.

• Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mindokla County Senior Center, 702 11th St. Call 456-8107 for an appointment.

• Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. at Little Flower Catholic Church, corner of 16th Street and Oakley Avenue. There are no appointments required, and Spanish speaking help is available.

Parks and Rec offers play classes for children

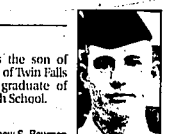
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation office is partnering with Hands On to offer one day play classes for children ages 7 to 14. Each week, students will learn new activities including beans, tins, masks and hand building.

Classes will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. each Saturday starting Feb. 4 at 14th St. 147 Shoshone St. N. The cost for each Saturday is \$16.

Story time pottery, for children age 3 to 6, is held from 10:15 to 11 a.m. today and Saturday at Hands On. The cost is \$10 per child. A painting adventure, story project and a snack is included.

Dance class will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Dance Center, 222 Main Ave. N. The cost is \$30 and the class is for ages 15 and older. Lyrical techniques will be taught.

For more information or to register, call the 736-2265 or visit the parks and recreation office at 136 Maxwell Ave.



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T.F. man graduates from military training

Air Force Airman Matthew S. Bowman has graduated from basic military training at Lackland

Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies.

Physical training and marksmanship field training exercises and special training in human relations.

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Civic

Rotary Clubs

Blue Lakes - 7 a.m. Thursdays at Bed Head Spa, 1001 N. Park Ave.
Burley - noon Wednesdays at the Burley Inn, 401 E. 2nd St.
Coeur d'Alene - 7:30 a.m. Thursdays at the Coeur d'Alene Inn, 1001 N. Park Ave.
Haley - noon Thursdays at the Haley Inn, 1001 N. Park Ave.
Jerome - noon Thursdays at the Jerome Inn, 1001 N. Park Ave.
Ketchikan - noon Thursdays at the Ketchikan Inn, 1001 N. Park Ave.
Latah - noon Thursdays at the Latah Inn, 1001 N. Park Ave.
Pocatello - noon Thursdays at the Pocatello Inn, 1001 N. Park Ave.
Shoshone - noon Thursdays at the Shoshone Inn, 1001 N. Park Ave.
Twin Falls - noon Thursdays at the Twin Falls Inn, 1001 N. Park Ave.

Churches

Alpha Phi Omega - second and fourth Thursdays in Jerome. Call 471-3243.
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Siblings need loving home with understanding adults

The Times-News

BOISE — Veronica, Arturo, Kasandra and Serrena are closely bonded siblings. The children are loving and generous who support and care for each other. As they begin to think of having a permanent adoptive family they want caring adults who respect their love for their mother. Last week, Veronica and Arturo were selected, here are Kasandra and Serrena.

Wednesday's Children



Kasandra
Age 4

Very loving and sweet, Kasandra is a happy-go-lucky according to her foster mom. She desperately wants a daddy and tells her this often. She is a delightful, feminine girl who loves to dress and have her hair in ribbons. She has a keen sense of curiosity and loves to ask questions. Kasandra plays well with other kids as well with her siblings. She loves playing with Barbie, coloring, creating with PlayDoh and going to the park. This child's ability to follow rules and directions and her loveable nature makes her easy to love. Tempestuous or redirection work well, though they are seldom needed.

Serrena
Age 2

Serrena has begun testing her independence within the safety. Serrena tested positive for warmth and approval she reaches to start her life. Serrena needs balanced parenting that provides safety as well as encouragement to try new things, even small-motor tasks that might initially frustrate her. Serrena tested positive for drugs at birth and experienced a failure to thrive.

Her development may or may not be affected — only time will tell. Patience and understanding

by skilled parents will be crucial at this stage. She would do well with folks who are flexible and patient in the face of occasional stubborn behavior.

Family needs

The children came into State care in April 2004. Their mother relinquished the younger children for adoption in January 2005.

The emotional healing of each of these children would be closely tied to having regular contact.

The children's adoption team will be looking for two families who will provide for this link through contact, phone calls, e-mails and vacation times.

Some extended family members desire some form of mediated contact, and this is believed to be in the children's best interest.

The children are available for adoption through the State of Oregon.

For contact information, call the Idaho CareLine, 1-800-926-2588 or 2-1-1 Idaho. Information is provided by www.idahowednesdaychild.org.

Other

Jobs Daughters

Bethel - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 1510 Overland Ave. in Burley. Bethel - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 225 1st Ave. in Jerome. Burley - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at 601 1/2 Main St. in Burley. Wednesday at the Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Masonic lodges

Idaho Masonic Lodge 53 - 8 p.m. second Tuesday at the Masonic Lodge at corner of 14th Ave. North and Lewiston Street. Call 544-2323.
Idaho Royal Arch Masons Chapter 21 - 8 p.m. third Tuesday at Masonic Lodge at 544-2323.
Idaho Valley Masonic Lodge - 5:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Elder Memorial Hall, 366-2710.
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE
Trustee's Sale No. 02-MG-41211 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Successor Trustee will on March 12, 2006 at 10:00 AM, sell at public auction...

PUBLIC NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
On February 3, 2006 Gandiaga Motors will sell the following item for money owed, 1984 ALDO Travel Trailer, Vin #15Y20R22EAD00866.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Case No. CV-06-214 NOTICE OF HEARING

REQUEST FOR BIDS
14 Passenger Bus Vans
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by Board of Trustees of Joint School District #31, Minidoka, Cassia, Jerome and Lincoln Counties, Idaho...

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE STATUS OF FUNDED ACTIVITIES
The City of Hollister received an Idaho Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$4,000,000 from the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor...

Competitive Wage/Excellent Benefit
• Group Health/Dental
• PTO
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101 Lost and Found
FOUND horse in Kimberly, Call to identify.
200 Lost and Found
AGRICULTURAL Seed Production - Salaries position available with growth opportunity...

104 Personals
Think Companionship: and young at heart. A healthy, God-fearing guy. Financially Independent, intelligent & hard core. Needs a lady for the same or better.

107 Pregnancy Alternatives
PREGNANCY CRISIS
108 Professional Services
BANKRUPTCY
Professional Massage

101 Lost and Found
FOUND 2 dogs, at Filer High School on Jan. 20th. Call to identify 209-410-5339.
FOUND puppy, female, white, with little black spots, tails white...

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1. Heeler/Colie X 6 month, female, young adult.
2. Heeler X pups: 3. Border Colie X pups, adult only.
3. 1 Lassie/Colie, adult

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 One staff opening for Childcare Minimum 2 years exp. preferred work towards or have a CDA. Call Agape Childcare 734-3993 P.O. Box 1431 Twin Falls, ID 83303

200 Employment
DRIVER
 Full-time Truck Driver Local Only. Wage DOE. Exp. preferred. Free Frig. Workforce. Send resume to P.O. Box 1431 Twin Falls, ID 83303

200 Employment
FARM
 Wanted: Full-time Farm Hand for small operation in Jerome area. Knowledgeable in potato production, sprinkler irrigation and basic mechanics. Salary based on experience. Call 208-280-1915

200 Employment
FINANCIAL
 Chilton Financial Officer non-profit healthcare organization seeking upper level management of finance department. 3-5 years medical office experience. Should be familiar with non-profit finance and grant management. Send resume, cover letter & 3 professional references to: FHS Attn: M. Cain, 794 Eastland Dr. Twin Falls, ID 83301 EOE

200 Employment
CONSTRUCTION
 Framers with 8 months experience. KO Construction 208-308-1783

200 Employment
GENERAL
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CONSTRUCTION
 Cement finishers and laborers needed. Call 324-9256 (w. msg.)

200 Employment
DENTAL
 Dental help needed in busy Jerome office. Bilingual a plus. Call 208-324-7007 or fax resume to 324-7540

200 Employment
GENERAL
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200 Employment
HOTEL
 Days Inn is looking for energetic, customer service oriented person for the following position: FT Front Desk swing shift 3-11. Apply at Days Inn Hwy 93, next to Flying J, Twin Falls. Drug free workplace.

200 Employment
INSTALLER
 Service/install position available with local sign company. Sign industry & welding knowledge a plus but we can train. We are seeking a motivated individual with a clean driving record for this permanent, full-time position that offers good benefits including paid holidays and insurance. Please apply in person at 1925 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Drug free workplace.

200 Employment
HVAC
 Needed immediately in Bellevue. HVAC Journeyman. Full-time permanent position. Wages DOE. Call 208-720-2640 ask for JR at Boulder Mountain Heating

200 Employment
ELECTRICIAN
 Hiring journeyman or Apprentice with 1 year exp. in residential wiring. 731-0664

200 Employment
LEGAL SECRETARY
 Twin Falls law office would like to hire a FT Legal Secretary, could become full-time in the future. Please send resume to PO Box 1768 Twin Falls, ID 83303

200 Employment
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MEDICAL
 Hiring for a Nurse with supervisory skills in busy medical office. Bilingual Spanish/English is a must. At least 2 to 4 years experience preferred. Competitive salary based on qualifications. Send resume, cover letter and three professional references to: FHS Attn: M. Cain, 794 Eastland Dr. Twin Falls, ID 83301 EOE

200 Employment
MEDICIAN
 AD/Day Mechanic. Exp. preferred. Benefits Pay DOE. Apply at 27 N. 180 W. Jerome. Call 208-324-7372

200 Employment
MEDICAL
 LPN or CMA for busy physician's office. Salary DOE. Send resume to Associates In Family Practice PO Box 447, Gooding, ID 83303

200 Employment
MEDICAL
 Hiring Assistant needed for Curry Retirement Estates. PM & night shift. Shift differential for nights. 734-0626 for appl.

200 Employment
PROFESSIONAL
 Assistant Manager available for Idaho Youth Ranch thru store. Gooding location. Retail experience preferred. Competitive salary and benefits. Apply in person, 310 Main St. Gooding Idaho 83303

200 Employment
PROFESSIONAL
 Brand Specialist \$10.50 per hour. Largest specialist group in this area is looking for two individuals to become Brand Specialist. Looking for person who is seeking an above average income and good working environment. Good opportunity for advancement. 5 day work week. Starting pay is \$10.50 per hour. Continual training provided to keep you up to date in the field. Must have good driving record and be able to handle drug free work place. Health insurance and retirement, plus paid vacations. Must be willing to study, like people and be able to keep good records. Bilingual a plus. Great future for the right individual. Call Jack Jardine 208-736-2480 for appointment. BLUE LINKS

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GENERAL
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NEWSPAPER CIRCULATION
 The Times-News is accepting applications for a full-time District Manager in our Twin Falls Office. The successful candidate must be able to work weekends, be dependable, have a good driving record and have excellent time management skills. An outgoing personality is a plus. This entry level management position includes responsibilities in managing youth and adult carriers, sales promotions, and providing excellent customer service. For consideration interested applicants need to submit a completed application at:
 The Times-News
 Attn: Trisha Mitchell
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 Twin Falls, ID 83303
 or submit resume online, t.mitchell@maglevalley.com
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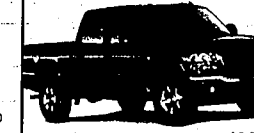

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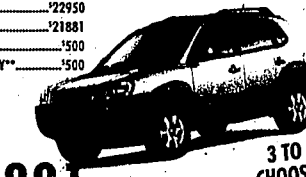
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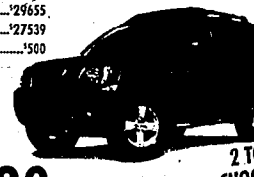
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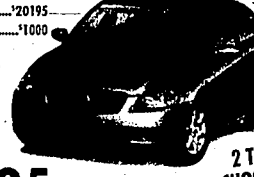
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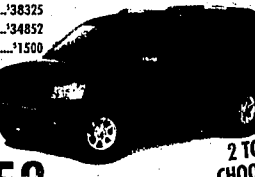
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 Opening for Speech Therapist working with DD clients in group home. If interested call Theresa at 208-280-4242

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 Outpatient Alcohol/Drug Counselor needed. BA Psychology or related field, license, or CADC. Send resume to: Walker Center, 762 Falls Ave. Twin Falls, ID 83301 or fax to: 208-737-1404

200 Employment
PROFESSIONAL
 LCP or LMSW, needed to work with children 6-12 years old. Part-time or full-time available. Must be able to pass background check. Pay DOE. Benefits available. Fax resume to: 360-398-7617 or email to: udder@ucdhealth.com

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 Blue Lakes Country Club is looking for experienced Food Servers great working environment with best opportunities. Full-time position, Mon-Fri 7:00 to 3:30, Benefits, 401k, ESOP, Wage DOE. Apply in person at 515 Main Street, Hazelton, ID 83355, EOE M/F/D/V

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DOWN

1 Dull-witted person 2 Makes a wrong turn 3 Be adjacent to 4 One-dimensional 5 Hardened 6 Building addition 8 Past the pace 9 Racket sections 10 Counselor 11 Took the car 12 Big brother's assistants 13 Percussion 21 Poetic pace 23 Foray 25 Actress Bo 26 Actual 27 Adamson's lioness 28 Elated 29 Race with a baloon 32 Multiplication word 34 Actors collectively 35 Lower voice 36 Provocative look 38 Wall coatings 40 Big rigs

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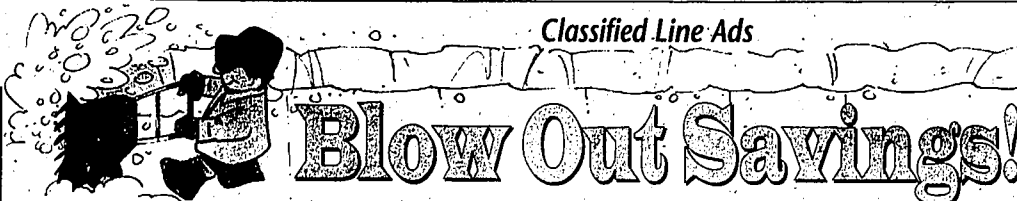
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

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—Raymond Chandler

Against two hearts, West leads the club queen, covered by the king and your ace. You cash the spade king. (Since playing the ace here would ask for an attitude signal, the king suggests the ace king.) When partner discourages with the two, you play a club to his 10 and he cashes the club jack, everybody following. Partner now plays the seven of spades to your ace.

There are no outside tricks that can disappear. Partner would have encouraged if he had the spade queen, or even have returned that card instead of playing a low spade to you. Moreover, if West has the diamond king, the finesse is right for declarer anyway, so there can be no more tricks for your side outside of the trump suit.

The best chance is to find partner with a trump honor — surprisingly, as little as jack-third of hearts will do. You can turn that holding into a trump trick by playing the 13th club. Whether declarer ruffs high or discards, West will take the setting trick in trumps one way or another.

A ruff-stuff may well be your last option on defense on any hand, but there are two situations when you should consider it. The first is when declarer has no visible side-suit losers, so a discard is irrelevant to him. The second is when his holding in the trump suit appears tenuous, in which case taking a ruff will weaken that holding even more.

- NORTH** 02-1-A
 ♠ J 10 5 3
 ♥ 10 9 3
 ♦ A Q 10
 ♣ K 7 6
- WEST** 08-72
 ♠ 8 7 2
 ♥ J 6 5
 ♦ K 9 4 3
 ♣ Q J 10
- EAST** 04-32
 ♠ A K 4
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ 8 6 5 2
 ♣ A 8 3 2

- SOUTH** 02-1-B
 ♠ Q 9 6
 ♥ A K Q 7 2
 ♦ J 7
 ♣ 9 5 4

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

The bidding:
Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Club queen

BID WITH THE ACES

- South holds:
 ♠ Q 9 6
 ♥ A K Q 7 2
 ♦ J 7
 ♣ 9 5 4

South	West	North	East
?	Pass	1 NT	Pass

ANSWER: Pass. This is very much the wrong hand to come in with over East's no-trump. With a balanced shape and quick tricks against any no-trump contract the opponents reach, discretion should be the better part of valor here. When you figure to be on lead to any contract, you do not need to tell your partner what to lead — or to warn the opponents in advance.

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