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## Twin Falls Library expansion

## Jerome wastewater plant

# Nay Yay

Yes 284 No 200

### Opponents: Tax dollars needed elsewhere

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — People might love their local library, but not enough to dig deeper into their pockets for it. Voters on Tuesday said no to a \$5.2 million bond referendum to pay for a 20,000-square-foot addition to the Twin Falls Public Library.

With 1,596 voters, or 65 percent, checking the "no" box, and 868 voters, or 35 percent, giving it their approval. Out of 17,768 registered voters, 2,461 of them, or 13.9 percent, cast ballots. The measure required 67 percent voter approval to pass. People against the bond issue say there are more important things to spend tax dollars on than a library

### Membrane system will be 'state of the art'

By Cathy Roemer Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Voters approved a \$9 million sewer bond in Jerome Tuesday with plenty of room to spare. The vote required a simple majority of 50-1 to pass. There were 284 votes in favor and 200 opposing. Those numbers are still considered a low voter turnout but were better than the last bond election,

said Jennifer Westling, Jerome city deputy clerk.

The 20-year bond will provide upgrades to a new "go as you grow" wastewater treatment facility. Housed in metal buildings, the membrane filtration system is considered "state-of-the-art" and will serve the growing community for years to come, said Travis Rothweiler, city administrator.

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## Wal-Mart still key on Twin Falls

By Bob Kirkpatrick Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Wal-Mart spokeswoman says the giant retailer is going forward with plans to build a 205,000-square-foot superstore in Twin Falls.

Whether that store will be open 24 hours and include a tire center and drive-through pharmacy remains unclear.

We are indeed planning to submit a building permit within the next few weeks," said Karianne Fowler, regional public affairs manager in Wal-Mart's Boise office. "We will work with city officials in Twin Falls to meet all the plan requirements."

Meeting those requirements may not be easy, especially in the time frame mentioned.

The specifications include building an access road into the North Haven Business Park on Pole Line Road at Washington Street North, installing water and sewer service, extending Cheney Street to Washington, and installing a traffic signal.

As soon as the site development is complete, an all-weather fire access road is built, a fire hydrant is installed and tested, and the storm water management is in place, any commercial retail business, including Wal-Mart, can apply for a building permit," said interim Planning and Zoning Director Bruce Carraway.

But the final plan must first be recorded and signed by the county, the health department and city engineer before the permit application is approved.

The signing process can take anywhere from one to 30 days to complete, Carraway said.

The 80-acre North Haven subdivision was annexed by the Billfar family in 2004 and zoned for mixed-use such as professional office buildings and light industrial. North Haven's zoning restrictions forbid 24-hour operation, a tire center and drive-through pharmacy.

Wal-Mart can petition to change the restrictions, Carraway said.

Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls economic development director, said it's difficult to project

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## A Day in the Life: A principal and a professor



Shelley Brulotte, an instructor at the College of Southern Idaho and Perrine Elementary School Principal Bill Brulotte get ready for the day with their 16-month-old daughter, Emma, in tow. Most nights the family reunites in their quiet Twin Falls home for another round of "Wheels on the Bus" with Emma and catching up with each other.

## Brulottes dedicated their lives to family, education

By Karma M. Fitzgerald Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's the call every working parent dreads. The babysitter is sick. Until the call came, the morning was going as planned. Shelley Brulotte had left the house at 4:30, headed for a spinning class at the gym. Bill Brulotte and 16-month-old Emma were up, preparing for the day. Bill let out a heavy sigh as he hung up the phone and started figuring out how to rearrange the day.

By the time Shelley got home at 6:30, a plan was in place. She would stay with Emma until leaving for work at 9. Then Bill would take over until 1, when a family member could sit for a few hours until Bill got home. Shelley had to work late, so he and Emma would take

dinner to her. Bill is the principal at Perrine Elementary. He got to his office at 7. He met with a parent and student, and then touched base with a couple of teachers. The day before, he had sent a child home with head-lice and she was back in school this morning. Was she safe to admit to the classroom?

Yes. "Parents in this community are great," Bill said. "This mother worked hard to take care of the problem so her daughter would not miss another day of school."

By 8:45, he had checked in with another student and called the district office before heading home so Shelley could get to work.

### Simple Moments

It's the first day of classes at the College of Southern Idaho. Normally, if she needs to

stay home with Emma, Shelley can get a message to her students via e-mail or on the school's Web site. But today, she needs to be at school.

Shelley teaches English at CSI. She said she greeted her students and collected writing samples, later putting in some office hours. Her long days are Monday and Wednesday when she's at school from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. But the extra hours leave Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday open for family time.

Back at the house, Bill and Emma read "Wheels On The Bus," her favorite book. She goes down for a nap at 10:30, just after noon she wakes up hungry. Spaghetti is on the menu — a toddler's favorite. "It's all over her face and she thinks it's the coolest thing in the world," Bill said.

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### About this series

Welcome to A Day in the Life of the Magic Valley. Through Sunday, we'll share the lives of five area residents who allowed us to observe their days.

#### COMING UP

Thursday: Wendell Daily West Point Farms. It's midday at West Point; 10:30 a.m. and Curtis Fleming is grabbing breakfast on the go. Once fortified, he and his team will spend the next few hours checking the herd, inside and out.

Friday: Twin Falls cheese maker Max Schaeffer. It's hot, tedious and there's no room for error. One slip and millions of gallons of milk are wasted. When everything goes right, 300,000 pounds of cheese leave Glanville's gates each day.

Saturday: Sun Valley skier Danny Walton. When Walton commutes to work, he straps on some skis and heads for the mountain. Before he clocks in, he's tasted what every skier craves, fresh powder and bliss.

Sunday: Cowboy legislator Bert Brackett. From the sagebrush covered ground of his Three Creek Ranch to the hallowed marble hallways of Idaho's statehouse, share the first day on the job with the area's newest lawmaker.

"It's a spectacularly beautiful Garden of Eden," Bruce Bechler, leader of the expedition

## Naturalists discover lost world

By Ellen Nakashima The Washington Post

IAKARUA, Indonesia — A team of scientists has discovered a lost world of rare plants, giant flowers and bizarre animals — including a new species of honeyeater bird, a tree kangaroo and an egg-laying mammal — on a mist-shrouded mountain in a remote province of Indonesia on New Guinea island.

Flown by helicopter to a mountain preserve virtually untouched by humans, the scientists found more than 40 species new to science. They also spotted the legendary six-winged bird of paradise, a species with distinctive wavy head plumes that was first described in 1897 but that has proved elusive ever since.

Team leaders on Tuesday described how they spent two weeks in December, butterfly nets and binoc-

ulars at the ready, traversing the foggy slopes of the Raja Mountains in Papua province. Among trees crusted with moss and draped with huge ferns, they marveled as birds and animals approached with no fear.

"It has a fairy land quality," said Bruce Bechler, an ornithologist with Conservation International in Washington and the expedition's

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Mammal expert Kris Helgen holds a golden-mantled tree kangaroo found during the Rapid Assessment Program's expedition to Indonesia in December 2005.



This frog is believed to be a new species of treefrog discovered by the expedition.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny to sunny skies and light winds. Highs in the middle 40s.
Tonight: Mostly clear and cool. Lows in the lower 20s.
Tomorrow: A low drizzle, and end with breezy conditions and partly cloudy skies. Highs lower 40s.

BURLEY/ANUPUR FORECAST

Today: Another dry day with sunny to mostly sunny skies and light winds. Highs middle 40s.
Tonight: Mostly clear with some light clouds. Lows in the lower 20s.
Tomorrow: A light drizzle and breezy with partly cloudy skies in the afternoon. Highs 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
The chance of measurable snow is not very good over the next several days but on Thursday and Friday scattered snow showers are not to be ruled out.
The farther north and east you are the better your chance.

Today Highs 28 to 35 Tonight's Lows -4 to 0
BOISE
High clouds will be possible over the next few days. Otherwise skies will be mostly clear. Temperatures will continue to be at least several degrees above normal.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

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Table with 2 columns: Today, Yesterday. Includes Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moonrise and Moonset, and U.V. INDEX.

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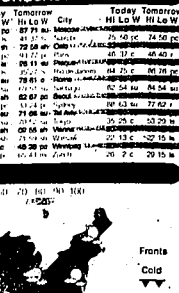
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WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists various cities and their forecasted weather.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day. A quote about life and family.

CANADIAN FORECAST

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Day in the Life

Continued from A1. It was moments like this that he was missing out on last fall. He was the principal at O'Leary Junior High, a job he loved, but too often it meant 12-hour days with students, parents and after-schoolers.

Multi-tasking by the minute.

His life at Perrine Elementary is anything but sedentary. Aside from the administrative tasks of meetings and planning there is a constant stream of activity in his brightly colored corner office.

At 11 on a Friday morning he meets with two fifth-grade boys. They've been fighting. Parents have been called. He shakes their hands and escorts them to their classroom.

After calling the teacher into the hall he asked the boys to apologize to her for causing a problem and creating tension. He reminds them they've been friends for a long time and says he'd like for them to remain that way. He tells them to eat lunch together and talk it out.

Brulotte walks gently through the school, greeting students and staff. Once back in his office, he finds a student rummaging through a cardboard treasure chest. It's the text box.

The boy earned a 100 percent score on a paper and the right to choose two treats - gift certificates to local restaurants or one of the pens or pencils Brulotte collects for rewards.

Once that student leaves, a substitute teacher steps in the principal's office. She's having trouble getting the students to sit down and asks for his help. He looks at the substitute and asks for his help.

There's a call waiting and his attention. On top of that, the school nurse wants to brainstorm about ways she can help at-risk families.

At no time does Brulotte show signs of stress or impatience. At 11:30, it's off to the lunchroom where students stream through in an orderly manner.



Shelly Brulotte reads to her 3-year-old daughter, Emma, before leaving for work, while the family dog Saba looks on at their home in Twin Falls. Brulotte teaches English at the College of Southern Idaho.



Emma uses sign language to ask for a cracker from her father Bill Brulotte. She knows how to sign basic words such as more, thank you and please.

After they finish eating, they're to raise their hand and wait to be recognized. Only then can they get up, dump their trays and leave.

He sends them off to the playground in between hugs and high fives. He is comfortable here, not imposing. He sees his job as a chance to spend six years or more with families. An opportunity to build a community and establish relationships.

These are values he learned growing up in American Falls, 75 miles east of Twin Falls. Those values were reinforced in Kenya where the Brulottes served two years in the Peace Corps.

But there is a line he tries not to cross. "Not being an enabler, but being 'supportive,'" he said. "Being in the Peace Corps with my wife, we learned you can't go in and just do everything for them. There has to be a buy in."

Family Time

After school there might be a meeting, but more often than not, Bill Brulotte heads home. On Shelly's long days, Emma and Bill stop by her office to have dinner and say hello. But most nights, the family gathers in his quiet home for another round of "Wheels on the Bus" with Emma and catching up with each other.

Bill's favorite place to relax is in the kitchen. He says they don't cook anything fancy. They're on a soup kick right now.

They try things - often cooking in bulk on the weekend, so there's plenty of meals during the week. Emma is learning to feed herself and she's busy all the time. Rearranging floor rugs. Unpacking her drawers. Tipping over speakers.

The 40-minute handle it calm - is helping to frustrate when she unplugs the computer. But they watch her attentively. Lovingly.

"This is our social life," said Shelly, who never thought she would be a mom. "I think I was too selfish," she said.

But their time in Kenya changed her mind. "I see some women raising children in amazing conditions and watched their children thrive. It made me brave enough to want it."

She said she used to admonish students for not getting work done when their kids were sick. "Now, I get it," Shelly said, kissing Emma.

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Jerome

Continued from A1. The City Council may have to put a moratorium on new construction if the bond funds, Brulotte told The Times-News last week.

Kimberly woman dies in crash

TWIN FALLS — An 82-year-old woman was fatally injured Tuesday afternoon after she pulled her car into the path of oncoming traffic and was broadsided, reported the Idaho State Police.

NATION

# Four U.S. presidents join 10,000 at Coretta Scott King's funeral



Attendees to the Coretta Scott King funeral ceremony listen at the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia, Ga., Tuesday. From left, President Bush, first lady Laura Bush, former President Bill Clinton, Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., former President George H.W. Bush, and former President Jimmy Carter.

By Erin Haines  
Associated Press writer

LITHONIA, Ga. — Ten thousand mourners — including four U.S. presidents, numerous members of Congress and many veterans of the civil rights movement — said goodbye to Coretta Scott King on Tuesday, with President Bush saluting her as “a woman who worked to make our nation whole.”

The immense crowd filled the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church — an arena-style megachurch that was once a stronghold of the Ku Klux Klan but today has one of the nation’s most affluent black populations.

More than three dozen speakers at the funeral took turns remembering the widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who worked to realize her husband’s dream of equality for nearly 40 years after his assassination. She died Jan. 30 at age 78 after battling ovarian cancer and the effects of a stroke.

The president ordered the flags flown at half-staff across

the country.

“Coretta Scott King not only secured her husband’s legacy, she built her own,” Bush told the crowd. “Having loved a leader, she became a leader, and when she spoke, Americans listened closely.”

Former President Clinton urged mourners to follow in her

footsteps, honor her husband’s sacrifice and help the couples’ children fulfill their parents’ legacy.

Former President Bush said the “world is a kinder and gentler place because of Coretta Scott King.”

President Carter praised the Kings for their ability to “wage a

fierce struggle for freedom and justice and to do it peacefully.”

The funeral at times turned political, with some speakers decriing the war in Iraq, the Bush administration’s eavesdropping program, and the sluggish response to Hurricane Katrina in mostly black New Orleans.

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## Dozens of veterans running for congress

By Jon Sarchie  
Associated Press writer

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — After 20 years in the Air Force and Bronze Star service during the 1991 Gulf War, Democrat Fay Fawcett decided to come home and run for Congress, largely out of disgust with the way American troops were being used in Iraq.

“I think it’s just gotten to the point where a significant number of us who’ve served are looking at this administration particularly — and Congress doesn’t get off the hook — and saying, ‘What’re you doing? What’s the plan?’” he said.

Fawcett is part of a large and possibly unprecedented number of former soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines running for Congress this year.

About 40 of the candidates are Republicans, while at least 55 are Democrats. By one count, at least 11 veterans of the Iraq war or Afghanistan are hoping to get elected to the House or Senate, all but one of them Democrats.

The fighting Democrats, as some call themselves, say their military experience could give them the credibility to criticize the war without being dismissed out of hand by the GOP as naive and weak on defense.

“One of the things I think is behind this movement is, we’re not stupid in the military. We know when we’ve been used and misused,” Navy veteran Bill Winter, a Democrat who hopes to challenge GOP Rep. Tom Tancredo in the Republican suburbs of Denver.

Former Sen. Max Cleland, D-

Ga., who lost both legs and an arm while serving in Vietnam, said the Iraq war veterans running as Democrats will offer “a direct rebuttal” to the administration on the Iraq war.

“This administration, come April, will be going into the fourth year of this war after the president said three weeks into military combat over, mission accomplished, bring them on,” Cleland said. “You tell me who’s out of touch. It’s not these Iraq veterans that are coming back and saying, ‘This is not the way it was on the ground there, and I’m going to do something to change this.’”

Carl Fort, spokesman for the National Republican Congressional Committee, said Democrats are trying “to manufacture momentum wherever they can find it.”

### Say “Be mine” with a Love Line

Got some special people in your life? Let them know how much you care this Valentine’s Day with a Love Line.

Sweet, silly or sentimental, Love Lines are the perfect way to tell the people you care about exactly how you feel. The cost is just \$16 for 25 words and 25¢ each for each additional word. To send a Love Line, fill out the entry form and submit it, along with the fee, to the newspaper by 5 p.m., Friday, February 10. All Love Lines will be published in the *Times-News* on Valentine’s Day Tuesday, February 14.

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Dear Christine,  
Life with you couldn't be any sweeter.  
With all my love, Drake

1666  
We're having so much fun, but our friendship has started the best of times.  
Thank for always being so fine.  
Bob & Max

Love Line Entry Form

You may send as many Love Lines as you would like. A separate entry form is required for each submission. Payment must accompany each entry form. Mail or drop off all entries to the newspaper by 5 p.m., Friday, February 10.

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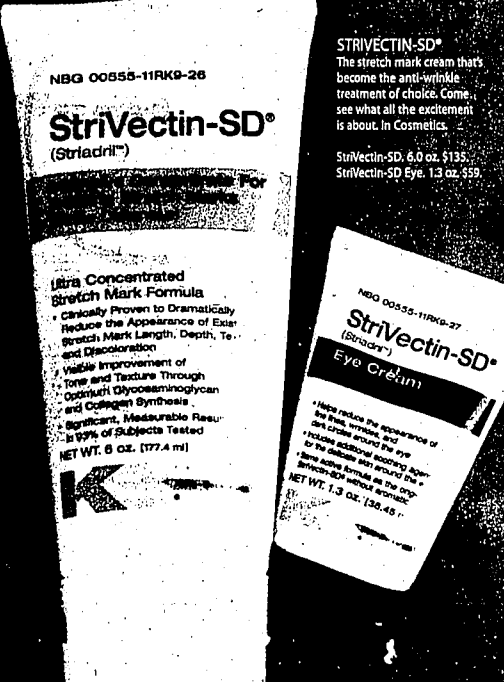
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NATION

BRIEFLY

Many Katrina victims bumped from hotels

NEW ORLEANS — While many received extensions, thousands of Hurricane Katrina refugees were evicted from their hotel rooms across the country Tuesday. The occupants of more than 4,500 government-paid hotel rooms were ordered to turn in their keys Tuesday, as the Federal Emergency Management Agency began cutting off money to pay for their stays.

Far more people — the occupants of at least 20,000 hotel rooms, many of which housed entire families — were given extensions by FEMA until at least next week and possibly until March 1, FEMA spokesman Butch Kinerney said.

Four more Alabama churches are burned

BOLIGEE, Ala. — Fires damaged or destroyed four more Baptist churches across the Alabama countryside Tuesday, less than a week after a string of six blazes that were ruled arson. Tuesday's fires took place at churches off rural roads, about 10 to 20 miles apart. They were in a cluster of three counties, about 60 miles from the Bibb County area where five other churches were burned early Friday.

Itagan Ingram, a spokesman for the state insurance agency that oversees fire investigations, said it was too soon to say if there was any link between the two sets of fires. "Obviously we're going to investigate these as suspected arsons," he said. He said investigators were looking for several leads in last week's fires, but "the leads haven't led us to a specific suspect or a motive."

Alling governor seeks assisted-suicide law

OLYMPIA, Wash. — A popular former governor battling Parkinson's disease is leading a campaign to pass an assisted-suicide law in Washington state, saying he wants the option for himself when the end is near. "When I want to decide," said Booth Gardner, who has had the disease for more than 14 years. "That's why I plan to work on getting assisted death" in this state.

The 69-year-old Gardner predicted the proposed ballot measure would pass. Neighboring Oregon is the only state to legalize assisted suicide.

Hilton ordered to stay away from producer

LOS ANGELES — After testifying that Paris Hilton assaulted and threatened him, a Hollywood events producer expressed relief Tuesday after presiding at a court commissioner to issue a restraining order against the well-known socialite. "I'm going to sleep better at night knowing that she or her henchmen can't come after me," said Brian Quintana, after leaving the courtroom. "Usually, it's the celeb that needs protection."

Hilton's reps pool-pooled the court order, saying the socialite has no desire to socialize with Quintana anyway.

Man weds teen, but going to jail anyway

FALLS CITY, Neb. — A 23-year-old man was sentenced to more than a year in prison Tuesday on a sexual assault charge filed after he impregnated a teenager, then married her last spring when she was 14. Judge Daniel Bryan sentenced Matthew Koso to 18 to 30 months in prison, saying probation wasn't an option because Koso continued to have sexual relations with his underage wife.

"Marriage is one of our most sacred institutions," Bryan said, "and it appeared to be the answer in this case, but it can't cover up a crime, and it can't make it go away."

—compiled from wire reports

Poll: Parents, teachers say kids don't have too much homework

By Ben Feller Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Too much homework? Sorry, kids, the adults aren't buying it.

Most parents say their children get the right amount of homework, and most teachers agree, according to an AP-AOL Learning Services Poll.

Even among the parents and teachers who say the load assigned these days is out of whack, more say it's too light — not too heavy.

In Palmdale, Calif., Dwight Daugherty, 52, says his two sons barely take home any homework from high school. "Kids," he says, "aren't being as well educated as I was."

Parents seem rather content, though, with the demands that homework places on their own time.

In the poll, 64 percent of parents say they have little trouble finding time to help with homework, and 57 percent said they spend the right amount of time helping out.

And for those parents who haven't dipped into an algebra or chemistry book in a while? No worries — 70 percent say the homework they see is not too difficult for them to help with. Teachers, however, are skeptical about the support children get at home. Almost nine in 10 said parents don't set aside enough time to help.

By subject, math is the one that kids need the most help with, parents and teachers agree.

When Cindy Gilpin's two children bring home math in Huntington, Mass., she tries to help, but she has a back-up plan for them: "Go find your father."

As homework aids go, the internet gets high marks, parents and teachers said in the AP-AOL Poll. More than 80 percent of both groups rated Internet resources as good or very good.

The survey also found: — Less educated parents spend more time helping kids with take-home assignments.

— The most affluent parents spend the least time helping their kids with homework.

— Women spend an average 46 minutes a day helping with homework. Men spend 35.

— Black parents spend more time than Hispanics or whites on homework help.

— Public school students spend less time on homework than kids in other schools.

So how much homework is too much? That's the question that elicits emotion, the one that sends parents to their



Pleasant Valley High School football players

spread out all over the locker room floor to do homework and study after school in this August photo in Anniston, Ala. Raiders coach Jeff Davis had his players study 30-45 minutes every day before hitting the practice field.

school board asking why weary kids must lug home huge book bags. In the poll, only 13 percent of parents said their kids get too much homework.

Not so for Stephen Orlando, 40, an engineer in Canal Fulton, Ohio. He says his 11th-grade daughter does four hours of homework a night. When 10 p.m. rolls around, he and his wife tell her: "You're done, that's enough."

Such personal stories are real. But apparently they are not the national reality.

Parents polled said their children spend an average of 90 minutes a night on homework. The workload grows as the students do: 78 minutes of homework a night in elementary school, 99 minutes in middle school and 105 in high school.

Even those numbers might be lofty. Could be that parents don't really know how much time kids spend on homework when the bedroom door shuts.

Most children aged 9, 13 and 17 years say they spend less than an hour a night on homework, according to a long-term federal study. That load has held steady if not dropped, over the past 20 years. Plenty of students say they are not assigned any

homework at all. And the United States doesn't exactly overburden its students. The nation is right in the middle of the pack of industrialized nations when it comes to the homework load for 15-year-olds.

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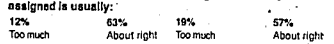
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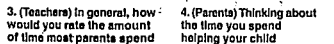
The value of homework

In an extensive poll of parents and teachers about schools and education, contrasting opinions of the amount of homework and time spent doing it emerged.

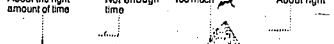
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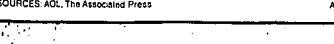
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3. (Teachers) In general, how would you rate the amount of time most parents spend helping their children with homework? Would you say they typically spend:



4. (Parents) Thinking about the time you spend helping your child with homework, do you feel it is usually:



The pool of 1,005 parents and 810 teachers was conducted Jan. 13-23 by Knowledge Networks. Margin of sampling error for parents: +/-3, for teachers, +/-3.5

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## EDITORIAL

### New governor can pay for his own mortgage

How that for gratitude? One of the richest men in Idaho donates a \$2.1 million Boise property for a governor's mansion, but two candidates for governor say there shouldn't be there.

Some call it conceited, others call it tradition. In 1987, then-Gov. Cecil Andrus refused to live in the previous governor's mansion in downtown Boise because of its bad connotation. Since then, his successors have turned gubernatorial mansions into their own homes or condos.

And that's just fine, just as long as Idaho taxpayers don't have to shell out the accompanying costs. When potato billionaire U.R. Simplot donated his 7,000-square-foot, \$2.1 million home in December 2004, it was applauded as a generous act that addressed a need for a governor's residence. Weeks before then, taxpayers learned the governor's housing allowance had jumped to \$4,500 a month, or \$54,000 a year. That money is in addition to his annual salary of \$98,500.

Simplot's donation appeared to be the solution. The scenic structure sits at the base of the Boise foothills and is a prominent public destination for children who sled in winter, and slide ice-blocks in summer. Deer and other wildlife roam freely, and the home is a visible landmark to those around northeast Boise.

And that's part of the reason Democratic governor candidate Terry Brady says if he's elected, he'll choose his

own pad. "I don't want to be ungracious. It's been given to us very generously," Brady said. (But) "It's way above everybody else. You look down at the people, it doesn't strike me as the right house for a governor in a democracy."

You can't disagree with that, especially since a \$3 million privately-funded renovation campaign is underway to expand the mansion to 12,000 square feet. That's good for state dinners and other events, but a bit much for a modest home.

Dan Adamson of Chubbuck, a GOP candidate for

governor, says he wouldn't live there either, but would turn it into a bed-and-breakfast and give the money for education.

Then there's U.S. Rep. Butch Otter, the GOP front-runner who hasn't said where he would live if elected. Otter, who is married to Simplot's daughter, Jay Simplot, is currently expanding a home in Star just outside Boise. So it's probably unlikely he would use the Simplot manse as a home.

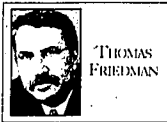
The new governor-less mansion can still be put to use for official functions and dinners. Or maybe all those kids sledding in winter could be welcomed occasionally into a gubernatorial-sized warming hut.

But it's appropriate to get this issue straight now. If a governor isn't going to use the new residence, don't expect state taxpayers to pay the rent or mortgage. The next governor can pay for his own little castle.

**Our view:** With no governor in the new mansion, taxpayers shouldn't pay gubernatorial living expenses. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

## Conquering Bush's oil demons

Well, it wasn't exactly Nixon to China. But it wasn't bean bag either. I'd say the president's State of the Union speech, when it came to calling for an end to our oil addiction and a real push to improve our educational competitiveness, was more like Nixon going to New Mexico. It was an important change in direction and tone — but still a long way from China, a long way from a definitive change in policy and implementation.

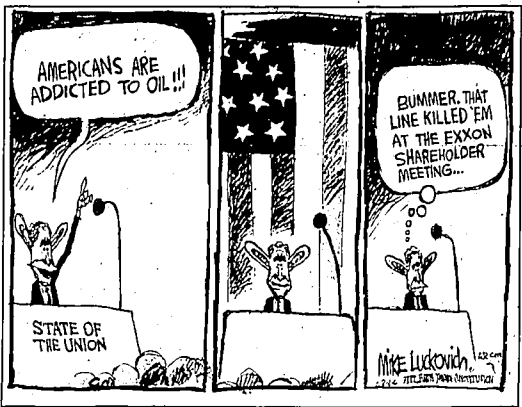


THOMAS FRIEDMAN

"Oh, come on, Friedman, get real! The president threw a few paragraphs your way and you got all weik in the knees. Show some spine, man! You need to trash this thing. Come on, these guys are not serious. This is a president who once called for putting a man on Mars and then just dropped it. You assumed they were going to do the Iraq war right? Or the war? Look where that got you, you moron. You should have listened to your wife!"

Yeah, I know all that. But here's what else I know: George Bush is getting to be president for the next three years. We do not have three years to lose — not on climate change, energy efficiency or improving math/science education. I am not going to sit around for the next three years just trashing these guys and praying that some Democrat gets elected and does all the right things. We don't have time, you moron!

I heard the president use language about the necessity of breaking our oil addiction through innovation on renewable technologies — without mentioning drilling in Alaska — which I've never heard before. When the president changes language on an issue like this, — in a sus-



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"All you talk about is talk. How do we look in some action?"

One way is to write your senator and congressman, and tell them to support the Vehicle and Fuel Choices for American Security Act. Already supported by key Republicans and Democrats, this draft bill aims to reduce oil consumption by 2.5 million barrels a day by 2015 and by 7 million barrels a day by 2025 — much more than the president's proposal. The bill offers alling U.S. automakers loan guarantees and other incentives on the condition they use the money to retool their assembly lines to sharply increase their production of flex-fuel cars, which run on any combination of alcohol and gasoline, as well as hybrid and plug-in hybrid cars and trucks. The bill is a step to save large amounts of oil quickly, bail out Detroit today before it goes totally bust tomorrow and give Americans real fuel choices. "If you want to send your dollars to the worst

regimes in the Middle East, use gasoline — if you want to send your dollars to the best farms and communities in the Middle West, then use alcohol made from the agricultural resources we grow at home," said energy expert Gal Luft.

The technology we need to make a huge reduction in our gasoline consumption is already here, hybrid cars that run on flex-fuels. No great breakthrough is required. What's needed are more buyers. While enacting Detroit to make these more fuel-efficient vehicles is a good idea, we also need a gasoline tax to entice every consumer to buy one. The president rejects a gasoline tax. He's wrong. He can't end our oil addiction unless he ends his tax-cutting addiction.

"Good luck, pal. These guys never convert the facts. The president doesn't see that his global democracy-promotion agenda is going to be stymied unless America leads the world away from oil. We're heading into an era we've never seen before: \$50- to \$60-a-barrel oil for a long time. Five years of that will strengthen the worst regimes and worst corruption trends

across the globe, and everyone is just going to coddle these oil regimes to get their erude."

You're right, addicts never tell the truth to their pushers. So here's my bottom line: I'm glad the president is changing his rhetoric on energy and says he is changing his funding priorities. It makes for a great headline. But he has to go much further if he wants to make a great difference. There's no pain-free solution. Remember how President Kennedy ended his moon speech calling for a moon shot? He said: "I have not asked for a single program which did not cause one or all Americans some inconvenience, or some hardship, or some sacrifice." "Pigs will fly before Bush says that."

You may be right. And if he fails to carry through with this energy initiative, I'll be the first to rip him for it. In the meantime, I prefer to give him a new reputation to live up to. You never know. And by the way, pal, you get a better horse to ride right now?

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### Rights belong to citizens, not corporations

I often quote from the Declaration of Independence in my column. My belief in the rights of all citizens is as strong as it is in that area. I believe the Declaration of Independence to have been short-sighted in a couple of areas.

First, the concept of "unalienable rights" is incomplete. "Unalienable" responsibilities. Among those would be good neighborliness, respect for environmental stewardship and personal accountability. The best way to protect our rights is to embrace our responsibilities. Failing to do so endangers government regulation, laws and other tools of conflict. This is true, not just in terms of the individual but also in terms of business and corporate policy.

The Declaration of Independence speaks of self-evident truths, yet how can something

be a self-evident truth if it is not universal? Not just "I am created equal," but all men, women and children of all races, of all nations, of all creeds are created equal. They are all created by their creator with the same inalienable rights. Not acknowledging those rights allows us to justify exploitation of others and leads to deadly conflict.

Probably nowhere do we need to manifest this new code of ethics more than in relationship to the role of corporations in our society and in the world. Corporations are not human, they have no inalienable rights, they certainly take no responsibility and are not held accountable to the same level as human beings are. They are obligated by law with one thing and one thing only, to make their owners money.

Let's not dissolve the contractor-governor "personhood" and to make them responsible and accountable. If that is done, we may yet have a chance to undo the mess we are in.

BILL CHISHOLM  
Buhl

### Plant life would suffer with Semptra in state

People of Idaho: Have you seen the University of Idaho Magazine, Winter 2006,

"IDM 10" on the wonderful and varied special collections of the U of I in Moscow?

The article includes the following statement by Pam Brunfield, director of Stillinger Herbarium, official state university plant specimens: "Idaho is one of the richest and most varied botanical states in the country. It includes a wide variety of habitats, including grasslands, deserts, major riparian systems with well-developed riparian, and abundance of forest types, bogs and a well-developed alpine zone. With the largest designated wilderness in the lower 48 states and 62 percent in public lands, Idaho is one of the best-kept secrets in the botanical world."

Do we really want to endanger our state botanical legacy with coal-fired plant emissions? Other than in Jerome, it is reported four more coal-fired plants are currently proposed across this state, one of them near Pocatello.

This, to me, sounds like a major issue for Idaho. What do you think? Shall we trade our irreplaceable, unique and rich vegetation for a type of energy which can seriously pollute flora, fauna (including us), air, water and soil of Idaho, when there are alternative, sustainable energy production methods?

In my opinion, it would be "no" to coal-fired emissions, even without alternative methods!

Please give your opinion to: Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, (208) 334-2100, www.state.id.us; State Representatives Jerome County: Maxine Bell, Bert Stevenson, Dean Cameron; www.legislature.idaho.gov (enter individual name)

### Water, mercury the key concerns against Semptra

Why should the citizens of Idaho be concerned about Semptra?

The amount of water which would be needed to generate power from a coal-fired plant is 7,500 to 8,000 acre feet of agricultural water or 7 million gallons a day. Do we have that amount of excess water in one of the driest states in the United States of America? Remember we are an agricultural state.

No water, no farming! During droughts, farmers worry if they are going to have water to raise their crops.

Another important question is whether coal is clean. Burning coal to produce energy produces 50 hazardous pollu-

ants. These pollutants eventually go into the soil and water. Although there have been advances made in pollution control devices, much still needs to be done. They may reduce sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions by 40 percent to 60 percent, but another way to say this is that these devices still allow 40 percent to 60 percent.

The mercury emission from a coal-fired plant is a deadly pollution of our waterways.

Less than one teaspoon of Mercury deposited in a 25-acre lake can make the fish unsafe to eat.

Permitting a coal-fired plant to be built in Magic Valley will result in the introduction of toxic mercury pollution where it does not exist to any large extent.

At this time there is no proven technology to totally control mercury emissions from a coal-fired plant.

Pollutants know no boundaries. We citizens who live downwind from the proposed coal-fired plant must voice our opposition to the plant. All our elected officials should be held responsible for this important and far-reaching matter.

If you care to check my facts, go to www.healthylife.org. I am sure that there are other sites you can find on the Internet for further information.

LORRRAINE WRIGHT  
Rupert

### Trade deficit out of control from NAFTA

Is this what you want from your elected officials? Since the North American Free Trade Agreement took effect in 1994, the U.S. trade deficit with Canada and Mexico grew to 12 times its pre-NAFTA size, reaching \$111 billion in 2004.

Imports from the United States' NAFTA partners out-

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more than \$110 billion, displacing workers in industries as diverse as aircraft, autos, apparel and consumer electronics. U.S. workers lost more than 1 million jobs due to growing deficits with NAFTA countries since 1994. In 11 years, during the same time, real wages in Mexico fell, while the number of people in poverty there has grown.

In August, President Bush signed into law the North American Free Trade Agreement after it passed the U.S. House of Representatives by just a two-vote margin (217-215). It expands NAFTA to the Dominican Republic and five Central American countries. In Central America, 40 percent of the workers earn less than \$2 a day and workers' rights are routinely abused in the region. The U.S. trade deficit in goods and services reached a record \$617.7 billion in 2004, or \$1.69 billion a day. For the first six months of 2005, the trade deficit was a record \$343 billion and is on pace to reach a new record of \$728 billion in 2005, nearly \$2 billion per day. In 2004, the trade deficit with China skyrocketed to \$162 billion, a 30 percent increase in one year and about double what it was in 2000. This is the largest bilateral trade deficit between any two countries in history.

China is on pace for an annual deficit of \$213 billion in 2005. The record trade deficit with China and our NAFTA partners is a key factor contributing to the loss of nearly 3 million manufacturing jobs since 2001. The rise in the U.S. trade deficit with China between 1989 and 2003 alone caused the loss of 1.5 million U.S. jobs, nearly \$100 million of the past two years.

It's time to take back our country.

JOHN O'DELL  
Rupert

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## Treatment programs have proven real success

While agreeing with Mr. Daniels that an "outstanding amount of government funds is allocated to [fall over-crowded] drug courts that are discarded" when diverted into "drug treatment programs," simply put, rehabilitation costs less than incarceration. Society cannot benefit by releasing addicts now prison-educated on "how to be a better criminal" without sufficient treatment intervention. It's a wonder crime statistics aren't higher.

The disease gets patched and the addict educated. Upon release, addicts must readjust to society while bearing the stigma of their addiction. Readjustment is difficult with the distrust, skepticism and prejudice the stigmata itself brings from society. Without intervention or implementation of a rigorous rehabilitation program, relapse is a heartbeat away. Rehabilitation is checked with numerous starts and finishes, just as cancer recurs, so does addiction.

An alternative to costly incarceration is implementing programs flexible and diverse enough to encompass addictions entirely. A recovering addict must be educated in coping with delayed social skills and maturity halted at several levels. Several state programs offer conviction reductions, opening doors normally closed to felons upon successful rehabilitation as completion incentive.

A person close to me was overcome by the disease. Pelled into the system with two arrests, she was placed into three-year prison sentence if unamenable to treatment. She was noncompliant with probation (nonattendance probation classes) and rapidly progressed to inpatient level. She walked away from the facility and was arrested for the third time the next day. Fortunately, the program's parameters are in accordance with individual rehabilitation and relapse issues. The judge admonished her that further noncompliance would result in immediate sentence implementation.

Instead of prison at 19, she went into a treatment facility suited to her needs. Although initially unamenable, she was rehabilitated. At 21, she's em-

ployed in the legal field and is now a responsible, trustworthy, productive member of society. Although not cured, she is rehabilitated and without the stigma associated with a prison record or emotional scars as if tossed to wolves.

Don't toss her out with the water and wonder where the baby. Doctors can't cure disease by withholding medicine. So how can society lock up this disease and wonder what went wrong. The Proposition 36 graduate that received a future instead of a cross to carry for life is special and I am proud of her.

STIELA VAN ZANT-LEWIS  
Jerome

## Legislators must now give boost to education

I have been a fourth-grade school teacher in Burley for six years now, and I love the career I have chosen. For the same amount of time and education, I could have chosen a profession that would be a better investment monetarily, although I doubt I would have found one that is more satisfying.

I feel our district has been doing what it can to help teachers earn a decent living, but our district needs to receive more money from the state government to adequately fund educational systems. Right now, our legislators are in session and they have choices to make about many important issues. One of those issues is the education of our children. There is more at stake here than just making our teachers feel more appreciated by an adequate living wage. Our children deserve an education that leaves them with choices for their futures after they leave high school.

Both of our local newspapers recently carried an article about the Corporation for Enterprise Development's report card for 2005, where a senior economist named Healds Woo mentioned the inadequate investment Idaho has made in education and innovation as a long-term threat to Idaho's economy. It bothers me that we are ranked with states like Louisiana and West Virginia, which have a reputation for being very poor and needy.

Although most teachers do not choose this field for the money, it is money that keeps the hills pal. I know teachers who have resigned because

they could not continue to support their families on a teacher's salary. I also know teachers who have had to take extra jobs to make ends meet. Low pay is one of the reasons many beginning teachers give for leaving the field of education.

With all that in mind, I hope the legislative session of 2006 will adequately raise the base salary for all teachers. I also hope they will be spending a portion of the state budget surplus to adequately fund education in our state in other areas of need. From preschool through the graduate level, education is the most important asset we can bestow on the future generations.

RUBY GEHART  
Burley

## Elk trapping stirs memories of 1960s

Life is full of recurring cycles. I returned to Idaho last fall after nearly 40 years living in other parts of the country. I was really taken with your article last week on the trapping and moving of elk in the Warm Springs drainage at Ketchum.

During most of the 1960s, I was the wildlife biologist with the Bureau of Land Management at Shoshone. Near mid-decade, we had a winter particularly heavy snow. Hungry elk were chomping on yard shrubs in the Warm Springs drainage but, more importantly, they were facing starvation.

I'm sure the human development in that area was far less 40 years ago than it is now, but the elk were in real danger simply from the lack of suitable available forage.

The BLM, U.S. Forest Service and Idaho Fish and Game joined in a project to ease the situation. A trap was constructed in the upper reaches of the drainage and the animals lured in with fresh feed just as in your current article. They were loaded into trucks and transported for release in an area south of the Shoshone Ice Caves and west of what was then U.S. Highway 93. A couple of loads were dropped along the road southwest of Magic Reservoir. Snow conditions in the Bennett Hills west of those areas were far less severe than farther north in the higher elevations, and sufficient forage was available to sustain the animals until spring weather could bring relief.


Welfare of the elk was foremost in our minds, and we regarded our efforts as temporary relief of a serious situation. We joked that some of the elk nearly beat us back to the trap area as we did capture a few animals for the second time during a 10-day period. All along we assumed the elk

would eventually find their way "home" and occupy familiar habitat. I was amazed a couple of years after I moved to another state to hear from local friends that elk were still in the area. A few years even later, I was astounded to hear that a "humble population" had developed in the Bennett Hills

where they had not been common in recent history.

Lost track of the story as my local connections thinned, and it was a warm feeling to read of the current efforts in the same area. For me, it was a very personal "Welcome back to Idaho!"

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Glenns Ferry



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## Library

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expansion. Charlie Hatch said street improvements should be at the top of the list.

"We live just a little over a block away from North Washington Street," Hatch said Tuesday night. "It is an absolute shame to have a street named after one of our founding fathers in such disrepair."

Hatch said more tax dollars need to be put into curbs, gutters and weed abatement.

Hatch said the Internet has replaced some of the services offered by libraries.

"I used to take my granddaughter to the library a lot," Hatch said. "The minute we bought her a computer, she never wanted to go to the library again because she had all that information at her fingertips."

Bill Baxter who supported the bond referendum, said the library is "an incredibly important resource for this community."

"With the rate the world is moving, it's important to have access to the kind of technology and information the library provides," said Baxter, who sat

at the Library Expansion Advisory Panel back in 1999 when voters last approved an expansion. "There are computers, resources through the state library system, a good staff and space," he said.

Baxter said although he was disappointed in the outcome, he understood.

"The way our community is growing means we're going to have to address all of these issues sometime — the high school, the coal-fired power plant, the library and the jail," Baxter said. "I appreciate what the voters have said. It's not my personal take on the thing, but I understand."

The library expansion would have cost a property owner with a \$100,000 home an additional \$18.70 a year in property taxes and the term of the bond was 15 years. Next month, voters will be asked to approve a \$49.7 million bond issue for a new high school and renovation of existing schools.

Tom Kershaw, co-chairman of the current Library Expansion Advisory Panel, was also disappointed with the results.

"We wondered what priority

citizens placed on the library and I guess this is an answer to that," Kershaw said.

Kershaw said more and more people use the library each year. Today, the library serves about 37,000 residents. If the numbers continue to grow 2.2 percent a year, in a couple of decades the population could easily approach 60,000, according to library officials.

"The idea that people don't need libraries anymore is utter nonsense," Kershaw said. "People still like books and Barnes and Noble isn't going out of business. And a lot of people use the library's computer services, videos and DVDs. The DVDs fly off the shelves."

So what does the library do now? "I don't think I can make that decision by myself," Kershaw said. "At some point we'll have to do something about the fact we don't have enough space in the library for our needs."

## Lost World

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co-leader. "It's a spectacularly beautiful Garden of Eden."

Beehler spent more than 20 years trying to put the trip together, working with Conservation International for the past decade and facing political and logistical hurdles. Finally the team of 13 scientists, including three Americans, reached the Foja Mountains.

"By some miracle of the stars, everything came together and we were able to spend two weeks on the mountain," Beehler said in a phone interview from Washington.

At a news conference here Tuesday, officials from Conservation International and the Indonesian Institute of Sciences heralded the discovery of what may be the most pristine natural ecosystem in the entire Asia-Pacific — a find that also suggests what New Guinea was like 50,000 years ago.

"There are very few places left on Earth where there's been so little human impact," said Stephen Richards, a vertebrate curator with the South Australian Museum in Adelaide. He was the expedition's co-leader.

Within minutes of their helicopter landing on an open, boggy lake bed, two team members spotted a "bluish chicken-like bird with strange orange wattles," Beehler said. "It was freaky looking," he said.

He determined that it was a new species of honeyeater, making it the first new bird found in New Guinea in more than 50 years. Beehler said he had wanted to go to the Foja Mountains since the mid-1970s, when he was a graduate student at Princeton University. "Naturalists love to go to places that haven't been visited before," he explained. "And this was one of the last, perhaps the very last."

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## Wal-Mart

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what economic impact Wal-Mart will have. Most businesses in Twin Falls will be affected because "Wal-Mart sells everything," he said.

Several retail outlets have moved to Twin Falls in the last few years, including Old Navy, Macy's and Home Depot, all of which have brought many people from other counties to shop here, he said. And he expects Wal-Mart to do the same, and perhaps make 2006 the biggest year for commercial and residential development in the history of Twin Falls.

"Twin Falls may become a regular trade center for the Magic Valley," McAlindin said.

When big-box companies like Wal-Mart move into tight-knit communities like Twin Falls, the perception is that all the mom-and-pop stores will be forced out of business. But that isn't always the case. Long-time establishments like Swenmart on Addison and Washington Street North find a way to not just coexist, but thrive.

"I feel confident that we will survive when Wal-Mart comes to town," said Ben Swenson, co-owner of Swenmart with his brother Andrew. "Their perceived weakness is our strength. We have fresh produce, fresh meat and bakery items, and a knowledgeable staff."

He said loyal customers also will help see them through.

The Swenson brothers said they aren't worried about losing any of their 30 local employees either when Wal-Mart starts recruiting workers for the new store.

"We pay above-average industry standard wages," Ben said. "And we have good benefits, too."

The two also said they have never been afraid of competition, having survived other big-box stores that also sell groceries like Costco, Winco and Target.

"In the '80s, it was the giant food-store chains. I can remem-

ber when Albertsons was the big boys," Andrew Swenson said.

The Swensons are planning to build a store in south Twin Falls on Orchard and Washington Street. Construction is scheduled to begin this spring.

Belean Rouse, store manager at D & B Supply, said he doesn't expect Wal-Mart to have much of an impact, either.

"The difference between us and Wal-Mart is customer service," Rouse said. "When you come in to our store, you can get in and out quickly and you get help from people that know the products."

Rouse said the only reason stores like Wal-Mart come to towns like Twin Falls is that they have nowhere else to grow their business. He said it is unfortunate some of the downtown merchants will be affected by Wal-Mart, but the biggest disadvantage of having the store in Twin Falls is the money spent at Wal-Mart doesn't stay in town, as would be the case with a locally owned business.

Regardless, Twin Falls residents shouldn't expect Wal-Mart to break ground anytime soon.

A lot of work goes into a project like this," said Marianne Barker, Twin Falls building department official. "I haven't as yet had any contact with Wal-Mart representatives seeking a building permit."

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**Here's a toast to ... well, toast**

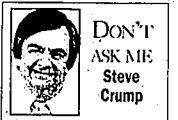
I took my wife to a snooty French restaurant in Boise a month ago on a six-month wedding anniversary. The tab was, well, more than I spend on beer nuts in a year, but I learned a valuable lesson.

I learned that the essence of haute cuisine is toast. You could look it up. One of the courses on this particular boite's "taster's menu" — a flimsy excuse for pumping up the check — consisted of foie gras on toast.

I think it was Wonder Bread. I suspect the dirty little secret of highfalutin cookery is pairing the unpalatable with the unremarkable. Take snails, for example.

Would you consistently eat a snail? Of course not. But if the folks at *Cardon Bleu* stuff them inside, say, with mushrooms, melt a little Cheez White over the top, sprinkle them with bacon bits and charge you 18 bucks a plate, you'll stand in line to get them.

That's the genius of toast; it covers a multitude of sins. I Googled the term "toast points" on my



computer and came back with 2.55 million hits, most of them recipes for things like "toast points with creme fraiche" and "smoked salmon tartar" — that's raw fish — on toast points.

But what are toast points, exactly? Here's a recipe: One loaf good-quality, thinly sliced white bread. Trim the crusts, and slice in half on the diagonal, twice to form four triangles. Place the bread in a single layer on a baking sheet.

Bake the bread in a preheated 425-degree oven for four to five minutes. Cool the "points" on a baking rack.

That's right: One obtains toast points by trimming the 45-degree angles of over-cooked bread. And you can bet *someone* in a well-appointed kitchen somewhere makes serious money doing just that. Shoot, I could do that, and I can't even boil water.

Still, I'm of Swedish extraction, and that's a pretty good excuse. Few things that you'll find on a smorgasbord would you actually eat without the benefit of adequate quantities of aquavit (lutefisk, which is cod soaked in lye, leaps to mind).

But the Swedes, forever wearing the dour expression of a people whose stomachs hurt, have managed to survive somehow. In large part because of the help of toast, which is Scandinavian toast.

OK, that's bread made from potatoes. *Mashed* potatoes.

Life's a *strife*. But if you find it up with lutefisk, herring, meatballs, mashed rutabaga, goss cheese and gammelost, or "old" cheese (you don't want to know, pop it in your mouth and swallow it with a minimum of chewing, it's nearly palatable) — provided, of course, that you follow your swallow by shouting a Nordic expression full of consonants. Still, that's a lot of work. I prefer my toast domestic.

I went to a cooking class last week — specifically, a class on culinary aphorisms — and the chef in charge handed out a sheaf of recipes with a photograph on the cover of a young woman and two well-dressed young men.

"Ladies!" the caption under the photo read, "serve toast, and well-groomed twins wearing tuxedos will want to make love to you!"

I don't think I could say it any better myself.

Columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223 or [scrump@magicvalley.com](mailto:scrump@magicvalley.com).

**Snowpack levels**

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Season
Saltman	130%	65%
Big Wood	143%	97%
Little Blue	138%	80%
Quinn	131%	80%
Little Lost	113%	70%
Henry Fork/Teton	132%	67%
Upper Snake Basin	128%	63%
Quinn	144%	114%
Saltman	140%	100%

As of Feb. 7

\*A comparison of basin snowpack, on this date, with a 30-year average. \*\*An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in April.

## New Duncan letter mentions Shasta Groene

By Nicholas K. Gerasimos  
By The Associated Press

**SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)** — Registered sex offender Joseph Edward Duncan III said in a recent letter that God ordered him to return abduction victim Shasta Groene last summer.

Duncan is being held without bail in the Kootenai County Jail in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where he faces a murder trial in the deaths of three people in a crime authorities contend was intended to allow him to kidnap Shasta, now 9, and her brother Dylan, 9, for sex.

If convicted, Duncan could

face the death penalty. Shasta was rescued last summer after seven weeks; Dylan's body was later found in Montana.

"God himself appeared between me and Shasta and commanded me to take her home immediately. So I did," Duncan wrote. "I do not know why he did not appear to me sooner, you'll have to take up that question with God."

Kootenai County Jail records show that Duncan received a letter from Jean Reed of Vancouver, Wash., on Jan. 25, which condemned him for his life as a child molester. Reed is

a Vancouver organizer for Washington's Initiative 921, which seeks to lock up violent sex offenders for life after conviction on a first offense.

Duncan sent a letter back to her last Tuesday, jail records showed.

"We are floored by it," said Tracy Oetting of Skykomish, Wash., initiative sponsor. She rejected the notion that God told Duncan to return Shasta, noting he was captured after employees at a Coeur d'Alene restaurant delayed him and called police.

The group released the letter as a way to publicize the initia-

tive, Oetting said.

Duncan's public defender, John Adams, was out in his office late Monday and is not listed in the telephone book.

Shasta and Dylan disappeared from the home near Coeur d'Alene where their mother, older brother and their mother's boyfriend were killed in May. In July, Duncan was arrested at a Denny's restaurant as he ate with Shasta. Dylan's body was found a few days later at a remote primitive campsite in Montana where the children had apparently been held.

Duncan has offered no ex-

planation for why he stopped to eat in a town where pictures of Shasta and Dylan had been plastered everywhere since their abduction.

In the letter, Duncan described himself as a "useful man ready to trade places with his victims."

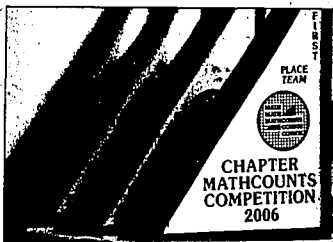
"If dying, even going to Hell, could erase what has happened, I would volunteer in a moment," Duncan wrote. "But it can't, even though dying at this point in my life would be easier than facing what I have done."

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## May the best 'mathlete' win

### Eight middle-schoolers compete to represent state at national championships

Eight middle-schoolers compete to represent state at national championships



Nathan Algate, left, pauses to gather his thoughts while eighth-grade O'Leary Junior High teammate Colin Reed crunches numbers Tuesday during a sprint round of the Mathcounts competition at the Twin Falls City Council chambers. Top photo: First-place trophies wait to be distributed Tuesday.

## Mathcounts promotes nation's math achievements

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Think of it as athletics for the mind — minus the cheerleaders and safety equipment.

Math is rarely thought of as a competitive sport, but on Tuesday morning eight students from two schools gathered at the City Council chambers to compete for the Mathcounts Chapter Award.

Mathcounts is a nationwide competition for middle-school students that is organized locally by the National Society of Professional Engineers. The winning team — or school in this case — continues on to state, and hopefully the national championships, which are televised on ESPN. The 22-year-old program supports young "mathletes" to promote mathematics achievement in the United States.

"It's a math-driven world," said Gary Young, spokesman for the Magic Valley Chapter of Mathcounts. "More and more, it's all starting with math and sciences in the schools."

Indeed, the State Board of Education plans to increase math and science requirements by next year, so that more students will meet college entry proficiency tests. But the kids who competed on Tuesday were not doing math to someday help them get into college — they were simply doing it because they enjoy the challenge.

"It's kind of surprising the level of problems that the students are doing at this age," Young said. "It's a way of thinking and it's very difficult. In fact, rarely does anybody finish, or get them all correct."

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## A math teacher's tips for success

"I always tell my students, RTQ," said Ron Moody, a math teacher at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High. "It stands for Read The Question, Read it twice, or three times if you need to. Once you understand what the end result needs to be, it will make it that much easier to complete the problem."

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## Castleford's arsenic treatment plant stalls

### City denied block grant; other funds hang in balance

By Blah Koch  
Times-News correspondent

**CASTLEFORD** — The arsenic treatment facility the city was hoping to build may have crumbled like a house of cards Monday after city officials were notified that the funding has apparently evaporated.

On Monday, city officials were notified by the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor that Castleford will not be considered for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant, which was a key component to financing the \$1.6 million needed for the arsenic project.

Over \$500,000 of block grant funding was planned for the water treatment plant, which is needed to reduce the amount of arsenic in the drinking water to satisfy new compliance standards set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The new limits, which went into effect last month, state that arsenic must be at or below 10 parts per billion (ppb). Current tests show the level in Castleford's water at 22 ppb.

Not only will Castleford lose the \$500,000 grant money, but this ruling jeopardizes \$1 million in federal funds from the EPA.

"We needed the block grant to leverage federal dollars," said Don Achenson, an engineer with Redesel & Associates in Twin Falls. "That money comes with strings attached that say the community must match some funding dollars."

"Castleford just cannot afford anymore (dollars)."

The city passed a revenue bond in November for \$106,000 by a wide margin.

"The city is just maxed out on existing debt," Achenson said. Achenson explained that

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## Meeting tonight

The Castleford City Council will be meeting tonight at 7 p.m. at 1 & D Dining located at 200 Main Street. For more information call 537-6544.

## Gooding County residents speak against CAFO changes

By Cathy Roemer  
Times-News correspondent

**GOODING** — "If it ain't broke, why fix it?"

That was the adage heard repeatedly Monday night during Gooding County's public hearing on proposed changes to the Confined Animal Feeding Operation ordinance.

Of the nearly 200 people attending the planning and zoning meeting, 86 testified at the microphone and all but two opposed the change. The remainder voiced their opinion from the floor with one word: "opposed."

The hearing was held at the request of county commissioners who have been re-working the ordinance for more than a year.

## What they said

**"This ordinance is really a joke. There is no agenda in mind and that is to break everybody here."**  
Jim Scarver, Gooding County dairyman.

**"This is a direct assault on agriculture in Gooding County."**  
Gary Coleman, Gooding County resident.

**"This document shows a lack of effort. It's poorly defined and duplicates regulations throughout."**  
Rick Naerhout, representing the Idaho Dairyman's Association, who presented an alternate ordinance.

**"This is a threat to our way of life. It's going to take a lot of work to fix this. Where are the kids going to put their 4-H animals?"**  
Mike Faulkner, Gooding County resident.

**"These ordinances are like Harry Potter books — one comes out every two months or so."**  
Don Hanna, Gooding County resident.

Commissioners gave the changes to planning and zoning officials in February 2005. "We (the board) didn't want to do what the commissioners

expressed by many who testified at the hearing.

Mary Patten, dairy bureau chief for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, pointed to mistakes in the proposal, including the county's attempt to override state and federal regulations and requiring certain state agencies to regulate and permit CAFOs when they do not have the authority.

Noting unclear definitions, including what is a "flush system," Patten said the proposal was "too ambiguous."

Especially puzzling, he said, was the required 1,320-foot manure setback. From property lines, if an animal deposited manure in a pasture within that zone, the producer would

be in violation.

"It doesn't make sense," Patten said.

Doug Kerner, Gooding County resident, questioned the order to set stricter language. "It sounded like it was coming from people who aren't from Gooding County."

"This is a working county," he said. "There are several generations of folks here who oppose this."

Bob Morgado of Wendell said he is "technically against" the proposed changes "but it has to come out. It has to go forward to let the public know what is going on."

In hindsight, commissioner Tom Bingham said the board should have had an attorney appointed a committee to advise them on the changes.

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Joe W. Allen



TWIN FALLS — Joe W. Allen, age 72, of Twin Falls and formerly of Burley, passed away Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at his home.

He was born April 20, 1933, in Burley, Idaho, to Harmon and Lucille Allen. After being raised in Burley, he was drafted into the Army and served in the Korean War from 1953 to 1955. Joe served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Western States in 1957. He found much joy serving in various church positions and especially as the bishop of the Twin Falls 10th Ward, commencing his ministry on July 21, 1978, in the Ogden, Utah, LDS temple. Together they had six wonderful children. Joe's life revolved around his wife, children, grandchildren and his savior, Jesus Christ.

Joe retired March 31, 2005, from Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls after managing the parts department for five years. He enjoyed associating with so many great people as he worked and appreciated their friendship. He enjoyed reading, gardening and spending time outdoors, especially at the family ranch south of

Oakley, Idaho. He cherished every moment with his grandchildren. Joe has touched many lives as he served his friends and neighbors.

Joe is survived by his wife, Joan; his children, Sharolyn (Bill) Boden of Boise, Idaho, Bayette (Dan) Wright of Burley, Idaho, Monica (Roger) Cook of Sandy, Utah, Russell (Earl) Anderson of San Clemente, Calif., Melani (Josh) Knowlton of Twin Falls, Idaho, Austin (Kimberly) Allen of Twin Falls, Idaho; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Allen, Joe is also survived by siblings: Harrison (Mary) Allen of Jerome, Idaho, Glen (Louise) Allen of Rupert, Idaho, Reed (Hita) Allen of Twin Falls, Idaho, John (Jan) Allen of Scottsdale, Ariz., Sharon (Grant) Stanley of Twin Falls, Idaho, Diane (Nick) Martiny of Filer, Idaho; and a dear mother-in-law, Frida.

Manning of Oakley, Idaho. Joe was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Bradley.

The funeral will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at the Twin Falls LDS West Stake Center, 667 Harrison St., with Bishop Victor Smith conducting. Visitation for friends and family will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" and from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. Saturday at the stake center. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Marion Cemetery near Oakley.

The family requests memorial contributions to be given to the Boy Scouts of America. Contributions may be mailed to White Mortuary, P.O. Box 445, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or given to mortuary staff the day of the service for forwarding.

John D. Dirickson



BURLEY — John DeCarlos Dirickson, 83-year-old Burley resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at the Christus Regional Medical Center in Burley.

He was born Oct. 5, 1922, in Brickland, Ark., the son of Albert and Elaine Stone Dirickson. At the age of 13, he was sent to live with his Aunt Della and Uncle Gus. He attended Emerson Elementary School and Heyburn High School. John was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army. He married Dorothy Patton on Aug. 12, 1944, in Burley.

John worked several jobs before being employed at the Burley Fire Department. He also was well known for his tractor-tiling and lawn-planting business in the Magic Valley. He enjoyed fishing and camping with his wife, and he very much enjoyed the outdoors in Idaho. John enjoyed yard sales, but most of all, he enjoyed conversations with people. He could strike up a conversation with anyone. John loved his family very much. He

would give his kids, grandchildren or great-grandchildren anything.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy of Burley; two sons, Johnnie Dirickson Jr. of Burley and Randy Lynn (Leslie) Dirickson of Arkansas; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was



preceded in death by his parents, one sister and two brothers.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley. Burial will be in the Gen Memorial Gardens in Burley, with military rites under the direction of the local veterans. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Payne Mortuary and from noon to 12:45 p.m. prior to the funeral Friday.

Merle W. Phillips



TWIN FALLS — Merle William Phillips 70, of Twin Falls, passed away Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006.

Merle was born July 19, 1927, to John William and Lela Fern Pharris Phillips in Jerome, Idaho. He was born and raised in Jerome, where he met the love of his life and wife of 59 years, Doris Lorene Hopper. Together, they raised four daughters: Lorene (Richard Lawrence) of Twin Falls, Jackie Higgs (Terry Thieme) of Twin Falls, Linda (Joe Hyde of Idaho City), and Debbie Phillips (Don Tite) of Twin Falls.

Merle was retired from construction and his own trucking business. Merle and Doris owned the Pioneer Club and Doris' Bar. He lived in Idaho his whole life, enjoying hunting and fishing. After retirement, Merle and Doris moved to Salmon, Idaho, and he recently moved back to Twin Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; four daughters; four granddaughters, Lotie Ryan (Ron) of Boise, LaLaine Stary

of Twin Falls, Tammy Rodriguez (Era) and Jodie Gamache of Twin Falls; two grandsons, John Brooks (Misty) of Filer, Idaho, and Joe Hyde (Stephanie) of Kuna, Idaho; 18 great-grandchildren; sister, Nadine (Glen Cox); Merle was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Harry; a sister, Verda Hoper; a granddaughter, Loree Stary; and a great-grandson, Jacob Gamache.



The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, with Pastor Jim Tubbs officiating. Visitation will be conducted from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday evening, Feb. 10, 2006, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel. Cremation will follow. Services are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Genevieve S. Hellewell

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Terry L. Scruggs



FILER — Terry Lee Scruggs, 31, of Filer, was called home Friday evening, Feb. 3, 2006, in a single-car accident.

Terry was the son of Chris and Hank Fergessell of Jerome; brother to Donna Faye Scruggs of Twin Falls and Louis Dale Scruggs of Boise; father of five wonderful sons, Ruben Thomas, Dalton Daniel, Bryce Lee, Brock Nathaniel and Don-ayven Michael; an uncle to Taylor Rayne Scruggs and Cassandra Lilly Moorer; and a stepfather to three beautiful girls, Shanane Dawn, Ciyann Niome and Tia Carolyn.

Terry was born Nov. 18, 1974, in Hobbs, N.M., the middle of three children to Donald and Chris Scruggs. Terry attended schools in Jerome and Wendell and attended college at College of Southern Idaho, where he studied welding, auto body work and detail. Terry had a passion for life, always enjoying the simple things like fishing, camping, motorcycles, working with cars, and time with his family, children and close friends with outdoor barbecues. Big dinners and lively conversations. Terry loved the Fourth of July, with lots of fireworks, food and fun. He also enjoyed and looked forward to Christmas. He loved giving gifts to his family and took delight in watching his children

opening their own presents.

Terry was a man of many trades that gave him many opportunities of employment at steel frame construction in Texas, at Henningson's Cold Storage, Montana Express Trucking and K & T Steel, where he became a certified welder. He was a versatile man who enjoyed working with his hands that could be seen in his artwork, wood burning art, or when it was on cars, drywall, sanding or welding. He took time and pride in his work to perfection. At the time of his death, Terry was engaged to Charly Hall of Filer and was employed in maintenance at Rice Staff Foods in Jerome, a job he loved and was excited about the opportunities of advancement. One accomplishment he took special pride in was the planning and construction of Astorion Episcopal Church in Twin Falls. Terry touched so many people's lives that everyone he met was a friend. He loved attending church when his schedule allowed it. Many times in his life, during trials and tribulations, his belief in God provided peace, guidance and comfort. Especially recent during some difficult times, he rededicated his life to the Lord. Terry was a son, father, brother, uncle and friend to many, and he will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Howe Scruggs; grandfather, Louis Turner Atzbach; grandmother, Lucy Mae Atzbach; two uncles, Les Scruggs and Jim Atzbach; and an aunt, Patricia Reynolds. A celebration of Terry's birthday, but full life will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, at the Life Church of the Magic Valley, 100 S. 25 E. in Jerome, with Pastor Craig Wilnot officiating. Burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery. A memorial fund on behalf of Terry's five little ones has been set up at the Farmers National Bank. Contributions may be left at any Farmers National Bank or given to Reynolds Funeral Chapel staff.

SERVICES

Twin Falls.

Kenneth Wayne Russell of Jerome, graveside service at 12:30 p.m. today at the Hazelton Cemetery, 2010 E. 850 S., Hazelton (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Cecile M. VanZante of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Leland Eber Carlson of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Rupert LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 806 G St.; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

George Thomas Carroll of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Bonnie J. Helz of Redwood City, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in

Lodge 104 E.B.S. (Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

John Reese Wilkins of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Ingerman LDS Church, viewing at noon at the church.

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MOSES LAKE, Wash. — Genevieve Surrage Hellewell, 82, longtime Moses Lake resident, passed away Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at her home. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at the stake center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1515 S. Division St., with Bishop Mark Poth conducting. Interment will follow at Pioneer Memorial Gardens. Family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Friday at the church. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel and Crematory in Moses Lake. Genevieve was born Jan. 9, 1924, in Rupert, Idaho, daughter of the late Charles W. and Charlotte (Sheppard) Surrage. She was raised and educated in Burley, Idaho, and graduated from Heyburn High School in 1942. She was married to Heber V. Hellewell on May 27, 1941, in the LDS Temple in Logan, Utah.

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# S.W. Idaho legislators seek to speed up construction of interstate

**BOISE** — Sixteen legislators from southwest Idaho want construction on a section of interstate highway in their region to begin as soon as possible.

"They said the section is dangerously congested, and constituents are frustrated. "We are requesting the Idaho Transportation Department accelerate the pace of the project," said Sen. John McGee, R-Caldwell, who is helping lead the all-Republican effort to widen and improve U.S. Interstate 84 between his city and Meridian to the east.

The lawmakers signed a letter to Transportation Department officials. The I-84 work would add lanes and new interchanges. It's part of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's \$1.6 billion "Connecting Idaho" road construction program, and work is slated to begin in late 2008 or 2009, said Transportation Board Chairman Chuck Winder.

The legislators want faster progress on the section of interstate in each direction of the 15-mile segment.

"I can only assure the public that this is one of the highest priorities for Connecting Idaho funding," Winder said. The cost of the I-84 work between Meridian and Caldwell is an estimated \$231 million.

## Correction chief grilled on employee pay raises

**BOISE** — Idaho budget writers grilled Idaho Department of

Correction Director Tom Beaulair over his request for another \$3.2 million to boost employee pay by 10 percent in fiscal year 2007.

They asked Beaulair last week he has directed nearly \$10 million of his personnel budget since 2002 to relieve overcrowded prisons and transfer prisoners out of state.

Beaulair said he's had to use the money to address a prison population that's doubled over the last decade to nearly 7,000, a trend that has forced Idaho to send prisoners to facilities in Minnesota.

"Career correctional officers in Idaho are about \$2.66 per hour. That's about 33 percent below the going market rate, prison officials said.

The department needs more money for salaries to stem the percent turnover, Beaulair said. At that rate, he said, the department must train about 240 new prison guards every year, out of 850 total, at a cost of about \$10,000 each.

## Proposal would require background checks

**BOISE** — People whose jobs require unsupervised contact with vulnerable adults and children would be required to get criminal background checks,

according to a proposal before the Idaho Senate.

The bill comes in the wake of heightened concerns over child safety, after the Groene killings in Coeur d'Alene and a case in Chubbuck and Focetello last late year in which a daycare worker is accused of injuring a 2-year-old who died Dec. 5.

The state Department of Health and Welfare says there are rules requiring such checks — but no laws to back up those rules.

Each background check would cost \$55, with the expense to be borne by the job applicant.

That addresses a concern that stalled similar legislation during the 2005 Legislature. Lawmakers feared small businesses such as daycares would be hurt by the additional expense, said Mand Ward, a spokesman for the Department of Health and Welfare.

## Legislators want prior notice of field burning

**BOISE** — Latah County Sheriff deputies and firefighters have been responding to reports of columns of smoke and finding farmers' controlled field burns.

To save local safety agencies the time and money spent chasing false emergencies, Rep. Tom Trail, R-Moscow, is proposing a bill to require the Idaho Department of Agriculture to notify local agencies before field burns.

The agricultural department oversees field burning, but Trail said the department has refused to notify local agencies before planned burns.

Latah County Sheriff Wayne Rausch sent lawmakers a letter saying the county has pressed the department for help.

"We were told on one occasion by a Department of Agriculture employee that the department was under no obligation to tell us the dates and time of a permitted field burn," Rausch's letter said.

Trail said allowing field burns without local notification is also a safety concern.

The proposal is before the House Agricultural Affairs Committee.

## Bill addresses insurance rates, genetic testing

**BOISE** — Insurance companies would be prohibited from using genetic test results in determining rates under a bill proposed by Sen. Joyce Broadbent, R-Cocolalia.

The proposed law, sent to print by the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee on Tuesday, would ensure that neither employers nor insurance companies could

require people without symptoms to take a genetic test. It would allow insurance companies to ask about the need for genetic testing — but not the results — only if the test cost is billed to the insured.

Genetic testing is often used by couples wishing to learn if their future children face a higher risk of some hereditary disease, as well as to screen newborns for diseases. Adults

sometimes have genetic testing to determine if they are at a higher risk of breast cancer, colon cancer or other diseases.

"This is to ensure the privacy of genetic testing for an individual," Broadbent told the committee, "to make sure that information cannot be used against them by the employer or an insurer."

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## Math

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During the 40-minute speed round — where students have to answer 30 questions before time runs out — none of the students turned away from the test.

"They are the cream of the crop," said Mrs. Moody, a math instructor at O'Leary and the school's MathCounts coach. "These kids are all on the honor roll, and most of them are taking more advanced math next year. The best test from O'Leary went to the state competition and finished 13th in the state."

"This is very difficult," Moody said. "A lot of people try it, but after they come to some of the practices, they decide not to do it anymore."

Young said the competition uses "real-life" math problems that include concepts from physics, chemistry and engineering. Because of the wide-ranging problems, competitors need to have a strong understanding of all junior-high-level mathematics.

Following the individual speed round, the students competed as teams against other schools. Only two schools competed on Tuesday — Valley Middle School and the eventual winner, O'Leary Junior High.

## Another lawsuit filed over child-molester

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP) —

Another man has come forward and filed a lawsuit against the Boy Scouts of America and the Grand Teton Council, alleging they failed to protect him from a convicted sex offender.

Blackfoot resident Jeremy Johnson 22, filed the lawsuit Friday in Bannock County's 6th District Court. He is asking for damages of at least \$10,000, the

Post Register reported.

The lawsuit was filed three weeks after 6th District Court Judge Ronald Bush ruled in a different lawsuit that the scouting organization and Grand Teton Council could be held liable for the actions of Brad Stowell, a former camp leader, pleaded guilty in 1999 to molesting two boys, brothers Adam

and Ben Steed. Stowell was jailed for 150 days and put on probation for 15 years. He was returned to prison in April for violating terms of his probation and will serve up to 14 years.

Johnson was named as a victim in a 1997 criminal complaint against Stowell. In a 1999 deposition in Bonneville County's 7th District Court, Stowell said he abused Johnson.

## Duncan

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Duncan argued against life or death sentences for sex offenders.

"If you continue to hate me, I will kill you, then you send a message to other sex offenders in this country," Duncan wrote. "You need to honestly ask yourself how that message will affect them the next time they see a vulnerable person."

"Since I surrendered to the authorities of this world, God has been speaking with me everyday," Duncan wrote. "No, I'm not crazy and I'm not 'hearing voices' or anything like that. I know it is God talking to me though, because not even the devil himself could have made me turn myself over to my most feared and hated

enemy (the system)."

He signed the letter "Duncan."

Last week, Duncan's lawyer argued that his client's trial should be pushed back from April to November, to await a U.S. Supreme Court decision on the insanity defense. Adams contends that his client has a defense is unconstitutional, and the Supreme Court is set to rule on a similar law in Nevada later this year.

Duncan, 42, a registered sex offender from Fargo, N.D., is scheduled to stand trial April 4 on charges he kidnapped and killed Brenda Kay Groene, 40, her son, Slade Groene, 13, and live-in boyfriend Mark Edward McKenzie, 37. All three were found bound and beaten to

death at their home.

Duncan is expected to face federal charges of kidnapping the two children and killing Dylan Groene after the Idaho state case is finished.

Duncan has sent more than 60 letters to family and friends and received more than 100 pieces of mail. In June, he was jailed in July. Some of Duncan's writings from jail have appeared on an Internet Weblog. The Tacoma, Wash., native spent much of his adult life in prison for raping a boy there. In a 1999 deposition in Bonneville County's 7th District Court, Stowell said he abused Johnson.

## Castleford

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Castleford residents cannot afford to pay much more than the \$51 a month planned for their water.

Carleen Herring, economic development division manager with Region IV Development, said that Castleford needed 45 percent in non-federal local matching funds in order to qualify for the federal funds.

"The block grant was a key piece," Herring said.

Herring explained that the grant applications were graded, with 1000 total points possible. Castleford received 220 points and was ranked dead last out of 29 candidates.

A letter sent to the city from IDOT explained that the funds were lost because the percentage of ICDBG dollars in the project were high — at 30.67 percent — and that local match dollars were low at about 17 percent.

The letter also explains that

the amount of block dollars in the project was high, at about \$2,222 per person, with only a local match of \$478.31 per person. More points were given to communities where local match was higher and in communities where the percentage of ICDBG dollars in projects was lower.

IDCI said in the letter that the grant only for one other block grant in November.

Mayor Rita Ruffing said that the news was a complete shock. "Without those funds we are unable to move forward with our treatment facility plans," she said. "But we still need to figure out how we are going to comply with the arsenic compliance issues."

According to Achenson, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (who enforces the EPA on a state level) is still going to mandate that the city come into compliance and there may be alternatives. Achenson explained that the

city will still have about \$400,000 to fix the problem but will need to explore other avenues, like point-of-use (POU) treatment.

"Castleford residents said that they didn't want point-of-use because they are invasive — you have to allow access for the city to come to your property to use them," he said.

Achenson said that the POU's are estimated to cost \$118,000 for initial construction with annual operating and maintenance costs similar to the central arsenic treatment facility planned.

For now, Castleford is scrambling to see if there is money available anywhere that they can use to construct the treatment and water system upgrades as planned.

Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at [blair\\_20@hotmail.com](mailto:blair_20@hotmail.com) or by calling 316-2607.

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Fire that killed elderly St. Maries woman is ruled arson

ST. MARIES, Idaho — The fire that killed a 76-year-old woman in a house here last week has been ruled an arson, and authorities are searching for two men, the Benevolence County Sheriff's office said.

Sheriff Robert Kirns' office identified the victim as Miriam "Mickey" Waltch. On Sunday, deputies were called to Waltch's home, about 10 miles north of St. Maries. The sheriff's office said deputies are now searching for the woman's car, a 1988 Hyundai Excel, and two people, who are suspected of stealing it.

Idaho State Police are helping with the investigation.

Idaho in brief

Former IU official pleads not guilty of taking funds

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — A former University of Idaho official has pleaded not guilty to charges he used public money to buy personal items. Daniel P. Schoenberg, former director of Auxiliary Services, entered his plea Monday to a felony charge. An audit commissioned by the university found thousands of dollars in other "questionable" purchases by Schoenberg, 47, for which he

wasn't criminally charged.

The Lewiston Tribune obtained the audit from the university through a public records request. The audit said Schoenberg used public money to buy a \$550 mixer saw, \$425 audio speakers, a \$500 vacuum, more than \$1,600 in red oak and other items used to remodel the kitchen in his Moscow home.

The Idaho State Police and the Latah County Prosecutor's Office used the evidence in the audit to investigate Schoenberg and charge him with one count of misuse of public money by an official.

"These other items couldn't be identified as clearly unautho-

rized," Latah County Prosecutor William Thompson Jr. said after a three-day arraignment in District Court. "There is no reason to think that (the other expenditures were) wrongful. The expenditures appeared to be consistent with what the university approved in other situations."

Schoenberg resigned from the university in November 2004. According to the audit, he was responsible for campus dining, UI's golf course, university residences, the bookstore, conferences, events and information services that included the parking office and the Kibbie Dome.

Moscow man pleads not guilty in HIV sex case

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — A Moscow man has pleaded not guilty to six felony counts for allegedly having consensual sex with women without telling them he is infected with HIV.

Kanay Mubita, 31, a citizen of Zambia, faces 13 counts in all of violating a state law that requires a person who tests positive for HIV — the virus that causes AIDS — to notify sexual partners.

Mubita is due to go on trial March 27. He's being held in the Latah County Jail on \$20,000 bail.

Several women testified at preliminary hearings that they had sex with Mubita and she had failed to tell them of his HIV status.

Mubita faces a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine on each count. He is being represented by Latah County Public Defender Charles Kovis of Moscow.

— compiled from wire reports

Fisherman found dead on shore; two others missing in Oregon

TILLAMOOK, Ore. (AP) — A 45-foot fishing boat broke up in rough seas off Tillamook Bay before dawn Tuesday, leaving one fisherman dead on a beach and two others missing, officials said.

Sheriff's deputies and volunteers combed a stretch of beach 7 miles long and a half-mile wide near the jetty south of the bay, hoping for signs that the two missing fishermen had survived, said Tillamook County

Sheriff Todd Anderson.

"We were looking to see if anyone crawled onto the beach in that area," Anderson said. Coast Guard helicopters and boats searched offshore. But no sign was found of the two missing men.

Before dawn on Tuesday, searchers found the body of 30-year-old Jeff King of Garibaldi on the beach, along with surf life jackets and an empty life raft, officials said.

Also on the beach was the stern of the Catherine M., a crabbing boat.

The Coast Guard is investigating why the boat went down. One possibility is that it took on water and broke up in the surf, said Petty Officer Jeff Pollinger of the U.S. Coast Guard.

King had recently gotten work aboard the Catherine M., Anderson said. One of the two missing men — 30-year-old Trono Griffin of Garibaldi —

was also a recently hired deckhand, Anderson said.

The other missing fisherman is the boat's captain and owner, 32-year-old Craig Larsen of Hammond.

Anderson said Larsen's wife talked with her husband by phone the night before. The skipper told her his boat was returning with about 1,200 pounds of crabs to sell, Anderson said. She had planned to pick him

up Tuesday morning, Anderson said.

Seas in the area where the boat capsized had been rough, with 10- to 12-foot waves, said Pollinger, the Coast Guard spokesman.

"We first got word of the accident at about 1:30 a.m., when two vessels reported seeing distress flares, said Chief Petty Officer Keith Ahlheim of the U.S. Coast Guard.

BLM: Whistleblower upset cooperation at polluted Nevada mine

By Scott Somner Associated Press writer

RENO, Nev. — A former Bureau Land Management supervisor who contends he was fired for speaking out about dangers at a toxic mine site in Nevada testified Tuesday that the dismissal left him devastated financially and emotionally.

But an Interior Department lawyer representing the BLM said Earle Dixon was fired because he undermined efforts by the agency and state regulators to get Atlantic Richfield Co. to voluntarily clean up the contamination at the former Anaconda copper mine near Yerington.

The conflicting accounts came as an administrative law judge for the U.S. Labor Department began hearing testimony on Dixon's whistleblower complaint that stems from his dismissal in October 2004. Officials from the BLM, the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are scheduled to testify this week.

Dixon claims he was fired in retaliation for publicizing the increasing health and safety hazards being unearthed at the site, including unsafe levels of uranium that he claims state regulators knew about but covered up since 1984.

"It's been devastating financially," said Dixon, who made about \$58,000 in his job as BLM's site manager in charge of cleanup. Dixon estimated his firing cost him more than \$200,000 in lost wages and legal fees.

"Emotionally, it created a hardship that eventually helped lead to my divorce," he told Richard K. Malanaphy, the administrative law judge. "It's created a lot of emotional stress on my mom."

Kevin Mack, representing BLM as assistant regional solicitor for the Interior Department, said Dixon was not a hardworking, serious-minded federal employee, but that his tactics became "more strident, unyielding... and obstructive."

cooperatively with partner agencies became a serious impediment for the BLM," he said.

The EPA last year assumed legal responsibility for cleaning up the mine 65 miles southeast of Reno, but before that EPA, BLM and the state of Nevada shared that role.

As a former owner of the site, Atlantic Richfield is primarily responsible for paying for cleaning up the wastes left over from decades of copper mining at the site, which is half owned by the BLM.

Mack said Dixon's aggressive criticism of Atlantic Richfield and state regulators undermined a memo of understanding entered into by the state, EPA and BLM in 2002, "to attempt to cooperatively work with Arco to clean up the waste without spending great deals of federal money."

Arco is an acknowledged potentially responsible party in Yerington, but had been "recalcitrant" historically in its dealing with federal regulators at a former Anaconda mine at Butte, Arco, Mack said.

If the agencies did not cooperate with each other, "the benefit would be to Arco because they would not be held to task," he said.

But Dixon argued that neither the state nor Atlantic Richfield were doing what was required under federal law to clean up the contamination.

He "expressed concern that the state of Nevada might not be forthcoming, that it might be engaged in what is commonly called a cover-up," said Dixon's lawyer, Mick Harrison.

"The state of Nevada had sat on radioactive test data for some 19 years," he said.

Harrison said BLM officials wrongly claim that Dixon was unable to work with other regulatory agencies.

"Only one regulatory partner had a problem with Mr. Dixon and that was the state of Nevada. EPA was on the same page with Mr. Dixon," he said.

"Arco is a polluter, it was not a regulatory partner, although sometimes the state of Nevada treated it as if it were," he said.

Animal cruelty bill on hold

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah House on Tuesday toned down a bill that would make torturing an animal a third-degree felony, leaving it instead a class A misdemeanor.

The bill would raise the penalty to a year in jail and \$1,000 in fines. A third-degree felony is punishable by up to five years in prison.

"This is the heart of the bill," said Rep. Scott Wyatt, R-Logan, sponsor of House Bill 61. "To try and find, interdict, help change behavior when the behavior is the serious torture of an animal, I would resist the amendment."

But House lawmakers voted 30-33 to water down Wyatt's proposal.

"A third-degree felony changes a lot of things," said Rep. Wayne Harper, R-West Jordan, who offers the amendment. "I'm not comfortable with that penalty."

Harper also said that increas-

ing the penalty to a felony would not serve as deterrent to those who would torture animals.

Some lawmakers said the state should reserve its most severe penalties for crimes against humans, not animals. Others said an increased penalty would cost the state too much money.

"Please remember the A-B-C's of corrections. It will cost you more agents, more (prison) beds and more cars," said Rep. Lorie Fowlke, R-Orem. "If we make everything a felony, pretty soon we'll need super-felons."

Wyatt argued that the bill is really about people. Many of the worst criminals in society commonly have a history of serious animal abuse, he said.

"This bill has as its main focus the protection of our children, spouses and families by addressing a serious abuse prior to its spread to the people."

DEATH NOTICES

Charles Orr

HAZELTON — Charles Orr Sr., 87, of Hazelton, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at his home. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at the Hazelton Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Tolman conducting. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, and one hour before the funeral Friday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. A full obituary will appear in the Thursday newspaper.

Robert D. Stanger

HANSEN — Robert D. Stanger, 76, of Hansen, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at the Maturgh LDS Church, 23709 Highway 30, with Bishop Stuart

Don Shark

Buhl — Don Shark, 70, of Buhl, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.



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"We just couldn't tear it down. Barns are so far and few between nowadays. And the timber was in such good shape."

—Joan Rice, who with her husband, Kelly, decided to retrofit an early 1900s barn into a home

In the beginning: The roof was crumbling

Rebuilding: Slow but steady

In the end: The gem shines

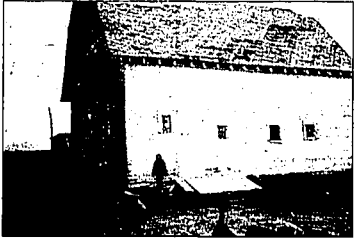
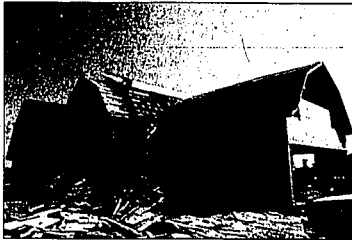


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The exterior of the barn in April 2004.



The exterior of the barn-turned-house in February 2006.

Joan and Kelly Rice transformed this barn, built around 1915, into an upscale home. This April 1999 photo shows the old barn's crumbling gambrel roof and worn wood siding.

# Barn reincarnated

## Twin Falls couple turns cow cave into a luxurious home

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Joan and Kelly Rice weren't raised in a barn.

"They do, however, hope someone would like to live in one they own. The Rices bought 10 undeveloped acres west of Twin Falls about 11 years ago. They bulldozed most of the existing farm structures to make way for a housing development.

But the Rices, both retired postal workers in their 60s, couldn't bear to demolish the property's old barn. It sat unused while their new homes popped up around it.

"We just couldn't tear it down," Joan said. "Barns are so far and few between nowadays. And the timber was in such good shape."

So what do you do with a barn snack dab in the center of a housing development? Turn it into a house, of course.

Six years and a small fortune later, the Rices are nearly finished renovating the three-level barn home — almost 6,900 square feet, including the garage. The five bedrooms are nearly done. The plaster is up in both kitchen pantries. The master suite's whirlpool bath is ready for connecting.

The Rices took this barn from dilapidated cow cave to classy crib. But the 40-foot-by-40-foot barn didn't look so impressive before the metamorphosis. Cow manure at least two feet deep covered most of the floor. The foundation was cracked. And the barn's lone resident, a moody owl, was not pleased to be evicted.

Progress was slow but steady. Sometimes the Rices' friends, such as fellow retired postal worker Gary Bradshaw, lent a hand. But mostly it was the Rices doing the renovating — one shovelful at a time.

After the barn was gutted, it was ripped off the ground and elevated on jacks so workers could pour a new foundation by hand. The Rices salvaged as much lumber from the old barn as possible.

"A lot of the timber was better than

stuff you can find in stores," Kelly said.

A few usable old boards, however, didn't save the Rices much trouble.

"This project is much more difficult than building new," a plaster-covered Kelly said last month in the home's entryway. "It was harder now than when we were employed."

Sixty hours a week, seven days a week.

Their hard work has yielded impressive results. The spacious top-level loft, with bathroom, opens to the living area below.

"I don't know how somebody would use this — a library or great room maybe?" Joan wondered.

Four bedrooms, a media area, two bathrooms and a laundry room make up the middle level. The Rices built the four bedrooms in each of the barn's corners so the floor's layout is symmetrical. The media room separates the bedrooms in the center of the level.

Down a wide staircase — well lit by large windows — is the main floor: an enormous kitchen with two pantries, another laundry room, a computer area and a living room with high ceilings. A short hallway leads to the home's most impressive feature, the secluded master suite.

The suite — like a mini apartment — features his and hers walk-in closets; a large bathroom with whirlpool bath and shower built for two; and a bedroom with toweringly high ceilings.

"The Rices won't say how much they've invested in the barn home. They plan to sell it and haven't yet set a price, though. Kelly said comparable homes in the Wood River Valley are selling for \$1 million plus.

"Us? Live here?" Joan wondered aloud. "It's just the two of us, and we would look after a place this big. Besides, if we lived here the kids would want to move back home."

Maybe being raised in a barn isn't so bad after all.

Times-News features writer Matt Christensen can be reached at 735-3243 or matt.christensen@lee.net.



Kelly Rice stands on the top floor of his barn west of Twin Falls in February 2004, during renovations to convert the structure to a house.

Cool days of 2004

Iceicles form on a door frame in February 2004, during the early days of the barn's transformation into a house.

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Ready for the future

The top floor of the barn as it looks in February 2006, after the renovations. The Rices envision this area will have a pool table, along with other games.

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# Even the lowly turnip can be a culinary star

By Russ Parsons  
Los Angeles Times

In the produce aisles, the turnip is easy to overlook. At first glance, it seems so plain it's easy to hurry past without a second notice. But pause a moment and take a closer look. There's a hidden side to this root vegetable. Even turnips can be beautiful.

We usually think of them in supporting roles — cut up with other root vegetables to give sweetness and complexity to winter broths and braises. It seems impossible to contemplate lamb stew or "pot-au-feu" without them.

But despite its homely appearance and its unimpressive size, the turnip can take star turns too.

Cook turnips until you can mash them with a fork, then puree them in a food processor with a little cream. (Don't worry: They don't have the starch that makes potatoes go gluey.) When they're grosser-smoother, heat in a couple tablespoons of butter and maybe a shaving of nutmeg to highlight the combination of sweetness and minerality. How's that sound with a crusty, well-browned roast pork?

Add broth instead of (or in addition to) the cream and you get a silken vegetable soup. If you want a surprise, and you're still feeling flush after the holidays, add a grace note of white truffle oil — just enough to reinforce that earthy perfume.

Or get small turnips, the all-white, open-leafed kind you find in Japanese or farmers' markets. Although they are sometimes labeled "baby" because of their golden size, almost all of these are fully mature members of the *Brassica* family of turnips and its offshoots.

Cut those in quarters and briefly brise them with butter and minced shallots until they are just beginning to lose their crispness. Add some nutty sherry vinegar and let that cook down to a glaze. Finish it with chopped walnuts. The vinegar gives sharpness that balances the turnips' caramelized sweetness, and the walnuts add a crunch. This is amazing served with broiled red sole.

As with other root vegetables, roasting brings out the caramelized sweetness in turnips. Slice them thickly or quarter them and coat them lightly with butter or oil. Spread them on a baking sheet and roast at 400 degrees until they're golden and tender, between 40 and 60 minutes. Turn them only a couple of times to brown them best.

You can also bake turnips in cream (if that idea doesn't make you hungry, perhaps nothing ever will). Slice them or shred them into a buttered grain dish and bathe them with just enough whipping cream to keep them moist. Add other flavorings if you wish. Maybe some bacon and shallots? How about shredded Gruyere on top? Or simple buttered bread crumbs?

You can do this same thing combining turnips and potatoes. The two have a natural affinity. Mash a turnip along with potatoes and see how it enlivens the puree. By the same token, you can turn turnips into neat shapes and roast them alongside new potatoes. Keep an eye on them — turnips are so high in sugar they may scorch.

All of these dishes show off turnips' soft side to one degree or another. But they are also good crisp. Grate them raw for a slaw.

The texture is like ficina, and so is the flavor, a little sweet but with a mustard backbone that lets you know it's turnip.



## PAN-CRISP DUCK BREASTS WITH TURNIP PICKLES

- 1 pound turnips (2 medium)
- 1 1/4 cups white vinegar
- 2 tablespoons salt plus more to taste
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon mustard seed
- 2 teaspoons coriander seed
- 1 teaspoon black peppercorns
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 duck breasts (about 1 pound each)
- Pepper
- 1 tablespoon oil

1. Peel the turnips and cut them into quarter-inch by quarter-inch sticks. Place them in a container.
2. In a small saucepan, bring 1 1/4 cups water, the vinegar, 2 tablespoons salt, the sugar, red pepper, mustard seed, coriander seed, peppercorns and bay leaf to a simmer. Cook 10 minutes, then set aside to cool for 5 minutes.
3. Strain the hot liquid over the turnip sticks, seal lightly and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

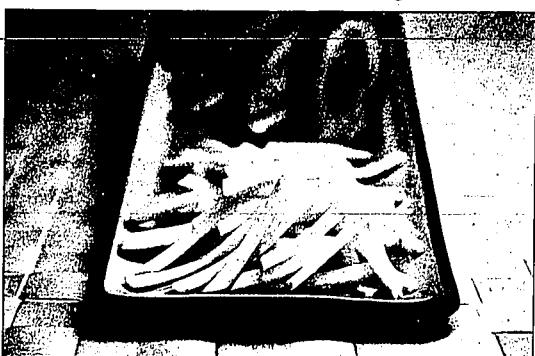


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4. Cut a shallow cross-hatch on the skin side of the duck breasts, through the skin but not through the fat to the meat. Season the breasts liberally on both sides with salt and pepper, place on a plate, cover tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate.
5. When ready to cook, remove the duck from the refrigerator to sit at room temperature for 15 minutes. Heat

the oil in a nonstick pan over medium heat. When it is almost smoking, pat dry the skin side of the duck breasts with a paper towel and place the breasts skin-side down in the hot pan. Sear until the skin is a deep golden brown, 7 to 10 minutes. Turn the breasts and cook on the opposite side until they are medium-rare in the center, 3 to 5 minutes more.

6. Remove the breasts to a carving board; let rest for 10 minutes.

Cut on a bias into crosswise slices about a half-inch thick. Divide the slices among the plates and garnish with some well-drained turnip pickles. Serve immediately.

*Serves 4.*  
*Note: These pickles are a little assertive for eating by themselves, but their piquancy is perfect with duck or pork.*

## PASTA WITH PROSCIUTTO, TURNIPS AND GREENS

- Salt
- 1 pound penne, or other short tube pasta
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 5 thin slices prosciutto (about 5 ounces), cut in thin slivers
- 1 1/2 cups small-diced turnips (about 3/4 pound)
- 3 cups finely chopped turnip greens
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/3 cup white wine
- 1/4 cup pecorino Romano



Pasta with prosciutto, turnips and greens.

cheese, grated

1. Bring a large pot of liberally salted water to a rolling boil. Add the pasta and cook until just tender, about 7 minutes, depending on the pasta.
2. Meanwhile, heat the olive oil and prosciutto in a large skillet over medium heat until the prosciutto loses its color, 3 to 4 minutes. Add the diced turnips and cook until they begin to

ring constantly, until the liquid is reduced to a light sauce, about 2 to 3 minutes. Taste and add salt if necessary.

5. Divide among 6 heated serving bowls and serve immediately sprinkled with the grated cheese.

*Serves 6.*



TURNIPS GLAZED WITH SHERRY VINEGAR

- 1 3/4 pounds small Japanese turnips (about 12 small turnips with 1 inch of stems attached)
- 2 tablespoons butter (1/4 stick)
- 2 tablespoons minced shallot (1 small shallot)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 tablespoon sherry vinegar

1. Peel the turnips and cut into quarters, leaving the stems attached. Place the turnips in a large skillet with one-half cup water, the butter, shallot and salt. Stir well, cover tightly and place over medium-high heat. Cook until the turnips just begin to become tender but are still slightly crisp, 8 to 10 minutes.
2. Remove the lid and increase the heat to high. Let the liquid boil off and continue cooking, without stirring, until you see the bits that are stuck to the bottom of the pan begin to brown. Add the walnuts, stir and continue cooking until the turnips are covered in an irregular brown glaze, 8 to 10 minutes.
3. Add the sherry vinegar. Stir to mix well and scrape up some of the brown glaze from the bottom of the pan (you won't get it all). Serve immediately.

*Serves 4 to 6.*

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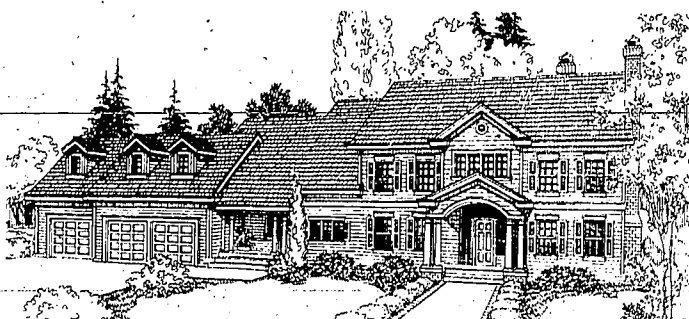
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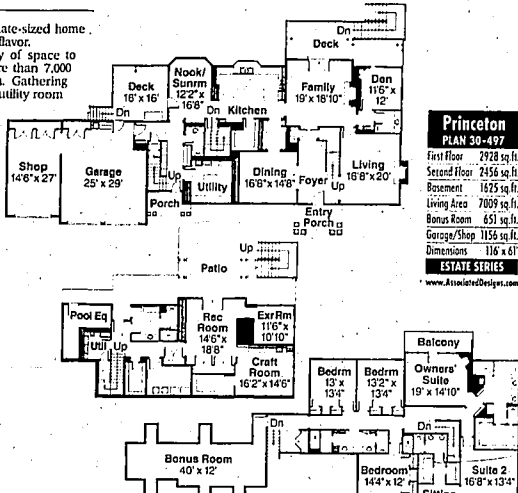
fill most of the main floor. Five bedrooms, three bathrooms and a wrap hot-tub room are on the upper level.

A backyard pool would fit in nicely by the ground-level patio, which is set one level lower than the main floor. In fact, the daylight basement at the rear has one room designed for storing pool equipment. Another is for dressing plus pre- and post-swim bathing. The basement also has a wine cellar and separate rooms for crafts, exercise, recreation and storage.

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# What you need to know about washing machines

By Alan J. Heavens  
 Knight Ridder News-Service

If your washing machine is more than 10 years old, it's time to think about getting a new one. Today's models not only save water and energy, they're designed to keep you from making the kind of mistakes that turn your brilliant whites into dull pinks.

Need to know: The choice is between front-loading and top-loading models. In a top-loading machine, an agitator moves the laundry in water and detergent to get it clean; after the wash cycle, the clothes are spun at a high speed to remove detergent and water. The washer refills, the agitator moves the items through the water to remove remaining detergent, and then they're spun again. A regular wash cycle uses about 45 gallons of water.

Higher-efficiency front loaders are built on a horizontal access and fill to just below the door opening, which reduces the water used to about 25 gallons. Clothes move with a tumbling action through the water, causing less wear and tear on the fabrics and seams. Front loaders can cost more, but the payback in savings is coming more quickly as energy prices climb.

Be sure to ask: What do a washer's cycle options really offer and do you need them? Computerization enabled manufacturers to tune wash cycles very finely, but most selections are just slight variations on the basics: regular; permanent press; prewash/soak (for tough stains); heavy; and gentle/delicate. Permanent press and regular cycles are virtually the same, for example, but permanent press conks items before the spinning starts, to prevent

wrinkling. A gentle cycle agitates spins items more slowly, to protect delicate fabrics. A heavy cycle offers a longer wash time and more rinses.

Hot hot for now: Today's washers come with more water-temperature options, too, but again you should look for the basics. Most washers offer hot-, warm- and cold-water wash cycles and cold rinse cycles. A hot-water wash cleans whites and heavily soiled items better, but uses more energy than warm water. The temperature of the hot and warm washes depends on what's supplied by your water heater. To change warm-water temperature, you have to change the mix of hot and cold water at the faucet.

What it will cost: \$300 to \$1,500, though you can pay more for added speed and cycle combos, larger capacity and a wider variety of water temperatures and levels. Spend wisely. Don't buy more washer than you need.

Good advice: Before buying, check the Energy Guide label, which shows the estimated annual energy consumption in kilowatt hours per year and the estimated annual operating cost. A washer bearing the Energy Star label meets strict efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Energy.

Operating manual: Full loads save water and energy, so be sure to match water level, temperature and the amount of detergent to the loads size. Don't jam clothes into the washer too tightly; it'll wear out faster. After each load, turn the water off at the faucets, to reduce pressure on the hoses. And if the washer has a lint filter, clean it frequently.

# 'Tired' laminate hard to fix

Knight Ridder News Service

Question: There is a section of my Formica countertop that is looking tired. It is neither scratched nor cut, just tired. This is the section that is most used and is nearly 30 years old. Is there any technique or product to bring back the Formica's original luster and finish?

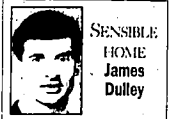
Answer: Probably not much can be done after 30 years. Even if you didn't put hot pans on it or clean it with acid, it's going to look tired after being used so much. Try a self-cleaning wax such as Gels-Gloss and see whether that perks it up. Some people paint laminated countertops as a temporary fix until they can afford new laminate or something more expensive.

Coming Thursday ...  
**Difficult woman**  
 Company of Fools takes on 'Hedda Gabler'.

# Modern toilets offer water-saving features

DEAR JIM: Our monthly utility bills are killing our budget, and we just got a big water bill. We have stained, old toilets which should be replaced with new water-saving ones. What toilet options are available?

—Jerry M.

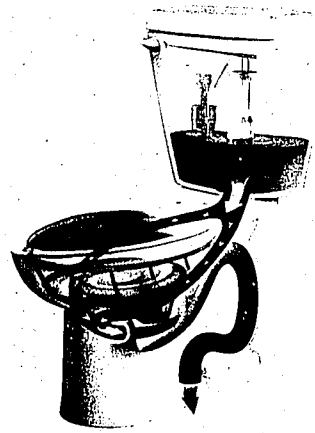


DEAR JERRY: Flushing toilets is one of the major water-consuming activities for most families. Many old toilets use 3.5 to 5 gpi (gallons per flush). New toilets, by law, cannot use more than 1.6 gpi. With the new bowl and internal flushing designs, these new toilets flush effectively.

People don't realize old water-guzzling toilets not only increase your water bills, but they also increase your heating bills. Each time you flush the toilet, its tank is refilled with cold water. This makes your furnace run longer because this water absorbs heat as it returns to room temperature.

You have many toilet options which range from 1.6 gpi gravity models to low water at all. Most low-cost ones which you can find at home center stores will be 1.6 gpi gravity designs. Two-piece toilets with a separate tank that bolts to the bowl are more common and less expensive than the designer one-piece toilets. Being in two pieces, they are easier to carry and install.

If you have many boys in your family, consider installing a uni-



This shows the water flow in an American Standard FloWise 1.28-gal-per-flush, elongated toilet. Notice how the water both fills the bowl and flows underneath it to create the flushing suction.

mal in one of the bathrooms. These use very little water per flush and are not difficult to install. Most of the major bathroom fixture manufacturers also offer urinals so you will not have trouble finding or installing one.

Unless you have small children who might get confused, consider installing a dual-flush model of toilet. You select a standard flush of 1.6 gallons for

flush is rapid, but it is louder than a standard gravity flush toilet, so you may not want this by a bedroom.

If you really want to eliminate all water usage, consider a composting or incinerating toilet. A composting toilet allows the wastes to decompose into usable soil. With its vented design, there is no odor. There are electric and non-electric models available. Incinerating toilets use electric heating elements to incinerate the wastes into fine ash.

Another option is a macerating toilet. This design uses a grinding pump to move the water and waste as much as 12 feet vertically and 150 feet horizontally to a sewer line or septic system. This makes it possible to add a new toilet on a concrete slab or in a basement with no drain.

DEAR JIM: I have a natural gas wall heater that I have used for years. With the price of natural gas so high now, I would like to convert it to propane. Can a gas heater be converted to propane?

DEAR STEVE: You should check with the manufacturer first, but many gas heaters can be converted to operate on propane. It often requires just a change in the orifice which provides gas to the burners.

Before doing this, check on the relative prices of natural gas and propane in your area. Even with the recent increases in natural gas prices, it still may be less expensive to heat with gas than with propane.

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# Next week, focus on food instead of love

# A stew twist with rotisserie chicken

Someone you have heard the joke that Valentine's Day is really Singles Awareness Day — SAD for short. That's probably funny only if you have a significant other. The day is marked with extremes: happy or dejected, content or gloomy.

Valentine's Day should, therefore, be changed to be about the food. This bypasses any emotional issues, at least directly. If food is your substitute for love or comfort, I am sorry to say I cannot help you there.

I can give you some recipes to keep you busy for a bit. And when you sink your teeth into such delectable morsels, you may be so swept away by the wash of flavor you'll forget all else.



VALLEY COOKING  
Becca Tateoka

- 2 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon each salt, dried tarragon leaves and black pepper
- 1 cup grated Emmentaler cheese
- 2 rounds of boneless, skinless, chicken breasts, cut into 1 1/2-inch cubes
- 1/4 cup of Asiago (or Parmesan) cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 4-quart baking dish with cooking spray. Steam the broccoli for about 6 minutes. Drain and set aside. In a large skillet, saute the mushrooms and shallots in one tablespoon of butter. Cook for about 5 minutes. Remove from pan and place in a large bowl. Add the broccoli and mushrooms, toss gently and set aside.

Melt remaining 3 tablespoons of butter over low heat in the same skillet. Stir in the flour and blend until smooth. Add the stock, mustard, salt, tarragon and pepper. Whisk for about 2-5 minutes over medium heat until slightly thickened and smooth. Add the Emmentaler cheese and stir until melted. Remove from heat.

In prepared baking dish, alternate layers of the chicken with the vegetable mixture. Pour the cheese sauce over all. Cover with lid or foil and bake for 40 minutes; uncover and sprinkle with Asiago cheese. Bake for an additional 15-20 minutes. Serve over rice or noodles, if desired.

—From <http://thevalleycooking.com/valentinesdinner.htm>

### CHOCOLATE SURPRISE

- Blend together:
  - 1 1/2 cup plain flour
  - 1 1/2 stick margarine
  - 1 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- Press into 9-inch-by-13-inch pan. Bake for 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool.

Cream together:
 

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 8-ounce package of cream cheese

 Fold in 9 ounces defrosted Cool Whip. Spread onto the cooled pastry layer.

- Mix well:
  - 1 large box of chocolate instant pudding
  - 3 1/2 cups milk
- Spread on top of the second layer. Spread a 3-ounce container of defrosted Cool Whip on top of the third layer and refrigerate.

—From <http://thevalleycooking.com/valentinesrecipes.htm>

Times-News correspondent Becca Tateoka can be reached at 438-8930.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A modern twist on the promise of a chicken in every pot, the rotisserie has revolutionized how time-pressed Americans get dinner on the table.

Consumers have been crowding about succulent, juicy rotisserie chickens since the late '80s. Today home cooks have become so reliant on the convenience that you'd be hard-pressed to find a supermarket that doesn't offer a 5 o'clock show starring the whirly birds.

Americans eat an estimated 700 million rotisserie chickens a year. About 500 million of the pre-cooked birds are sold through supermarkets and warehouse clubs; the rest are sold through food service operations including restaurant chains, says Bill Roneggi, vice president for the National Chicken Council, a trade organization based in Washington, D.C.

Over the years rotisserie chickens have become a shortcut to creating any number of dishes that call for pre-cooked chicken as an ingredient. Entire cookbooks are devoted to the subject, and a recent grand-prize winner of the National Chicken Council cook-off won with a recipe for shredded rotisserie chicken "crab cakes."

Sun-Dried Tomato Rotisserie Chicken uses a rotisserie chicken as its base to create a Southwestern-style stew that comes together in minutes.

Nutritionally, the stew contains two types of tomatoes — whole and sun-dried — both a good source of vitamin C and the antioxidant lycopene. The sun-dried tomatoes are soaked in red wine, which adds still more antioxidants.

The biggest drawback to using store-bought rotisserie chicken in recipes? It is frequently marinated before cooking in high-sodium solutions to keep it moist.

Cooking tip: In Mexican cooking, roasted pumpkin seeds are known as pepitas. To toast pumpkin seeds, place seeds on a baking sheet in a 300-degree oven and roast until golden, shaking the pan so they do not burn. Do not toast for more than 5 minutes or the seeds become bitter.

### SUN-DRIED TOMATO ROTISSERIE CHICKEN STEW

- Makes 8 servings
- 2/3 cup sun-dried tomatoes (in oil)
- 1/2 cup dry red wine
- 2 (1 1/2-ounce) cans no-salt-added whole tomatoes, chopped

- 1 (4-ounce) can chopped green chilies
- 4 cups 99-percent fat-free lower-sodium chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 2 cups frozen corn
- 1 store-bought rotisserie chicken, skin and bones removed and meat cut into small pieces
- 1 avocado, pitted and sliced
- 2 tablespoons unsalted shelled pumpkin seeds, toasted
- 1/2 cup crushed baked tortilla chips

Using kitchen scissors, cut dried tomatoes into fourths. Combine dried tomatoes and red wine and let stand at least 5 minutes to soften.

Place canned tomatoes, green chilies and red wine-tomato mixture in a 4- to 6-quart Dutch oven. Heat 3 to 5 minutes to soften. Then add chicken broth, chili powder and cumin; bring to a boil. Add corn and chicken, and cook 7 to 8 minutes. Place in warmed bowls and top with avocado, pumpkin seeds and crushed tortilla chips.

### VALENTINE'S DAY BREAKFAST DISH

- Filling:
  - 1 1/2 cup finely chopped mushrooms
  - 1/4 cup sliced green onion
  - 1 tablespoon margarine or butter
- Tablespoon flour
- Dish of pepper
- 1/4 cup milk

- Egg mixture:
  - 1/2 cup flour
  - 2 cups milk
  - 2 tablespoons margarine or butter
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
  - 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
  - 4 eggs, slightly beaten
  - 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, divided

—Filling: Cook mushrooms and onion in margarine or butter until tender (about 5 minutes). Stir in flour and pepper. Stir in milk all at once. Cook, stirring over low heat until thickened and bubbly; set aside.

—Egg mixture: Combine flour and milk in medium saucepan. Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened. Stir in the margarine or butter until melted. Stir in salt, pepper and nutmeg. Add eggs, and stir until combined. Stir in 3/4 cup cheese. Pour half of the egg mixture into a lightly greased 12-by-7-inch, baking dish. Spoon mushroom mixture over egg mixture. Top with the remaining egg mixture. Bake in 400-degree oven 20 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Let stand 5 minutes. If desired, garnish with finely chopped red pepper. Makes 6 servings.

—From <http://thevalleycooking.com/valentinesrecipes>

### CARAMEL CHICKEN FRESKO BAKE

- 4 cups broccoli florets
- 4 tablespoons butter, divided
- 12 ounces baby portobello mushrooms, sliced
- 3 shallots, sliced
- 14 ounces artichoke hearts, drained, rinsed and quartered
- 4 tablespoons flour

## Should casseroles be baked covered or uncovered?

Knight Ridder News Service

Question: I'm confused by recipes that don't specify whether a casserole should be baked covered or uncovered. Is there a rule of thumb?

Answer: Recipes should tell you whether to bake a casserole covered or uncovered, although many don't. There's no rule of thumb, but knowing what covering and uncovering does to

food may help.

Covering foods prevents them from browning and crisping, but it does trap in moisture. Uncovering the foods promotes browning and crisping, and reduces the amount of liquid in the finished dish. If a casserole bakes soupy when it's ready to bake, you probably should bake it uncovered unless the ingredients include pasta or rice, which absorb liquid.

## Give your chicken a Mediterranean flavor

By Marla Kramer The Washington Post

The aromatic combination of coriander, cumin and cinnamon lends an Eastern Mediterranean flavor to this dish. Serve with sauteed or steamed spinach.

Adapted from "Against the Grain," by Diane Kochilas (HarperCollins, 2005).

### SPICE ROUTE CHICKEN

- 4 servings
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 1/2 pounds boneless, skin-

- less chicken thighs, cut into bite-size pieces
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1/3 cup chopped red onion
- 1/4 cup finely chopped green bell pepper
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red bell pepper
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 1/2 cups Roma tomatoes (1 to 2 tomatoes)
- 2 1/2 cup chicken broth or low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 to 2 tablespoons seedless

golden raisins

6 pitted and coarsely chopped Kalamata olives

In a Dutch oven or large non-stick pot over medium-high heat, heat the oil. Add the chicken, season with salt and pepper to taste and brown on all sides, about 3 minutes (you may have to do this in batches). Transfer the chicken to a small bowl, and drain all but 1 tablespoon of fat from the pot.

Return the pot to the stove and reduce the heat to medium. Add the onion, bell peppers and garlic and cook until soft, 4 to 5 minutes. Add the coriander, cumin, cinnamon and bay leaf

and stir for 1 minute.

Return the chicken to the pot, adding the tomatoes and broth at the same time. Increase the heat to medium-high and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low, cover and simmer for 12 to 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, soak the raisins in 1/4 cup warm water. Drain, add the plumped raisins and the olives to the pot and continue cooking, covered, for 5 minutes. Adjust the seasonings to taste. Discard the bay leaf.

Transfer the chicken with a slotted spoon to individual plates, then spoon some sauce over it.

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**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

Panel 1: "DON'T YOU HAVE A COLONY HAS COMPETING TV STATIONS?"  
 Panel 2: "ACTUALLY I LOVE IT."  
 Panel 3: "HOW COME?"  
 Panel 4: "THE EVENING NEWS COMES ON AT NOON."

**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

Panel 1: "HAI HAI HAI"  
 Panel 2: "DID YOU KNOW THAT IF YOU TAKE WET TOILET PAPER AND MAKE IT INTO A BALL, IT'LL STICK TO THE CEILING!"  
 Panel 3: "NOT THAT I WOULD EVER DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT."  
 Panel 4: "ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT, CAN I BORROW THE SEPLAVER AND A SONGER?"

**Baldo** By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

Panel 1: "SEE, AT THE PITCH SOME COMMENT ON THE BIG SET."  
 Panel 2: "I WISE UP MYSELF FROM CRYING POWER. I COULD BE POOR AND MIGHTNOT HAVE BLEDDED WIT' THEM IN A BLOODING WISE JUST HERE."  
 Panel 3: "WHAHA... IT'S NOT HERE."  
 Panel 4: "DID YOU TRY CARVING WAGES IN WICKED, NEWSPAP?"

**Brivily** By Guy & Rodd

Panel 1: "HEY KID, WHAT ARE YOU IN FOR?"

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

Panel 1: "I'M TOO BUSY TO LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT THE PROJECTS I'M MANAGING."  
 Panel 2: "I BARELY HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO MAKE CRITICAL DECISIONS ABOUT THEM."  
 Panel 3: "MAYBE YOU'RE LAZY AND STUPID."  
 Panel 4: "LET'S GO DOWN TO THE POND AND THROW ROCKS AT THE DUCKS."

**Doonesbury** By Garry Trudeau

Panel 1: "AT SOME POINT, SA, A PERSON JUST HAS TO GET HER GOGGLES."  
 Panel 2: "I JUST WISH I'D REACHED IT EARLIER. THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES, MR. COOPER."  
 Panel 3: "AND WHAT HAVE YOU EVER GAINED FROM THAT? NOTHING!"  
 Panel 4: "OKAY, SO YOU GAVE ME A KING-TIME AIR WISDOMS."  
 Panel 5: "AN APPROXIMATELY TENET AND YOU STILL DON'T KNOW."

**The Elderberles** By Phil Frank and Joe Toise

Panel 1: "I think your dreambook and seeking of a better way for the things needs some work."  
 Panel 2: "You know! Remember how you described yourself in your Yahoo Personals ad?"  
 Panel 3: "Like what, Evelyn?"  
 Panel 4: "Oh!! I getcha!"  
 Panel 5: "I'll just up her height to 15 hands, lower her age 5 years and take off 200 pounds."  
 Panel 6: "There you go."

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

Panel 1: "WATSON! BEING THROUGH THIS PROCESS ISN'T PUTTING ASIDE ALL THE DUPLICATES."  
 Panel 2: "SOMEHOW I WANT TO MAKE AN ALBUM OF THE ENGLISH I'M PUTTING ASIDE."  
 Panel 3: "OH! WHAT'S ALL THIS?"  
 Panel 4: "LETTERS TO FILE, CHANGING OFFERS, ASSASSINATIONS FROM PLEASANTVILLE, SOCIAL SCIENCE REPORTS."  
 Panel 5: "WHEN YOU ACE TEACH YOUR PANTS?"  
 Panel 6: "I AM NOT A FRACK APRIL."  
 Panel 7: "FRACK APRILS AREN'T ORGANIZED, LEP."

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

Panel 1: "MARKETING ASSOCIATION PARKING ONLY. VIOLATORS WILL BE PUT ON A MAILING LIST."  
 Panel 2: "THANKS 2-3"

**Luann** By Greg Evans

Panel 1: "DIRT! I WANNA TALK TO YOU."  
 Panel 2: "YOU'RE HERE AGAIN? DO YOU EVER GO TO YOUR OWN STATION?"  
 Panel 3: "I HAVE BUSINESS. AND IF YOU KEEP SHOWING UP, I'LL CALL THE COPS."  
 Panel 4: "I'M JUST TRYING TO TALK MY LIFE AROUND, SCORPIO. IF YOU DON'T TRUST ME, BUT THEN BUST ME, BUT THEN THINK HOW TONY WILL LIKE THAT."  
 Panel 5: "I BET TONY WOULD THANK ME FOR PUTTING YOU IN JAIL."  
 Panel 6: "GOLLY, GUESS I'LL BETTER FISH UP HERE THEN."

**Mallard Filmore** By Bruce Tinsley

Panel 1: "OUR GUEST TODAY IS MR. CYRIL WHINEY, SPOKESPERSON FOR THE 'HABITUALLY OFFENDED COMMUNITY.'"  
 Panel 2: "WELCOME TO THE PROGRAM, MR. WHINEY."  
 Panel 3: "THAT'S DR. WHINEY! PEOPLE IGNORING MY PLAIN OFFENSES!"

**Poats Before Swim** By Stephan Pastis

Panel 1: "Dear Mr. Head of Weekend Security Guy, You are protecting our land against terrorists and spying on the books people take out of libraries."  
 Panel 2: "But what about sea anemones? Is anyone watching the bank THEY take out of libraries?"  
 Panel 3: "I only ask because one of them is trying to kill me ☹️"  
 Panel 4: "WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU? HAVE YOU LOST ALL TOUCH WITH REALITY? GIMME THAT BRAGAS YOU GET YOURSELF COMMITTED."  
 Panel 5: "IT'S FOR A FRIEND."

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

Panel 1: "OH!!"  
 Panel 2: "ROSCOE! HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE FIRE-PLACE AGAIN?"  
 Panel 3: "THIS IS WHY WE CAN'T HAVE ANY NICE THINGS!"

**Roso is Roso** By Pat Brady

Panel 1: "PROBABLE CUBO UP HERE FOR HER CHECKING!"  
 Panel 2: "YOU CAN HAVE TO EXAM ROOM SIX."  
 Panel 3: "BOWEN WOULD NEVER SAY PAPER AND WE LEFT."  
 Panel 4: "MR. GARDNER, YOU'RE REMINDING YOU NOT TO TOUCH ANYTHING!"  
 Panel 5: "TOLD YA!"

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

Panel 1: "AIR PRESHEER?"  
 Panel 2: "GOOT OF!"  
 Panel 3: "IT SMELLS LIKE WET TEENAGERS IN HERE, AND I'M TRYING TO COVER IT UP WITH SOMETHING A LITTLE LESS PUNGENT."  
 Panel 4: "(GROFF) (GROFF) WHAT IS THAT?"  
 Panel 5: "SHEEPDOG."

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

Panel 1: "What is wrong with the house?"  
 Panel 2: "I'll LEGAL TO RECALL IT A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY."  
 Panel 3: "THEN WRITE ME UP ON HOW I'D RECALL IT."

**Strange Brew** By John Deering

Panel 1: "DECISIONS OF EQUAL WEIGHT."  
 Panel 2: "SHOULD I STAY INSIDE OR GO OUT? THE JOB IN SEATTLE? SOMETHING LIKE..."  
 Panel 3: "SHOULD I STAY INSIDE OR GO OUT? INSIDE IS NICE..."

# Eat your spinach, Scorpio

**IF FEB. 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** With Neptune dancing close to your part of the zodiac this year, you may feel young at heart and connected to everything and anything. Your spiritual side can thrive, but accentuated sensitivity can make this a prime time to avoid unhappy people and unpleasant surroundings. You may be the recipient of some well-deserved rewards in late April, May or August, so enjoy a bounty of the good things in life. In September, key relationships may be tested and any that turn sour could fall away.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You can't fail if you don't quit. You're like a little dog with a big bone — if you keep gnawing, you will eventually get the job done. Pull an important project together at the last minute.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Those close are full of drive and determination. You know that they will still be there tomorrow and the day after that. Your faith and confidence may be kept low ones on a profitable path.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Once you light the fire someone else is willing to carry the torch. Enlist the help of a trusted associate to see a business project through to completion. Stack your money up to earn interest.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Heart and mind can work together. It is important to be on the same wavelength with a colleague over shared resources or joint financial endeavors. Be passionate about partnerships.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Use your passions to do something of value. Whatever titillates your curiosity will be followed through to the end. Loving arms may be waiting in the wings to soothe you when tired out.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Research ways to make your money grow. Contacts with others will move along smoothly so this is a good time to place phone calls or discuss partnership matters. Romance flourish.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Go along for the ride. A partner or loved one can set a dynamic pace. If romance is the subject you may be swept along on a wave of desire that will leave you completely satisfied.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Be a Popeye and eat your spinach. Apply vital energy to win the heart of an Olive Oil or to ace a business deal. You can't be a success because you won't give up until you succeed.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Be the "energizer" rabbit and beat your own drum incessantly. You can outlast the competition if work needs to be done. Earn appreciation by being the last out the door at closing time.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Follow your intuitions where money or love is concerned. Good manners and sympathetic ears are always popular. Items of taste and enduring value should be on the shopping list.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Play to the audience. Dress for the part and don't be afraid to take a bow when applause comes your way. Your winning ways may attract loving kindness from a special someone.

**SCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You seem tough as nails but beneath the surface lurks kindness and heartedness. People will appreciate an offer of a helping hand when the chips are down. Think romance with a capital R tonight.

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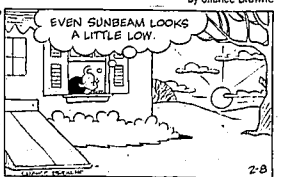
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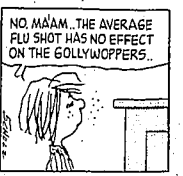
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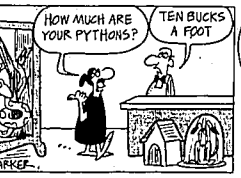
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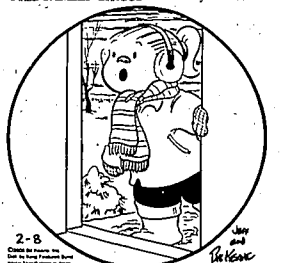
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Dil Keane



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"I need an earmuff for my nose."

# Soft-spoken dad won't control his abusive teenage daughter



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Jeff," is a single parent. His daughter, "Nicole," is 14. Jeff is very soft-spoken and unassertive. He hates conflict and shies away from it if it arises. We have been in a loving and caring relationship for nine years. We don't yell at each other or call each other names.

his daughter's outburst, the more they will escalate. I don't know what her problem is — whether she has fallen in with the wrong crowd, is experimenting with drugs or having emotional difficulties. But she has become verbally abusive toward him. When she speaks to him she calls him names and uses ungodly language. I cringe when she starts screaming and cursing at him.

Over the last six months, Nicole's behavior toward her father has changed radically. She speaks to him she calls him names and uses ungodly language. I cringe when she starts screaming and cursing at him. I moved out of the house because I can't be part of a household like that — it made me sick. I have stated on more than one occasion that this kind of behavior is unacceptable and not normal. Jeff says he has read books that say that it is. It has driven a wedge between us. I'm concerned that if Nicole treats her father this way, how is she treating her peers, teachers or strangers? Have you any advice to offer?

MRS. IN ILLINOIS DEAR WANTS: It appears that the man you married still has a lot of growing up to do. He may have had second thoughts about marrying you, or he may be afraid of his parents' reaction. He could also have a problem with commitment and feels that he isn't "really married" until there's a formal announcement. Because I'm not a mind reader, I can't be sure what his problem is.

DEAR HEARTSICK IN FLORIDA DEAR HEARTSICK: Nicole's behavior is neither normal nor acceptable. Your boyfriend should have asserted his authority the first time it happened. The longer he tolerates

DEAR ABBY: I need some advice. I married "Fritz" in February 2001, during a spur-of-the-moment trip to Las Vegas. Afterward, we decided we would wait to tell our parents because we wanted to have a traditional wedding and invite all of our relatives.

It has been more than four years, and I am still trying to get Fritz, at the bare minimum, to tell our families that we're "engaged." But if I bring up the subject, he gets angry and refuses to talk about it because

he's "not ready." Fritz keeps sending me mixed signals — he bought me a \$2,500 diamond engagement/wedding ring, but I'm not allowed to wear it in front of any family members. He tells me he loves me and I'm the only person he's going to spend the rest of his life with, but this has become a real strain on our relationship. I don't understand why he won't marry me publicly since we are already married legally. Please help me.

However, there's one thing I know for sure. The way you are being treated is degrading, and you should not tolerate it. Offer Fritz the option of marriage counseling, because whether or not he wants to admit it, you are married, or end this travesty once-and-for-all.

# Smugglers use cans to transport marijuana across U.S. border

SASABE, Ariz. — It's green, leafy and in a can. But it's not spinach. Federal authorities seized 34 pounds of marijuana that had been stuffed inside cans of jalapenos and tomatoes bound for America from Mexico.



A 6-week-old Visayan warty pig vixen with piglets at the San Diego Zoo on Monday. The piglet was born in the season's first litter and keepers expect at least two more litters. The critically endangered species is found only in the Philippines. The San Diego Zoo is working with other zoos to increase the population of the warty.

Customs and Border Protection officers said they decided to open one of the cans because it looked and felt unusual. They found a "package of marijuana inside and began to open the other cans.

"For a while, that can is going to take the cake," said Brian Levin, an agency spokesman. "This was one of the more elaborate attempts — it required creativity."

Model officer prompts motorists to slow down

MOSCOW — This is one Russian traffic cop who will never issue a ticket or take a bribe: he's made of plastic. A life-size mock-up of a traffic police officer is prompting more drivers to obey the speed limit on a highway in western Russia, real-life officers say.

## Odds & Ends

The fakes are being used on a stretch of busy highway in the Belgorod region near the Ukrainian border. Regional authorities plan to use more of the mock-ups if the experiment proves successful.

The fake human figure comes complete with a nearly two-dimensional patrol car, a speed gun and a black-and-white baton — held up to signal travelers to be cautious.

Devicé could help end dangerous car chases

LOS ANGELES — The car chase capital of the world is going high-tech to end dangerous pursuits across Southern California.

Police Chief William J. Bratton on Thursday unveiled a strong new weapon in the city department's strategy to halt high-speed pursuits — adhesive darts with a global positioning system that are fired at fleeing cars by police.

But Alexei Zakharov, the officer viewed as the model for the mock-up, said that the sight of his plastic double prompts some drivers to do more than slow down.

Some drivers stop and come to him to show their documents, others sit in their cars and wait for the inspector to approach them. They sit there for five minutes and they drive away," he said.

Once fired from a patrol car, the GPS dart is designed to stick to a fleeing car, allowing

squad cars to back off the chase.

"Instead of us pushing them doing 70 or 80 miles an hour," Bratton said, "this device allows us not to have to pursue after the car. It does that by itself, tearing where the car is."

"U.S. Department of Justice officials suggested testing the Start Chase system in Los Angeles. A small number of patrol cars will be equipped with the compressed air launchers, which fire the miniature GPS receivers in a sticky compound resembling a golf ball."

There were more than 600 pursuits in Los Angeles and more than 100,000 nationwide last year. Cities have long questioned the wisdom of police pursuits because they can endanger bystanders and officers. Bratton, who often calls the city the car chase capital of the world, was asked why there are so many pursuits in Los Angeles. "There are a lot of nuts here," he said.

— compiled from wire reports

# Today is a banner day for junk mail

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FOOD & HOME

# Cooking in Iraq's Red Zone

By Jackie Spinner  
The Washington Post



Jackie Spinner makes her vegetarian burgers in The Washington Post's converted hotel room kitchen in Iraq in July 2004.

don't talk organic eggs or wheat germ. Talk simple: green pepper, onions, garlic, a half-rotten tomato whose good half can be salvaged. Talk the language of my Baghdad kitchen.

I started cooking on Friday nights when our chef, Muhithir, took the evening off and I had defected to CNN. The first time I offered to cook, I scanned the dusty cupboards for something I could throw together to go with a half-frozen chicken. The shelves held cans of peas that were past their expiration date, dried white beans that needed at least 10 hours of soaking, day-old bread, some canned peaches, boxes of pasta and plastic bins filled with green peppers, overripe tomatoes and onions. I whipped up a passable minestrone soup and served it with spaghetti in a homemade tomato sauce.

I had no sharp knives, no measuring spoons or cups and no cookbooks. I had just my

hands and a teaspoon, and so I came to think in terms of a small palm of cummin, a handful and a half of rolled oats or three good shakes of soy sauce. I also had a stove with a dial so covered with grime that I couldn't tell the temperature at which my cookies were baking, even if I had been able to convert the Celsius reading to Fahrenheit without a calculator.

The only thing that was ever certain, particularly during the sweltering summer months in Iraq, was that I, myself, was baking quite nicely. The temperature inside the kitchen often exceeded 100 degrees. Comprising a Thai dinner of peanut noodles, baked chicken and onion pancakes for 30 guests left me dehydrated and exhausted. But we loved entertaining our journalistic colleagues, as well as the guards and translators we depended on for our stories and our lives.

After spending months after months in Iraq, we journalists craved the eclectic American food experience. We had hankering for Cuban, Thai, Chinese, Mexican. We wanted food free of oil — and for me, free of meat.

The first time I tasted one of the rice dishes prepared by our lunch cook, Um Mohammed, I detected liver chunks. "Oh, I can't eat this," I said, handing back the plate. "This is dirty rice," meaning New Orleans-style.

"Um Mohammed rice noooooo dirty," she replied, walking away, hushed.

"No, no," I called out. But it would have been futile to try to swim that cultural barrier. I was already an oddity as a vegetarian. Now I was a naive vegetarian.

The biggest challenges of cooking in Iraq was finding ingredients. Several of the larger grocery stores in Baghdad stocked American and European goods. Fortunately, I had scouted the stores before it became too dangerous to go shopping so I had an idea of what was available.

"Bassam, do you guys have basil?" I asked one of our Iraqi translators while compiling a shopping list. However, Bassam's English vocabulary did not include basil. I tried to describe the plant's appearance

and taste, but we were getting nowhere. I moved on to scallops and again struck out. Ultimately, I found a picture of a basil plant on the Internet and showed it to Bassam. "Oh," he said, "that is rechan." From then on, whenever I needed something from the store I printed a picture and attached it to the shopping list.

We made everything from scratch in Baghdad: mayonnaise, salsa, salad dressing, cream of mushroom soup. I learned to break down dishes made back home and piece them back together without prepackaged foods and ingredients. In a soy-free world, I made vegetarian burgers from scratch. My macaroni and cheese tasted like my grandmother's — nothing processed was in it.

Washington Post staff writer Jackie Spinner was a correspondent in Baghdad from May 2004 to November 2005. The full names of Iraqi staff are withheld for security reasons. This article is adapted from her book, "Tell Them I Didn't Cry: A Young Journalist's Story of Joy, Loss and Survival in Iraq" (Scribner, 2006).

## Bon appetit!

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### Menu Entrees

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| Sauce Mattira          | Apple & Walnut stuffed Porkloins |
| Toumados Provencale    | Crepes Coquilles                 |
| Sauce Bordelaise       | Dessert Crepes                   |
| Encrusted Lamb Chops   | Bananas Foster                   |
| Sauce Robert           | Crab Legs                        |
| Cilantro Lime Chicken  | Jumbo Prawns                     |
| Stuffed with Mango     | Oysters                          |
| Panna Gorgonzola       | Greek Salad                      |
| Olio Bow De Pasta      | Roast Duck Salad                 |
| Dulches potato souffie | Cesar Salad                      |
| Mango Banana Soup      | Bread and Fruit Station          |
|                        | Dessert Station                  |

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### VEGETARIAN BURGERS

4 to 6 servings

2 medium carrots, peeled and finely grated

With no measuring spoons in my Baghdad kitchen, I would approximate the amount of the ingredients. Here's a more user-friendly version. Also, in Baghdad, I had to use regular yellow mustard. In my kitchen at home, I would opt for Dijon-style. Leftover patties can be frozen. We ate these plain, but you can serve them on toasted buns.

2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1/2 cup finely chopped onion  
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped  
1 teaspoon ground cummin  
1 teaspoon chili powder  
Salt  
Freshly ground black pepper

Two 15-ounce cans red kidney beans, rinsed and drained  
1 teaspoon yellow or Dijon-style mustard (may substitute a pinch of mustard powder)  
2 tablespoons ketchup  
1/2 cup rolled oats

In a medium pan over medium heat, melt 1 tablespoon of the butter. Add the onion and garlic and cook until translucent, about 3 minutes. Add the cummin, chili powder and salt and pepper to taste. Remove from the heat and set aside.

In a large bowl, mash the beans with your hands (it's OK if some of the beans remain whole). Add the mustard, ketchup, oats, carrots and the onion mixture and mix until well combined. Form into about large 6 balls. Do not flatten into patties.

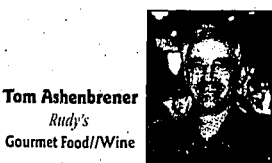
In the same pan over medium heat, melt 1 teaspoon of the butter. Cook 2 balls at a time. After about 2 minutes, flatten each ball slightly with a spatula but do not make them too thin. After another 2 minutes, or when the patties are firm enough to hold together, flip over. Cook an additional 2 minutes until browned and heated through. Repeat with the remaining butter and balls. Serve hot.

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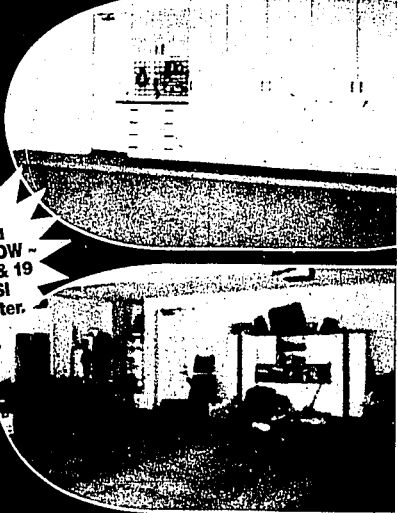
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SPORTS

No. 2 Duke holds off Tar Heels

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — J.J. Redick had 22 of his 35 points in the second half as Duke's John McClendon added a season-high 17 points and No. 2 Duke held off No. 23 North Carolina 67-63 on Tuesday night.

Redick was 12-for-22 from the field — including five 3-pointers — and shot at a career high with four steals. Three of those led to breakaway layups.

With Duke (22-1, 10-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) clinging to a one-point lead, Redick scored a career-high 35 points, including the margin with 15:54 remaining. He later added another with the shot clock winding down to make it a seven-point game, and despite a furious rally by the Tar Heels (14-6, 5-4), the Blue Devils picked up their 10th victory in the past 19 games in the rivalry.

Redick was 17-for-21 from the field in the second half but tied the game with a 12-0 run.

No. 4 Villanova 71, Saint Joseph's 57

PHILADELPHIA — Kyle Lowry scored 18 of his 25 points in the second half, and Randy Foye and Alan Flow each had 11 points for Villanova in the win at the Palestra that gave the Wildcats the Big 5 title.

After a lackluster start that saw them shoot 5 percent and trail by 12 points at halftime, the Wildcats (18-2) came roaring back, finishing the scoring at such a rapid rate that Saint Joseph's (10-10) must have felt like it was playing a different team.

Lowry converted a three-point play that gave the Wildcats a 39-37 lead. Dunks by Lowry and Willard capped a 21-run

Clay Schachtus scored 19 points for the Hawks, who shot 50 percent in the first half and 25 percent in the second.

Villanova played without shooting guard Mike Nash, who has two illnesses.

Villanova won all four Big 5 games for its 17th series title. The Hawks went 3-1.

No. 11 Tennessee 75, Kentucky 67

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Chris Lofton had a career-high 31 points, including 7 3-pointers — and No. 11 Tennessee snapped an eight-game losing streak to Kentucky.

Tennessee (17-3, 8-1) won its sixth straight Southeastern Conference game for the first time since 1989. The Volunteers were at Rupp Arena for the first time since 1998.

Lofton made his first four 3-pointers and finished with 17 points.

Wild 5, Kings 1

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Marian Gaborik and Pascal Dupuis each scored two Minnesota franchise-record five power-play goals to lead the Wild to a 5-1 victory over the slumping Los Angeles Kings on Tuesday night.

Gaborik added an assist and Vincent Lecavalier had a goal and an assist for the Wild, who

traded for forward Ilya Kovalchuk in a trade with the Tampa Bay Lightning.

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Hansen knocks off Hagerman

The Times-News

HANSEN — Hansen senior Ryan Leiser hit a 3-pointer with less than 10 seconds remaining to lift Hansen to a 50-47 win over Southside Conference leader Hagerman Tuesday night.

Hansen (10-8, 10-4) had lost by 50 points, according to Huskies coach Mike Pfeiffer, earlier this season at Hagerman.

"It's a little momentum builder, hopefully, headed into Thursday night," said Huskies coach Mike Pfeiffer. The win follows an win over No. 2 seed Castleford Saturday. "Hopefully they don't let down. The season continues this weekend."

Skyler Tubert scored 17 for Hagerman, despite early foul trouble. Hyrum Stanger and Ryan Leiser led Hansen with 15 points each.

No. 3 seed Hansen opens play Thursday at the district tournament. Hagerman gets a first-round bye and plays at 8 p.m. Friday at Murtaugh High School.

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# Hawks upset Pistons at home, 99-98

ATLANTA (AP) — Joe Johnson scored 29 points, including a layup with 75 seconds, to lift the Atlanta Hawks to a 99-98 victory over Detroit on Tuesday night, denying the Pistons their 40th win.

Detroit, which still records the best in the league, suffered its first two-game losing streak of the season. The Pistons' 40-11 are off to their best start in franchise history.

Trailing 98-97, Atlanta (15-32) had possession with 26.7 seconds left. Johnson worked the clock down before driving past stretched Wallace for the layup.

Following a timeout, Richard Hamilton missed a short jumper over Johnson. The Pistons had one final possession but couldn't get off a shot after hitting by another referee.

Johnson scored 23 points for the Hawks, who have lost six straight and 12 of 13. They fell to 0-6 this season without starting point guard Stephen Marbury.

**Clippers 85, Knicks 82**

NEW YORK — Sam Cassell hit consecutive 3-pointers in the final two minutes, including the key shot, to lead the Los Angeles Clippers to a 85-82 victory over the New York Knicks.

Elton Brand scored 25 points, nine in the fourth quarter, and grabbed 12 rebounds as the Clippers improved to 4-1 on their six-game trip that ends Wednesday night at Detroit. They have won nine of 10 overall.

Cassell was quiet for most of the game and finished with only 13 points and before his late surge the most energy he showed was when he was hit with a technical foul that was taken away by another referee.

Jason Ross scored 23 points for the Knicks, who have lost six straight and 12 of 13. They fell to 0-6 this season without starting point guard Stephen Marbury.

**Mavericks 102, Lakers 87**

DALLAS — Josh Howard had 22 points and was one of the Dallas defenders who helped frustrate Kobe Bryant most of the game, as the Mavericks won their NBA-best 12th straight game.

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**After victory parade, Bus rides to retirement**

PITTSBURGH — (Fittingly) The Bus went last.

After teammates soaked up the victory parade on Tuesday, Steve Nash and play-calling coach Tom Izzo led the crowd at the end of the Pittsburgh Steelers' Super Bowl victory parade on Tuesday, held the Vince Lombardi trophy high above his head and took the microphone.

"I'm so thankful for everything this city has done for me," said Bettis, who announced his retirement after the Steelers won their fifth NFL championship on Sunday.

"I'm so thankful we're able to give this city one for the 'thumbs,'" he said in reference to the team's rallying cry to win a fifth championship as fans twirled their gold Terrible Towels in the air.

The hardy Bettis likely shared the same stage with his teammates for the last time. And while he won the Super Bowl in his hometown of Detroit, he spent his 1989-90 season before coaching the NFL Seattle Seahawks and San Francisco 49ers. Erickson could not immediately be reached for comment, but Spar said Erickson likely will be named as at least two NFL teams about assistant coaching jobs since being fired by San Francisco following the 2004 season.

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# SPORTS IN BRIEF

**UI officials: We have talked to Erickson**

MOSCOW — University of Idaho officials say they have talked with former Idaho and NFL coach Dennis Erickson about taking over the Vandals football program. They have not offered him the job.

"His plans pretty full right now," UI Athletic Director Jay Spear told the Idaho Statesman. "He's not looking for anything but hurting for opportunities."

Erickson, 58, coached at Idaho from 1982 through 1985 and won national titles following the 1989 season before coaching the NFL Seattle Seahawks and San Francisco 49ers. Erickson could not immediately be reached for comment, but Spar said Erickson likely will be named as at least two NFL teams about assistant coaching jobs since being fired by San Francisco following the 2004 season.

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# SCORES AND STATS

## WHAT'S ON T.V.

- BASKETBALL**
  - Indiana at Wisconsin, ESPN, 5 p.m.
  - Rutgers at Home Dome, ESPN Classic, 5:30 p.m.
  - Boston College at Wake Forest, ESPN2, 5:30 p.m.
  - Syracuse at Connecticut, ESPN, 7 p.m.
  - Clubs at Rutgers, ESPN2, 7:30 p.m.

## BASKETBALL

All-Time Series		Eastern Conference		Western Conference	
Team	W-L	Team	W-L	Team	W-L
Atlanta	21-10	Atlanta	11-10	Atlanta	11-10
Charlotte	11-10	Charlotte	11-10	Charlotte	11-10
Chicago	11-10	Chicago	11-10	Chicago	11-10
Cleveland	11-10	Cleveland	11-10	Cleveland	11-10
Dallas	11-10	Dallas	11-10	Dallas	11-10
Denver	11-10	Denver	11-10	Denver	11-10
Golden State	11-10	Golden State	11-10	Golden State	11-10
Indiana	11-10	Indiana	11-10	Indiana	11-10
L.A. Lakers	11-10	L.A. Lakers	11-10	L.A. Lakers	11-10
Los Angeles	11-10	Los Angeles	11-10	Los Angeles	11-10
Memphis	11-10	Memphis	11-10	Memphis	11-10
Minnesota	11-10	Minnesota	11-10	Minnesota	11-10
Phoenix	11-10	Phoenix	11-10	Phoenix	11-10
Pittsburgh	11-10	Pittsburgh	11-10	Pittsburgh	11-10
Portland	11-10	Portland	11-10	Portland	11-10
Sacramento	11-10	Sacramento	11-10	Sacramento	11-10
San Antonio	11-10	San Antonio	11-10	San Antonio	11-10
Seattle	11-10	Seattle	11-10	Seattle	11-10
Utah	11-10	Utah	11-10	Utah	11-10
Washington	11-10	Washington	11-10	Washington	11-10
Warriors	11-10	Warriors	11-10	Warriors	11-10
Wizards	11-10	Wizards	11-10	Wizards	11-10

## Area ski report

**Idaho**

- **Big Lost** — Has 8.00 pm of groomed runs, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service.
- **Brundage** — Has 4.00 pm of groomed runs, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service.
- **Snake River** — Has 4.00 pm of groomed runs, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service.
- **Star Valley** — Has 4.00 pm of groomed runs, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service.
- **Three Monarchs** — Has 4.00 pm of groomed runs, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service.
- **Timberline** — Has 4.00 pm of groomed runs, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service.
- **Yellowstone** — Has 4.00 pm of groomed runs, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service.

**Utah**

- **Alta** — Has 4.00 pm of groomed runs, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service.
- **Deer Valley** — Has 4.00 pm of groomed runs, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service.
- **Four Seasons** — Has 4.00 pm of groomed runs, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service.
- **Heavenly** — Has 4.00 pm of groomed runs, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service.
- **Northstar** — Has 4.00 pm of groomed runs, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service.
- **Park City** — Has 4.00 pm of groomed runs, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service.
- **Steamboat** — Has 4.00 pm of groomed runs, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service.
- **Tynton** — Has 4.00 pm of groomed runs, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service.
- **Wasatch-Cache National Park** — Has 4.00 pm of groomed runs, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service.
- **Winter Park** — Has 4.00 pm of groomed runs, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service.
- **Yukon-Charley** — Has 4.00 pm of groomed runs, 4.00 pm of lift service, 4.00 pm of lift service.

## FOOTBALL

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Dallas	12	0	0	100	17
Philadelphia	1	1	0	10	17
San Francisco	1	1	0	10	17
Seattle	1	1	0	10	17
St. Louis	1	1	0	10	17
Washington	1	1	0	10	17
Arizona	1	1	0	10	17
Atlanta	1	1	0	10	17
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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Jerome historical society schedules meetings

**JEROME** — The Jerome County Historical Society is holding a general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the new Idaho Fish and Game building on Highway 93 about one mile north of the Interstate 84 junction. The program will be provided by each person bringing an antique item and describing the history and use of the antique and how it was acquired. Peg Robinson will provide refreshments. There is no cost. The Jerome centennial planning committee will meet at 11 a.m. the second and fourth Thursdays at the chamber office. To help with the project, contact the Jerome Centennial Commission at the Jerome Chamber of Commerce, or Box 113, Jerome, ID 83430.

For more information, call the historical society at 234-5611.

### Sorority plans to meet at CSI on Saturday

**TWIN FALLS** — Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International, a society of women educators, will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Taylor Building, room 276, at the College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave.

The program will be "Experiencing the New Found Pyramid" and will be presented by Ilseca Lanting, county extension nutritionist.

### Valentine dance takes place Friday

**BURLEY** — A Valentine dance will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Friday at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St.

The event is sponsored through the Road to Recovery 12-step program. There is no charge to attend. Those who plan to attend may bring refreshments.

For more information, call 219-9142.

### Civic Rotary Clubs

**Blue Lakes** — 7 a.m. Thursday at Red Lion Buffet Room (Call 736-6130).  
**Bluff** — 7:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bluff Inn (Call 476-8782).  
**Boise** — 7 a.m. Thursday at The Grandstand, 544-6420.  
**Gooding** — Noon Friday at the Ispous Club, 913-3100.  
**Halley** — Noon Thursday at the Idaho Valley Club, 789-2114.  
**Jerome** — Noon Thursday at China Village, 123-8458. Call 321-3900.  
**Madras** — Noon Wednesday at the Madras Pizzeria and Pasta Restaurant, call Bob Smith, 325-2200.  
**Rupert** — Noon Wednesday at the Rupert Inn Lodge.  
**Shoshone** — Noon Wednesday at the Huff Inn, call 733-4349.

### Clubs

**Boys and Girls Club of Prince's Cafe** — 2114 Overland Ave. call 876-2725.  
**Boys and Girls Club of Idaho** at Fletcher Lodge, 7111 or conference room, 1520 Overland Ave., call Janet E. Bouberg, 626-9676.  
**Gooding** — 5 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 1001 First, call Don Williams, 913-3100.  
**Halley** — 7 p.m. first and third Wednesdays at the Bank.  
**Jerome** — 7 p.m. first Monday at Valley Presbyterian Church, 315 Main Ave.  
**Madras** — 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at the Madras Community Center, 424-7000.  
**Rupert** — Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Inn Lodge.  
**Shoshone** — Noon second and fourth Mondays at Wayside Cafe in Jefferson, call Brad Connor at 726-9991.  
**Rupert** — 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at United Methodist Church, 601 N. 1st, 436-9092.  
**Bluff** — Noon Wednesdays at the Ispous Club, 913-3100.  
**Boise** — 7 p.m. first and third Wednesdays at the Ispous Club, 913-3100.  
**Jerome** — Noon Thursdays at the Jerome Chamber of Commerce, 123-8458.  
**Twin Falls** — Noon Thursdays at the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, 735-3333.

### Optimist Clubs

**Twin Falls** — Noon Thursdays at Mandant House on Blue Lakes, 736-6130.  
**Jerome** — 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 736-6130.  
**Bluff** — 7:30 p.m. Monday at 124-5468.  
**Wendell** — 7:30 p.m. Monday at 124-5468.

### Soroptimist International

**Rupert** — 9:00 second, third and fourth Wednesdays at Springs Plaza Apartments, 626-9676. Call Julie at 638-8666.  
**Burley** — noon on first and third Thursdays at the Burley Community Center Conference room. Call Judy at 219-9142.

### Beta Sigma Phi Sorority

**Alpha Theta** — 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays at the Chamber of Commerce, 123-8458. Call Julie at 638-8666.  
**Beta Theta** — 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays at the Chamber of Commerce, 123-8458. Call Julie at 638-8666.  
**Gamma Theta** — 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays at the Chamber of Commerce, 123-8458. Call Julie at 638-8666.

### T.F. Bank and Trust employees will gather

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls Bank and Trust employees will gather at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Wok 'n' Grill, 1188 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Plans for the 2006 reunion will be made.

For more information or to reserve a space, call Dee Warren at 734-4895.

### Red Cross Bloodmobile stops in Gooding

**GOODING** — The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the War Memorial Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday. Donors need to bring photo identification.

For more information or an appointment, call Carolyn DeWitt at 934-5409.

### Awards reception will honor local students

**JEROME** — The Daughters of the American Revolution will hold an awards reception to honor local students at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Methodist Church, 211 S. Buchanan St.

Awards will be presented to chapter winners in the American history essay contest and the Christopher Columbus essay contest. High school students named by their schools as good citizens will be recognized and one of the winners will be selected as the chapter winner. Chapter winners for all programs will be submitted to the state-level organization for consideration for state awards.

For more information, call Diane Greene at 308-1810.

### People for Pets holds Mobile Pet Adoption

**TWIN FALLS** — The People for Pets - Magic Valley Humane Society will hold a Mobile Pet Adoption from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at D & B Supply, 2964 Adams Ave.

For more information, call the humane society at 736-2298.

### Moose

**Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge 612** — 10 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls, 876-2725. Call 876-2725.  
**Gooding** — 4:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at 1001 First, call Don Williams, 913-3100.  
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### Support Groups

**Moons to Touch International** - moms meet weekly to play for children and their families. Call 734-1200.  
**Magic Valley Home Educators** - join us for weekly call, 734-1200.  
**Recovery for Life** - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Jerome Chamber of Commerce, 123-8458.  
**Recovery in Beliefs** - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Jerome Chamber of Commerce, 123-8458.  
**Recovery in Mind** - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Jerome Chamber of Commerce, 123-8458.  
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**Recovery in Heart** - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Jerome Chamber of Commerce, 123-8458.  
**Recovery in Body** - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Jerome Chamber of Commerce, 123-8458.  
**Recovery in Mind, Body, and Soul** - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Jerome Chamber of Commerce, 123-8458.

### Grandparents as Parents

**Twin Falls** — 7 p.m. second Monday at Episcopal Church, 741 Eastland Dr. N.  
**Burley** — 7 p.m. last Thursday at 913-3100.  
**Gooding** — 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 1001 First, call Don Williams, 913-3100.  
**Halley** — 7 p.m. first and third Wednesdays at the Bank.  
**Jerome** — 7 p.m. first Monday at Valley Presbyterian Church, 315 Main Ave.  
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### Indoor flea market takes place this weekend

**TWIN FALLS** — The Indoor Flea Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, 215 Fair Ave.

Books, records and hearing aids will be collected for the local optometrist club. The market has antiques, tools, toys, jewelry, knives and more. Admission is 50¢ with full return privileges and pre-schoolers free. New vendors are welcome.

For more information, call 532-4339 or 312-4900.

### Fairfield Historical Society sets fundraiser

**FAIRFIELD** — The Fairfield Historical Society is holding a bingo and lunch fundraiser from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the American Legion Hall on Campus Street East.

### American Legion Post holds annual dinner

**FAIRFIELD** — The American Legion Post No. 121 is holding its annual sweatshirt dinner Saturday at the legion hall. Happy hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m.

For more information, call Gene Behnken at 934-5796.

### Valentines gifts for sale; parents can view grades

**CASTLEFORD** — The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America at Castleford High School is selling Valentine cookies and balloons. Orders must be placed by the morning of Feb. 13. No deliveries can be made after that date. Cookies are \$2.50 each, balloons are \$1.50 each and a cookie and balloon is \$4.00.

Monday marked the three-week grade report distribution for this grading term. School principal Andy Wiseman requests that parents view their child's grades over the internet.

### Castleside schedules book signing today

**TWIN FALLS** — Julia Cooke, author of the children's books "My Mamma's Volcano" and "A Bad Case of Tattle Tongue" will be at Hastings Books, Music and Videos, 870 Blue Lakes Blvd. for a book signing at 6 p.m. today.

Books will be available for purchase.

### DivorceCare

**Twin Falls** — 7 p.m. Mondays at Twin Falls Reformed Church, 641 Grandview Dr. N. Call Vickie at 734-7575. Fee of 10 or 143-743-7311.  
**Burley** — 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Burley United Methodist Church, 456 E. 29th St. Call 336-8528.  
**Gooding** — 7 p.m. Mondays at Twin Falls Reformed Church, 641 Grandview Dr. N. Call Vickie at 734-7575.  
**Halley** — 7 p.m. Mondays at Twin Falls Reformed Church, 641 Grandview Dr. N. Call Vickie at 734-7575.  
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### National Alliance for the Mentally III (NAMI)

for survivors of mental illness, their families and caregivers.  
**Halley** — 7 p.m. Thursdays, Wood River High School faculty building, call 788-5050.  
**Twin Falls** — 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at KMYT community room, call 736-6130.  
**Gooding** — 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at KMYT community room, call 736-6130.  
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### Alcoholics Anonymous

**Halley** — 8 p.m. daily except Sunday at the Burleigh Club, 119 Broadway S., call 741-0113.  
**Gooding** — 8 p.m. Wednesdays at 1001 First, call Don Williams, 913-3100.  
**Halley** — 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the Bank.  
**Jerome** — 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the Jerome Chamber of Commerce, 123-8458.  
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### Buttons and Bows holds Valentine's dance

**TWIN FALLS** — The Buttons & Bows Club will hold its Valentine's dance at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Moose Hall. There will be all singing clubs. Workshops are held every Monday night with lessons at 7 p.m. and new dancers at 8:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

### AARP announces driver safety course slated

The Association of Retired Persons has announced its driver safety course schedule.

**Blaine County Senior Center** — At 8:00 a.m. Thursdays at 701 Third Ave. S. Call Brenda at 788-3468.  
**Gooding Senior Center** — From 10 to 5 p.m. Feb. 16 and from 10 to 5 p.m. Feb. 23. Call 913-3100.  
**College of Southern Idaho Office in Arden** — From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 16 and Feb. 23. Call 363-5528.  
**College of Southern Idaho Office in Pocatello** — From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 16 and Feb. 23. Call 363-5528.

### Ex-football player to entertain at event

**TWIN FALLS** — Jerry Kramer, a former University of Idaho Vandal football player who went on to star with the Green Bay Packers, will entertain the attendees at the Southern Idaho Learning Centers' Men Only Wine & Cheese event on Feb. 8. Special sauces will be offered with alligator, bison, venison and kangaroo wild game options, all served Brazilian style. Entertainer Danny Matrona will serve as emcee and auctioneer for the items: An ATV, a six-day trip down the Middle Fork, a plasma television, hunting rifles, a pedigree lab puppy and more.

The event starts at 6 p.m. with cocktails. Each man will receive a khaki cap with the logo of the event with each ticket. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased at Rudy's a Cook's Paradise, Sportsman's Warehouse, Elevator Sports or The Southern Idaho Learning Center. Men are asked to consider putting together a table. Proceeds will go to support the programs of the Southern Idaho Learning Centers.

For more information or reservations, call 734-3914.

### Wednesdays Child

**Marcella Arce** — 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at the Idaho Chamber of Commerce, 123-8458. Call 123-8458.

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## CLUB CALENDAR

To retain or add a listing for your club or organization, please send in a notice with: Name of the organization or club; Time, day and week of the meeting; Contact person; Telephone number; and E-mail address. Telephone number of a group contact person.

**3H E. 1st** in Rupert. Call 736-0367 or 736-0368.  
**Overeaters Anonymous** — 7 p.m. Mondays at Twin Falls Reformed Church, 641 Grandview Dr. N. Call Vickie at 734-7575. Fee of 10 or 143-743-7311.  
**Burley** — 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Burley United Methodist Church, 456 E

## Market Watch

Feb. 7, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	-48.81	10,749.76
Nasdaq composite	-13.84	2,244.96
Standard & Poor's 500	-10.24	1,254.78
Russell 2000	-10.71	717.18

**Stocks of local interest**

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Albertsons	\$25.15 ▲ .03
Con Agira	\$20.66 ▼ .25
Dell Inc.	\$29.69 ▲ .37
Idacorp	\$30.75 ▼ .23
Micron	\$16.36 ▲ .35

**Commodities**

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Oil, by barrel	\$63.09 ▼ 2.02
(March, light sweet crude)	
Live cattle	\$91.97 ▼ .17
Gold (Feb.)	\$551.00 ▼ 19.20

# Retailers sue Maryland over Wal-Mart law

## State wants companies to spend at least 8% of payroll on health care

By The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A national retail industry trade association filed suit Tuesday, challenging a Maryland law designed to pressure Wal-Mart Stores Inc. to spend more money on health care for its employees. The law, the first of its kind in the nation, was enacted Jan. 12 when the Democratic-controlled legislature overrode Republican Gov. Robert Ehrlich's veto. The law requires companies with more than 100,000 employees in Maryland to spend at least 8 percent of payroll on health care or contribute the difference to the state Medicaid fund.

State officials said Wal-Mart is the only company of that size

that does not meet the 8 percent threshold.

The suit was announced in Arlington, Va., by the Retail Industry Leaders Association, which represents companies that operate more than 100,000 stores with more than \$1.4 trillion in annual sales. The association, which also filed a lawsuit challenging a health care law passed in Suffolk County, N.Y., said the two laws illegally mandate specific health care expenditures and threaten to take away flexibility businesses need to deal with their employees.

"We all agree that access to health care is vital, but these spending mandates will drive away business, and discourage job creation," Brad Anderson,

chairman of the association and vice chairman and CEO of written Buy Co. Inc., said in a first statement.

The association also said the two laws are invalid because they violate the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act. "Over the past three decades, the Supreme Court of the United States has held repeatedly that ERISA, not state and local laws, regulates employer health plans," said Steve Cannon, outside general counsel to the association.

Chris Kofinis, communications director for union-backed Wake Up Wal-Mart, which lobbied for the bill in Maryland, predicted it will withstand a court challenge.

"The Maryland bill is a responsible piece of legislation that will make sure that employees live up to their health care responsibilities," Kofinis said.



Sally Lounsbury leads up on bulk bottles of bleach for her dog kennel business with the help of Wal-Mart employee Brian Williams at the Wal-Mart center in Prince Frederick, Md. A retail industry group has filed a lawsuit against the state of Maryland regarding the new law that forces companies with 10,000 or more employees to spend 8 percent on health care.

## Saying farewell to the Maughans

TWIN FALLS — Local chambers of commerce and other local organizations are sponsoring a special open house to honor Twin Falls City Councilman Dennis Maughan from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. today at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Inn, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. He and his family are relocating to Walla Walla, Wash.

## Modern Woodmen starting club in T.F.

TWIN FALLS — A new Modern Woodmen of America youth service club is starting in Twin Falls. The club will hold its first activity at 3 p.m. Feb. 16 at the home of its leader, Shannon Anderson, 2068 Falls Ave. E. Children and young men and women up to age 16 are invited to attend the activity and find out about the benefits of membership.

Monthly activities will be sponsored by local Modern Woodmen representative Terry Downs of Jerome. Modern Woodmen service clubs have focused on volunteering, patriotism, education and fun. "As a fraternal life insurer, our core values tie to helping children, their families and their communities. And that's why we're proud to sponsor positive activities for our members," Downs said. For more information about the club, call Downs at 316-2244.

## GM slashes dividend, benefits and CEO pay

CHICAGO — With plenty of pain to share, General Motors Corp. spread it around Tuesday to investors, salaried executives, retirees and executives.

GM slashed its annual dividend in half to \$1, told retirees they would pay more for health care, warned white-collar workers to expect smaller pensions and cut compensation for corporate leaders and directors.

The announcement came a day after Jerome York, an aide to billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian, joined GM's board. In a speech in January, York urged GM to take many of the actions announced Tuesday for what he called "equality of sacrifice."

Chairman and Chief Executive Rick Wagoner, however, said the cuts were in the works well before York's speech and got a response to Kerkorian, who owns a 9.9 percent stake in GM.

## Briefly

• Toys R Us Inc., the nation's second-largest toy retailer, said Tuesday it named Gerard L. Storch, a former vice chairman of Target Corp. with experience in expanding tired retailers, as its new chairman and CEO. ... As competitors continue leaving the portable audio-player market, Apple Computer Inc. beefed up its iPod product mix Tuesday with a new 1-gigabyte version of the nano and lower-priced shuffles. — compiled from staff and wire reports

YOU ARE ENTERING THE THEME PARK

# GREAT ADVENTURE

## Some media companies cut ties with theme parks

Media-entertainment giants are recognizing the limits of synergy

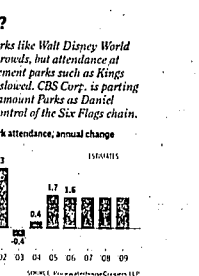
By Anny Shin  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Somewhere in the Congo section of Paramount's Kings Dominion, across from a Tomb Raider ride that sends people 60 feet into the air, workers have been pouring the foundation for the newest monument to corporate media synergy: the Italian job Turbo Coaster, a thrill ride based on the modestly successful 2003 Paramount Pictures release starring Mark Wahlberg and Charlize Theron.

Come April 1, when the park opens its gates, people will no doubt line up for the chance to re-create the film's climactic chase scene. But while hundreds take turns racing down a subway staircase and crashing through a billboard in a replica Mini Cooper S, the park's owner, CBS Corp., will be heading the other way, out of the theme park business.

CBS' decision last month to sell Paramount Parks is the latest example of how media-entertainment conglomerates are recognizing the limits of what synergy can deliver. The concept is not dead, just go to Orlando or Anaheim, Calif., where Walt Disney Co. parks still stand as the model for how to use cartoon characters, movie plots and theme-park rides to reinforce one another. Disney announced this week that first-quarter profit at its parks rose 51 percent vs. the comparable period a year earlier. But outside the Magic Kingdom, regional theme parks such as Kings Dominion are not considered the essential media-empire building block they were during the '90s. Creating a SpongeBob undersea simulator or turning Superman into a ride "worked in some circumstances, but the view of the (media-entertainment) industry is the synergies weren't quite as strong as expected," said John Robinson, senior vice president with Economics Research Associates, a consultancy that specializes in the entertainment and leisure business.

The change at companies such as CBS serves as a counterexample to the path pursued by Redskins owner Daniel Snyder, who recently gained control of the Six Flags amusement-park chain, announced plans for a series of radio, television and Internet acquisitions; and has said he wants to create a family entertainment company. He recruited former ESPN programming head Mark Shapiro to run the company and drew movie producer Harvey Weinstein onto the board. Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates is a major investor, and Shapiro has talked of developing an "Xbox V2



# Sweden aims to rid itself of oil dependency by 2020

## Some experts think the target is unrealistic

By Mattias Karon  
Associated Press writer

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — U.S. President George W. Bush may have surprised international observers by pledging in his State of the Union address to break his country's addiction to foreign oil — but Sweden was already one step ahead of him. The environmentally progressive Scandinavian nation has announced one of its most ambitious goals yet: to completely end its dependency on petroleum — and do it in the next 15 years.

"Our dependency on oil should be broken by 2020," said Mona Sahlin, the minister of Sustainable Development. The target — announced in September by Prime Minister Goran Persson — has been met with applause from environmental organizations, but also with great skepticism from some experts who think the target is unrealistic. Officials here acknowledge that getting rid of oil completely in such a short time is close to impossible, but the aim is to ensure that Swedes will never be forced to use fossil fuels because a renewable energy source is not available.

"There shall always be better alternatives to oil which means no house should need oil for heating, and no driver should need to turn solely to gasoline," Sahlin told The Associated Press in an interview. The ambitious plan is a response to global climate change, rising petroleum prices and warnings by some experts that the world may soon be running out of oil.



A man refuels his car with the ethanol fuel E85 at a Statoil fuel station in Stockholm, Sweden, on Tuesday. The E85-powered cars have become popular in the Swedish capital Stockholm after the introduction of congestion charges.

"We want to be both mentally and technically prepared" for a world without oil, said Martin Larsson, a senior administrative officer in the Ministry of Sus-

# Executive: Enron was wrong to inflate earnings

By Kristen Hays  
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — Enron Corp.'s former investor-relations chief grew tense Tuesday when challenged about his testimony that suggested former CEO Jeffrey Skilling participated in schemes to hike earnings estimates or minimize how much revenue stemmed from asset sales.

In his fourth day of testimony in the fraud and conspiracy trial of Skilling and Enron founder Kenneth Lay, Mark Skoug reiterated his belief that top executives bent on meeting or beating Wall Street earnings expectations made or knew of overnight changes to estimates that he considered suspect.

Failure to meet or beat analyst earnings expectations could trigger a drop in the company's stock price, which Skoug said was all-important at Enron.

He also reiterated that Skilling told analysts that sales of inexpensive fiber-optic cable accounted for \$50 million in second-quarter 2000 revenue for a lightly touted broadband unit when an internal company document distributed more than a week later said the sales accounted for three times that much.

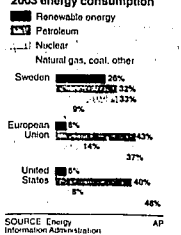
When Koenig first made those statements during testimony for the prosecution, he stopped short of saying Skilling or Lay ordered any fudging of Enron's numbers or that Skilling knowingly minimized revenue derived from fiber sales.

Skilling lawyer Daniel Petrocelli, in his second day of cross-examination Tuesday, demanded specifics as the matter-of-fact Koenig, fidgeted with his tie. Koenig said he informed Skilling and former top Enron accountant Richard Causey, on the day before Enron was to an-

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## Sweden in the lead

Environmentally progressive Sweden has announced its intention to completely end its dependency on oil in the next 15 years.



MONEY

Wall Street stock prices fall as commodity prices drop

By Elyan Simon Associated Press writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Defining oil prices as a market maker, investors sent stocks lower Tuesday as investors took profits and beat up the stocks that had led Wall Street's early January rally.

Gold, silver, oil — anything you do drop on your foot and it hurts. — is repeating said Gary Kalbman, a money manager in Oklahoma.

The rise up in commodities prices went too far too fast, he said. Copper prices, for instance, broke through \$4,000 a ton, three months ago and moved \$100 a ton last week, according to Merrill Lynch.

Investors sold oil-stock shares after oil futures dropped more than \$2 a barrel, but they think most of their money into oil stocks.

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The Dow Jones industrial average fell 48.51, or 0.45 percent, to 10,749.75.

Broadier stock indicators were also lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 10.21, or 0.81 percent, to 1,254.76.

And the Nasdaq composite index fell 13.04, or 0.61 percent, to 2,244.96.

Bonds fell, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.57 percent, up from 4.54 percent late Monday.

The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies in European trading. Gold prices declined.

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White Tuesday's earnings surprise was positive, with Wall Street analysts forecasting electric Co. earnings above analyst expectations, they weren't enough to send the indexes higher.

For some reason, the market was not as volatile as it had been, said Philip D. Dow, managing director of equity strategy at RBC.

The message, he said, is that investors aren't panicked with stocks and are waiting for a big catalyst that will lift stock prices.

One measure of the sentiment shift: One of the Street's most bullish strategies, Prudential Financial's Ed Ken, cut his recommended stock weighting to 55 percent this week from the 100 percent allocated to it.

Ken has recommended since last June that investors sell the S&P 500 and buy a basket of light crude oil.

In a note this week he wrote, "The bull case for U.S. stocks took some hits last week, the weak GDP (gross domestic product) report and an upward revision to output in productivity and

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higher than expected rise in unit labor costs, which hurt the case for lower inflation.

General Electric's first-quarter earnings expectations, without energy stocks, "might not be much above zero" and said the situation in iron heights uncertainly.

Google Inc. illustrated the market's "in today, out tomorrow" mentality. The stock fell \$17.18, or 4.5 percent, to \$367.92, as poor sentiment

led to the stock carried over from its Feb. 1 earnings report, which came in below analyst expectations.

In other company news, luxury home builder Toll Brothers Inc. fell \$1.74, or 5.5 percent, to \$29.47 after its first-quarter revenue rose 35 percent to about \$1.3 billion, but the company lowered guidance for homebuilding.

Apple Computer Inc. rose 30 cents to \$67.80 after the technology company introduced its new iPod music player at a dis-

counted price. The company also cut prices on some already available iPods.

Conoco Inc. rose 9 cents to \$41.83 after the world's largest heavy cracker's fourth-quarter profits dropped 28 percent, but beat analysts' expectations, one analyst was excluded.

Industrial equipment maker Emerson Electric rose \$2.09 to \$78.95 after profit for its first-quarter jumped by about one-third, helped by improved sales at its automation, climate-control, and appliance and tool segments. The company also increased its guidance for fiscal 2000.

Disney rose \$1.74, or 7 percent, to \$26.70 after the entertainment company reported a better-than-expected 21 percent increase in third-quarter net income.

Disney's stock price rose 27.7 percent in the year since its studio slumped, increased advertising at ABC, and ESPN and a strong performance from its theme parks helped. Disney also announced its expected \$2.7 billion deal to sell the bulk of its radio assets to Citadel

Broadcasting Corp.

General Motors Corp., struggling with billions of dollars in losses in North America, said it is cutting in half its yearly dividend to \$1 a share and reducing the salaries of its chairman and senior leadership.

After a year of setbacks, GM's board was elected to billionaire investor Kirk Kerikorian was elected to GM's board. Before the dividend cut, GM's yield was 8.6 percent, the highest of the 397 issues in the S&P 500 that pay a cash dividend. GM fell 53 cents to \$22.11.

Cisco Systems Inc., the world's largest network equipment maker, beat analysts' expectations with its earnings report, which came after the close of regular trading. The company reported lower profits than expected.

Cisco's stock price rose 71 cents to \$18.82.

IBM's 100th index of smaller companies fell 10.71, or 1.47 percent, to 717.18.

With their slow growth and high capital costs, regional theme-park chains did little to boost the stock prices of parent media companies such as Time Warner and Viacom.

But analysts "don't give credit to assets buried in the balance sheet. If you don't get credit, you look at assets as sources of cash that can be deployed to other

businesses," said Robert Roth, an analyst for Jefferies & Co. Roth owns shares of regional theme-park operator Cedar Fair LP.

Parks

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Some parks are new centers for marketing and merchandise.

But some eventually found it more difficult than they anticipated to create "that spill-over effect" from the theater to the merchandise, said Harold Gering, a longtime media analyst and president of Vogel Capital Management, a New York hedge fund and venture capital

firm. "The marriage of 'hard-ride,' adrenaline-rush parks with movie studios and characters was often what Johnnie

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EASY #31

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page E-10.

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**MECHANIC**  
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Hiring for a Office Manager in busy medical office. At least 2 to 4 years experience preferred. Competitive salary based on qualifications. Send resume, cover letter and 3 professional references to: FHS Attn: Mr. Colin, 734 Eastland Dr., Twin Falls, ID 83301 EOE.

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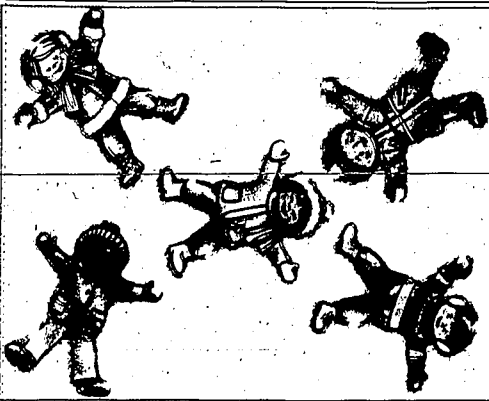
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"Oh, East is East and West is West,  
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In today's deal the matchup featured two teams largely from Eastern Europe. In one room the Polish North-South pair doubled their opponents in two spades and scrambled to set the contract by a trick -- not a great return when they might have made three no-trump.

And indeed that was the contract in the other room, on the auction shown.

Had Michal Kwiecien as West led his best suit, declarer would have claimed an easy plus 600, taking one spade trick to go with five clubs and three heart winners. However, Kwiecien realized there was an excellent chance, given the way that the auction had developed, that his partner would have short spades. So he decided to lead diamonds, and to retain his options in the suit or to stay on lead for a possible spade shift if that might be necessary, he led the diamond ace, a particularly effective stroke today.

When his partner followed with the deuce (potentially encouraging since the partnership was using reverse signals), declarer produced the nine perforce. Kwiecien continued with the diamond 10, which was covered by dummy's jack. East won the trick and switched to his spade, so declarer was soon two down, minus 200.

That was 7 IMPs to the Polish team when it might well have been 11 to the Russian squad. And also much kudos for Kwiecien for recognizing the need to deviate from the normal pattern of opening leads.

**NORTH** 02-A-A  
 ♠ 9 2  
 ♥ 7 2  
 ♦ J 7 6 5 3  
 ♣ K J 8 6

**EAST**  
 ♠ A Q 8 7 6 4  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ A Q 10 8  
 ♣ A 10 4

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ K J 10 5  
 ♥ A K Q  
 ♦ A Q 5 3 2

Vulnerable: North-South  
 Dealer: South

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1♠ 1♥ Pass Pass  
 2♥ 2♠ 3♥ Pass  
 3NT All pass

Opening lead: ??

**BID WITH THE ACES**  
 02-B-B  
 South holds:  
 ♠ K J 10 5  
 ♥ A K Q  
 ♦ A Q 5 3 2

South West North East  
 1♠ 2♦ Pass Pass

ANSWER: Reopen with a double, not a bid of two spades. The point here is that you have a three-suited hand, not a two-suiter. At your next turn you can bid two spades over two hearts if you like, to show your extras and 5-4 pattern, but you do not want to insist on playing in a black suit, do you? Also, doubling might let partner pass out two diamonds for penalties, and that would not disappear.

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