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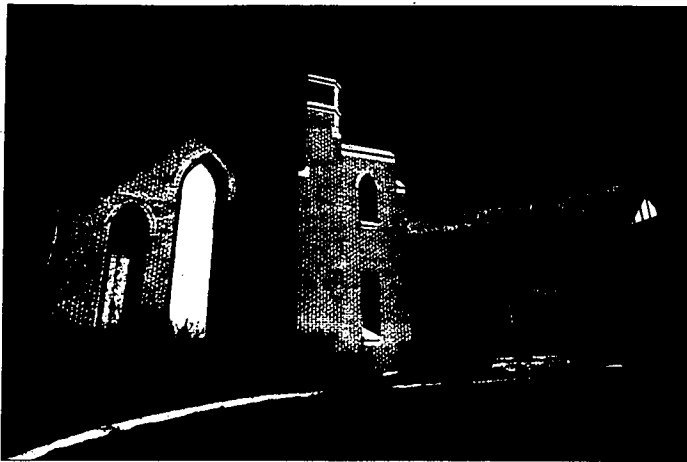
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Buildings on the brink



These buildings along Ash Street have been vacant for several years since Albertsons Inc. bought the land for a proposed new store.

City asks Albertsons to take care of derelict property

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Are you afraid of the dark?
The city of Twin Falls is concerned such fairytale fears might become reality for residents near Elm Street by Blue Lakes Boulevard, which is adjacent to a property with a handful of abandoned buildings that are attracting vagrants.
City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich is drafting a letter to send to the property owner — Albertsons Inc. — asking it to work with the city to either develop or improve the land.
In particular, the city is worried about a church, two boarded-up homes and the former building for a Mongolian barbecue restaurant. The road that bisects the property, Ash Street, is privately owned and not under city jurisdiction.
Vagrants gather on the property and are responsible for a recent fire in a building owned by the city's Urban Renewal



The city has sent a letter to Albertsons Inc. notifying it that vagrants are living in the vacant buildings on the land it owns behind its store on Addison Avenue East in Twin Falls.

Agency, said Twin Falls Management Assistant Gretchen Scott said. Twenty-two service calls have been placed since 2002 to the Twin Falls Police Department.
"It's not a safe place to be," Scott said. "There's potential for something to happen."

A company spokesperson could not be reached for comment despite several calls from the Times-News to its parent company, SuperValu Inc., on Monday and Tuesday.

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Wolf deaths rise under aggressive management

The Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — The number of wolves shot this year by government agents and livestock producers in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho has surpassed 150, about 50 more than were killed last year, federal officials say.
Wolf managers are taking a more aggressive approach

with problem wolves, largely because the overall population in the three states has surpassed recovery efforts, officials say.
"We've got a recovered population so we're pretty hard on them if they get into trouble," said Ed Bangs, wolf recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
Since their reintroduction

more than a decade ago, gray wolves have flourished, with wildlife officials now estimating the population in the three states at more than 1,200.
The Fish and Wildlife Service has declared wolf recovery a success in the northern Rockies and has turned over most management duties in Montana and Idaho to state wildlife officials.

The federal agency has yet to approve Wyoming's management plan, which remains the center of a legal battle.
The vast majority of the wolves killed were shot by federal wildlife agents. A small percentage were killed by private landowners in Montana and Idaho, who can shoot the animals under specific circumstances.

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Senate panel OKs Gates for defense chief

By Robert Burns
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Robert Gates won approval by a Senate panel Tuesday to be the next defense secretary after telling the senators the U.S. is not winning the war in Iraq and there could be a "regional conflagration" if the country is not stabilized.
At a Senate confirmation hearing that was long on praise for Gates and short on criticism, the man President Bush picked to replace Donald H. Rumsfeld said he is open to new ideas about correcting the U.S. course in Iraq. He said the war would be his highest priority if confirmed as expected.
In a closed-door meeting following five hours of open testimony, the Senate Armed



Gates

Services Committee voted 21-0 to recommend approval of Gates' nomination, said panel chairman John Warner, R-Va. If confirmed, Gates said, he planned to visit U.S. commanders and troops in Iraq "quite soon."
Gates, 63, said he believes Bush wants to see Iraq improve to the point where it can govern and defend itself and that may require a new approach. "What we are now doing is not satisfactory," Gates said.
"In my view, all options are on the table in terms of how we address this problem in Iraq," he said. He did not commit to any specific new course, saying he would consult first with commanders and others. Asked directly by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., whether the U.S. is winning in Iraq, Gates replied, "No, sir." He later said
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Charter school ends long wait

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Vonja Jackson has been searching for a school that's suitable for her son.
And now she believes that search has come to an end.
The Idaho Charter School Commission approved Xavier Charter School's petition last week to open the first charter school in Twin Falls that will be independent from the local school district.
Idaho Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition, or ARTEC, is a charter school that reports to the Twin Falls district.
The approval was welcome news for some parents, who feel that the local schools are not meeting their child's needs. And now parents are already lining up to enroll their children.

Xavier Charter School
Administrators will hold a town meeting in January to introduce the charter school to the community and tell parents how to apply.
For more information, call Cindy Fulcher, (800) 519-8537. The charter school also will have a Web site starting Jan. 1 at <http://xaviercharter.org>.
"After my son could no longer be in the Idaho Virtual Academy, I reluctantly put him in public schools," Jackson said. "I think he really has a great teacher this year, but I'm very unhappy about where public education is going."
Like many parents who
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Study finds new moms, more than dads, at risk of mental problems

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — New moms face increased risks for a variety of mental problems, not just postpartum depression, according to one of the largest studies of psychiatric illness after childbirth.
New dads aren't as vulnerable, probably because they don't experience the same physical and social changes associated with having a baby, the researchers and other experts said.

The study, based on medical records of 2.3 million people over a 30-year period in Denmark, found that the first three months after women have their first baby is riskiest, especially the first few weeks. That's when the tremendous responsibility of caring for a newborn hits home.
During the first 10 to 19 days, new mothers were seven times more likely to be hospitalized with some form of mental illness than women with older infants.

Compared to women with no children, new mothers were four times more likely to be hospitalized with mental problems.
New mothers also were more likely than other women to get outpatient psychiatric treatment.
However, new fathers did not have a higher risk of mental problems when compared with fathers of older infants and men without children.
The prevalence of mental disorders was about 1 per 1,000 births for women and

just .37 per 1,000 births for men.
Mental problems included postpartum depression, but also bipolar disorder, with alternating periods of depression and mania, schizophrenia and similar disorders; and adjustment disorders, which can include debilitating anxiety.
The study underscores a need for psychiatric screening of all new mothers and treatment for those affected, according to an editorial accompanying the study in

Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.
"Mental health is crucial to a mother's capacity to function optimally, enjoy relationships, prepare for the infant's birth, and cope with the stresses and appreciate the joys of parenthood," the editorial says.
Two of the editorial's three authors reported financial ties to the psychiatric industry. The study researchers said they had no financial ties to the industry.

TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today	Tonight	Thursday
Partly cloudy and remaining chilly	Partly cloudy	Patchy morning fog
High 35	Low 19	40 / 24

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s.
 Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows in the teens.
 Tomorrow: Patchy morning fog, otherwise partly cloudy and a bit warmer. Highs near 40.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Herbert the Wind, presented by the C.S.I. Drama Department and directed by Tony Mannen, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Theatre, College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens, 732-6788.

EXHIBITS

Works by Amber Scoon, former College of Southern Idaho art instructor, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, C.S.I. campus, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.
Native Perspectives on the Trail: A Contemporary American Indian Art Portfolio, Interpretations of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the Missoula Art Museum's traveling exhibit, noon to 5 p.m., the Buhl Arts Council at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., Buhl, 543-5417.

FAMILY

Lazy J Homeowner's Association's Holiday Dinner Party, for the residents of Lazy J Mobile Home Park, 5:30 p.m. at the clubhouse, 450 Poeline Road, Twin Falls, (bring table service and side dish), 734-9600, 733-5030 or 733-5383 to RSVP.

"Fam Jam", a family-value production that uses music, drama and storytelling for children in fifth grade and younger accompanied by their parents or guardians, 6:15 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. for activities, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. (on the corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive North), \$3 to \$4 for the meal, 733-6128 or visit www.tfrc.org.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 225 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Idaho Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old Highway 30, 366-7436.
Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake, 837-6636.

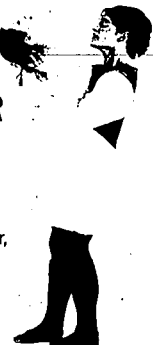
HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Gym, Blaine County Campus Gym and Filer Elementary; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Bury Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at strowne@magicvalley.com by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, R0 Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

COMING TOMORROW IN TNT

THE NUTCRACKER



For the 18th December, Burley's Centre Stage Studios of Dance and Performing Arts bring Peter Tchaikowsky's "Nutcracker" to life.

WHAT'S UP ON MAGICVALLEY.COM

Woodworkers
 In action
 Go inside the sawdust at the CSI woodworking shop.
 STREAMING VIDEO



College of Southern Idaho sophomore Osobaldo Castro — who won first place in statewide college woodworking competition and took place in national last year — plans to win the top of a nightstand to be sold Saturday. Castro's pair of matching nightstands is a small project, but he compensated with detail and expressive woods — like 1/8-inch walnut inlays along the edges.

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



Woodworking students offer handcrafted pieces

TWIN FALLS — Furniture up for auction Saturday was crafted by College of Southern Idaho woodworking students, employing what they've learned about woods, design, drafting, cabinetmaking, finish work. Each chair or chest or cherry hull tree is one woodworker's thing of beauty. And it might be just the thing for your home. You can look over the furniture on Friday evening at the Herrett Center, before Saturday's afternoon auction.

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 Kenneth R. Hawkins, 84

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Search intensifies for missing Oregon father

MERLIN, Ore. — Searchers scouring a rugged canyon Tuesday found a pair of pants matching the description of those worn by a missing man who struck out for help after his family's car got stuck in the snow.

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NATION/WORLD



New York is first city to ban trans fats

NEW YORK — New York on Tuesday became the first city in the nation to ban artery-clogging trans fats at restaurants, leading the charge to limit consumption of an ingredient linked to heart disease and used in everything from french fries to pizza dough to toaster mix. In a city where eating out is a major form of activity — either for fun or out of hectic necessity — many New Yorkers were all for the ban, saying that health concerns were more important than fears of Big Brother supervising their stomachs.

al-Maliki opens door to regional conference

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's prime minister reversed course Tuesday and said his envoys will talk with Iraq's neighbors about the possibility of a regional conference on quelling the violence here, despite opposition to the plan by some key political allies.

Military overthrows government in Fiji

SUVA, Fiji — Fiji's military overthrew the elected government Tuesday after weeks of threats, locking down the capital and putting the prime minister under house arrest in the fourth coup in the South Pacific country in 19 years.

Mayans excited about first film in language

MEXICO CITY — Scenes of enslaved Maya Indians building temples for a violent, decadent culture in Mel Gibson's new film "Apocalypse Now" may ring true for many of today's Mayas, who earn meager wages in construction camps, building huge tourist resorts on land they once owned.

Immigration fees will increase to help system

DALLAS — The fees immigrants pay for citizenship, permanent residence and other petitions will increase to prevent more backlogs in the system, the director of the nation's immigration service said Monday.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Emilio Gonzalez said the amount of the increases is still being determined, but he expected it to be significant.

SPORTS



Bruin girls win sloppy game against Minico

TWIN FALLS — Turnovers and 3-point goals were abundant on Tuesday, but the Twin Falls Bruins girls basketball team picked up their double-digit win regardless, a 60-48 victory over the Minico Spartans at Baun Gymnasium.

CSI men in Division I poll

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team will enter Seismic West Athletic Conference play as the No. 6 team in the nation. The Golden Eagles remained No. 6 for the second week in the NJCAA Division I poll released Tuesday. CSI (8-0) was idle last week as it prepares for its SWAC opener Friday at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene.

Erickson denies talking with ASU

MOSCOW — Idaho coach Dennis Erickson on Tuesday denied being approached by Arizona State about its head football coaching vacancy.

Ripken dodges talk about McGwire

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Cal Ripken Jr. sidestepped questions about Mark McGwire and steroids on Tuesday with full of Fame ballots bearing their names already in the hands of voters.

History will judge us all in some way. And, if you're content with the truth coming out, whether your judgment day is now or 50 years from now doesn't matter.

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Temperatures rise as Missouri, Illinois residents await end of blackout

By Christopher Leonard
Associated Press writer

ST. LOUIS — The temperature rose back above the freezing mark Tuesday as hundreds of thousands of people waited for the restoration of electrical service that was knocked out by last week's snow and ice storm.

After a run of temperatures in the teens, St. Louis thermometers reached the 40s Tuesday. The temperature was expected to fall into the 20s overnight, although no additional snow or ice was in the immediate forecast, the National Weather Service said.

Residents without power were using portable generators or burning coal and oil furnaces indoors to stay warm. That proved as dangerous as the below-freezing temperatures. At least 43 people in the St. Louis area were hospitalized with carbon monoxide poisoning.

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ing, and two people had died by Tuesday, authorities said.

The 38 hospitalized for carbon monoxide poisoning in St. Louis County were nearly triple the number admitted for hypothermia, county police spokeswoman Tracy Panusz said.

The storm, which cut a snowy, icy path across the Midwest and into the Northeast last week, is believed to be the cause of 16 deaths in Missouri and Illinois. Another nine deaths in the two states were suspected to be weather-related.

The St. Louis-based utility Ameren Corp. reported about 140,000 homes and businesses still without power Tuesday

evening in Illinois and Missouri. The bulk of the outages were in St. Louis' metropolitan area.

The utility said some 7,000 people were working to restore power, but it would take several more days to reconnect all its customers.

"We've had some ice storms before. This one puts them to shame," Ron Zdelar, vice president of energy for AmerenUE, said Monday.

Utility crews were working 16-hour shifts, especially in the biggest problem areas, where ice coated roads and utility poles. Workers from 14 states were helping.

"You can't imagine how bad the debris is in some areas,"

said Ameren spokesman Leigh Morris in Illinois. "You can't get down a downed line if you can't get down the roadway."

About 250 Illinois National Guard soldiers were in the Decatur, Ill., area Tuesday to visit homes without power, said Patti Thompson, a spokeswoman for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. A medical emergency response team also had been sent to Decatur to help with medical care at a shelter for people with special needs.

The Missouri National Guard was sent to the St. Louis area shortly after Thursday's storm to make sure people were surviving without electric light and heat.

The American Red Cross had four warming shelters open in the St. Louis. The organization has sheltered 1,100 people and served 9,000 meals and snacks since the power went out, said

spokesman Stephen Hall. Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich declared 49 counties disaster areas Tuesday.

Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt last week declared a state of emergency after the first round of storms hit.

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Gates

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he believes the United States is neither winning nor losing "at this point."

At the outset of an afternoon session of questions about Iraq and other subjects, Gates began by telling the committee he wanted to amplify on his remark in the morning about not winning in Iraq. He did not withdraw the remark but said, "I want to make clear that that pertains to the situation in Iraq as a whole."

He said he did not want U.S. troops to think he believes they are being unsuccessful in their assigned missions.

"Our military wins the battles that we fight," Gates said. "Where we're having our challenges, frankly, are in the areas of stabilization and political developments and so on."

At the White House, press secretary Tony Snow was pressed by reporters about Gates' answer that the U.S. is

not winning in Iraq — one that seemed to be in conflict with the president's own position.

Snow said that Gates' testimony, taken in its entirety, showed he shares Bush's view that the U.S. must help Iraq govern and defend itself.

"I know you want to pit a fight between Bob Gates and the president. It doesn't exist," Snow told reporters.

Gates was noncommittal on questions about whether and when to begin a U.S. troop withdrawal, saying it "depends on the conditions on the ground." He also said that if confirmed he would go to Iraq soon to consult with U.S. commanders.

Asked later whether announcing a specific troop withdrawal timetable would send a signal of U.S. weakness, Gates said it "would essentially tell the insurgents how long they have to wait until we're gone."

The hearing was nonconfrontational, with occasional hints of humor from Gates. Much of the questioning from panel members was focused on whether he would provide independent advice to Bush, and the former CIA director assured the committee that he would not shirk from that duty.

He said he did not give up his position as president of Texas A&M University and return to Washington to "be a bump on a log."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a likely 2008 presidential candidate and an advocate of increasing U.S. troop strength in Iraq, asked whether Gates believes the U.S. had too few troops at the outset of the war in 2003.

"I suspect in hindsight some of the folks in the administration would not make the same decisions they made," including the number of troops in Iraq to establish control after

the overthrow of Saddam Hussein's regime, Gates said.

He also told Levin he believes a political solution in Iraq is required to end the violence.

The confirmation hearing came amid intensifying pressure for a new approach, reflecting the outcome of the Nov. 7 elections.

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Buildings

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The food store received a building permit about a year ago to develop a new store on the lot, but plans for that have since fallen through, and communication with the company's property manager trailed off.

Several years ago, Albertsons opened a new store on Pete Line Road where Deli is now. It was closed with the intention of building on this property, Scott said.

For whatever reason, that

never happened and the city does not expect construction anytime soon, so it is sending a letter.

"I don't think they ever will," Scott said. "I don't think they're in the process of expanding. They're downsizing."

Boise-based Albertsons Inc. was split up and sold in June. SuperValu Inc. took ownership of most of the stores. Albertsons LLC, a private group, took possession of some others — none in Idaho — and announced this week plans to close five in Texas.

The buildings on the property in question have generally been empty for several years and the city said such delays in improving the land are likely due to the corporate transition.

The city said there is no existing conflict with Albertsons.

"They had some changes in ownership," said Sherry Jeffc of the sanitation department. "I don't see this as problematic. It's just getting started."

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Xavier

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enroll their children in charter schools, Jackson believes that education should be a "free market" in which schools compete for student enrollment. There are about 30 charter schools in Idaho that operate independently from local school districts.

Cindy Fulcher, spokeswoman for Xavier, could not be reached by the Times-News, but according to a written statement from her, the school will focus on "addressing the needs of the whole child — body, mind and spirit."

It also stated that curriculums will be augmented with enrichment programs such as piano, dance and theater.

Although local school districts in incorporate charter schools into their districts, most say they do not have the resources to do it.

Local school districts can forward charter school petitions to the Idaho Charter School Commission, which if approved, grants charter schools the authority to operate independently from local school districts.

Tom Luna, the newly elected state superintendent of public instruction, is proposing to raise the cap on the number of charter schools approved each year in Idaho. Now, the charter school commission can approve no more than six schools each year, but Luna would like to raise the cap to 12.

He estimated that more than 4,000 students in Idaho are waiting to enroll in a charter or magnet school.

"I think charter schools are a step in the right direction because right now public schools are burning out teach-

ers so quickly," Jackson said. "They are challenged with all kinds of students and they have to teach to the test."

Even for parents who prefer charter schools to public schools, many say their decision has nothing to do with the teachers.

"I know that the teachers are doing everything they can in a difficult situation," Jackson said. "It's not their fault that they are working in an archaic system."

Times-News writer Joshua Palmer covers education. He can be reached at jpalmer@magicalvalley.com or at (208) 420-0526.

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NATION

Video visionaries meld traditional TV and the web

By Mike Murove
The Washington Post

Is TV moving onto the Internet or is the Internet moving onto TV? As the lines between the two begin to blur, it's getting harder to tell. Fans of Comedy Central's "South Park," for example, can still watch the latest episode by tuning in on Wednesday nights. But they can also turn to Comedy Central's Web site to watch an ad-sponsored episode. If they're willing to cough up a couple of dollars, they can even download the shows for viewing through an Xbox or an iPod.

At iVillage, a Web site that caters to women, the push is toward the TV set. On Monday, the site, which was acquired by NBC Universal this year,

launched a daytime TV show called "iVillage Live," which will be broadcast on some NBC stations, the Bravo network and the Web.

It's a nontraditional approach to broadcast television that's becoming popular in popularity in recent months: broad-casting shows on both the Internet and traditional TV to give advertisers as many viewers as possible. At the same time, the blurred line between traditional and online video is accommodating a growing variety of viewers: those who prefer to watch on a TV, those who gravitate more toward the Web and even those who like to watch on their mobile phones or PDA readers.

Thanks to popular sites like YouTube and Google Video, video content has become one

of the most popular offerings on the Internet. That's led to a flood of amateur sites that look more like cable TV services, complete with "channels" — clickable icons on a Web page that bring up a lineup of shows to watch — that accommodate different interests.

"This is definitely the Wild West in some ways," said Adam Bertry, vice president of marketing and strategy at Brightcove, an online video company based in Cambridge, Mass. "It's in the very early stages, and people are still learning."

So far, Brightcove customers have built online video programming networks dedicated to topics as varied as pet care and Miami night life. The channels are available only on computers.

One way Brightcove is trying to get on TV screens is to work with products connected to TV sets, such as the TiVo digital video recorder. Together, Brightcove and TiVo are creating a video portal that allows TiVo subscribers to upload homemade video clips and create unique channels — a lineup of shows from various sources on TiVo's Now Playing list — that friends and family members can watch through their own TiVo boxes.

"It's the democratization of video content," Bertry said.

Ultimately, the broader presence of programming on multi-media formats could help traditional shows. When CBS launched its channel on YouTube just over a month ago, the 300 video clips from its shows featured on the

site got nearly 30 million views. Since then, ratings for the network have gone up, and viewership of "The Late Show with David Letterman," which got the biggest boost, was up by 200,000 over the past month.

"We're getting people who don't watch the show routinely

to say, 'I'd forgotten how funny Dave is. I've got to go check him out' — again," said Dana McClintock, vice president of communications at CBS. "It's about exposing your content to new audiences — and, of course, thereby making more money from it."



The space shuttle Endeavour lifts off from Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., beginning an 11-day mission to the International Space Station in this Nov. 23, 2002 photo.

Shuttle night launch a work of aesthetics and engineering

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — On Thursday night, Nature and NASA will collaborate in a painting that will use the skies over the Eastern seaboard as their cosmic canvas. The materials are a nearly full moon, the stars and a streaking space shuttle.

There are countless engineering and safety calculations behind Thursday's scheduled 9:35 p.m. blastoff, the first night launch in four years. But once the shuttle Discovery's three main engines light, it's all about the wow factor.

Viewers of the spectacle report seeing the shuttle's fiery track as far north as Nova Scotia and as far west as Tampa. It also can be seen on television. But for fans grandeur, you've just got to be there.

"Take it from former astronaut Jay Apt.

"In some ways it's sort of like an eclipse in reverse," Apt said.

"It turns night into day. The blinds wake up, not just because of the sound. You feel the heat wave."

When Apt describes the view from inside the shuttle, his voice rises in excitement and his words come fast and hard. "It just adds one notch to what has to be the greatest aesthetic experience anywhere," he said. "The experience of launching at night, every sense in your body is happy. It's incredible. It's wonderful."

You don't have to be strapped in the rocket to appreciate it though.

The shuttle launches in a northerly direction from Cape Canaveral, a bit east of the U.S. coastline, shutting its engines off and reaching orbit due east of northern Maine or Newfoundland, according to NASA. Depending on weather and lighting conditions, residents of the U.S. East Coast should be able to see some of the shuttle's fiery streak.

Search intensifies for father missing in Oregon wilderness; wife and two children safe

By Jeff Bannard
Associated Press writer

MERLIN, Ore. — Searchers scouring a rugged canyon Tuesday found a pair of pants matching the description of those worn by a missing man who struck out for help after his family's car got stuck in the snow.

A helicopter with heat-seeking equipment joined other helicopters, snowmobiles and foot patrols Tuesday in the hunt for 35-year-old James Kim of San Francisco. His wife and two daughters were found Monday after being lost for more than a week.

Searchers found the pants Tuesday afternoon.

"It could be a sign he's trying to indicate the path he was going," Lt. Gregg Hastings of the Oregon State Police.

Officials said it appeared Kim was within 5 miles of the car he'd left Saturday morning wearing only tennis shoes, pants, a sweater and a jacket. Trackers had followed his footprints until dark Monday night.

Searchers said he had headed downhill and apparently walked out of an area covered with snow toward the Rogue River. Search and rescue teams checked the river with rafts Tuesday.

Kim — whose family told rescuers he had some outdoor experience and had

eaten berries while stranded, not knowing if they were poisonous — took two lighters with him when he left the car, Anderson said. "Maybe he got a fire going," he said at a news conference.

Overnight temperatures have been in the mid 20s to mid 30s.

A helicopter crew spotted his wife, Kati Kim, 30, waving the umbrella Monday afternoon.

She and her daughters Penelope, 4, and Sabine, 7 months, were flown to a hospital in Grants Pass.

They were in very good condition Tuesday, and Sabine was expected to be released from the hospital, said Linda Rankin, vice president for patient care at "Three Rivers" Community Hospital.

Kati Kim might lose a toe, her father, Dr. Phil Fleming, told The Associated Press on Tuesday as he and his wife, Sandy, waited a flight to Oregon from Albuquerque, N.M. He said his daughter breast-fed the children to keep them nourished during the ordeal and "the children are doing extraordinarily well."

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Injuries Occur Frequently From Ice-Related Falls

With the hectic pace of the holidays, serious injuries from ice-related falls inevitably occur and can be a major cause of ankle sprains and fractures. It's critical to seek prompt treatment to prevent further damage that can prolong recovery. Dr. Pilling, an associate of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, said the ankle joint is vulnerable to serious injury from falls on ice. "Ice accelerates the fall and often causes more severe trauma because the foot can go in any direction after slipping."

Pilling added that in cases of less severe fractures and sprains, it's possible to walk and mistakenly believe the injury doesn't require medical treatment. "Never assume the ability to walk means your ankle isn't broken or badly sprained. Putting weight on the injured joint can worsen the problem and lead to chronic instability, joint pain and arthritis later in life," he said. "It's best to have an injured ankle evaluated as soon as possible for proper diagnosis and treatment," he said. "If you can't see a foot and ankle surgeon or visit the emergency room right away, follow the RICE principle — Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation — until medical care is available."

Most ankle fractures and some sprains are treated by immobilizing the joint in a cast or splint to foster healing. However, surgery may be needed to repair fractures with significant malalignment to unite bone fragments and realign them properly.

Dr. Pilling recommends scheduling an appointment with his office if you have injured your ankle or foot in any way. "If you fall on an icy spot and hurt yourself, seek medical attention immediately. This aids in early diagnosis and proper treatment of the injury and reduces the risk of further damage."

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New York is first city in the nation to ban trans fats from restaurants

By Jocelyn Novick
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — New York on Tuesday became the first city in the nation to ban artery-clogging trans fats at restaurants, leading the charge to limit consumption of an ingredient linked to heart disease and used in everything from french fries to pizza dough to pancake mix. In a city where eating out is a major form of activity — either for fun or out of hectic necessity — many New Yorkers were all for the ban, saying that health concerns were more important than fears of Big Brother supervising their stomachs.

"I don't care about what might be politically correct and what's not," said Murray Bader, nursing a cup of coffee at Dunkin' Donuts on Tuesday morning. "I want to live longer!" The 72-year-old Manhattan resident called the ban a "wake-up call" for a public often unaware of the risks of artificial fats. "This stuff clogs up your vessels," he said. "When it comes to health, we only have one life."

Toni Lewis, catching a quick dinner at McDonald's before her child's piano lesson on the eve



H. Kenneth Woods, chef and owner of Syrta's restaurant, cooks southern fried chicken using a soy bean oil that doesn't contain trans fats in this September photo in New York's Harlem neighborhood. The Board of Health voted Tuesday to make New York the nation's first city to ban artery-clogging artificial trans fats at restaurants.

of the vote, acknowledged that yes, it might be going too far for the city to tell people what they can and can't put into their stomachs. But, she added: "I welcome the intrusion."

"This is New York," she said. "People eat out a lot. We don't have a choice. We need some-

one to make it a healthier proposition."

Trans fats are believed harmful in a number of ways, with health authorities saying they clearly contribute to heart disease. Studies have shown they raise bad cholesterol and lower the good kind. Partially hydro-

genated vegetable oil, a common form of trans fats, is used for frying and baking and turns up in a host of processed foods: cookies, pizza dough, crackers and pre-made blends like pancake mix.

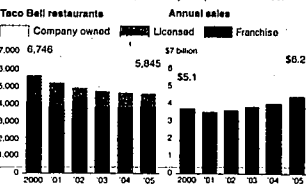
"It's basically a slow form of poison," says David Katz, director of the Yale Prevention Research Center. "I applaud New York City and frankly, I think there should be a nationwide ban."

Not everyone agrees, with Katz — he's gotten angry e-mails calling him and colleagues the "food police" and saying, "If I want to eat trans fats, that's my inalienable right." To which he responds: "Would you want the burden of asking your restaurant whether there's lead in the food? Whether there's arsenic in the bread? For all I know, maybe arsenic makes bread more crusty. But it's poison."

Some industry representatives were not happy. E. Charles Hunt, executive vice president of the New York State Restaurant Association, said the city had overstepped its authority. "This is a legal product," he said. "They're heading down a slippery slope here."

Franchises are large part of food chain

Taco Bell serves more than 35 million customers a week in the U.S. Currently, more than 80 percent of the Mexican-style fast food chain's restaurants are owned and operated by independent franchisees.



Source: Yum Brands Inc. Note: Franchise sales figures include unconsolidated affiliates and licensed restaurants.

Closed Taco Bells all used same food distributor, company says

By Angela Dull Santel
Associated Press writer

SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. — All 11 Taco Bells implicated in an E. coli outbreak in New York and New Jersey used the same food distributor, the restaurant chain said Tuesday as health officials tried to pinpoint the source of the dangerous bacteria that sickened at least three dozen people. Nine people remained hospitalized in New Jersey and one in New York, including an 11-year-old boy in stable condition with kidney damage. Taco Bell Corp. said it had sanitized its nine closed restaurants and planned to reopen them on Tuesday. At the same time, spokesman Rob Poetsch said: "We have no indication what the source is. We're looking into all possibilities."

The distributor, Texas-based McLane Co., said that Taco Bell representatives and state and federal health inspectors toured the distribution center in Burlington, N.J., that supplied the eight Long Island, N.Y., restaurants and the three in New Jersey.

"It involves tracking your way back and trying to see if by process of elimination you can determine the root cause," said Bart McKay, a lawyer for McLane.

He said McLane distributes to all Taco Bells in New Jersey

and in the New York City area, but he had no estimate on how many that is.

New Jersey health officials said their investigation would probably focus on produce, not just meat, because some of the 23 people who ate at New Jersey Taco Bells and were infected with E. coli were vegetarians. E. coli is found in the feces of humans and livestock. Most infections are associated with undercooked meat.

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New research suggests risks of drug-coated stents

By Rob Stein
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A flurry of recent research has raised alarm about the safety of a new generation of stents that have quickly become the most commonly used devices for treating clogged arteries, creating widespread concern about how to care for millions of heart-disease patients.

The stents, tiny drug-secreting mesh tubes used to prop coronary arteries open, appear to carry a small but significantly increased risk of causing blood clots, compared with older "bare metal" versions. That may boost the chances of suffering a heart attack or dying, according to the studies, including one released Tuesday.

The accumulating evidence prompted the Food and Drug Administration to convene an urgent two-day meeting of a panel of outside experts Dec. 7 to assess the devices, known as drug-eluting stents, including whether their risks outweigh their benefits.

"This is a public-health issue of great importance," the FDA's Daniel Schultz said Tuesday. "Our goal is to provide the American public with a coherent, understandable explanation of the risks and benefits associated with these products."

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EDITORIAL

Critics give an open ear to Risch's roadless plan

Just weeks before he leaves the best job he's ever had, Gov. Jim Risch may have saved his best for last. What has eluded lawyers, judges, environmentalists, governors and two presidents, may have been unlocked by Risch last week. In his testimony before the Department of Agriculture, Risch sounded a note of consensus that could bring all interests in line for new and revised roadless protections in the state.

Risch inherited the state's roadless project after Gov. Dirk Kempthorne left for Washington D.C. Idaho has led the effort for states to put their own stamp on roadless acre creation, ever since President Clinton released his roadless plan in 2001. Idaho's portion of the 58.5 million acres of roadless territory amounts to 9.3 million acres — more than any other state outside Alaska.

The roadless rules have been bouncing between courts since President Bush dropped the rules midway through the first term. Last summer, a California district judge put the Clinton rules back in place. But Risch refused to take his eye off the ball, and proceeded with a 69-page Idaho plan that went before the Roadless Area Conservation National Advisory Committee. A number of conservation groups were ready to shoot it down.

Then, when they heard the plan, they were blown away.

Risch told the 13 member panel that 3.1 million acres of the roadless territory known as "wild land recreation" or "primitive" would be even more tightly preserved than what had been outlined under the Clinton plan. He added that the 5.5 million acres known as "back country" would allow temporary roads, but those roads would only be built to the extent allowed by Clinton's plan.

And just like that, Risch had a room full of critics-turned-advocates.

"I think what happened was his explanation was a heck of a lot better than the position," said Chris Hunt, an Idaho Falls spokesman for Trout Unlimited, the sportsman group that has spoken critically of the plan. "The 2001 rule had a lot of little loopholes that allowed you to manage for infestation. With Gov. Risch changing it for 3 million acres of preservation, that in our stance is fairly progressive."

Risch, who studied forestry at the University of Idaho, and Jim Caswell, director of Idaho's Office of Species Conservation, charted the plan with close observation for the preservation areas. They also want to use some 521,169 acres as "general forest" that will follow high levels of human use and management.

"I think a lot of us in the hunting and fishing community were guilty of expecting the worst, and we didn't get the worst," said Hunt. "Either we didn't read it correctly, or he didn't explain it as well."

It's possibly a case of both, although Risch says some of the biggest critics made up their mind against any roadless revisions before they even read it. Give points to the short-term governor, who has effectively defended the principle of local input on federal policy.

Some groups stay resistant to Risch's plan for a half-million acres of general forest. But the consensus should hold that Risch has offered more than anyone could have previously imagined. Some groups say it's time to make the deal in writing while Risch is still in office and before a new governor comes on board.

"If you look at the amount of acreage that Risch was able to protect, it's a compromise we're willing to make," Hunt said.

Some groups still are hesitant to accept that half-million acre designation. But it's obvious that Risch has come up with far more flexibility on the issue. Some groups say it's time to make the deal in writing while Risch is still in office and before a new governor comes on board.

Our view:
Gov. Jim Risch makes Idaho's roadless provision more convincing, and more worthy of support. **What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**



Pelosi faces higher standard as speaker

The No. 1 challenge for the first female speaker of the House is to negotiate a bipartisan exit strategy from Iraq without coming off like a rainbow-colored liberal. She must manage her image while managing the House — not for the amusement of us liberals, but for the thousands of others who hold liberal-women politicians suspect.

America already knows about Nancy Pelosi from a recent "60 Minutes" interview: Pelosi was against the Iraq war from the very start. She held this administration accountable for the deplorable response to the Katrina disaster. And she has no love for Dubai: "He's not a leader. He's a person who has no judgment."

What Americans don't know is whether Pelosi will erode the public's sexist stereotypes of liberal female leaders or heighten it with partisan politics.

Several studies show that Democratic female candidates are held to greater scrutiny than their Republican counterparts. One such study in 2004 from the Social Science Quarterly found that when voters evaluated Democratic candidates, they considered "female issues" in their decisions when the candidate was a woman. Not so for female Republican candidates. In 2006, the Journal of Politics concluded that this existing gender prejudice makes Republican female candidates fare far better in elections than female Democratic candidates.

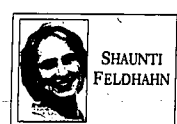
Although Pelosi is already

WOMAN TO WOMAN

As the first female speaker of the House, what will Nancy Pelosi's main challenge be? Diane Glass, a left-leaning columnist, writes the commentary this week, and Shaunti Feldhahn, a right-leaning columnist, responds.



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selected, the image she projects could win votes for future female candidates. She is the litmus test of whether America is ready for a Democratic female leader in the House or the White House. If Pelosi veers even slightly off this path, the good old-boy coalition will malign her with liberal stereotypes and inflame public perception. They tried before and failed, but if they try again, it may just work, because everyone knows who she is now. Being the first female anything is not just about doing a job well. It's about doing a job with an eye toward unspoken prejudice. If she can manage that, she will not only have done her job as speaker of the House, but she will have also positioned future female candidates for success while toppling American gender stereotypes about women in power.

Nancy Pelosi's greatest challenge will not be changing perceptions to fit reality, but the other way

around. Because the reality is that there's nothing inaccurate about perceptions of her ideology. Her lifetime voting score by the liberal benchmark group Americans for Democracy Action is 96 out of 100. In other words, come January, the person who will be third in line for the presidency is in fact a raving, rainbow-colored San Francisco uber-liberal. In a recent "60 Minutes" interview, Pelosi said, "I believe if I become speaker of the House and in that highly visible role show the American people that women know how to use power, that I think it helps all women in the political process." Well, maybe. That would be terrific, no matter how much I might personally disagree with Madame Speaker.

But I doubt people will be thinking about her gender. They are simply going to be watching this extremely liberal leader to see how she decides to govern. The Democrats have taken

power solely via the resurgence of the party's moderate wing. In race after race, the Republican incumbent was ousted by a centrist or conservative Democrat. And Pelosi was indeed hoping to woo centrist voters, but now the rubber meets the road. Nancy Pelosi is going to have to find an entirely new way to lead. She made her party a cohesive block through the sort of family discipline that would do a mob boss proud: *You vote with us or you get led from your plunk committee assignments.* She promotes those who agree and exiles those who don't. But what that means is that for years "voiting with us" has equaled ultra-liberal. If you were a Democrat who thought we should have open trade with China, or that parents had a right to know before their teenage daughter had an abortion, or that the Patriot Act might actually protect Americans, you didn't last long.

Well, now we have a lot of those Democrats taking office. And if Pelosi doesn't listen to them, if she exerts the same sort of hardball party discipline as speaker that she did as minority leader, Americans are going to have some major buyer's remorse pretty quickly.

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Donald Rumsfeld's memo on Iraq (and mine)

A memo by outgoing Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld recommending changes in U.S. strategy in Iraq is being spun in some quarters as a declaration of capitulation. In fact, it is akin to what an assistant coach for an under-performing NFL team might hand to the head coach, if the assistant seeks to alter a game plan so that his team will win.

Winning in Iraq, however, does not seem to be a priority for the numbers of American politicians. They are like the crowd at a football game that sees the home team losing and heads for the exits before the game is over, only to miss the big comeback and victory. Unlike football, however, the only "game" following a failure to prevail in Iraq will be one in which the United States is the biggest loser.

In his memo, Rumsfeld's list of "above the line" options contain an element of troop reductions, but his recommendations are designed to put progress ahead of pullout, so that withdrawal follows the attainment of a more stable Iraq, instead of impeding it. That is the main difference between Rumsfeld's memo and the vociferous "withdraw now" crowd. Rumsfeld and President Bush want to see an



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independent and stable Iraq ahead first. The leak of the Rumsfeld memo precedes the Iraq Study Group report, due Dec. 6. It is the late Fringe Minister off-color columnist Ralph Peters writes in The Weekly Standard, "No matter the politically correct language in which it may be couched, the group's fundamental recommendation will be to return to a foreign policy in which the quest for stability trumps freedom, ignores human rights, frustrates the will of ordinary people, and violates elementary decency. By resisting change, the study group will only make the changes that do come to the Middle East even more explosive and anti-American."

There is something else the Iraq Study Group is unlikely to address. It is the loss of fear by our enemies. The United States of America was once feared and respected around the world. Once, few would have dared kidnap an American because of certain

retribution. The loss of fear started with Jimmy Carter, who allowed followers of Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini to hold American hostages for 444 days. It was no coincidence that Khomeini released the hostages just 20 minutes after Ronald Reagan's inaugural address. Khomeini must have believed reports that Reagan was a "cowboy" and might flatten Iran with nuclear bombs.

It's been the same with Israel. The late Fringe Minister Menachem Begin believed in retaliation against anyone who attacked Israel. On Dec. 3, the Israeli cabinet voted to continue the policy of restraint in the Gaza Strip (there is no restraint by Israel's enemies). This, despite the ongoing Qassam rocket attacks on Israel from Gaza. So Israelis are to die for the sake of the government's public relations? It's gotten so bad — and Israel is perceived as so weak — that the Israelis are appealing to convicted terrorist Marvin Bargoutov (now serving five life sentences) to help broker a cease-fire. This is like asking "comedian" Michael Richards for advice on how to combat racist language.

Instead of retaliation, we get weakness from Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert: "We must act responsibly and

wisely, while considering all aspects of the matter." Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni adds, the "situation is sensitive and we must proceed with the utmost seriousness." That kind of rhetoric is unlikely to strike fear in the hearts of terrorists whose only "serious consideration" is to seriously destroy Israel and the United States.

Has everyone forgotten what the world looked like when America (and Israel) was feared? Have the foreign policy castrats taken over? Does no one sing of them anymore? The terrorists in Iraq and among us, use fear as a primary tactic. We form study groups and issue statements saying we must "act wisely." Iraq's dictator Mahmoud Ahmadinejad vows to obliterate Israel and U.S. diplomats recommend we talk to him.

Whatever happened to the "if you touch us, it will be the last thing you touch"? Ah, but that was before political correctness and sensitivity training. Now, the only thing the thugs have to fear is fear itself. They certainly don't fear us.

And that's my "memo."
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LETTER

Fish still disappearing from Snake River

Wednesday's (Nov. 29) article and diagram showing the proposed new housing developments on the outskirts of Twin Falls failed to mention anything about the already overworked sewer system that dumps most of it directly into the poor old Snake River. The carp — "the fish that fed the multitude" — and the sturgeon seem to be the only fish left that still are able to survive, and that's for now" on account of our fast-diminishing amount of spring water still flowing in downstream. I realize that poor old Fish and

Game is dumping large amounts of findings, etc., but by the time they are fortunate enough to make it across the pollution and pesticides by the hundreds of gallons for them into the spring water along the side for away, there's not enough feed to keep only a small amount of them.

Having been born and lived here most of my life and seeing the disappearance of at least 10 different species of fish that we used to enjoy brings to mind an old saying: Nothing stays the same," and this is sure true here!

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Outing Joe Biden's inner good ol' boy

In 2003, when Howard Dean named "guns, God and gays" as Southern obsessions and said he wanted to work for the white guys with Confederate flag stickers on their pickup trucks, Sen. Joe Biden must have seen Jesus. Now he's gone one better. To the litany of political pandering, Biden has added a new invocation: slavery. As in, "Hey! I'm from a slave state, too!"



KATHLEEN PARKER

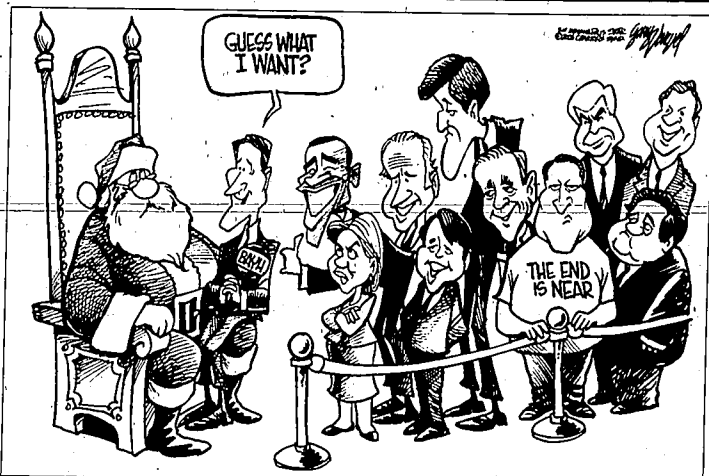
with a bucket of grits, a gay-bashin' blessin' and a few bars of "O!" times they ain't forgot-ten." That is, right after they've rinsed the soot from their party sheets and sprayed a few stray cats with some lead 6-shot.

Well, maybe five or six do. And they're all generally employed by some central casting group that rounds up "typical Southerners" whenever TV crews venture outside the Beltway for man-on-the-street interviews out yonder. Otherwise, the Hollywood version of a Southerner is as rare as possum tartare.

Biden's second testimonial as a born-again Southerner came last week while he was visiting South Carolina. Speaking before Columbia's mostly Republican Rotary Club, Biden reminded his audience of his slave-state heritage and hinted that Delaware's alliance with the North was merely an accident of geography.

Delaware was a "slave state that fought behind the North," he said.

"That's only because we couldn't figure out how to get to the South. There were a couple of states in the way,"



During the same speech, Biden made humorous note of the club's plan to have its annual Christmas party at the state Department of Archives and History, where members could view the original copy of the Articles of Secession.

"Where else could I go to a Rotary Club where (for a Christmas party the highlight is looking at the Articles)?

Indeed, giving Biden the benefit of the doubt, one could legitimately wonder, where else?

Watching politicians play redneck is always embarrassing. Whether it's dropping in on NASCAR, saying "y'all," or

confessing one's love for Randy Travis (but not the Dixie Chicks), that dog don't hunt.

During the last presidential race, for instance, John Kerry went goose-hunting in Ohio to demonstrate his good ol' boy-ness — but blew the hoped-for effect by wearing brand-new camos. Not done.

With Biden's wine-and-ice-cream mention of slavery as a way to establish his Southern bona fides, I think we can safely say that politics has finally jumped the shark, tipped the point and perfected the storm.

Bubba is now a cliché of a

cliché of a cliché.

Of course no one seriously thinks Biden was outing slavery. More likely he was trying to say something friendly to his audience, as in: "I'm from a state north of here, but I love South Carolina, and I'll say any fool thing to get your vote."

That the audience responded favorably is neither surprising nor necessarily promising. Southerners are relentlessly polite, and Biden — despite his ill-chosen words — is charming. The problem when you're running for leader of the free world, however, is that charm isn't

enough. You have to get the words right. President Bush has ended for all time any notion that choosing — or inventing — the wrong word is a quaint idiosyncrasy. Words matter.

What also matters — not just to Southerners — is authenticity.

There's no surer way to lose the public's confidence than to pretend to be something you're not. The real McCoy can always spot a decoy.

And a political fake is a dead duck.

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LETTERS

Science can't leash a changing atmosphere

I have had an epiphany. Recent stories in the paper have shown me that Ford Motor Company, GM and U.S. Steel have been around much longer than I had thought.

A U.N. study on global warming says that the earth is warmer by at least a tenth than it has been for 12,000 years. Shazaam! Obviously, those Neanderthals must have had the internal combustion engine. I'm not sure who measured the temperature back then, but we have been told by scientists that the western United States was under shallow seas at least seven times during earth's history. Must have been warmer and wetter. It gives one a pause.

Thomas L. Freidman, a columnist for the *New York Times*, nags us because we did not sign the Kyoto Treaty (China was exempted from complying) and warns that greenhouse gases will cause flooding and major dislocations on our planet. We humans breathe out carbon dioxide, which is a greenhouse gas. Plants use carbon dioxide.

These climate control geniuses remind me of the flea on the dog's back that thinks it controls his actions. The climate is constantly changing. We are neither in control nor are we the cause. Man has only been on the earth for 6,000 years, more or less. One volcano of moderate size spews out more pollution than all the automobiles combined.

I can understand why some scientists are pushing the climate control agenda. It's just food on the table and feeds

egs. It also provides a huge area that government control. Someone once said there are those who are "ever learning and never coming to a knowledge of the truth." He is the one who gave the tablets of stone to Moses.

MAX COVINGTON
Burley

Don't let memories of Pearl Harbor fade away

I am writing to thank Frank Thresher for his letter about Pearl Harbor printed on Nov. 20. I am retired from the Navy after 22 years, and each time that I went through Pearl Harbor, I felt that it was my duty to go to the Arizona and pay my respects.

Each time that I went, I would look at the names and find that most are my people. I wore same the uniforms as them, from the work clothes up to the dress blues. On my last cruise on our way home in 1991, I had my young son fly to Hawaii to the first place that we went was to the Arizona.

He is now almost 40 and still talks about it. We must never forget these heroes and all the others who paid the price at the hands of the Japanese.

I fly the U.S. flag at my house 24/7. It is at half mast and always will be. You see, my flag flew over the USS Arizona on Dec. 7, 2005. I have solar lights near so it stays lit.

What else is wrong in this area is I saw very little tribute paid to our veterans at Veterans Day. I belong to a worldwide service organization that said nothing to honor our veterans at our weekly meeting before or after Veterans Day. This is sad. The branch of this that I

transferred from in another state last year had a former World War II prisoner of war talk to us about what happened to him and his buddies. Not a dry eye in the house.

For those of you who read this and say, oh, it's one of those out-of-staters trying to change how we do things here. Well, in this case, maybe. You people can't ignore this issue.

BOB RYBRAND
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Bob Rybrand is a retired Navy chief petty officer.)

Be prepared for new invaders to Idaho

In response to an article on Thursday, Nov. 16, Steven Jeff was right to require all Greenleaf, Idaho, residents to own a gun. He only failed in not going far enough nor recognizing the real subversive threat. Well, that's easily understood; he's only there and we're here. To take the concept to its logical conclusion, we must require all residents to own and maintain guns.

He's up there were the only problem is Oregon's sneaking in, but once they warm up, they return home. Washingtonians will slip in unnoticed until they're lost and confused not finding a

Starbucks, then they'll drift back to the traffic grid and rain.

Those who stay go underground and eventually adopt our ways. It's not cold enough here for Montanans, nor desolate enough for Wyomingites, and Utahns, well, they know their place. Fate didn't intend them to be happy, so they might as well stay where they are.

Here in the Magic Valley, the rain meant threat prevails. Only armed can we stop these Californettes. Defenseless, they'll overrun us with their fancy Japanese cars. Soon, tolu will replace biscuits and gravy, frozen yogurt fools many thinking it's ice cream, our steak and potatoes will become sushi. McDonald's will serve Crown Roast and Gamay Beaujolais.

Let's make a stand before it's too late and surfing classes take over barrel racing; \$200 Reeboks will replace cowboy boots, our kids will call us by our first names and we listen to radio talk shows. Life as we know it will be over. They'll have us all joining clubs, meditating, doing yoga, wearing crystals and feng-shuiing our houses.

Is that what you want for your kids? I think not. Let's turn them back at jackpot while we still can.

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

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22-0105-0601, Rules Governing the Licensure of Physical Therapists and Physical Therapy Assistants. (Temporary and Proposed) Recall of chapter. Comment by: 12/27/06.

22-0106-0601, Rules for EMS Personnel. (Temporary and Proposed) Recall of chapter. Comment by: 12/27/06.

(Temporary Rules Have Been Adopted in the Following Rulemakings):

IDAPA 15 — Div. of Human Resources & Personnel Commission
 15-0401-0601, Rules of the Division of Human Resources and Personnel Commission

IDAPA 35 — Idaho State Tax Commission
 35-0102-0603, Sales and Use Tax Administrative Rules
 35-0103-0608, Property Tax Administrative Rules
 (Public Hearings Have Been Scheduled for the Following Rulemakings):

IDAPA 41 — Public Health District #1
 41-0101-0601, Rules of Public Health District #1

IDAPA 58 — Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
 58-0102-0601, Water Quality Standards

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Bruins win sloppy affair

By Brad Cairns
Times-News writer

TWIN-FALLS — Turnovers and 3-point goals were abundant on Tuesday, but the Twin Falls Bruins girls basketball team picked up another double-digit win regardless, a 60-48 victory over the Minico Spartans at Baun Gymnasium.

Both teams struggled with possession of the ball at times. Minico gave important ones up early, which gave the Bruins an 10-7 lead after a quarter of play. The Bruins had similar problems in the last quarter, allowing the Spartans to rally for 18 points. The difference was that Minico's early troubles equaled a Bruin lead that never went away.

"They're a quick team," Twin Falls head coach Joe D. Shepard said. "We had quite a few turnovers at the end. They put good ball pressure on us."

Through most of the game, the Bruins set the pace. Minico mixed a full-court press and man coverage near the basket, but Twin Falls maintained its patience as the Bruins fast break didn't materialize as in previous games.

"We slowed it down," senior guard Ashley Irons, who was at times double-teamed trying to reach the midcourt, said. "If we don't take our time, it gets out of control."

Junior forwards Kelly Wiseman and Brooke Robinette put up 13 and 11 points, respectively, for Twin Falls.

The aforementioned 3-pointers came as the Spartans had trouble charging to the basket and then attempted the outside shot. None had as much success as Kendra Bailey. The freshman connected for all five of Minico's 3-point goals.

"It depends on what team we play," said Bailey, explaining her effort against the Bruins. "We tried our hardest."

A few technical fouls on the Spartans left many shaking their heads as Minico head coach Clint Stratman left the court with a little over 90 seconds remaining in the game. He was upset that zero fouls were called against the Bruins in the third quarter.

"The girls played hard, and I'm proud of them," he said.

The Bruins (6-1) open Region Four Five-Six play at Skyline in Idaho Falls on Thursday. The Spartans fall to 4-3. They host Great Basin Conference East for Century Thursday.



Twin Falls senior guard Ashley Irons takes a shot Tuesday night during the Bruins' victory over Minico High School at Baun Gymnasium in Twin Falls.

Tigers rally for win over Kimberly

By John Derr
Times-News writer

JEROME — Down by nine midway through the third quarter, the Jerome Tigers finally got things going offensively to defeat the Kimberly Bulldogs 56-50 in boys non-conference play Tuesday. Senior Cody Garey led the charge, scoring six straight and pushing the ball up the court to get Jerome back in the game.

"We picked up the intensity and my teammates helped me," said Garey, who finished 16 points.

Trevor Tolman came off the bench to hit a pair of buckets in the paint as Jerome led 41-40 heading into the final period.

The Bulldogs turned it over four times to open the fourth quarter. Jerome's Doc Fleck converted a putback and David Prescott had an old-fashioned three-point play on a drive to the basket giving the Tigers the 46-40 advantage three minutes into the period.

"We came out cold and our defense wasn't that great. When our defense picked up we had more offensive output," said Prescott, who paced Jerome with 20 points.

Kimberly was not about to go away. Using the same tenacious defense, they garnered them the lead most of the game, they scored six straight to tie the game.

Jason Mumm, a 6-foot-6 senior post who led the Bulldogs with a game-high 21 points, led the charge with a pair of baskets in the paint.

"After another Kimberly turnover, Garey stepped behind the arc and calmly drained a 3-pointer for the lead. Mumm secured again to cut the deficit to one, but the Bulldogs would get no closer.

Prescott sealed the deal in the final two minutes, going 5-for-5 from the charity stripe. The senior point guard now has knocked down 23 straight.

"The free throws put us in a good position. I was shooting well and I wanted to be on the line," Prescott added.

Kimberly coach Roger Keller was pleased with his team's defense.

"These guys really got after it and I was proud of that. We got a little impatient with the lead," he said. "We had so many possessions where we didn't have an opportunity to score. We are looking at it as a way to help us down the road," said Keller.

Jerome coach Marty Espinoza said a defensive change paid dividends.

"We decided to go to a zone and it paid off. We didn't come out with too much intensity. We are a young and old team and are still trying

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CSU men remain No. 6 in poll

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team will enter Scenic West Athletic Conference play as the No. 6 team in the nation. The Golden Eagles remained No. 6 for the second week in the NCAIA Division I poll released Tuesday.

CSU (8-0) was idle last week as it prepares for its SWAC opener Friday at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene.

The Golden Eagles received 71 points in this week's poll, up from 64 the previous week. No other SWAC team is rated in the Top 20. Chipola College (Fla.) continues to lead the rankings, receiving 15 of 16 first-place votes. Five teams are tied for No. 16 in this week's poll.

The women's NCAIA Division I poll will be released today. The 7-1 CSI women, who also opened SWAC play at North Idaho Friday, were ranked No. 13 last week.

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Idaho coach Don Erickson on Tuesday denied being approached by Arizona State about its head football coaching vacancy.

A columnist for The Oregonian newspaper in Portland, Ore., citing a source close to the coach, reported that Erickson was in talks with ASU officials about the job that became vacant when Dirk Koetter was fired.

But Erickson, who was in

California on a recruiting trip, told The Spokesman-Review online edition, that he hasn't heard from ASU.

"I don't know where he's getting his information," Erickson said. "I think they're just beginning with that thing. I wouldn't be surprised if somebody did call, but I haven't heard anything."

Erickson told The Spokesman-Review's Jim Meehan that he would "probably take a look" if contacted by the Sun Devils, however.

Men's NCAIA Div. I Poll Through Dec. 4

	WL	Pts	Pre
1. Chipola, Fla. (15)	11-0	159	1
2. Arizona Western	8-0	136	2
3. Redlands CC, Okla.	11-0	120	3
4. Indian Hills CC-Ottumwa, Iowa	11-0	113	4
5. Howard, Texas	10-0	97	5
6. Southern Idaho	8-0	71	6
7. Mineral Area, Mo.	12-1	42	8
8. Wallace SCCC, Ala.	7-0	27	9
9. Hawamba CC, Miss.	7-1	20	10
10. Odessa, Texas	11-0	16	14
11. Coffeyville CC, Kan.	10-1	13	13
12. Georgia Perimeter	10-2	10	11
13. John A. Logan, Ill.	10-1	9	15
14. Northeastern JC, Colo.	12-1	8	17
15. Okaloosa-Walton, Fla.	9-1	5	19
16. Pratt CC, Kan.	12-0	4	11
17. Tyler JC, Texas	9-1	4	11
18. Wilgro, Texas	10-1	4	11
19. SE Illinois	7-1	4	11
20. North Dakota St. Science	9-1	4	11

Erickson denies being contacted by Arizona State about opening



Erickson returned to Idaho last spring after a year's hiatus from football.

The Vandals posted a 4-8 record, 3-5 in the Western Athletic Conference.

Idaho athletic director Rob Spear said Tuesday he hasn't been contacted by ASU officials. Schools generally ask permission from athletic directors before contacting coaches.

Meyer outplays Carr in the biggest game of the season

Give Urban Meyer some credit. At least he didn't beg, whined a bit, yes. Got everyone's attention, sure.

Did everything, in fact, that Lloyd Carr had a chance to do to impress both his coaching brethren and whoever the voters are in that other poll the BCS uses to determine who plays for its mythical national championship.

The difference there was that Meyer got it, and Carr didn't. The difference now is that Michigan is going to the Rose Bowl and Florida is playing for the national championship.

The BCS system may be flawed, but there was no great outcry outside of Ann Arbor, Mich., when the genie popped out of the bottle Sunday night and decreed that Florida would play for the national college crown.

Michigan really had little to complain about anyway. The school, after all, is part of the cabal put together to ensure that big school will long rule college football and not have to split the millions of dollars they pocket annually with their poorer cousins.

That didn't stop Carr from pouting before Florida was selected about how Meyer had the audacity to campaign for his team's right to be in the game. What wasn't mentioned, of course, was that by doing so Carr was indirectly making a case for his own team to be in the title tilt.

Carr thought it was beneath his dignity to have to campaign for his team. Results

on the field were supposed to be the only thing that counted.

Must have slipped his mind that there's no playoff in college football. Without one, the job of any good coach expands to not only winning games but to manipulating the system.

Think figure skating. If you will. Get judges to believe you deserve to be No. 2 before you get on the ice, and there's a good chance you'll end up at No. 2 when you get off the ice.

That's why you've got to admire how Meyer, proving to be every bit as much a politician as a football coach, gradually built his case for another team to play Ohio State in the days after the Buckeyes beat Michigan in the final regular-season game of the year for both teams.

The system was flawed, Meyer said. There should be a playoff in college football.

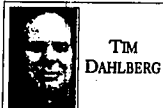
Besides, who wants to see two teams that just played each other play each other again?

"It was a discussion about the system and how they select who plays for the national championship," Meyer said. "That's all it was. You can spin that all you like. The answer is it was directed at the system."

It wasn't, of course. It was directed at his fellow coaches and the people at something called the Harris Interactive poll who decided this thing. They decided because the computer was fed so much information it regurgitated it all and incredibly decided the two teams were dead even.

Did Meyer's words matter? Hard to say, because Florida built a pretty good case of its own on the field. It was arguably the toughest conference in the country.

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Market Watch

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Dow Jones Industrial	+47.78	12,331.60
Nasdaq composite	+3.90	2,452.38
Standard & Poor's 500	+0.28	1,414.76
Russell 2000	+6.87	787.42

Stocks of local interest

Good	26.90	▲ 06
Home	39.70	▲ 04
Lithia Mo.	26.42	▲ 37
North	14.90	▲ 07
Supervalu	34.80	▲ 40

Commodities

Crude Oil	62.43	▼ .01
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
Dec. gold	842.3	▼ 2.9

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Heyburn man gets 5 years probation for benefits fraud

Times-News

HEYBURN — A 37-year-old Heyburn man was placed on five years probation on Monday and ordered to repay over \$15,000 in illegally claimed unemployment insurance benefits and penalties, according to a news release from Idaho Commerce and Labor.

Loren Poppell pleaded guilty to grand theft in late August. Under the sentence imposed by 5th District Judge Barry Wood, he will serve four to 14 years in prison if he fails successfully complete probation and repay the benefits and penalties.

Between November 2002 and March 2003, Poppell claimed unemployment benefits even though he was working as a truck driver and was paid nearly \$27,000.

The benefits are paid from a trust fund financed with taxes paid by Idaho's nearly 50,000 employers. In 2005 Idaho Commerce & Labor's unemployment insurance division recovered nearly \$2.5 million in unemployment insurance fraud and during the year recovered more than \$3.9 million from fraud and overpayments. In addition to prosecution, stricter financial penalties for fraud were approved by the Idaho Legislature and went into effect July 1.

To track down potential fraud, the division has beefed up its team of investigators and installed a new automated computer system that quickly cross-references and checks the information it receives from claimants, such as verifying earnings, the news release said.

Under state law, it is a felony for a person to obtain unemployment insurance benefits based upon a knowing misrepresentation or omission, such as misreporting earnings while claiming unemployment insurance benefits.

To report suspected unemployment fraud call (800) 672-5627. Fraud can also be reported on the Commerce and Labor Web site at cl.idaho.gov by clicking on the unemployment insurance link.

Persons reporting suspected fraud will remain anonymous if they request it.

"At the time it was put together there were reasons my predecessor put them together. If it were up to me, I would split them."

— Gov. Jim Risch on the possibility of Gov.-elect Butch Otter splitting the Dept. of Commerce and Labor

Commerce and Labor changes

Otter eyes splitting Dept. of Commerce and Labor

The Associated Press

BOISE — Three years after former Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne combined the state's Department of Commerce and Labor to reduce overlap, Gov.-elect Butch Otter's transition team is considering splitting the two agencies.

The labor department is responsible for work force development and unemployment, while the commerce department works to sell Idaho as a good location for companies and to enhance business possibilities.



Otter

"I'm sure (Otter's) decision will be in the best interest of the people of Idaho," said Idaho Commerce and Labor Director Roger Madsen, who ran the labor department before the two were combined. He said he would support whatever decision Otter makes.

Gov. Jim Risch, who becomes Lt. Gov. in January, told a City Club forum on Monday that he favors splitting the agency.

At a time it was put together there were reasons my predecessor put them together, Risch said. "If it were up to me, I would split them."

Jon Hanian, Otter's spokesman, confirmed that splitting the agency is being considered but declined to reveal details.

Brad Hoaglund, Risch's spokesman, said combining the agencies has not resulted in much improvement.

"It wasn't as efficient as they thought," Hoaglund told the Idaho Statesman.

The Legislature would have to approve splitting the agency.

"I haven't noticed there being any great problems," said Bob Schaefer, R-Nampa. "If the governor perceives some difficulty, it would be nice if he would at least share that information."

The two agencies have remained in separate buildings. The federal government supplies labor's money while federal development grants and state tax revenues are used to run the commerce department.



Idaho Commerce and Labor consultant Oscar Escobedo, right, helps a customer Tuesday at the new office on Falls Avenue in Twin Falls.

Agency celebrates opening in smaller office

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In the midst of a celebration Tuesday, Bernie Jenks concentrated on the computer screen in front of him.

"They have a looking for work and he said Idaho Commerce and Labor makes the job search much easier.

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They have a listing of jobs that come to them," Jenks said. Though the local Commerce and Labor office actually moved into its new digs at 420 Falls Ave. Veterans Day week-end, it held its official ribbon cutting and tour on Tuesday. Idaho Commerce and Labor Director Roger B. Madsen traveled in for the celebration.

It may be based in Twin Falls, but we want it to serve all the people in the Magic Valley," Madsen said.

He said the office's best asset is its employees.

"Our employees are passionate about helping people," he said.

The 11,000-square-foot new facility is smaller than the old 12,325-square-foot facility on College Road, but it is much more efficient, said Katie Lamm, facilities manager for Idaho Commerce and Labor.

"We needed less space than we had at the other facility," Lamm said. "We can keep all our customers in one area which makes it more conducive for staff. There's no brick wall separating them."

Chris Orders, manager of the local office, said she really likes the new facility.

"It has a warm, inviting environment for our customers

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— Katie Lamm, facilities manager for Idaho Commerce and Labor

What's new?

The public is invited to visit the new Idaho Commerce and Labor office at 420 Falls Ave. The office has a number of services to help job seekers and employers alike. Here are just a few of them.

- JOB SEEKERS CAN:**
 - Research work opportunities
 - Look for employment
 - Prepare resumes (paper and envelopes provided)
 - Learn job interview techniques
- BUSINESSES CAN:**
 - Post job vacancies
 - Recruit new employees
 - Learn about programs to support company expansion and exports

For more information on Idaho Commerce and Labor services, call the office at 735-2500 or visit the Web site at <http://cl.idaho.gov/magicvalley>.

and staff." Orders said. Those who took the tour Tuesday liked what they saw. "It's a great location to have one-stop services," said Jerry Beck, president of the College of Southern Idaho.

Orders said there are 27 full- and part-time staff who assist job seekers and employers alike. For job seekers, the office provides the resources to research and apply for jobs, apply for unemployment benefits, write resumes and learn interviewing skills. There are Spanish-speaking staff as well as staff who specialize in work-

ing with migrant farmworkers and veterans. The office provides a place where employers can post job vacancies, recruit new employees and learn about programs to help their business grow and expand.

Jobs are plentiful

The challenges of the office have changed over the years. Madsen said 10 years ago, the challenge was to find enough jobs for the workers who needed them. He said today, the challenge is to find enough workers to fill jobs.

According to Idaho Commerce and Labor, the state's economy is projected to generate jobs at an annual 2 percent growth rate through 2014, about twice as fast as jobs will grow nationally. Nationally, jobs are projected to grow at only about 1 percent a year through 2014.

Between retiring baby boomers and Idaho's growing population and expanding economy, there will be on average 31,000 job openings every year across the state, according to a Commerce and Labor news release. In general, employers will be about evenly split between hiring new people to meet growing demand and finding qualified people to replace workers who have retired or quit.

Much of the employment growth will be driven by the continued heavy immigration to Idaho from other states and nations.

The projections underscore the value of education. About 20 percent of the jobs in Idaho pay a median wage of \$20 an hour or more today, and six of every seven require some kind of academic degree. The others are in the skilled trades — electricity, plumbing and various kinds of machinery repair — and supervisory positions that require significant prior work experience in the field. The hottest jobs into the next decade — jobs that pay better because a larger number of employers rely on them — will be nursing, teaching, engineering, skilled trades and management positions, according to Idaho Commerce and Labor.

Federal agency sets the maximum annual benefit for pension plans taken in next year

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The federal agency that insures private pension plans for millions of Americans announced Tuesday that the maximum annual benefit for plans taken over next year will be \$49,500 for workers who wait until 65 to retire.

The figure represents a 3.9 percent increase from \$47,659, which is this year's maximum annual benefit for those who wait until 65 to retire. Workers who retire before 65 get smaller benefits, while those who work longer get larger benefits, said the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. The benefit figure is arrived

at each year based on a formula set in law that takes into account such factors as growth in the benefit base.

The maximum annual pension of \$49,500 next year for someone retiring at 65 translates into a maximum monthly payment of \$4,125, the agency said.

The PBGC insures pensions for 44 million workers and retirees. It was created in 1974 as a government insurance program for traditional, defined benefit pension plans. Those plans give retirees a fixed monthly amount based on salary and years of employment. Companies that sponsor these traditional pension plans pay insurance premiums to the

agency. If a company cannot support its pension obligations, the agency takes over the plan and pays promised benefits up to certain limits.

More than 90 percent of the participants in pension plans taken over by the PBGC face no reduction in benefits due to the legal limits set on coverage, according to analysis done by the agency.

The PBGC logged a deficit of \$18.1 billion this year, an improvement from last year, thanks to a new pension law designed to help shore up the nation's troubled pension system. Supporters hope the changes will help prevent a multibillion-dollar taxpayer bailout of the agency.

KROGER'S PROFITS UP



A customer shops at a Salt Lake City Smith's Marketplace supermarket Dec. 5, 2005. Kroger Inc., the nation's largest traditional grocery chain which owns the local Smith's and Fred Meyer stores, on Tuesday said its third-quarter profit rose 16 percent as established stores turned in a solid performance.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

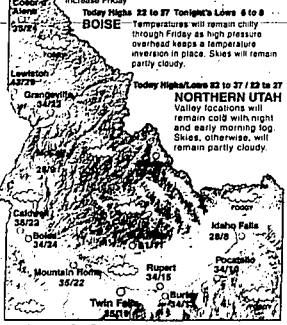
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SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Skies will remain partly cloudy through tomorrow. Valley locations will remain chilly with temperature inversions. Night and morning fog likely in areas. Clouds will increase Friday.



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Nowitzki, Howard lead Mavericks in blowout of Nets

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Dirk Nowitzki scored 26 points and Josh Howard added 23 to lead the Dallas Mavericks to a 92-75 victory over the New Jersey Nets Tuesday night. A night after their 12-game winning streak was snapped at Washington, the Mavericks were in front from the start and pulled away in the fourth quarter. Howard and Nowitzki led the scoring, scoring all of Dallas' points in a 13-4 run that gave the Mavericks an 88-71 lead with 3:10 left. Vince Carter scored 20 points for New Jersey, which lost for the seventh time in nine games. The win pulled Dallas into a tie with San Antonio at the Southwest Division and New Jersey fell into a first-place tie with Toronto in the Atlantic. Nowitzki had a quiet first half with

just four points until the final 4 minutes of the second quarter, and finished the half with 10. Howard picked up the slack with 15 points on 7-for-10 shooting. Trail Blazers 88, Pistons 85. AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Zach Randolph's short jumper put Portland ahead with 21.6 seconds to go, and the Trail Blazers stopped a five-game losing streak. Randolph finished with 31 points and 13 rebounds, less than a year after scoring a career-best 37 in the same building. Richard Hamilton had 25 for Detroit, which lost its second straight after an eight-game winning streak. Jarrett Jack scored 18 points and

rookie LaMarcus Aldridge had 11 points and 11 rebounds for Portland. Chauncey Billups finished with 17 points for Detroit. Suns 127, Kings 102. PHOENIX — Steve Nash had an NBA season-high 20 assists and the Suns won their seventh straight game. Leandro Barbosa scored 26 points and Nash came within two assists of a career high, set in the Suns' 140-133 loss to the New York Knicks on Jan. 2. That also was the last time an NBA player had 20-plus assists in a game, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Phoenix product Mike Bibby scored 21 for the Kings, who have lost four straight games. Their longest skid since they acquired Ron Artest from Indiana

on Jan. 26, 2006. Artest was inactive with a sore lower back. After opening the season 1-5, the Suns have won nine of 10 games and pulled within 1 1/2 games of the Los Angeles Lakers in the Pacific Division. Rockets 118, Warriors 90. HOUSTON — Tracy McGrady scored 31 points and dished out seven assists and Yao Ming added 27 points to help the Rockets get the win. Chuck Hayes grabbed a career-high 15 rebounds and Juwan Howard added 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Rockets, who shot 54 percent (45-of-84) against the NBA's worst defense. Houston won for the sixth time in seven games. — The Associated Press



Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki drives to the basket as he is guarded by New Jersey Nets forward Mikal Moore, left, Tuesday, in East Rutherford, N.J.

Oklahoma State stays perfect

NEW YORK — Mario Boggan had 21 points and eight rebounds and No. 22 Oklahoma State remained unbeaten by holding off a furious rally by No. 21 Syracuse for a 72-68 victory Tuesday night in the Jimmy V Classic. The Cowboys (10-0) kept Sean Sutton's record as a head coach perfect despite blowing almost all of a 13-point lead over the final 3:45. Syracuse freshman Paul Harris almost made his Madison Square Garden debut a memorable one as he led the comeback by the Orange (7-2), scoring nine of his 11 points over the final 3:45. James On Curry of Oklahoma State had 20 points, including the 3-pointer from the top of the key with 22 seconds left that ended Syracuse's 12-0 run that had wiped out all but one point of a 67-54 lead. Demetrius Nichols had 26 points for the Orange, who lost their second straight game.



Oklahoma State's Ori Manolelo (2) and Mario Boggan (4) block Syracuse's Paul Harris (11) during the second half of Jimmy V Basketball Classic tournament Tuesday at Madison Square Garden in New York.

No. 9 LSU 64, No. 6 Texas A&M 52. —BATON ROUGE, La. — Glen Davis scored 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to help No. 9 LSU beat sixth-ranked Texas A&M 64-52 on Tuesday night. The first loss of the season for the Aggies (7-1) also came against their first ranked opponent. Texas A&M had won 14 regular season games, including the 3-pointer from the top of the key and had not lost since being eliminated by LSU in the second round of last season's NCAA tournament. Tasmin Mitchell added 15 points in nine minutes for LSU (5-1), which led throughout the second half. Antanas Kavallauskas led the Aggies with 18 points, while Joseph Jones added 12 before fouling out late in the game.

No. 17 Marquette 65, Delaware State 48. MILWAUKEE — Jerel McNeal scored 16 points to help Marquette beat Delaware State. Four Marquette starters scored in double digits as the Golden Eagles bounced back from their loss to unranked North Dakota State at home on Saturday, but it wasn't easy. Delaware State hung close until the second half as Marquette struggled to score. The Hornets trailed 49-37 when Marquette's Dominic James and Jamil Lott combined for a steal, and James finished with a breakaway layup. No. 24 Xavier 88, Detroit 55. CINCINNATI — Josh Davidson scored 25 points and led a 3-point flurry that swept Xavier to an 88-over Detroit, giving the Musketeers an emphatic return to the Top 25. At 7-1, Xavier is off to its best start in 10 years and back in the Top 25 for the first time in more than three years. Detroit (2-5) was helpless as Xavier powered through the Titans' man-to-man coverage. — The Associated Press

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Fine furniture



College of Southern Idaho student Justin Bright works on his cherry wood computer desk last week in Twin Falls. Bright has spent more than 200 hours on his desk in preparation to auction the piece Saturday. Photos by MILEY PHOTOGRAPHY

Woodworking students offer handcrafted pieces at auction

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho freshman Charles Null buffed lacquer overspray from the smooth-as-glass surface of a gorgeous little coffee table.

At least 40 hours in the making, the table was designed to show off the wood's grain and accented with Null's last-minute addition of inlays, small circles of purple heart wood. A magazine picture inspired his white-oak and mahogany creation, but this is no copy. "Took some stuff off, added some stuff in," Null said between buffing strokes. "Sort of made it my own."

That's precisely the point. Null's coffee table and the other furniture up for auction Saturday at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science were crafted by CSI woodworking students, employing what they've learned about woods, design, drafting, cabinetmaking, finish work. Each chair or chest or cherry hall tree is one woodworker's thing of beauty.

And it might be just the thing for your home.

You can look over the furniture on Friday evening at the Herrett Center, before Saturday's afternoon auction.

See something you love? Buy it now or say goodbye... You'll never see other pieces quite like these.

Take freshman Charlie Wrigley's mahogany coffee

On the auction block

The College of Southern Idaho's cabinetmaking students crafted furniture for sale at the program's 25th annual Christmas Auction. The event helps fund the CSI woodworking club's educational expenses. The merchandise will be displayed from 8 to 2 p.m. Friday in the Rick Allen conference room at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the CSI campus.

This year's date: The Rick Allen room's doors will open at 1 p.m. Saturday, and auction action begins at 1:30 that afternoon.

Items for sale:

- White-oak banquet table with bench and five stools.
- White-oak, Spanish-cedar and American-walnut fireplace mantel.
- Cherry and white-oak Bombay computer desk and chair.
- Alder and walnut three-piece entertainment center.
- Cherry and white-oak bookcase.
- Mahogany and white-oak Nantucket bench.
- Mahogany and white-oak coffee table.
- Cherry hall tree.
- Mahogany coffee table inlaid with American walnut.
- Alder quilt rack.
- Alder and aromatic-cedar hope chest.
- Mahogany and walnut dresser with birch interior.
- Two Western-red-cedar trillises.
- Pair of maple, mahogany and walnut nightstands.
- Dinning boards, rolling pins and more.

For information, call CSI cabinetmaking professor Kenneth Triplet at 735-6335.

table, for example. Wrigley gave the tabletop a fantastic shape, reminiscent of the curves on a guitar he made in high school ("square or oval soured boring").

Routed a bold "Metallic" onto the top, inlaid tiny walnut guitars. Carved claws on the feet and emphasized them with dark glaze.

Now that's a piece that needs the right buyer.

Even if too few competing bidders show up for Saturday's auction, the furniture won't be sold for a song.

CSI cabinetmaking professor

See it online

See the woodworkers in action inside CSI's shop, at www.majvalley.com.

Kenneth Triplet will set a minimum bid for each piece.

"They're good deals, believe me," Triplet said.

Auction proceeds fund the CSI woodworking club's educational trips.

Retiree Oliver Lowman — whose friend talked him into taking his first CSI woodworking class — said the rocking chair he made last year

brought \$400 at the club's annual auction. Likewise his library table from the year before. This time around, Lowman hopes his Bombay chair will bring \$300 to \$400.

For interest, Lowman crafted the chair of both cherry and white oak.

"Once you get a finish on it, it'll stand out," he said in the college's wood shop last week, while the wood was still bare.

"It's going to be beautiful," inserted Gary Major, the retired counselor at the next workbench.

The Bombay's shaped seat is wonderfully smooth, and the cabriole legs Lowman crafted are balanced in shape and grain.

"These are my first ones, so they took a little longer," he said of the latter, Triplet, he added, "can guide you through stuff you thought you'd never be able to build."

Fellow student Justin Bright, a sophomore, drew Lowman's chair design to coordinate with his own cherry and white-oak computer desk.

Bright's desk is lovely, indeed, with the Bombay style's graceful curves. But extremely functional, too, with a compartment to hide cables and drawers designed for discs, a printer and the central processing unit. And hidden braces to keep the two sides square when the desk is moved.

"Hard to think this all the way through," Bright said,



Charles Null puts the finishing touches on his mahogany and white oak coffee table. "I like the way the grain looks when I build stuff," he says, "so I try to bring it out as much as I can."



Oliver Lowman sands a slat to his Bombay chair.

while hand sanding to remove the imperfections left by machine sanding.

Ignore those flaws and they'd show up as soon as the wood is stained. Bright can't risk that — he's already put in so many hours on the desk.

That's typical at workbenches across the CSI wood shop. As Jeff Lohr puts it, this is furniture that won't give you splinters or fall apart.

"Everything is high quality," said Lohr, an advanced student and part of the three-person team who crafted an intricate, highly decorated

Probably most valuable in Saturday's lineup, Triplet

said, are Bright's desk and German exchange student Matthias Schwanz's white-oak banquet table with a backless bench and five stools.

Schwanz used mortise and tenon construction and the modern, straight lines he said are popular in Germany. All straight, all square, all solid wood. The ornamentation: simple square inlays, remarkably restrained. The tabletop: 90 inches long, 40 inches wide and a hefty 1 3/4 inches thick. He'll finish the set with a hard wax oil for water resistance and natural color.

You'll never see another quite like it.

Times-News Features Editor Virginia S. Hutchins can be reached at 735-3242 or virginia.hutchins@tnc.net.



CSI students prepare their furniture projects in a shop at the college last week.

FOOD & HOME

Air cleaner's price doesn't indicate effectiveness

DEAR JIM: I need to get a room air cleaner for my sons' allergies. I see advertisements on television for expensive ones with no fans and others called "HEPA." How can I tell what air cleaner is the best? — Jane E.



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

DEAR JANICE: There is a huge array of various room air cleaner designs and styles available. Unlike most home products, you cannot use the price of a room air cleaner as an indication of its effectiveness. Also, some of the flashy television advertisements for air cleaners are long on claims, but the products are short on actual performance and specifications.

One of the best methods to compare air cleaners is by their CADR (clean air delivery rate). This rating indicates the effectiveness of a room air cleaner as determined by testing per the AHAM (Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers). The CADR is recognized the standard by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the American Lung Association.

The CADR rating, if the room air cleaner manufacturer had its products tested, should be listed on the packaging. You will see three numbers referring to household dust, tobacco smoke and pollen pollutants. Even though there are other pollutants in a home, such as mold, pet dander, etc., the range of

sizes of the former three pretty well cover the gamut.

The CADR numbers can range from less than 50 for small air cleaners to more than 300 for large, effective ones. Also some air cleaners are better at removing smoke, whereas others are better at pollen. For this reason, first talk with your allergist to determine to which allergens your son is allergic.

For effective air cleaning, AHAM recommends the CADR of a room air cleaner should be 2/3 of the square footage of the room. For example, if your son's bedroom is 10 by 12 feet and he is allergic to pollen, select an air cleaner with a pollen CADR of 80 as a minimum. You can also select one with a higher CADR to clean the air faster, but it will likely cost more and use more electricity.

In my own home, I use HEPA room air cleaners in my bedroom. You have to change the HEPA and carbon (reduces odors) filters periodically, but they are effective and reasonably quiet. Be sure to get a true HEPA model. To be a true HEPA, it must state it removes

99.97 percent of all particles 0.3 microns or larger.

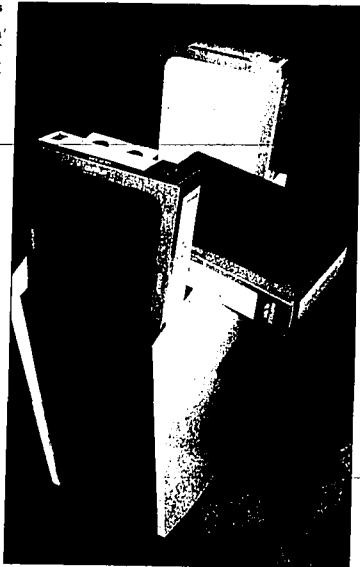
Another effective design uses electrostatic precipitator technology with a circulation fan. This gives the air one charge and a collection plate the opposite charge so particles stick to it. These often include a wire mesh prefilter to capture large particles. Both the prefilter and the collection plates are periodically removed and washed. I use one near my corn stove during winter.

DEAR JIM: I have many cordless tools, but I don't do many projects at home. Each time I get one out to use, the batteries are almost dead even though I charged them months before. What is wrong with them? — Pat H.

DEAR PAT: There is nothing wrong with the batteries. Ni-cad (nickel-cadmium) batteries will lose their charge over time when not in use. Some of them also have a memory, so fully discharge them before recharging them.

Since you don't use the cordless tools often, consider using corded tools. This will save time and energy. If you charge the batteries and then let them discharge from little use, you are just wasting electricity.

Send inquiries to James Dulley, 6306 Royallgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dulley.com.



This shows the three filter elements inside the air cleaner for greater air flow capacity. Notice the black carbon filter lining to remove odors.

Share your do-ahead Christmas breakfast

Who wants to spend all of Christmas morning in the kitchen? Not us.

The Times-News is preparing a story about Christmas breakfasts that can be (mostly) prepared the day before. We'd like to hear from local chefs and home cooks willing to share their recipes for holiday-worthy breakfast fare that doesn't require much kitchen time on the big day.

Send an e-mail to Features Editor Virginia Hutchins at virginia.hutchins@ec.net, or call her at 735-3242.

Compound makes fixing drywall easier

Newsday

DAP's Premium Lightweight Joint Compound with DryDex eliminates the guesswork in taping and repairing drywall.

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Spend an evening at 'The Spanish Table' cooking class



Bill Pollock is sous chef at Felix's Restaurant in Ketchum.

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Sous chef Bill Pollock of Felix's Restaurant in Ketchum will teach a cooking class titled "The Spanish Table" from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$35.

Spanish cuisine is diverse, Rudy's class announcement said, but this food has a common thread: "Tables are filled with fresh ingredients like olive oil, garlic, chilies, vegetables, fish and meat. Dishes are straightforward, simple and unpretentious, without over-reliance on sauces."

The class menu: Mediterranean flatbread with

olives, roasted peppers and Manchego cheese; Warm Chanterelle Salad with Arugula, Serrano Ham, Spanish Sherry Vinaigrette and Maldon Salt; Roasted Swordfish with a Catalan Romanesco Sauce, a classic Spanish sauce based on roasted tomatoes, garlic and almonds; and Grilled Lamb Chops — Salmoriglio, a dried oregano sauce from Sicily.

Pollock has been in the kitchen since 1983. He was first hired by Sun Valley Co. as a breakfast line cook when the regular Christmas staff failed to show up. He then moved to Evergreen Bistro for several years, then to the chef position at Piccolo Restaurant, a now-closed Sun Valley favorite. In

2005, after a short sabbatical from the kitchen, Pollock returned as chef at Ciro in Ketchum. Pollock joined Felix's in May.

To sign up, call Rudy's at 733-5477.

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Few ingredients needed for tasty rack of lamb

By Stephanie Witt Sedgwick
Special to The Washington Post

Because there are so few ingredients in this simple dish, use the best you can find.

You'll want a good-quality Dijon-style mustard and an even better maple syrup, preferably Grade B, which is darker and richer in flavor than the more common Grade A. The lamb racks you choose should be trimmed of most of the fat and can even be frenched, a process that involves trimming off some meat to expose the ends of the rib bones. Leftover glaze is wonderful brushed on pork chops or a pork roast.

From start to finish, this dish is ready in about 40 minutes.

MAPLE-MUSTARD-GLAZED RACK OF LAMB

4 servings
About 1 tablespoon mild olive or vegetable oil
2 racks of lamb (3/4 to 1 pound each)
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1/2 cup Dijon-style mustard
1/2 cup maple syrup, preferably Grade B

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Line a roasting pan (large enough to hold both racks of lamb) with heavy-duty aluminum foil. Lightly grease the foil.

Add just enough oil to coat the bottom of a large frying pan, and place the pan in heating. While the pan is hot, brush the racks of lamb with salt and pepper to taste. Place a seasoned rack in the pan, fat side down. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes, just until it has browned, then use tongs to carefully turn and cook the other side, 2 to 3 minutes, until it has browned. Transfer to the roasting pan and repeat the process with the remaining rack. The meat will not be cooked through.) Set aside.

In a small bowl, combine the mustard and maple syrup. Generously brush the lamb with the mixture; you will need about 2 tablespoons for each rack, coating all sides of the meat and fat layer. Set aside the remaining glaze.

Roast the racks of lamb, fat side up, for 15 minutes, then reduce the heat to 350 degrees and roast for 5 to 10 minutes, depending on the size of the rack. The racks are done when they reach an internal temperature of about 145 degrees (medium-rare) to medium on

a meat thermometer. Remove from the oven and let the lamb rest for 5 minutes. Cut into chops by slicing between the ribs. Place 3 or 4 chops on

individual plates and spoon some of the remaining maple-mustard glaze, as a sauce, over the chops. Serve immediately.

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	Mahogany and walnut dresser	And more!
	Cedar trellises	

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Designer Sheila Bridges, changing the face of toile

By Liz Seymour
The Washington Post

It doesn't get any more traditional than toile. First lavished on bedding and draperies in 18th-century France on the brink of revolution, the printed fabric is known for pastoral scenes of shepherds and sheepherdesses on swings, with milk pails and courting on a garden bench. Always and invariably, they are white.

Flash forward to a 21st-century update: couples dancing with a boom box nearby, girls doing double Dutch jump-rope and a trio playing basketball. And, for once, they are black.

The fresh take comes from Harlem designer Sheila Bridges, who is possibly best known for designing the New York offices of Bill Clinton. She also has been voted America's best designer in 2001 by Time magazine, written a book ("Furnishing Forward: A Practical Guide to Furnishing for a Lifetime," Bullfinch Press, \$24.95) hosted a show on the Fine Living cable channel and is starting a new Internet venture.

The designer, 42, grew up in Philadelphia, graduated from Brown University and the Parsons School of Design and opened her own firm, Sheila Bridges Design, in 1994. Her toile-patterned bed linens are available at www.groovy.com and wallpaper at www.studioprint-works.com.

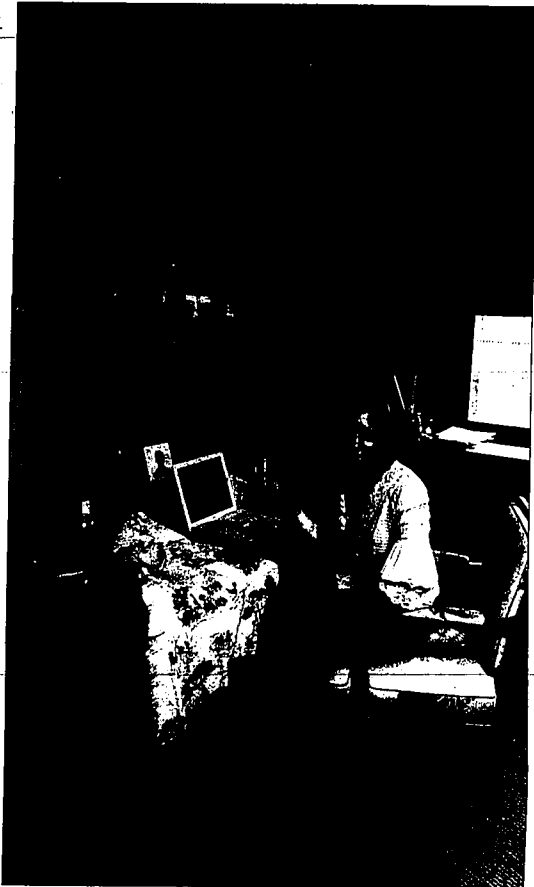
We e-mailed her with questions about her new line and what she sees ahead. Here are some excerpts:

Q. Why did you design your own toile? Do you see this as a tongue-in-cheek comment on design currents in this country — about ethnic traditions influencing the mainstream?

A. I've always loved toile wallpaper and fabrics but could never find a toile that I wanted to use in my own home, so I decided that it was time to design my own. Harlem Toile de Jouy (my toile) was designed to tell a somewhat satirical story about African American life as seen through the sometimes distorted lens of the media.

I have the wallpaper in the yellow color on the walls of my work studio in upstate New York (the unrepentant pastoral setting for toile, of course), where it makes a huge impact above black paneling.

Q. What do you think about the state of decorating/design these days? What do you think is fresh and vibrant, and what have you



Designer Sheila Bridges in her Harlem home. She's known for designing former President Clinton's Harlem office; now she has designed an African American version of traditional toile. Photo by The Washington Post by Robert Schuman

seen too much of?

A. I've seen way too many all-white kitchens, with white cabinets, white counters and white tiles. Clean, yes, but also a bit uninspired. I would really love to see people take more risks with color in their homes in general, but more specifically in their kitchens.

Q. Could you describe elements of your own style? A. I would say that it is pretty classically driven but

with many twists and turns that are a lot more modern. I'm a bit all over the map when it comes to my love of furniture — I am equally attracted to that cowhide Eames chair as I am to that neoclassical English sideboard. I enjoy mixing different styles and periods of furniture as well as combining different fabric textures and patterns.

Q. When I think of your style, I always think of

Roman shades, usually in a stripe.

A. I have never been a big fan of overly elaborate window treatments. I prefer window treatments that are straightforward and simple, which is why I often use Roman shades or draperies. I love using stripes in my window treatments because they make windows look bigger. Stripes often create opportunities to tie the colors of the room together more cohesively.

Nothing fishy about this gratin recipe

By Julie Rubman
Special to Baltimore Sun

Jarene Barkdoll of Baltimore wrote looking for some "truly tasty" recipes that used canned salmon as an ingredient. She said that she usually makes salmon patties or salmon loaf but finds that they both can be dry and sometimes have a strong fish taste.

Susan Petrie of Owings Mills, Md., sent in some recipes that she has enjoyed over the years that use canned salmon in different ways. Her recipe for Salmon Tortellini Gratin, an easy one-dish meal, seemed interesting and worth a try. Thanks to the use of store-bought tortellini and Alfredo sauce* this dish can be whipped up in no time. I recommend making it with red canned salmon, which I find in general has a milder flavor than the pink. This creamy dish reminded me of old-fashioned comfort food like tuna noodle casserole.

SALMON TORTELLINI GRATIN

One 9-ounce package refrigerated cheese-filled tortellini

1 1/2 cups frozen broccoli florets, large pieces cut up

One 10-ounce container refrigerated light Alfredo sauce

One 6-ounce can boneless, skinless pink or red salmon, drained and flaked

One tablespoon butter
1/4 cup Italian-style bread crumbs

Cook tortellini to desired doneness as directed on package, adding broccoli during the last 4 minutes of cooking time. Drain; return to saucepan.

Add Alfredo sauce and salmon; mix well. Cook and stir over medium heat until thoroughly heated. Spoon into ungreased shallow 1-quart casserole or gratin dish. In small bowl, combine butter and crumbs; mix well. Sprinkle over top. Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat for 1 to 2 minutes or until topping is golden brown.

Makes 3 (1 1/2 cup) servings.

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Office potluck: Good food, small packages

By Elizabeth Chang
Special to The Washington Post

Ah, the holiday office party. Perhaps you look forward to it as a chance to socialize with beloved co-workers. Or perhaps you dread it as a headache-inducing obligation. But there is one way to make office parties more amiable, if not downright enjoyable, for both the raring and the reluctant: good food.

Given that most holiday office gatherings are appetizer buffets, why are we asked several standard caterers: to share some of their most popular hors d'oeuvre recipes (and a few for dessert), which home cooks could duplicate and bring to holiday potlucks, in or out of the office.

So what do the experts recommend? Flavors that are intriguing, yet not too strong or too rich. A mix of bite-size and decadent, and the use of ingredients that celebrate the season. Oh, and don't forget, fun.

"I think what we look for first of all is that it's seasonal, and it's bright, so no foie gras or caviar, or truffle, or black truffle, and it shouldn't be too spicy, so it can appeal to most people," she says. Her company's most popular hors d'oeuvres are mini-burgers, "because they're kind of simple and recognizable as one-bite, and they taste really good." Bill Homan, co-owner of Design Cuisine in Arlington, Va., says the guests at office parties are hungry and they're always looking for something a little fun. "He likes to provide 'fast, easy, lipstick food' — dishes guests can enjoy without smudging their makeup."

Then, a psychology about not embarrassing yourself," he says.

TURKEY ROLLER WITH JARLSBERG, ARUGULA AND CRANBERRY MAYONNAISE

Makes 1 1/2-inch roller
From Ridgewells

4 ounces sliced turkey
1 1/2 ounces arugula
2 ounces Jarlsberg cheese
1/4 cup mayonnaise
2 ounces cranberry sauce

For the cranberry mayonnaise, mix together mayonnaise and cranberry sauce until incorporated.

Spread mayonnaise over the entire surface of the tortilla. Lay arugula leaves over the bottom third of the tortilla (the side of the tortilla closest to you on the work surface). Cover the arugula with the sliced turkey and the cheese. Roll the tortilla tightly to form a roulade. Slice into 6 to 8 pieces and serve.

To add more holiday color, consider using a red, sun-dried tomato tortilla.

MINI SIRLOIN BURGERS ON TOASTED BROCCHE

Makes 15
From Susan Gage Caterers

1 pound ground sirloin
1/4 cup peeled and grated red onion
1/2 cup whipping cream
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
Sliced cheddar cheese, cut into 15 thin 1 1/2-inch squares
Broche loaf, sliced 1 1/2-inch thick and then into 15 1 1/2-inch squares

4 tablespoons butter, melted
1 cup mayonnaise mixed with 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
1 tablespoon canola oil

In a mixing bowl, gently combine the ground sirloin, grated onion, whipping cream, salt and pepper. Do not overmix. Form 15 mini-burgers into 1 1/2-inch disks. Set aside in refrigerator.

Brush the broche squares

generously with the melted butter, and toast on a baking sheet in a preheated 350-degree oven for about 15 minutes, or until golden brown and crisp. Remove to a hot sheet of paper towel, and cool to room temperature. (To this point, you can prepare the mini-burgers a day in advance. Store the broche squares in an airtight container.)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a nonstick pan over medium heat, heat the oil and brown the mini-burgers well on both sides. Remove them from the pan, and place them on a baking sheet.

Place the mini-burgers in the oven, and cook to medium rare, about 10 minutes, and remove from the oven. Place a slice of the cheddar cheese on top of each mini-burger, and return to the oven to melt the cheese and cook to desired doneness. The caterer recommends medium-rare.

To serve, place a small dollop of the herb mayonnaise on the toasted broche, and top with the mini-burger.

CHICKEN, APPLE AND CHEDDAR EMPANADITAS WITH CHILI-SCENTED MEXICAN CREMA FRESCA

Makes approximately 48
From Occasions Caterers

2 small Granny Smith apples, cut into 1/4-inch pieces
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1/2 cup unsalted butter
1 small red onion, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 10-ounce boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut lengthwise into thin strips
2 teaspoons fresh rosemary, finely chopped
3 ounces white cheddar cheese, grated on large holes of box grater to yield about 2 1/2 cups
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 large egg
1 tablespoon milk
Empanadita dough (recipe follows)

Chili-scented Mexican crema fresca (recipe follows)

Toss apples with lemon juice in bowl. Set aside.

Heat butter in medium skillet over medium heat. Add onion and garlic, and cook until soft, about 3 minutes. Add apples and lemon juice, and cook, stirring, for about 2 minutes, until apples begin to soften. Increase heat to high, and add the chicken in the skillet. Cook, stirring frequently, until chicken is just cooked through, about 5 minutes. Transfer mixture to a bowl to cool. When chicken is cool enough to handle, shred it into small pieces. Stir in rosemary and cheese. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a small bowl, lightly beat together the egg and milk; set aside. Roll the empanadita dough out to a thickness that is between 1/16 inch and 1/8 inch. Using a 3 1/4-inch cookie cutter, cut out 48 rounds, re-rolling the dough one time. Place the rounds onto the baking sheet, cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate for 20 minutes.

Place a scant tablespoon of the filling in the center of 1 circle. Use your finger to brush a little of the egg wash onto the inside of the circle. Fold the circle in half, forming a half-moon. Pinch the edges together with your fingers, and use a fork to seal the empanadita. Using your fingertip, push the sealed edge of the dough toward the filling to form the fluted edge. Brush the top of the empanadita with the egg wash, and place on the parchment-lined baking sheet. Repeat with all the empanaditas, and bake until dough is golden, 15 to 20 minutes. Serve warm, with Mexican crema fresca on the side.

For the empanadita dough:
3 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1 tablespoon sugar
6 tablespoons vegetable shortening
12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, chilled, cut into small pieces
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons ice water

In a bowl of a food processor, combine the flour, salt and sugar. Add the vegetable short-

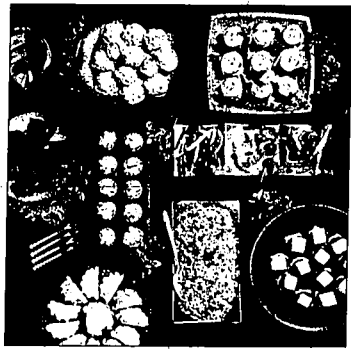


Photo by The Washington Post for Susan Gage
Holiday hors d'oeuvres suitable for an office party, clockwise from top right: turkey rollers, roasted red pepper dip, mini-burgers, quinoa salad with pomegranate seeds, chicken empanaditas, lobster-pear tartlets, and, for dessert, chocolate bread pudding and maple macaroons.

oning and butter, and pulse until mixture resembles coarse meal. With the machine running, slowly add the water through the feed tube, and pulse until a ball of dough is formed. Transfer dough to a piece of plastic wrap. Use your hands to pat the dough to a 4-inch disk. Wrap in plastic, and refrigerate for 1 hour, or overnight, until completely chilled.

For the chili-scented Mexican crema fresca:
1 cup cream fraiche
1/2 cup sour cream
6 tablespoons lime juice
1 1/2 teaspoon chipotle chili powder or paste
1 cup cilantro, chopped
1 tablespoon roasted garlic puree

Blend all ingredients. Roasted garlic puree can be found at some supermarkets and specialty stores. To make, rub one whole head of garlic with olive oil and place in a 275-degree oven for about 90 minutes, or until golden and squeezable. Allow to cool so the garlic can be handled. With a sharp knife, make a cut across the top of the garlic and squeeze out the roasted pulp.

TRUFFLED LOBSTER-PEAR TARTLETES

Makes 20 hors d'oeuvre-size tarts
From Design Cuisine Executive Chef Rolf Stroch

10 ounces steamed lobster meat, chilled and chopped
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon minced shallots
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh parsley
1 teaspoon fresh lime juice
1/2 ripe Bartlett pear, diced
1/2 ounce chopped black truffle, or 2 teaspoons white truffle oil
Salt and freshly ground pepper
1 ounce melted butter
1 cup shredded Gruyere cheese
20 miniature pastry tart shells

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Preheat broiler. Combine the mayonnaise, shallots, parsley, lime juice, pear, truffles (or truffle oil), and a pinch of salt and pepper. Fold in the lobster meat, and mix gently. Brush tart shells with melted butter, fill with the lobster mixture, place on a baking sheet, and sprinkle with cheese. Run under broiler for 5 to 8 minutes, watching carefully, until cheese has melted. Serve warm.

Miniature pastry tart shells can be bought at specialty stores.

ROASTED RED PEPPER, FETA AND MINT DIP

Makes 2 cups
From Occasions Caterers

3 red bell peppers
1 3/4 cups feta cheese
8 ounces cream cheese
1 clove garlic, chopped
3 tablespoons fresh mint, finely chopped
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Salt and black pepper to taste

Broil and peel peppers, slice into quarters and remove seeds. Place peeled pepper quarters, feta and cream cheese, garlic, mint, olive oil and lemon juice in a food processor with blade. Pulse until just blended; some texture should remain. If necessary, adjust the consistency by gradually adding water, 1 tablespoon at a time. Add salt and pepper to taste. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Serve with root vegetable chips, pita crisps or raw vegetables.

QUINOA AND POMEGRANATE SALAD WITH TOASTED ALMONDS

Makes 12 hors d'oeuvre portions

1 1/2 cups quinoa, rinsed in cold water 3 times
6 cups water
1 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 cup scallion greens, washed and sliced into thin rounds
1/2 bunch flat-leaf parsley, washed and roughly chopped
Seeds from 1 pomegranate (about 1 cup)
1/2 cup toasted sliced or slivered almonds
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon granulated sugar
Kosher salt and ground black pepper to taste

Pressing down with a rubber spatula or your hands to squeeze air out of the bread and to make sure it soaks up the chocolate custard mixture. Place the pudding dish into a larger baking pan. Place both pans in the oven, and then fill the larger pan with water to a depth of about 1 inch. Bake approximately 40 to 45 minutes, until the pudding is set in the center.

Serve warm or cold, dusted with powdered sugar.

MAPLE MACAROONS

Makes about 48 small or 24 large
From Design Cuisine Pastry Chef Patrick Carrau

3 cups finely shredded dried coconut
3 egg whites
2/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup pure Vermont maple syrup

Combine all ingredients in the top of a double boiler, and heat slowly, stirring frequently, until sugar is just dissolved. Remove from heat, and transfer to a sheet pan or shallow Pyrex dish, and let mixture rest at room temperature for 1 to 1 1/2 hours, until liquid is absorbed.

Preheat oven to 320 degrees, and, using a teaspoon (for small) or a tablespoon (for large), place scoops of batter onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake macaroons for 20 to 25 minutes (small) or 25 to 30 minutes (large), or until golden brown. Remove immediately from the baking sheet. Bake macaroons on wire racks, and serve, or store loosely covered at room temperature.

CHOCOLATE BREAD PUDDING WITH BRANDED CHERRIES

Serves 20-25
From Occasions Caterers

1 cup dried cherries
1/2 cup water
2 tablespoons brandy or rum
10 tablespoons butter (1 1/4 stick)
1 1/4 cups sugar
1 1/2 cups cream
1 1/2 cups milk
10 ounces semisweet chocolate chips (about 1 3/4 cups)
10 eggs

About 10 to 12 slices firm white sandwich bread, crusts removed

In a small saucepan, combine dried cherries and water over medium heat. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until most of the water has been absorbed. Remove from heat, and add brandy or rum.

Cut 5 or 6 pieces of bread into cubes. Scatter bread cubes and branded cherries into the bottom of a 7-cup ceramic baking or souffle dish. Cut remaining bread into triangles, and arrange on top.

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. In a medium saucepan, combine butter, sugar, milk and cream. Stir over medium heat until mixture begins to boil. Remove from heat, and whisk in chocolate chips, stirring until mixture is smooth.

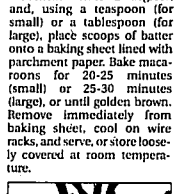
In a mixing bowl, lightly whisk eggs. Gradually whisk chocolate mixture into eggs. Pour mixture over bread.

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

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

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

By John Whitehead, Media Services

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

You have probably heard about the remarkable EdenPURE® as heard on Paul Harvey News and on television features across the nation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

After the fire went out in the coal furnace, Jones noticed that the sheet of copper was heating his entire basement evenly, even though the furnace was no longer putting out heat. He also was amazed as to how long the heat stayed in the copper and continued to warm the room. Jones was so taken back by this that he started to experi-

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



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

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

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

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

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

After a great deal of research and development, very efficient infrared heat chambers were developed that utilize three unique patented solid copper heat exchangers in one EdenPURE® heater. Over 5 years of research, development and real life field testing stand behind this heat source. It has now worked in residential and commercial applications worldwide for over 25 years.

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

A. Actually, there is more

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

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

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

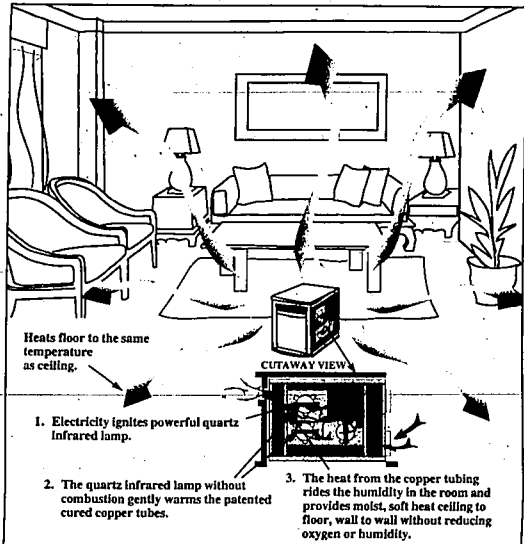
Q. What are the other disadvantages of combustion heat sources?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. A furnace generates a lot of dust due to the combustion. By lowering the furnace temperature, you are using your furnace less and therefore reducing the requirement for the furnace filters. Also, when there's no combustion, there are no harmful fumes.

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

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

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End of interview.

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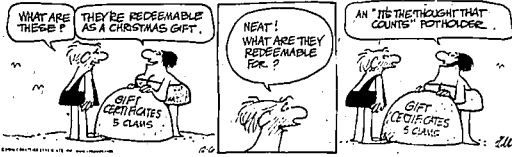
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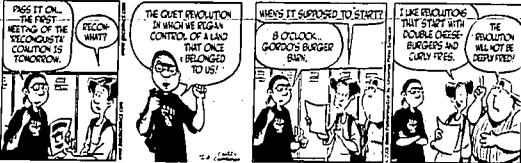
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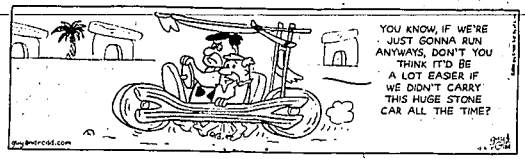
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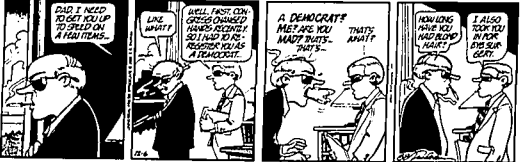
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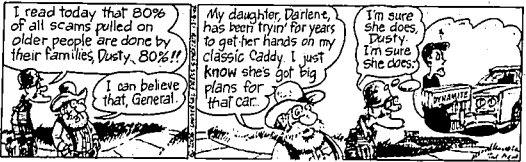
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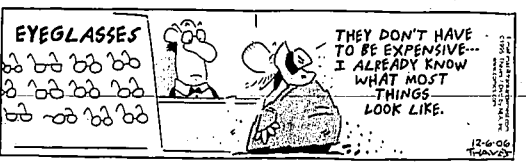
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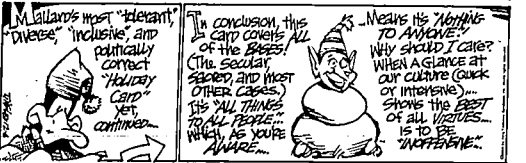
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Time for frank and open discussion, Sagittarius

IF DEC. 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Uranus is revving up to shake up your part of the zodiac in February. Lurking beneath the surface, between now and June, a vague knowledge exists that it is time to discard outdated mindsets and abandon objectives that have lost their importance. Embrace change, because it is futile to fight it and because it is time to move on. In addition, February and June offer you the subtle sound of opportunity knocking softly at your door. If you answer, and simply accept on faith that what comes to you is good for you, you will be steered in a beneficial direction by the celestial powers.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Pay attention to body language. You know you are on solid ground if the barking dog wags its tail. Take advantage of every indication of friendliness and open up the lines of communication.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look forward to recess. Perhaps most of your day is spent in uniform tedium, paying strict attention to business or routines. Once you are free to dictate the timetable try out something new.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Verbal volleyball puts the ball

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

back in your court. Since you are fast on your mental feet this is a good time to tackle studies, handle computer chores, or inhale technological ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Early birds get the juiciest and most succulent worms. The earlier you start today, the more likely you will make a good impression. Romantic partners expect you to act conventionally.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You are smart, but are you clever enough to know there are other people who are even smarter than you? You might be humbled or truly inspired by a great mind or piece of information.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Mental mastery makes you a magician. Now is a good time to decipher the user manual or study guide that seemed like hieroglyphics just last week. Your ability to grasp essential truths is highlighted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The sky is the limit. Talk things over with a significant other, a co-worker or a buddy. Bow to tradition on the surface, but don't be afraid to act like non-

conformist when discussing your ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't judge a book by its cover. Someone with a dull appearance or commonplace demeanor may impress you with the ability to produce common conversation. Pick some brains.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Talk turkey. New ideas might stimulate a deal, create common ground or change your outlook. An unexpected conversation or phone call could lead to a new friendship.

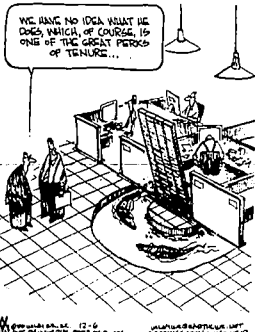
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can't go home again. While you may feel most comfortable with familiar patterns, social customs and well-worn procedures, it is good to entertain progressive ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Even though you may be planted firmly on the ground, you can still fly mentally. Take giant intellectual steps. Read a book, learn a new trick or listen to a knowledge-seeking friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Exchange ideas. Consider the principle of yin and yang. Are you on the outside, looking in — or on the inside, looking out? Perhaps your most-treasured concepts are actually mirrored by others.

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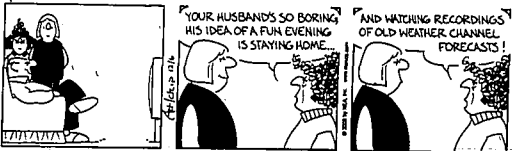
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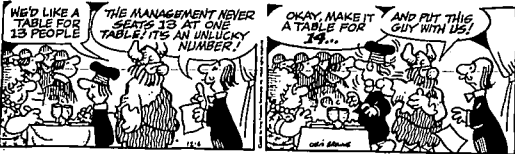
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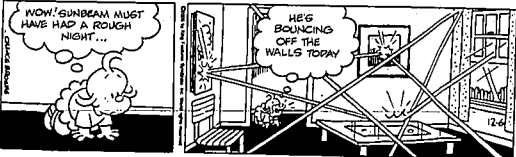
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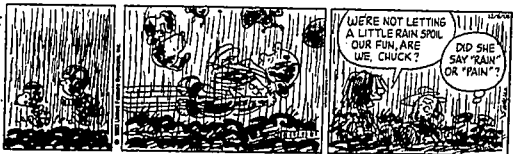
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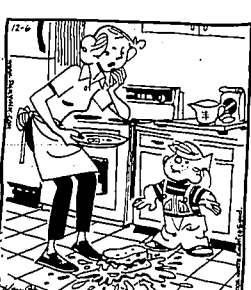
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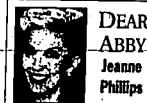


THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Wife objects to husband escorting another woman



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Steve," daughter by his first marriage has a mentor at work who keeps trying to "borrow" him as her escort to the company Christmas party. Steve and I have been married nine years, and this is the third time she has tried to pull this stunt.

I don't believe my husband is interested in her, but everyone at the company knows he is married, and for her to show up with him as her escort is highly insulting to me.

Steve agreed on the phone to go with her this afternoon and told me about it when I got home from work. I told him how I felt, and he immediately said he wouldn't do it, but he hadn't realized it would bother me. I told him he now "has to" go or she will think I am threatened by her.

My stepdaughter evidently doesn't see a problem with it, as she's the one who called to facilitate the woman asking my husband. (I wonder how she'd have felt if her mother were still married to her dad?)

Yes, my husband is a fun, entertaining person. As a partyhose in a knot over nothing—

—OFFENDED, NOT THREATENED

DEAR OFFENDED: Your husband may be "fun and entertaining," but he is also married—and that means he's out of the escort pool. He should not attend the function without you, and his daughter

and her "mentor" were out of line to ask.

DEAR ABBY: I have two children; 15 and 17. Many of their friends are becoming single parents. Not wanting that for my children, I talk to them and urge them not to have babies until they're ready to be good parents.

Are you so good at coming up with lists far things, Abby. Could you compile a list of criteria for what makes a really good parent? It would be nice to show them what it takes.

—NANCY IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ.
DEAR NANCY: I'm pleased to help. However, I'm sure my readers will want to add to the list, which is a short one:

Are you ready for parenthood?

1. Can you support the child financially? Children are expensive. I always urge people to complete their education and delay parenthood until they are self-supporting, in case they should find themselves in the role of sole provider.

2. Can you support the child emotionally? Babies are cute, but they are also completely helpless—and emotionally needy. While some young women say they want a baby so they'll have someone to love them, the reality is it's the parent's responsibility to love and sacrifice for the child. In plain English, this means the end of a normal teenage social life because babies are extremely time-consuming.

3. Are you prepared to be a consistent parent? Children learn by example—both good and bad. Are you prepared to be a role model for the behaviors you want your child to mimic? Because mimic they do. They learn more from what they're told, but they observe than what they're told.

4. Have you read up on child development? Are your expectations of what a child should be able to accomplish as he or she reaches various chronological milestones realistic? Will you for your partner, whether or not he or she is the child's biological parent.

5. Are you prepared to put someone else's needs before your own for the next 21 years? Remember, babies can't be returned to the manufacturer for a refund if you're not 100 percent satisfied. Sometimes they come with serious challenges. Can you cope with those realities? If the answer to any of these questions is no, I strongly advise postponing parenthood.

Encyclopædia Britannica is 238 today

This day in history: Scottish bookseller Colin Macfarquhar and engraver Andrew Bell decided that the English-speaking world needed an encyclopaedia. They hired a 28-year-old editor named William Smellie and put him to work. On Dec. 6, 1768, the first part of their "Encyclopædia Britannica" hit the bookshelves, priced at a mere six pence (about \$5 in today's money). The entire set—consisting of a hundred such parts published over three years in three volumes—would sell 3,000 copies, a huge success at the time.

Did you know that Fritos means "fried" in Spanish? Fritos were named by an ice cream salesman named Elmer Doolin. When he tasted tortilla chips for the first time in a Mexican restaurant, he loved them so much he bought a tortilla factory from the owner. The rest, as they say, is history.



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

Barbara word for hippopotamus, its capital is Bamako, which means "crocodile river" in the same language.

Something resembling the Golden Rule first came from Confucius (551-479 B.C.). He said "What you do not wish for yourself, do not do to others."

King George III's nickname for Benjamin Franklin was "The Evil Geni."

The large wig worn by men and women in 18th century Europe were called perukes. They and the elitist behavior of those who wore them inspired the term "bigwig."

American currency used to be bigger. In 1925, the government reduced the size 25%.

Nintendo goes back a long way—well over 100 years ago. At that point, though, the company wasn't making video games but playing cards.

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Milk's new bus shelter ads want to remind you of home-baked cookies

SAN FRANCISCO—Five-year-old Gabby Supapo stuck her nose up in the air and sniffed. "Oreos," she declared. Not exactly what the California Milk Processor Board had in mind when it outfitted five San Francisco bus shelters with ads embedded with the smell of just-out-of-the-oven chocolate chip cookies.

The scented bus shelter advertisements made their U.S. debut Monday, according to Louis Zafonte, spokesman for New York-based Arcade Marketing, which designed the ads to encourage milk drinking.

"Scent is a primary driver of memory," Zafonte said. "When you smell baby powder or chocolate chip cookies, everyone feels good."

To overcome the frequent blasts of exhaust and the funky smells that often permeate a big-city bus shelter, scented oils were sandwiched between cardboard cards emblazoned with "Got Milk?" and affixed to shelter walls.

It costs about \$30 per shelter, Zafonte said, and the smell should last one to two weeks depending on the location. The displays will last about a month.

Critics have complained the ads could be offensive to the poor and homeless who can't afford to buy sweet treats.



Tereisa Supapo, foreground, smells the aroma around the new scented "Got Milk?" advertisement with her daughter Irene, second from left, and granddaughter Gabby, bottom left, Monday in San Francisco.

Odds and ends

But shoppers near the Union Square shelter simply thought the ads were cute. "It makes me want to go to Starbucks," said Gabby's mother, Irene Supapo, 25.

Christmas float driver ticketed for speeding

COLUMBIA, S.C.—A man accused of speeding down Main Street in Anderson has been charged with drunken driving. What was unusual was that he was driving a float in a Christmas parade at the time.

When officers caught up to Anderson, he had an open container of alcohol in the truck he used to haul the children and adults on a float for the Steeplejacks Out Dance Studio, Anderson Police spokeswoman Linda Dudley said.

Witnesses said Rodgers was driving in line in Sunday's parade when he pulled out to pass a tractor in the float. Rodgers sped down Main Street and ran a red light, while a witness on the float called 911 on a cell phone, police said.

Officers started chasing Rodgers, who didn't stop for three miles.

—The Associated Press

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I can't get rid of my common cents

I am incapable at the cellular level of parting with pennies. They're everywhere in my apartment, covering the top of my dresser where I empty my pants pockets, lying here and there on the carpet where I've dropped them, clogging up the works of my vacuum cleaner.

**DON'T ASK ME**
Steve Crump

The time involved in going to the bank, asking for a handful of paper penny wrappers, corralling all those cents and carting them back to the bank is, of course, worth far more than the yield. But unlike most people, I can't simply toss pennies into the trash can.

Blame my mother and my grandmother, both of whom survived the Great Depression. To them, pitching a penny was tantamount to inviting hunger and want to Sunday dinner.

My grandma kept pickle jars of pennies. After she died and my mom, aunts and uncles cleaned out her house, they found more than \$400 worth of unwrapped cents.

That's 40,000 coins, or roughly the same number now lying under the cushions of my couch.

The intrinsic value of a penny, according to the Web site coinflation.com, is 1.05465 cents — largely because the zinc that makes up most of a penny reached an all-time high of \$2.42 a pound last week. That means, of course, that you'd do better by melting all your cents and selling the zinc.

But wouldn't you know it? I don't have a zinc pot in the kitchen.

So they'll keep accumulating until, like Kramer in that old episode of "Seinfeld," they throw them all in my pockets and try to buy a calzone with pennies.

My wife, who's an accountant, says many banks won't accept unwrapped coins in quantity anymore, especially pennies. Those who do take loose change often charge a percentage to wrap it up.

Conistat, a Bellevue, Wash., company that places coin-rolling machines in retail stores, charges 8.9 percent to transform your pennies into folding money.

That's way too much to consider actually herding over and looking under the seats in my car.

Hence the standoff: Pennies aren't worth sweeping up, yet I'll be jiggered if I'll throw

Jerome County seeks lawyer to finish term

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

JEROME — Wanted: a Republican with a law degree.

The one-month window for applying to become Jerome County's next prosecuting attorney opens next Feb. 1. The person will have a mean, exhausting job that requires an aggressive, hard-working lawyer with vision, according to the Jerome Police Chief Dan Hall.

On Jan. 31, a little less than a month after the cut-off date for applications, the current prosecutor, Jon Nicholson III, will step down.

"They need to be a lawyer," said Del Kohtz, chairman of the Republican Central Committee, which selects the three best applicants because the current prosecutor is Republican. "We'll decide their qualifications, see if they have had some experience, how they did with their references."

The starting salary is \$65,252, and the job starts Feb. 1. The person will have to run for election in 2008.

A couple of qualified applicants already have told Kohtz they will run for the position. He would not say who.

Jerome County prosecutor

Requirements: Must be a lawyer and a Republican. Start date: Feb. 1. Salary: \$65,252. Open: Must run for election in 2008.

"I don't think it's going to be too tough," Kohtz said.

By the first week of January, committee members will have considered all applications. And on Jan. 4, the committee will decide on the best three. They will rank those names in order of their preference and submit them to the Jerome County commissioners.

Hall said because a pro-

secutor's office lacks the time and resources to focus on every prosecution, the new prosecutor will need to pick his or her battles.

"I hope whoever our next prosecutor is, they try to prosecute their priorities," Hall said.

Hall said his top priorities are prosecuting violence and concentrating more on drug crimes.

"They go hand-in-hand," Hall said. "Those are some of the areas I think we really need to have a low tolerance for."

The county already is focused on controlling its violent crimes, Hall said. But more can be done on the drug front, he said.

Hall said the focus for han-

dling convicted drug criminals should be on treatment. Not all convicted drug users will get treatment voluntarily, he said. If they know the alternative is stiff jail time, he said, that creates a strong incentive.

"If we don't give them hope for some type of treatment, then we are simply putting them out there until we arrest them the next time," Hall said. "We need to change their lifestyle."

Most of all, Hall said, the next prosecutor needs vision.

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QUIET SUNSET



Weeds are silhouetted against a Magic Valley sunset Tuesday evening. Skies were clear Tuesday, but clouds are expected to roll in today.

Congress votes to preserve WWII internment camps

Minidoka camp set to get funds to continue upkeep

By Erica Werner
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Notorious internment camps where Japanese-Americans were kept behind barbed wire during World War II will be preserved as stark reminders of how the United States turned on some of its citizens in a time of fear.

As one of its last acts, the Republican-led Congress on Tuesday sent President Bush legislation establishing a \$38 million program of National Park Service grants to restore

and pay for research at 10 camps where the government sent people of Japanese descent after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Lawmakers returned Tuesday for only four days of work before Republicans call it quits after running Congress for 12 years. Democrats will control both houses for the first time since 1994 when a new Congress reflecting last month's election starts up in January.

Republicans already have left the biggest unfinished tasks of 2006 — approving budgets for most federal agencies — to their successors.

The National Park Service already operates facilities at two of the 10: the Manzanar National Historic Site in California and the Minidoka

Minidoka Internment National Monument

Directions: To get to the monument from the Interstate 20, take state R- and U.S. Highway 93. Travel north on U.S. 93 for 14 miles to the sign east. Travel east on Highway 25 for 5.5 miles to the sign east. Travel east on Hunt Road for 2.2 miles to a small parking area on your right.

Internment National Monument, between Twin Falls and Jerome. The money in the bill the House passed Tuesday on a voice vote and sent to Bush would go to them and eight others, to be operated by state and local governments or organizations.

The Senate passed the bill last month. The Park Service says the program is too expensive, but the White House has not signaled

opposition to it.

"Preserving these internment sites is a solemn task we all bear," said Rep. Doris Matsui, D-Calif., who was born in the Paton camp in Arizona in 1944. "Those who come after us will have a physical reminder of what they will never allow to happen again."

The camps housed more than 120,000 Japanese-

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Twin Falls legislator pitches GARVEE change

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The construction is over on Pole Line Road or at least on a temporary break.

Funding for the state road's second phase — which would extend it farther west — relies on Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle, or GARVEE, bonds.

How they are divided among other projects is expected to be a hot issue when the state Legislature convenes in January.

In April, the Legislature approved the issue of the first \$200 million in bonds for six of 12 projects in former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's Connecting Idaho plan, which included improving U.S. 95 in northern Idaho, Interstate 84 in the Treasure Valley and U.S. 30 east of McCammon.

The \$1.2 billion program is based on building roads through GARVEE bonds, which are grants from the federal government's gas-tax funds. The bonds are financed with future federal highway funds that will be received by the state.

The six projects are already behind schedule and state Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, is preparing a bill requiring the state to keep remaining projects — the Pole Line Road project was added a few months ago — in the program that need funding be considered separately and financial planning be outlined more specifically.

In essence, Smith — who

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Under state scrutiny, Twin Falls assessor picks up pace

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After months of falling behind on property appraisals, the Twin Falls County assessor had his highest monthly total in November since coming under state scrutiny.

Gerry Bowden, in averaging 320 appraisals a week last month, partly made up for slow progress earlier and lessened the possibility of missing the July deadline to complete 36,000 parcels — with a penalty that could cost the county millions of dollars.

"We're ahead of schedule, things are cracking,"

Bowden said. In May, Bowden and the Twin Falls County commissioners signed a contract with the Idaho State Tax Commission for it to monitor Bowden and "strictly" require 235 appraisals a week, a figure that has since grown.

The county also gave Bowden \$175,000 to, among other things, increase the number of full-time appraisers from six to 11, according to the contract. Tax Commission officials and the county commissioners have expressed confidence Bowden will not miss the deadline, but doing so could prompt the state to finish the job itself by hiring independent appraisers with the sales-

tax money that many public entities rely on for funding. The county receives about \$3.2 million annually in sales tax and its 37 taxing districts get a portion quarterly.

"I don't think he had a chance but to turn it around," said Scott Irwin of the Idaho State Tax Commission, who is responsible for monitoring Bowden.

Until November, progress was minimal. There are currently 7,000 to 8,000 parcels left — just under one-quarter of the county total — but state law required he have one-quarter remaining in July.

Bowden attributed the backlog to an understaffed office and unexpected growth — the

county has grown 11 percent. But Ada County, which has grown 12 percent since 2000, has met state requirements.

Bowden's November totals could indicate a turnaround after weekly totals in October of 263, 95, 164 and 316. The second week was the lowest since the state began monitoring.

Irwin said he found it "interesting" that 320 weekly appraisals were performed in November until the last week, when 324 appraisals were done. He said Bowden told him he put a "cap" on weekly totals.

"I asked him, 'What the hell's going on?'" Irwin said. "Last week they had 324, so I don't know what that means."

Bowden, however, told the Times-News he had "no idea" what cap Irwin was referring to.

Irwin, said the state encourages counties to schedule easier appraisals early so there is enough time to finish harder ones, like commercial or farming properties, but said he was unsure how Bowden executed appraisals.

Bowden declined to explain his strategy or why November totals were high, aside from that people were on vacation in October.

"It's nothing you can explain over two or three sentences," Bowden said. "A plan of how you're going to do something is not a quick explanation."

Snowpack Levels

Watered	% of Avg.	% of Dec. 5
Salmon	77%	18%
Big Wood	70%	16%
Little Wood	70%	16%
Big Lost	66%	15%
Little Lost	72%	18%
Henry's Fork/Teton	73%	17%
Upper Snake Basin	70%	17%
Oakley	104%	21%
Salmon Falls	50%	15%

* A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 30-year average.

** An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.



OBITUARIES

Cathynn Todd Reed

POCATELLO — Cathynn Todd Reed, 17, passed away Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006.

He was born Nov. 8, 1989, in Pocatello, Idaho, to Tina Kay Crockett and Evan Max Reed. He lived in Pocatello from 1998, when he moved to Kimberly, Idaho, to live with his father. He later moved back to Pocatello to live with his mother. Cathynn attended schools in American Falls, Kimberly and Pocatello. He worked this past summer as a roofer in Pocatello.



Cathynn was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He held the office of a priest in the Aaronic Priesthood. He was also a Boy Scout and a member of his church's youth organization.

Cathynn always enjoyed hard work. He was always helping his grandfather on numerous projects, especially if it was destructive. He was always willing to help his grandparents in Kimberly with their paper routes, no matter when they asked. Cathynn loved the outdoors; his greatest love was fishing. He also enjoyed many outdoor activities — camping with his family, playing soccer, football and snowboarding. When he wasn't occupied with being outside, he could be found listening to "oldies" music while playing video games or watching movies with his family. Cathynn loved playing with his nieces and even harassing his grandparents. He loved his father rebuild his motorcycle and was looking forward to being able to ride it this next summer.

Cathynn was well liked and respected by all those who came in contact with him. Everyone described him as a

wonderful person to be around. Little things were especially drawn to him and he always took the time to play with them and show them attention. Cathynn had a wonderful sense of humor and had a way of making everyone around him laugh and enjoy themselves. Cathynn, we love you very much and miss you for now but are looking forward to the time when we will see you and be with you again.

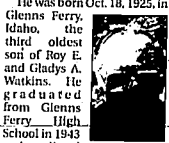
He is survived by his mother, Tina K. Wilson of Pocatello; father and stepmother, Evan and Misti Reed of Kimberly, Idaho; siblings, Marcie Thompson of Sparks, Nev., Annmarie (David) Durfee of Kimberly, Idaho, Max Merrell Reed of Kimberly, Idaho, Julie D. Reed if Pocatello, Erica D. Wilson of Pocatello and Almee Coad of Anchorage, Alaska; grandparents, Alden and Florence Crockett of Pocatello; grandmothers, Edith and Edna of Pocatello; grandaunts, Emmett and Susan Pond of Kimberly, Idaho; great-grandmother, Bonnie Merrell of Lima, Mont.; and many other aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his uncle, Frank Winslow; a cousin, Carlos Gomez; great-grandfather, Max Merrell; and great-grandmother, Shirley Hamby.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at the Pocatello LDS West Stake Center, 3444 Hawthorne Road in Pocatello, Idaho. Officiating, Kevin Neubar officiating. The viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at Colonial Funeral Home, 2005 S. Fourth Ave. in Pocatello, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the service Friday at the church. Interment at the Mountain View Cemetery will follow the service.

Lindoleny may be sent online at www.colonial-funeralhome.com.

Leo E. Watkins

OAKLEY — Leo Eugene Watkins, 81-year-old Oakley resident, passed away Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.



He was born Oct. 18, 1925, in Glenns Ferry, Idaho, the third oldest child and son of Roy E. and Gladys A. Watkins. He graduated from Glenns Ferry High School in 1943 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served on the submarine in the Atlantic Pacific area during World War II. He was honorably discharged on April 26, 1946. He then enlisted in the Army-Air Force. After his discharge from the Army-Air Force, he worked for Circle C Construction in southern Idaho and eastern Wyoming and as a mechanic for an implement dealer in Idaho. At the time of his death, he was employed as a school bus driver for the Oakley School District. He married Deon Leeper on Sept. 7, 1970, in Elko, Nev. Deon passed away on Jan. 4, 1992. He married Barbara Howard on Sept.

5, 1993, in Elko, Nev. Survivors include his wife, Barbara of Oakley; two stepchildren, Jeff and Melody; a sister, Juanita (Sis) Sherman of Glenns Ferry; a sister-in-law, Val Watkins of Los Angeles, Calif.; five brothers, James Willis (Bud) Watkins and Lillian of Elba, Elbert Wayne (Bert) Watkins and Dot of Fayetteville, Tenn., Kenneth Dale (Rocky) Watkins and Peggy of Glenns Ferry, Ronald Lee Watkins and Susan of Twin Falls and Gary, Irtan Watkins and Ann of Woodstock, Ga.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Roy Elwood (Jack) Watkins Jr.; and a sister, Helen Irene Watkins.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Oakley Stake Center, with Pastor Scott Arnel officiating. Interment will be in the Oakley Cemetery with military rites provided by the Mini-Cassia Veterans. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

Darrell D. Duncan

WICHITA, Kan. — Darrell D. Duncan, 51, of Wichita, Kan., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Wichita.

He was a security guard at the Sedgwick County Courthouse in Wichita. He is survived by his daughter, Caroline Lader of San Leandro, Calif.; mother, Marlene Duncan of Wichita, Kan.; brother, Derek (Lily) Duncan of Wichita, Kan.; sister, Athana Duncan of Wichita, Kan.; and grandson, Alexander Lader of San Leandro, Calif. He was preceded in death by his father, Marvin Duncan.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at the

Resthaven Mortuary Chapel in Wichita, Kan. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sedgwick County K-9 Unit, in care of Dave Thompson, 141 W. Elm, Wichita, KS 67203.

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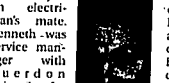
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Kenneth R. Hawkins

BOISE — Kenneth R. Hawkins passed away peacefully Dec. 1, 2006, after a valiant fight with cancer.

Kenneth was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on Sept. 28, 1922, the son of Carl Hawkins and Goldie Pennington and resided in Boise, Idaho, the greater part of his life. He was a World War II veteran who served proudly in the United States Navy at an electrician's mate.



Kenneth was service manager with G u e r d o n Industries for many years. In his retirement he especially loved his job as a bus monitor for elementary school children. He had a great sense of humor and was loved by the children, as they would remember who got to sit by Ken on the bus. The school

children liked to bring him little presents and gifts that would bring home. Kenneth was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and, for years taught young children in a primary class. He was a faithful band and will be greatly missed by his wife, family and friends.

Ken is survived by his devoted wife, Dorothy, and only daughter, Kathy; her husband, Richard; stepsons, David, Lee and John Mumford; grandchildren, John Nunes, Scott and Robin Vale; 10 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Bill and Gary Hawkins.

The funeral will be held at noon Thursday, Dec. 7, at the LDS chapel located at Cassia and Curtis. A viewing will be held one hour before the service at the church. Burial will take place at the Idaho State Veterans' Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Bell Funeral Home in Boise.

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DEATH NOTICES

William Winterholler
KIMBERLY — William Winterholler, 84, of Kimberly, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at White Mortuary, 2551 Kimberly. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at White Mortuary. A complete obituary will follow in Thursday's newspaper.

Charles E. Cates
PAUL — Charles E. Cates, 76, of Paul, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, at the Mt. Hood Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

J.C. Orender
JEROME — J.C. Orender, 74, of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, with Pastor Peter Gage officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Bernice M. Reynolds
GOODING — Bernice M. Reynolds, 91, formerly of Gooding, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006, at her residence in Rupert.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Eunice I. Nicholson
BELLEVUE — Eunice I. Nicholson, 89, of Bellevue and formerly of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006.

Cremation was under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Richard M. Oneida
SHOSHONE — Richard M. Oneida, 75, of Shoshone, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Shoshone Chapel.

Veda F. Thomas
TWIN FALLS — Veda Frances Thomas, 92, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, at the Twin Falls Care

Jill Hitt
BURLEY — Jill Hitt, 41, of Burley, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Russmen Funeral Home in Burley.

SERVICES

Opal J. Carpenter of Shoshone, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Baptist Church in Shoshone (Demaray's Shoshone Chapel).

Evelyn M. Laudert of Wendell, 11 a.m. Thursday at the New Life Community Church in Wendell (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Bennie Willie McGhee of Gooding, graveside service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

David Aaron Hall of Denver, Colo., and formerly of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Jack Emmett Stovall of Pilon, service of remembrance at 2 p.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Michael L. Leonett of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 3 p.m. Saturday at Tribes Interiors, 203 1/2 5th Ave. S. in Twin Falls (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

James Arthur Hackney of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Ascension Episcopal Church in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

George W. "Bill" Clark of Boise, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2486 - 14500 Ave. E. in Twin Falls; friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. today at the funeral c., jel.

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Leonard Greene, inventor of lifesaving aviation tools, dies at 88

Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, a former astronaut, inducted Greene into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 1991 and placed him among "American inventors who have changed our world in ways we can see every day of our lives."

During World War II, Greene was an aerodynamics specialist and engineering test pilot at Grumman Aircraft Co. Bethpage, N.Y., where he had a terrified, almost helpless witness to a plane crash that he said could have been avoided had the pilot been warned of the angle of airflow over a wing that led an excessive drop in lift. "This aerodynamic stall, as it is known, caused the majority of aviation deaths at that time.

In the mid-1940s, he developed the first practical way to alert the pilot of the aerodynamic stall. His first design involved threaded bolts, a bicycle horn and other odds and ends, all powered by flashlight batteries.

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Nevada study questions whether smoking bans would hurt casinos

By Martin Griffith
Associated Press writer

RENO, Nev. — A new study challenges casino industry claims about the number of gamblers who smoke, and suggests the economic impact of smoking bans across the country may not be as great as thought.

Chris Pritsos, chairman of the University of Nevada, Reno's nutrition department, said his study funded by the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found the number of Nevada gamblers who smoke is similar to the rate for the overall population — about 20.9 percent.

The study found the number of gamblers who smoked was 21.5 percent in Las Vegas, 22.6 percent in Reno, 17 percent at Lake Tahoe and 35.5 percent in rural counties.

The study undercuts industry claims that smoking bans would hurt casinos because

as many as 70 percent of gamblers were thought to be smokers, Pritsos said.

"I think it dispels the myth out there that gamblers and smoking go hand in hand," he said. "I think the whole economic argument against smoking bans is going out the window as a result."

But Judy Patterson, senior vice president and executive director of the American Gaming Association based in Washington, D.C., questioned

Pritsos' conclusions.

"She noted casinos in places where smoking has been banned have suffered major revenue losses."

Patterson cited as an example the Canadian province of Ontario, where casinos have suffered a revenue drop of 10 percent to 20 percent since smoking was banned in public places in May.

"This is a relatively recent change, but clearly it's not something you can ignore,"

she said. "Like any business, if you lose 20 percent of the customer base, that's a big number."

The casino industry generally has opposed anti-smoking measures and instead favors improving air filtering technology.

Regina Carlson, executive director of the New Jersey Group Against Smoking Pollution, acknowledged some casinos could suffer by short-term losses, but said

they would rebound because smokers have shown they adjust to no-smoking rules.

Visitation at Ontario casinos also was hurt by high gas prices, a strong Canadian dollar and tougher border security, she noted.

"It behooves them (casinos) to do active marketing and to embrace this and recognize the realities," she said. "It's not a matter of if, but when smoking will be banned in casinos."

GARVEE

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first presented his ideas to the Idaho Transportation Board last month — is asking for more transparency and a new game plan. He expects to introduce the bill in January when the session convenes.

"The role of the Legislature is to oversee if the Idaho Transportation Board is being responsible," he said. "Some of us have different ideas of what responsible is."

Debt bonds help solve the problem "whether to avoid inflation from rising construction costs or simply pay for projects immediately and incur debt."

Smith said the biggest concern is the debt and his bill will require that annual debt not exceed 20 percent.

"It's just disheartening to see people so much money to consultants it scares you," he said. A hostile environment grew

last session between Kempthorne's defense of the GARVEE bonding and the Legislature's resistance. Some projects — including a new bridge over the Snake River — were cut.

Smith, a former ITB chairman himself, said the former governor "had some silly stuff in there" and called Connecting Idaho "a political deal" with political projects.

Smith met with ITB

Executive Director Dwight Bower on Tuesday to discuss his plans but said earlier in the day there would likely be disagreements over funding like there was last year when the sides agreed on \$200 million.

"They can bring in another request for a bathtub full of money and we'll probably have it at again," he said.

Bower did not return a phone call from the Times-Herald.

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Camps

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American U.S. citizens and residents under an executive order signed by President Roosevelt in 1942. At the time there were fears that Japanese-Americans were loyal to Japan, and Roosevelt's order prohibited such people from living on the West Coast.

It was the largest forced relocation in U.S. history as thousands of families in

California and parts of Washington, Oregon and Arizona were pushed from their homes and into camps surrounded by armed guards. The sites named in the legislation are California, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Idaho.

The last of the camps closed in 1946, and President Reagan signed a Presidential apology in 1988.

"The understanding of this period in our history is essential. It has to do with fundamental rights even of native-born citizens in time of war," said House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif.

Another co-sponsor was Rep. Mike Honda, D-Calif., the only current member of Congress other than Matsui to spend time as a child in one of the camps. Former

Transportation Secretary and Rep. Norman Mineta and Matsui's late husband Robert, a former congressman, also lived in the camps.

The bill would give grants to nonfederal organizations for research and restoration work at the sites named in the legislation, as well as others selected by the Interior secretary. The grants would require 50 percent in matching funds.

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Pennies

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away.

"Maybe the only solution is to follow the example of my Uncle Fred, a rabid coin collector. He'd buy up virtually all the pennies at the only bank in Soda Springs, dump them in the middle of his dining room table, and start squinting for treasures."

Fred was in search of a 1943 copper penny. See, most one-cent coins struck during World War II were zinc-coated steel because copper and nickel were needed for the war effort. But a handful of 1943 copper cents was made by accident when copper blanks remained in the coin press as production began on the new

steel pennies.

They were worth a couple of thousand dollars then — and upwards of \$200,000 now.

Fred never found one, but he did finally come up with a 1955 double-die penny, caused by a misalignment during the production of the coin. It's worth several hundred dollars if you find one today, but back then

Fred sold it to a dealer for \$50.

Unfortunately, Fred got so excited over the find that he neglected to return the pennies to the bank for a few days. So the bank manager started charging him a non-refundable deposit.

A \$50 deposit.

I wonder if he paid it in pennies.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lazy J. Homeowner's Assoc. has holiday party.

TWIN FALLS — Lazy J Homeowner's Association holiday dinner party will be held at 5:30 p.m. today at the clubhouse. All residents are invited and asked to bring table service and a side dish or dessert. Entertainment will be provided by the Barbershop Quartet, Give and Take. Please RSVP to Debbie at 734-9600, Norma Jean at 733-5030 or Dordina at 733-5383.

St. Nicholas School announces holiday event

RUPERT — The St. Nicholas School Christmas program will be held at 7 p.m. today in the Minico High School Auditorium. Pre-school through fifth-grade students will perform.

School given check by Blue Lakes Rotary

TWIN FALLS — The Blue Lakes Rotary Club presented a

\$5,881 check to Harrison Elementary School from the proceeds of a pancake breakfast held at the school.

Each year, the club puts on a breakfast at a local elementary school made possible by food donations from area sponsors. The club members cook and students and Rotarians sell tickets with all proceeds going back to the school. Harrison Principal Chris Gillette plans to use the funds to upgrade playground equipment. The top ticket seller was Aspen Bowler.

The Blue Lakes Rotary meets at 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Red Lion Hotel in Twin Falls. Guests are welcome.

Restaurant collecting turkeys for the needy

TWIN FALLS — Sizzler Restaurant is asking the public to donate any size turkey, fresh or frozen, for the Salvation Army to distribute to needy family at Christmas time.

The donor will receive a \$5 complimentary certificate

valid at the Twin Falls restaurant.

The Salvation Army hopes to feed hundreds of families this holiday season as a result of the turkey drive. Turkeys will be gathered daily at the Sizzler Restaurant, 705 Blue Lakes Blvd., N., from 11 a.m. to closing through Dec. 24.

For more information, call Majors Dallas and Marlo Pedersen at the Salvation Army at 733-8720 or Buster Midsnow, Sizzler Restaurants, at (208) 249-0974.

Middle School presents orchestra concert

RUPERT — East Milico Middle School will present an orchestra concert at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Admission is free.

Toys for Tots campaign begins

TWIN FALLS — The Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program has begun.

For the third consecutive year, Idaho Third Credit Union has drop off locations in each of its 16 branches across Idaho including Twin Falls at 649 Polo Line Road (733-4777) and Burley, call 678-2046.

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Micron CEO: Share price will catch up to company's value

The Associated Press

BOISE — Micron Technology Inc. President and CEO Scott Appleton told shareholders Tuesday the chip maker's diversification into new markets beyond personal computer memory will eventually boost its lagging stock price.

"We've been very focused about getting the portfolio diversified, getting the right partnerships in place and getting the capacity invested in,"

and he thinks eventually that will show up in the value of the company," Appleton said in response to a shareholder's question about why the stock price has not gone up. "We like where we are at."

Shares of Micron closed up 37 cents, or 2.54 percent, to \$14.93 Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock has been trading between \$12.96 and \$18.65 the last 52 weeks.

Semiconductor analysts have predicted the sector will

benefit from holiday sales of computers, flat-panel digital televisions and Apple's iPod music player sales, as indicated by strong consumer enthusiasm for those electronic products during the Thanksgiving shopping weekend.

Appleton told about 200 shareholders gathered for the company's annual meeting at its Idaho headquarters that Micron is evolving from exclusively — and almost anonymously — providing dynamic

random-access memory (RAM) chips for personal computers into a diversified semiconductor manufacturer, supplying makers of cell phones, automobiles, music players, cameras, medical devices and consumer appliances with devices that capture, store and move digital data.

"We have a different customer base than we used to have," Appleton said. "They are a lot more varied and they have a lot more customized

needs. Our knowledge of our customer base in order to continue to innovate must also be at a much higher level than it has in the past."

Five years ago, 89 percent of all the silicon wafers Micron fabricated into semiconductor chips at plants in the U.S., Italy, Japan, Puerto Rico and Singapore were used for DRAM computer memory. But Micron Chief Operating Officer Mark Durcan said at the end of the company's 2006 fiscal year Aug. 31, DRAM wafer starts had dropped to 42 percent of total production and are projected to be just 23 percent by August of 2007.

Micron wafer fabrication starts for NAND flash memory — chips used for digital storage in iPod Nano's, digital cameras and other consumer devices — are expected to grow to 34 percent of total production by the end of August next year, up from 15 percent last fiscal year.

Simpson watches chance to pass wilderness bill fade

By Jesse Harlan Altemus Associated Press writer

BOISE — A bill that would designate the Boulder-White Cloud mountains and surrounding forest as protected wilderness never stood a chance in the Senate on Tuesday with only five left in the lame-duck session of Congress.

But the bill's sponsor, U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, told The Associated Press he will continue to work behind the scenes to attach the Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act to any legislation before Congress adjourns, likely at the end of the week.

The bill to create federal wilderness in Idaho for the first time since 1980 passed the House in July but suffered a setback last week when Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, demanded that supporters pay all ranchers and other stake holders their promised compensation before the wilderness boundaries are designated.

Simpson said the demand is a "non-starter" because environmental groups who helped write the compromise have always refused to support such-called

"trigger language." The lawmaker conceded that his pet legislative project would also face dim chances next year in the Democratic Congress where it bounces back to the House Resources Committee, expected to be chaired by Rep. Nick Rahall of West Virginia.

Rahall urged House members to vote against the bill in July, saying it "cheapened" the process by exchanging wilderness for other public land giveaways and payoffs to mining speculators.

"I'm kind of between a rock and a hard place," Simpson said. "The more I move to what Larry Craig will accept, the more I move from what Nick Rahall wants. The more I move to what Nick Rahall will accept, the more I move from what Larry Craig wants."

Simpson hinted at some frustration with Craig, saying, "Larry does what he's going to do."

In the final days of the session, Simpson had hoped to persuade a senator to tuck the wilderness bill as a rider to a spending measure. But Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., has said the Senate will likely postpone action by passing temporary

budget measures with no amendments — a move that further stymies Simpson's chances.

"He's just giving up and closing up shop," Simpson said of Frist.

Dan Whiting, a spokesman for Craig, said it's unlikely the bill could succeed as a rider in the session's waning days. Craig is not the only senator opposed; Senate Democrats also have reservations, he said.

"I'm sure Larry appreciates everyone's assumption that he carries that much power," Whiting said. "But there's also the Senate minority to consider."

In all, the bill designates three new federally protected wilderness areas in the rugged mountains of the Sawtooth and Challis National Forests. It would also add 600 acres protected from development to the existing Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

In return, local governments — in Stanley, Clayton, Mackay, Challis, Custer and Blaine counties — would receive almost 4,000 acres of Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management property to sell, manage or develop into affordable housing or public facilities.

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AROUND THE STATE

Tribes, utility go to court over dam relicensing

POST FALLS — At least 25 people are expected to testify this week before an administrative law judge in a dispute between the Coeur d'Alene Tribe-Avahi Utilities and the operation of the Falls Falls Dam, which is up for relicensing in August.

The tribe and utility have been in a long-running battle over Avahi's license renewal application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

"There's a long way to go to reach this decision," Robert Matt, the Tribe's administrative director, told the Coeur d'Alene Press. "But the alternative is having a judge in Washington, D.C., and that's not in anyone's best interest."

The century-old dam, which controls the height of Lake Coeur d'Alene in the Idaho Panhandle, can generate about 14 megawatts of electricity and impounds water in the spring for release later in the summer to keep turbines spinning at high speeds. Avahi hydro dams downriver in Washington.

The tribe wants the utility to hire police to stop the looting of tribal artifacts, provide more water quality monitoring pay for construction of stream work that would enhance trout populations, and pay for damage from boat-wake and wave erosion.

Following Greenleaf, Pa. man seeks guns for all

CHERRY TREE, Pa. — In this tiny community of clapboard houses nestled along the banks of Pennsylvania's river, many residents own guns for hunting or self-defense.

But a local councilman, inspired by steps taken by an Idaho town, has proposed an ordinance that recommends all households keep the weapons and ammunition to ward off would-be burglars and prevent crime from creeping into the area.

Council members in Cherry Tree, a borough of about 430 people, are set to meet Wednesday to discuss the Civil Protection Ordinance put forth by Henry Stankovic, a 55-year-old retired U.S. Army master sergeant and Vietnam veteran.

Gun-control advocates say such a measure would risk putting guns into the hands of criminals and increase gun violence.

Stankovic maintains the ordinance would keep crime down — "way down" in Cherry Tree, where streets are marked with wooden signs and residents say

crime is largely limited to drugs, vandalism, trespassing and speeding drivers. Stankovic said he decided to float the idea after learning of a similar ordinance passed last month in Greenleaf, Idaho, a town of about 650 residents where an estimated 80 percent of adults already own guns.

Man to serve at least 12 years for road rage killing

COEUR D'ALENE — A man faces at least 12 years in prison for killing a half-trailer by driving over her in a Chevrolet Blazer in what authorities said was a case of New Year's Day road rage.

Jonathan Wade Ellison, 45 of Hayden, was sentenced Monday to 25 years for second-degree murder and 15 years for aggravated battery charges, to be served concurrently.

He won't be eligible for parole until he has served at least 12 years.

The stems from the death of Vonette L. Larsen, 41, of Athol, who was run over Jan. 1 in front of her daughters and husband on a road outside Hatcherud.

Pocatello grapples with residential elk ranch

POCATELLO — Bannock County officials in eastern Idaho are investigating whether a domestic elk operation is violating zoning laws after a neighbor of the elk farm complained.

Larry Daek said the herd on the 5-acre property owned by Brian and Teri Fehringer has grown too big, and that he's concerned about putting livestock into a residential area.

"My main thing is its inhumane to have so many elk in a small confined area," Daek told the Idaho State Journal. "If somebody looks the other way for one person, then anybody can do it. We effect officials to have regulations and to enforce them."

The Fehringers said they have 29 elk, and that 11 of them

belong to friends. Those elk will be returned in the spring.

Steve Ernst, Bannock County planner, is looking into the elk operation, which is in an area that's zoned residential-suburban. "In my opinion, he's done something he's not supposed to do," Ernst said. "We're in the mode of enforcement basically. It's an area we haven't had to deal with much before. It's taken some work to sort it out."

But according to county ordinances, Ernst said, livestock is allowed on lots of one acre and larger, and there is no limit on how many animals that are allowed per acre.

Ten Fehringer said the elk on the property they have passed state inspections.

Communities tweak liquor laws for New Year's

BOISE — Depending on where they live, some Idaho paritners won't be toasting 2007 with anything stronger than a beer or a glass of wine, if that.

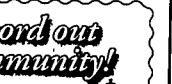
That's because New Year's Eve celebrations on a Sunday this year, and a 1947 state law bans the

sale of liquor by the drink in Idaho on Sundays.

Opinions vary throughout the state. In Preston, the southern-est Idaho town that was the setting for the movie "Napoleon Dynamite," the city council decided unanimously last week to extend business hours for bars on Sundays until 11 p.m. Monday morning, although liquor by the drink on Sundays is still banned.

In Rexburg, a mostly Mormon town where no liquor by the drink has been served on any day of the week since 1947, local officials have paid little attention to all the flurry.

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Immigration fees will increase to prevent backlog

By **Associated Press**
Anabelle Caray
Specialized Writer

DALLAS — The fees immigrants pay for citizenship, permanent residence and other petitions will increase to prevent more backlogs in the system, the director of the nation's immigration service said Monday.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Emilio Gonzalez said the amount of the increases is still being determined, but he expected it to be significant. "I envision that it'll go up a

fair amount," he said during a visit to Dallas. "We're a business. We're not allowed to be deficient."

Currently, immigrants applying for citizenship pay \$530 and \$225 for permanent residence documentation known as a "green card." Applicants also pay a \$70 fingerprinting fee. They could see the new prices for immigration petitions by April, Gonzalez said.

Citizenship and Immigration Services process applications for citizenship, permanent residence, work permits and other immigration documents. Over

the last few years, the agency has been working through a backlog that kept some immigrants waiting up to three years for green cards or citizenship. Gonzalez contends the agency has basically eliminated the backlog for applications.

The agency is mainly funded by application fees and some appropriations from the federal

government, which usually target specific programs. It has a \$2 billion dollar budget, but Gonzalez said that's not enough.

The additional money from higher fees would fund hiring more staff to work through applications, training current employees, renovating buildings and improving technology, Gonzalez said.

Advocates have said they're worried rising application fees will stall people from filing for citizenship and other immigration benefits.

"When it jumped this last time, we were all gasping," said Yanna Slaughter, director of the Immigration and Legal Services Division of Catholic

Charities of Dallas. "Once we have that fee lift, there's no turning back. We still have to put a happy face on it and say, 'Find the money.'"

Gonzalez said he doesn't think sticker shock will keep immigrants from filing. "I don't think it will be disheartening," he said. "American citizenship is priceless."

Supreme Court rules in favor of immigrant

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Tuesday increased the chances for some immigrants to remain in the United States if they are not convicted of drug possession under state laws.

The justices' 8-1 ruling came on the same day the court heard arguments in another immigrant case in which a man in California is trying to avoid deportation after pleading guilty to a theft charge.

The ruling came in the case of Jose Antonio Lopez, a 16-year permanent U.S. resident who pleaded guilty to telling someone where to obtain cocaine.

The crime, aiding and abetting possession of drugs, is a felony in South Dakota. Most first-time simple possession offenses are punished as misdemeanors under the federal Controlled Substances Act.

Conduct that is a felony under state law but a misdemeanor under the Controlled Substances Act is not an aggravated felony for purposes of immigration, Justice David Souter wrote.

Lopez was deported to Mexico in January 2006, but will come back to the United States where an immigration judge will decide whether he may remain in the country. He wants to return to his family in the United States who include his 11-year-old son and 6-year-old daughter, and his legal prospects have improved greatly because of the court ruling, his lawyers said.

Lopez, who had operated a grocery store in Sioux Falls, S.D., still could face deportation, but an immigration judge would have discretion to allow him to remain in the United States.

In opposing the immigrant's legal position, the Bush administration said that Congress left the door open to counting state felonies under the federal Controlled Substances Act that would trigger deportation under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Reading the law "the government's way ... would often turn simple possession into trafficking. Just what the English language tells us not to expect and that result makes us very wary of the government's position," Souter wrote.



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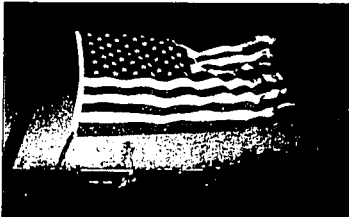
Pakistan says it will give up Kashmir if India does

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — President Gen. Pervez Musharraf said Tuesday that Pakistan is willing to give up its claim to Kashmir if India reciprocates and agrees to self-governance in the disputed Himalayan region that they have fought over for decades.

The comments, in an interview aired by India's NDTV network, were among Musharraf's strongest yet to encourage a settlement in the bitter, 58-year dispute since the South Asian rivals began peace talks nearly three years ago.

There was no immediate reaction from India's government, and Musharraf's spokesman announced NDTV of "twisting" the president's comments to suggest that Pakistan was making a unilateral offer to give up its claim to Kashmir.

NEW YORK



The USS Intrepid is moved down the Hudson River Tuesday in New York, a month after a failed attempt. Finally pulled free of the anchorage where it spent 24 years as a floating military museum, the historic aircraft carrier moved majestically through New York harbor bound for a New Jersey shipyard and a long-awaited overhaul. The Intrepid survived five Japanese kamikaze suicide plane attacks and lost 270 crew members in the last two years of WWII. It later served off Korea and Vietnam and as a recovery ship for NASA astronauts.

arrived at her home Nov. 28 with an order to remove her from the U.S. She was not home at the time.

tion of Native Hawaiians, which Congress has repeatedly identified as necessary," the court said.

Admission to the elite school is first granted to qualified Hawaiian students, and non-Hawaiians may be admitted if there are openings available.

Only one in eight eligible applicants is admitted to the schools, which serve about 5,400 students at three campuses.

The case was brought by a white student excluded because of his race.

Three of the dissenting judges wrote separately that civil rights law prohibits a private school from denying admission because of race.

VENEZUELA

Chavez snubs U.S. overture for dialogue

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez snubbed a U.S. overture for dialogue, saying Tuesday he doubts Washington sincerely wants to improve relations.

Chavez, who overwhelmingly won another six-year term in

elections Sunday, said if the U.S. really wants to take meaningful steps, it would halt the war in Iraq, and extradite a jailed Cuban militant who is wanted in Venezuela for a 1976 airliner bombing.

"They want dialogue but on the condition that you accept their positions," Chavez said at his first news conference since Sunday's vote.

"If the government of the United States wants dialogue, Venezuela will always have its door open," he said. "But I doubt the U.S. government is sincere."

LOS ANGELES

LA: Harmless suspect in killings worked his charm

HOUMA, La. — Short, overweight and suffering from a heart condition, Ronald J. Dominique hardly seemed a threat to anyone, much less a serial killer.

A near-broke nobody who lived with his sister before moving into a homeless shelter, he went willingly, leaning heavily on a cane, when officers came to get him last week.

Even with a meek persona, investigators said, Dominique bound and strangled or smothered 23 men and teenage boys in south Louisiana in what the FBI considered its most urgent serial killing case.

Dominique, 42, was arrested Friday at a homeless shelter in Houma and charged with two murders. On Monday, authorities filed nine more counts against him and said more charges were possible.

NEW YORK

Prosecutor dismisses sword suspect's story

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. — A man accused of nearly beheading his sleeping stepfather with a samurai sword connected a "preposterous tale" when he blamed his mother for the killing and claimed the man had sexually abused him for years, a prosecutor said Tuesday in closing arguments.

WASHINGTON

Prosecutors: Man faked retardation for benefits

TACOMA, Wash. — For nearly 20 years — ever since Pete Costello was 8 — his mother has collected disability benefits on his behalf.

In meetings with Social Security officials and psychologists, he appeared mentally retarded and unable to communicate. His mother insisted he couldn't read or write, shower, take care of himself or drive a car. But now prosecutors say it was all a huge fraud, and they have video of Costello contesting a traffic ticket to prove it.

"He's like any other person trying to get out of a traffic ticket," Assistant U.S. Attorney Norman Barbosa said Tuesday.

— The Associated Press

GEORGIA

Deportation order lifted for Ga. senator's wife

ATLANTA — A Georgia state senator's Columbia-born wife who went into hiding rather than face deportation turned herself in on Tuesday and was released when an immigration judge agreed to reopen her case.

Sascha Herrera, 28, who had gone into hiding after the order was issued, emerged from the Martin Luther King Federal Building hand-in-hand with her husband, Sen. Curt Thompson, a Democrat who is a strong advocate of immigration rights.

"When I first came here I was very scared. I'm glad the government agreed to reopen my case," Herrera said.

Government lawyer Terry Bird said a hearing will be held on a petition filed by Thompson to establish permanent residency for his wife. Herrera's lawyer, Charles Kuck, said he expects the hearing will be held in the next two to four months.

Herrera had been in hiding since immigration and Customs Enforcement officers

HAWAII

Court upholds Hawaiian natives school policy

SAN FRANCISCO — A private school in Hawaii can favor Hawaiian natives for admission as a means of giving a helping hand to a downtrodden indigenous population, a divided federal appeals court ruled Tuesday.

The decision by a 15-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned an earlier ruling by three of the same judges that the Kamehameha Schools policy amounted to unlawful discrimination.

In Tuesday's decision, the majority noted that the case was unique because Congress has singled out the plight of native Hawaiians for improvement, just as lawmakers have done with Alaskan natives and American Indians.

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Iraq's prime minister opens door to conference

By **Quamir Abdul-Zahra** and **Thomas Wagner**
Associated Press writers

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's prime minister reversed course Tuesday and said his envoys will talk with Iraq's neighbors about the possibility of a regional conference on quelling the violence here, despite opposition to the plan by some key political allies.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki made the announcement as more than 100 people were killed or found dead in and around Baghdad, underscoring the urgency of finding a solution to the bloodshed.

The U.S. military said three more American troops had died Monday.

Despite a string of ambushes,

mortar attacks and bombings Tuesday, the chief U.S. military spokesman said he expects that all of Iraq would be under Baghdad's control by the fall of 2007, with U.S. soldiers and Marines and other coalition forces playing a supporting role.

Al-Maliki, a Shiite, told reporters that his envoys would talk with other governments in the region, most of them Sunni-dominated, about how they might help establish security and stability in Iraq.

"After the political climate is cleared, we will call for the convening of a regional conference in which these countries that are keen on the stability and security of Iraq will participate," al-Maliki said.

The prime minister's state-

ment fell short of an unconditional call for a conference. Previously, Iraqi leaders have rejected suggestions they include outsiders in efforts to settle their internal divisions.

In recent days, President Jalil Talabani and a leading Shiite politician, Abdul-Zizir al-Hakim, have rejected U.N., Secretary-General Kofi Annan's proposal for a regional peace conference. Annan said such a gathering could be useful if the parties met outside Iraq.

Al-Maliki, though, said any conference should take place in Iraq. Any proposals to emerge, he added, should conform to what the national unity government wants.

The Bush administration welcomed the announcement. "It's

a good idea for the Iraqis to be involved in working with their neighbors on issues of regional security," said White House spokesman Tony Snow.

At al-Maliki's press conference in Baghdad, the Iraqi leader said a frequently delayed national reconciliation conference would convene this month. He also said he planned to reshuffle his six-month-old Cabinet, to increase its "effectiveness and strength," but offered no further details.

Al-Maliki's hedged endorsement of a regional peace conference came one day before the bipartisan Iraq Study Group, co-chaired by former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, is to release recommendations on changing U.S. strategy in Iraq.



In this photo released by the Iraqi Prime Minister Press Office, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki holds a press conference in Baghdad Tuesday. Al-Maliki said Tuesday his government will send envoys to neighbors to pave the way for a conference on ending the rampant violence in his country.

U.N. powers make progress but do not reach accord on Iran resolution

By **Angela Charlton**
Associated Press writer

PARIS — Six world powers made "substantive progress" but failed to reach an accord on a U.N. resolution to punish Iran for its nuclear program, the French Foreign Ministry said after talks in Paris Tuesday.

"We made substantive progress on the scope of the sanctions targeting proliferation-sensitive activities. There remain several outstanding issues, upon which we will reflect over the coming days," the ministry said in a statement. "We are now close to a conclusion of this process."

The talks brought together diplomats from the United States, Britain, China, France and Russia — the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — as well as Germany and a representative of EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana.

They were divided, however, over how to punish Iran's defiance of U.N. demands to stop its nuclear program and accept a new treaty from Tehran of retaliation if they opted for sanctions.

The United States and France have expressed hope that the Paris talks would secure agreement for imposing sanctions against Iran. But Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said earlier that imposing wide-ranging sanctions would be "irresponsible."

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad vowed Tuesday to stick by the nuclear program and issued a new threat to downgrade relations with the 25-nation EU if European negotiators opted for tough U.N. sanctions. He gave no details on how this might be done, but the EU is Iran's biggest trading partner.

Mayans excited about first feature film in their language

By **Mark Stevenson**
Associated Press writer

MEXICO CITY — Scenes of enslaved Maya Indians building temples for a violent, decadent culture in Mel Gibson's new film "Apocalypse" may ring true for many of today's Mayans, who earn meager wages in construction camps, building huge tourist resorts on land they once owned.

Some Mayans are excited at the prospect of the first feature film made in their native tongue, Yucatec Maya. But others among the 800,000 surviving Mayans are worried that Gibson's hyper-violent, apocalyptic film could be just the latest misreading of their culture by outsiders.

"There has been a lot of concern among the Mayan groups from Mexico, Guatemala and Belize, because we don't know what his treatment or take on this is going to be," said Amdeco Cool May of the Indian defense group "Mayan," or "We are Mayan."

"This could be an attempt to merchandise or sell the image of a culture, or its people, that only differs from what that people needs, or wants," Cool May said.

The film has been screened for some U.S. Indians, who praised the use of Indian actors. The Mayans haven't seen it yet, but like Indians north of the border, they have seen others co-opt their culture, as in high-class Caribbean resorts



In this promotional photo released by Icon Distribution, Inc., actors Rudy Youngblood, center, and Morris Bird, right, in a scene from Mel Gibson's epic drama "Apocalypse."

like the Maya Coast and the Maya Riviera.

But Indians are largely absent from those beach resorts, where vacationers tour mock Mayan Villages or watch culturally inaccurate mish-mashes with "Mayan Dances" performing in feather headdresses and facepaint.

"The owners are often foreigners who buy up the land at ridiculously low prices, build tourism resorts and the Mayans in reality are often just the construction workers for the hotels or, at best, are employed as

chamber maids," said Cool May.

"Apocalypse" also portrays Mayan civilization at a low moment, just before the Spaniards arrived, when declining, quarrelling Mayan groups were focused more on war and human sacrifice than on the calendars and writing system of the civilization's bloody but brilliant classical period.

Outsiders' views of the Maya have long been subject to changing intellectual fashions. Until the 1950s, academics

often depicted the ancient Mayas as an idyllic, peaceful culture devoted to astronomy and mathematics. Evidence has since emerged that, even at their height, the Mayas fought bloody and sometimes apocalyptic wars among themselves, leading somewhat more credence to Gibson's approach.

The latest trendy theory is the largely Internet-based rumor that the Mayan long-count calendar predicts a global calamity on Dec. 22, 2012. Some have woven that together with prophecies from the Bible.

While they resisted the Spanish conquest longer than most Indians — the Mayas' last rebellion, the War of the Castles, lasted until 1501 — many were virtually enslaved until the early 1900s on plantations growing sisal, used for rope-making, or in the jungle tapping gum trees. Discrimination and poverty are probably their greatest enemies today.

Just as Gibson's use of Aramaic in "The Passion of Christ" sparked a burst of interest in that language, some Maya are hoping "Apocalypse" will do the same for their tongue.

"I think it is a good chance to integrate the Mayan language ... for people to hear it in movies, on television, everywhere," said Hilaria Maas, a Maya who teaches the language at Yucatan's state university.

Today's Maya are known mainly for their elaborate rhyming jokes, a cuisine based on pumpkin and achote seeds, and loose embroidery and clothing. They're largely peaceful farmers and masons who carry their goods on ubiquitous three-wheeled bicycles over rutted dirt roads.

"Our culture hasn't been destroyed, because the family is the base of it," says Maas. "Perhaps some material things have been destroyed, but the real basis of the culture is what a family teaches their children, and that survives, and thus survived."

Leader of Oaxaca protests arrested in Mexico

By **Rebecca Romero**
Associated Press writer

OAXACA, Mexico — Police arrested the symbolic leader of a six-month protest movement that took over the southern city of Oaxaca and left at least nine dead, hours after he said at a news conference in Mexico City that he'd gone to the capital to negotiate a peaceful solution.

Alfonso Morfín, whose heavy-set, bearded presence became an emblem of the

leftist Oaxaca People's Assembly, was arrested Monday on charges related to the barricades, vandalism and irregular detentions carried out by some protesters.

"Sosa ... is known for his use of violence, damaging private property and public byways, and also burning vehicles and buildings in Oaxaca City," federal prosecutors said.

Sosa was charged with kidnapping, robbery, causing damages and injuries and taken to a maximum security

prison just west of Mexico City that holds some of the nation's most dangerous prisoners.

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Moscow to limit British poisoning investigation

By **Peter Finn** and **Mary Jordan**
The Washington Post

MOSCOW — British detectives visiting Russia to investigate the poisoning death of a former Russian intelligence officer in London will face broad restrictions in their work here, a senior Russian official said Tuesday.

Prosecutor-General Yury Chaika said his subordinates would perform any interrogations, not the British. He ruled out the extradition of possible suspects who are Russian citizens and said that British investigators could not meet an independent lawyer and former officer in the FSB, a successor agency of the KGB, who claims to have vital information.

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At a press conference in Moscow, Chaika smacked down any notion that the British could go over their investigation leads them, as British Home Secretary John Reid put it in London Sunday.

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Fiji's military coup is fourth in 19 years

By **Dary Libby**
Associated Press writer

SUVA, Fiji — Fiji's military overthrew the elected government Tuesday after weeks of threats, locking down the capital and putting the country's minister under house arrest in the fourth coup in the South Pacific country in 19 years.

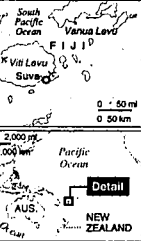
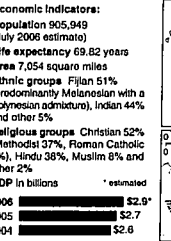
Commodore Frank Bainimarama, the armed forces chief credited with resolving Fiji's last coup, announced in a nationally broadcast statement that, "As of 6 o'clock this evening, the military has taken over the government has executive authority and the running of this country."

The takeover, like the previous three coups, has its roots in the ethnic divide between the descendants of ancient Melanesian warrior tribes and those of Indian laborers brought by former colonial power Britain to work in sugar plantations.

In his declaration, Bainimarama justified seizing power to prevent legislation

Military seizes power in Fiji

Fiji's military took control of the country Tuesday after weeks of threats, locking down the capital with armed troops and isolating the elected leader at home.



that favored indigenous Fijians, contending the measures "would undermine the constitution and deny many citizens their rights."

Bainimarama said he had assumed some powers of the president and was using them to dismiss Prime Minister

Laisenia Qarase. In the 2000 coup, Bainimarama set up an interim government and handpicked Qarase, a former boxer, to lead.

Bainimarama named Dr. Jona Senilagakali, a military medic with no political experi-

ence, as caretaker prime minister and said a full interim government would be appointed next week to see the country through elections that would restore democracy sometime in the future.

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Property address: 1329 E 2nd Ave. E, Twin Falls, ID 83301

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Caregivers needed for Rosetta Assisted Living. Apply at 1818 Highland...

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Experienced Hard Manager for local dairy. Refs. Salary DOE. Call 423-4252 or fax resumes to 423-4396

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We Need 4-Concrete Form Setters 5-CDL Drivers (Farm a plus) 4-Framers 4-Carpenters 4-Concrete Finishers

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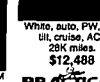
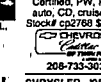
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Simple invention saves fuel

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It sounds too good to be true. A simple device that gives better fuel mileage, extends the life of an engine and improves emissions.

You can add that the device can dramatically increase horsepower. And it couldn't come at a better time, with gasoline prices skyrocketing.

Add that it's been manufactured for about 10 years in a remote shop in western Sanders County.

It's called the Condensator, and inventor Elmer Bush has had a patent on the device and its principle, since 1975.

Inspired by a poorly performing boat motor, Bush, who was living in California at the time, recalled how the "new motor" was performing sluggishly and when he took the engine apart he found where it had been accumulating sludge, varnish

and water that didn't tell her. Then she went to the store and when she returned, she complained there was something wrong, that when she pressed on the gas, the tires would spin.

He tried the same, and was amazed at the additional power the vehicle had.

He removed his device, and as expected the car's performance returned to normal.

He was convinced and began manufacturing the devices in his shop.

He said at first, it was strictly word of mouth but as the word spread, he was overwhelmed. He sold about 200 of the devices the first month and then the sales doubled for several months after that.

Bush secured a patent and commissioned some manufacturing

companies to create some of the parts, which he then assembled. A jar, attached to the bottom, was a simple canning jar that collected the oil and water that dripped off the media beads.

He was so confident in the device, and so sure that it would be revolutionary in its effects on fuel consumption, engine life and emissions, that he approached the California Air Resources Board for certification of the device for endorsement and use on California vehicles where some of the nation's strictest air quality laws are in place.

That opened a can of worms and a virtual nightmare for him that he is still fighting. Although the state eventually approved his device, his reports were less than glowing. He challenged those results, eventually got the agency to recant their earlier assessment, but the damage was done.

More misfortune struck. He found interest in the device worldwide and arranged for every vehicle in Iran to have one installed, but before that could happen, the Shah of Iran was overthrown and the deal was shattered.

Bush recalled, and his records prove, that the military was very interested and tested the device exhaustively, but he didn't get very far there either.

So eventually he moved to Sanders County and a quieter life. Still marketing and manufacturing, for years the devices have been produced in his shop and marketed on an informal basis.

The picture changed recently, when neighbor Tom McDowell entered the picture. He asked Elmer for help with his 1966 pickup and Elmer helped him install a Condensator. The results were dramatic. With a smoother running engine, better engine response and vastly improved acceleration. His mileage went from 14 to 20, almost a 50 percent increase. "With a limited income, it gave me the freedom to make longer trips," said McDowell. "I was hooked."

With experience in Internet marketing, Tom wanted to try selling the devices, by making calls on companies that could really benefit from the savings and improved performance. Add in skyrocketing oil and gas prices and McDowell has a winning formula.

With two models available, one for gas and one for diesel, he's found no shortage of customers. Recently he has concentrated on trucking companies and hit the mother lode with Missoula trucking companies. With fuel being a major cost, a big company can save hundreds of thousands of dollars per year by outfitting a fleet with the Condensator. One company, who keeps detailed records of fuel use, has documented a 12 percent increase in mileage in its first

month. McDowell said his sales are doubling every month and he will probably sell over 5000 units this year.

An experienced welder and machinist, Bush said he was born and raised near Sacramento, California, and served as a crew chief for a B-24 bomber in World War II. With a keen talent for mechanical devices, he was the only one of the squad that was placed in charge of two planes. He emerged from the war with 10 battle stars and then went on to achieve journeyman status as a carpenter, boilermaker, steamfitter and plumber. He worked in the business model Condensator.

He worked in the business of agricultural equipment, and invented several pieces of equipment that helped make it possible to better use California farm lands.

Now 80 years old, Bush has had several challenges with his back and is not nearly as flexible or mobile as he once was. But on good days he can still get out to the shop and work on his projects.

Over the past decade or so, he has employed several youth in putting together the Condensators form parts manufactured both in his shop and in other parts of the nation. Most recently, he explained, he has contracted for a company in Ohio to manufacture and assemble the devices, mostly because they can do the necessary injection molding of the plastic housing and then the company is closer to markets where

they expect the device will really take off. It's no secret that Montana is a long way from the markets where hundreds of thousands of vehicles could be installing the fuel saving device.

With a twinkle in his eye, Bush recalled numerous examples of testing the device in various equipment. For example in Australia, they installed one in a Volkswagen Beetle and the mileage went from 28 to over 40 miles per gallon. Later in a pub he and some friends were talking about the accomplishment and a man nearby questioned the claims saying there was no way those results were possible unless they had a Condensator. They all then shared a good laugh.

The Condensator name came from another company Elmer purchased after he obtained a patent. He said the name fit better, and it stuck.

Elmer loves to talk about his invention, and although he feels its acceptance has been impaired by companies that stand to lose with lower fuel and parts sales, he's still mighty proud. He lives modestly with his wife Felocinia, and they haven't sought publicity, preferring instead anonymity.

But there are certainly times when his interest is engaged and he tells the whole story and when he looks back on the invention, its potential to improve the environment and help mankind, he has to smile. With over 200,000 Condensators installed, and not one person who has asked to have it removed, no one can say he hasn't tried.

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200,000
Condensators installed!



SEEING A BRIGHT FUTURE for the Condensator, Tom McDowell of Nason is selling the device full time, both to help out his good friend Elmer Bush and to help folks save money in an era of sky high fuel costs. (Ledger photo)

and crankcase oil. "An experienced inventor, he pondered what might cause the trouble and even more so, what he might do to correct it.

He came upon the idea of collecting the "blow by" gases that collect in the crankcase of an engine and which are normally recycled back into the fuel system. Then he theorized that if he could separate out the water and oil in that system, and forward just the unburned fuel to the carburetor, he could eliminate the waste materials and cause the engine to run better.

After many nights of thought, he said it came to him and he set out to design his separator. His idea was good, but he needed a media that would do the fuel separation. That he finally found in Germany, had two pounds shipped over and after a few nights in his shop, his first "Condensator" was born.

He installed the device on his

Locals say they believe in the Condensator

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Mike Brinson of Brinson's Valley Lumber in Thompson Falls was so impressed with the Condensator that he not only installed them on two of the vehicles he uses, but he put them on the shelf for sale.

"On my pickup I immediately gained two miles per gallon and it's held steady there. On my boom truck, I save two gallons of gas on a 50 mile round trip to Trout Creek," said Brinson.

With experience as a mechanic, Brinson said he's sold on the device and understands not only the science involved but how the device can save money and wear and tear on an engine.

Linda Wadley of Montana High Espresso in Plains, said she had one installed on about a year ago on her 1993 Chevrolet Suburban. "Where I have really noticed an improvement is with going up hills. My Suburban now has more power," Wadley told the Ledger.

Linda said she didn't keep very good track of gas mileage so she couldn't really document a savings there. But she said she hasn't regretted the installation for a minute. "I'm a believer," she said, "and I think they are really on to something."

Actual Testimonials - From People Like You

Gary and Liz are camp hosts at Avista campground at Pinley Plains near Thompson Falls, Montana. When the initial article titled, Simple Invention Saves Fuel, appeared in The Sanders County Ledger, it was a hot topic around the campfire. The usual old school scuffling over how "nothing actually works", quickly dissipated any validity to the idea of actually trying a Condensator, and the matter was dropped. Dropped that is until Gary and Liz returned to their cabin up at Savage Lake. There Liz urged Gary to sit down with her and actually read the article. She also reminded Gary his 1997, 3/4 ton, four wheel drive, Ford pickup with a 460

skepticism Gary agreed and called to arrange to have a Condensator installed that day.

According to Gary: During the installation, Tom warned me that mileage gains can vary, yet he'd had

it off again. The tank would barely take two gallons (1.94) of fuel for over forty miles. No matter how you figured, it's what it is, over twenty miles a gallon. A seven mile per gallon gain. I was amazed! For

a circle of friends. Since June, over twenty Condensators have been installed for just his friends and associates. On the day we went up to install Condensators on the motor home and Jeep we ended up

story for Carl B. From Moyie Springs, Idaho. According to Dale, "Carl is enjoying the added performance so much - he can't keep his foot out of the carburetor." Unfortunately neither keeps track of their mileage. Dale now plans to install a Condensator on his pickup truck.

Our next tale comes from Irvin P. of Thompson Falls, MT

Irvin drives a 1998 Dodge Ram 1500, Heavy Half Ton 4x4 pickup, powered by a 318 engine.

Initially Irvin didn't want to install a Condensator and due to Gary's success, he reluctantly agreed.

Like a dozen others he stated, "if it wasn't for Gary I that wouldn't be doing this." One reason he decided to give it a try is the truck had always seemed slightly underpowered. After installation he took it out for a test drive and came back grinning from ear to ear. All he'd say was, "it's got more power." Later after several tanks of gas he's now very impressed. Turns out before



It Sure Pays to Listen to Mama!

pretty good results, and to be prepared for anything. After 20 minutes the installation was done, Tom asked me to take it for a drive and I did notice it was a bit snappier. I could even tell the difference pulling up the Bull River hill.

Well we then went up to the Bull River Junction and completely topped off the tank. We then drove as usual back up to Troy, and topped

a big Ford pick up with a 460 cubic inch engine - I was floored. We then drove around for some city type driving tanked up again, and figured it up at a five mile per gallon gain. I then decided to ask Tom to install a Condensator on Liz's 94 Jeep Grand Cherokee, and our motor home. I'm now a believer.

Well the story does not stop there, Gary as it turns out has quite

stopping at the Dorr Skeels campground. There we installed Condensators on two motor homes belong to two friends of Gary. One belonged to Dale K., from Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Dale later reported, not only does the engine start easier, runs smoother, "the RV has a noticeable increase in power."

Grades he used to struggle with were much more manageable. Same



I'll admit it - I Was Skeptical! engine, was getting around thirteen to fourteen miles per gallon, and, just maybe, they ought to give the Condensator a try.

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installing the Condensator he was getting eighteen miles per gallon... now, he's getting a little over twenty three. A gain of over five miles per gallon. Last report from Irv is, he's well pleased with the Condensator, and, we need one for Dads truck.



Irv's Dodge 1500 4x4 Gains 5 MPG

Back to Gary and Liz:

We decided to buy a brand new 2004 Dodge Durango. The first thing we decided was to install a Condensator right away, if nothing else to protect the engine. We first made sure it would not void our warranty, we then brought it over to Tom with 74 miles on it. We'd asked the salesman in Libby what to



22 MPG & Climbing on a new Dodge Durango!

expect for mileage as the EPA sticker shows 18 for highway. He said he'd not heard of anyone getting that on the 4.7 Magnum engine, usually 15 is about the best to expect. Well, after several thousand miles regular highway speeds, 70 mph plus, we're now getting 22 miles per gallon on the highway, there's no doubt it's due to the Condensator. Even towing the boat with the overdrive locked out, mountain driving, the whole bit, we're still getting 15 miles per gallon. Pretty good for towing!



22 Miles Per Gallon with a Car Carrier!

Gary and Liz have since sold the 1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee. After installing the Condensator the first thing they noticed was the substantial increase in power. The next thing was they found that regular gas would run the engine as well as premium did before installing the Condensator. The savings from Premium to Regular alone made for a quick return on the investment. With a -318, full time four wheel drive, automatic transmission, it's a fairly thrifty rig. Initially the car was getting around 18.5 mpg. Now the new owner reports it's getting over 22 mpg highway.

True Tales, Continued

Another Tale

From Our "Mail Lady" Gracie S., Noxon, Mont.

I deliver the mail in Noxon. I was never happy with my mileage we were getting with our 1999 Subaru



4.5 mpg Gain on A Subaru?

Legacy. I drive the same route every day, day in and day out, you know - rain, hail, sleet and snow. I deliver mail to Elmer Bush, and remember a few years back his telling me a Condensator would help with my mileage. I forgot all about it until I read the article in The Ledger. Later, after Tom installed the Condensator I gained four and a half miles per gallon! Even running the AC, I get still two miles a gallon better than before.

I sure wish I'd installed one sooner - Thanks Elmer!!!

Juanne W. Of Thompson Falls, Montana, writes in from Michigan:

1999 Honda CRV. Driving from Thompson Falls to Gladwin, Michigan - 1980 miles, 80-85 mph, running AC, a gain of two and a half miles per gallon. The most amazing thing is the power, without hardly

pressing the gas pedal, this Honda is a four cylinder car! Very impressed with the Condensator.

Now I have to put one on my Motor Home.

Rob Jones...

Condensator Delivers!

Rob Jones has been a professional driver for 26 years. After a stint in management for City Parcel in Spokane Wash., he's now on the road full time. Each day he makes the long runs from Spokane to Seattle, Helena, Great Falls or Lewiston, averaging roughly 600



Rob Jones, Spokane, Wa.

miles a day. His mechanic showed him the flyer on the Condensator and asked him what he thought. After reading it over, he figured it couldn't hurt so he decided to give it a try. Any gain in mileage would be worth the investment. He installed one on his 93 Ford Excursion delivery

van with a 3.0 liter engine. The results were immediate. He said, "in one day I was a believer". The van jumped 2.6 miles more per gallon. Driving up the Lewiston Idaho grade, the transmission used to kick down, with the Condensator it cruised up in overdrive - at 70 miles per hour!

Rob recently gave the van to his daughter, and to satisfy his curiosity he transferred the Condensator to his new 2006 Toyota Scion, with a 1.5 liter engine with 6000 miles on the odometer. Again the results were immediate, on the Pullman run the new Toyota never kicked down, it now runs smoother, and the engine even quit chattering at stops. Rob was surprised to see black clumps of carbon at the bottom of the collection jar, and is happy knowing the Condensator will be working to keep the new engine cleaner.

Topping it off, the Scion is getting a solid 3mpg gain! Don't be surprised if you call me five years from now and find I've moved it to another car, I'm keeping it!

Ross Bennett Underwater Timber Salvage Corp., St. Helens, Oregon

Condensator Sales: I am writing this, to thank you, for introducing a product that keeps making your engine run and perform better. In the last 3 & 1/2 years, I have been amazed at the crud stripped from the crankcase gasses and the increased power and better fuel efficiency created by the

Condensator. It has paid for itself many times over in fuel savings and my engine looks new inside and without the normal carbon deposits on the valve train. My truck has shown the effect of the condensator while pulling my research boat all over the country by burning any gas I have to put in it, and by extracting the power out of the gas on those long mountain grades. I'm very pleased the exhaust pipe is visually



Keep up the good work at helping keep the Planet GREEN! burning cleaner and lacking in black carbon deposits. Owning a "Green" company and doing more than just what is required makes me and my company viable. Those that I tell about the Condensator and my environmentally correct company know that I walk the walk too. You keep up the good work and you and your crew are helping to keep the Planet Green. Thank You Again!

Does The Condensator Work?...



...You'd better believe it!

Not two to be trifled with, Jim Bolin and Chuck Garvin of Spokane Wash, have covered a lot of ground and seen a lot of gimmicks come and go.

These two men have been best friends for some 30 years, working together in the construction trades and labor unions most of their adult lives. When they recently read about the Condensator, they each decided to have one installed.

Chuck, originally from Columbia Falls, Montana, was initially a bit skeptical. After looking it all over he decided it made sense and it would likely

work. He decided to have one installed on his work truck, a 2000 Chevy 2500HD with a 6.0 engine. Jim, originally from Yakima, Wash., wondered if installing a Condensator on his 1989 Dodge Dakota, with a 231 V-6 would give the little pickup more power.

After each installed a Condensator on one vehicle on the same day, both were extremely pleased. The first thing Chuck noticed was the truck ran smoother and now needs to have his foot resting on the brake pedal at stop signs, as the truck wants to creep forward. From his perspective,

"one look at the gunk collected in the Condensator's collection jar, that's more than enough benefit, mileage is irrelevant. Everything else is a bonus."

Even so Chuck figures he's getting two to three miles per gallon better on in-town driving on the Chevy. Chuck was so satisfied with his results he later scheduled a second install on his 99 Dodge Caravan. He's very happy with the Caravan as it's showing more pep and getting around a four to five mile per gallon gain.



Chuck and his 2000 Chevy HD

Jim is delighted with the performance gain on the Dakota. "I could notice the difference within 50 miles." The increase in power was more important to me than the mileage gain." The pickup is used for hauling and is usually overloaded.

"Before the Condensator, while climbing the Sunset Hill out of Spokane it'd have to shift down, now it just sails up in overdrive. Better yet, the mileage increased from 12 to 18 mpg!" Jim says, "we're putting a Condensator on the motorhomes next!"



Jim's amazed with the power.

Thanks Everyone, for Sharing Your Stories

We're sure there are more unwritten tales of the Condensator. Yet for now we hope you enjoyed reading and will someday share your story with us.

FIGHT BACK!

Against High Gas Costs! The Condensator® has Helped over 200,000 Satisfied Customers... SAVE \$\$\$ every day!



The Condensator Supplementary Carburetor TM can be installed on every internal combustion engine powered; car, truck, RV, tractor, rolling stock, even marine engines, anywhere in the world. A perfect economic enhancement for delivery, municipal, state & government, fleet vehicles!

Here's Why...

WHY...Installing The Condensator Makes Sense... Once You've Installed a Condensator™ on your vehicle you'll begin to:

- Cut Down on Engine Emissions,
- Cut Down on Fuel Costs,
- Cut Down on Engine Wear.

Just Installing a Condensator™ on your Gas, Propane or Natural Gas fuel-line engine will provide an immediate increase in engine efficiency, which translates into better performance, more horsepower, and better economy. New or old engine! - It makes no difference.

How It Works:

Every Internal Combustion Engine has a flaw, it's inefficient by design. Every Internal Combustion Engine produces crankcase gas. As a result of the compression and detonation piston strokes, an estimated 4 to 10 percent of the fuel air mixture passes by the piston ring. This is commonly known as blow-by gases. This vapor is comprised of volatile and non-volatile hydro-carbons. Elements that can be used as fuel for your engine, and, those that can not. The Condensator™ using a patented process, separates those gases allowing only the combustible hydrocarbons to feed back into the engine. While an automotive system called the "Positive Crankcase Ventilation" (PCV) system has been in place on many gasoline engines for many years, the PCV system is flawed. It does not separate out the materials that are not engine fuel. Without a Condensator™, this existing system actually damages your engine, retards performance, ruins your catalytic converter, and creates unnecessary air pollution. The installation of a Condensator™ system solves these problems, and the immediate benefits are obvious.

The Benefits:

Reduce Air Pollution - Breathe Easier! Cleaner Air - up to 75% Lower Emissions!

Would You like to help decrease Smog? Adding the Condensator™ to Your car, truck, van, etc., will significantly reduce emissions. The majority of the elements not used as fuel will be trapped in the Condensator bowl to be later disposed of as used motor oil. In 1976, The California Air Resources Board (CARB) exempted the use of the Condensator™ and as a result, thousands and thousands of satisfied customers easily pass emissions tests.

All tests show significant emissions reductions. **SAVE ON FUEL COSTS!** Taking into consideration that every engine is unique, as well as every driver, mile per gallon gains are unpredictable. However, providing the engine is in proper working order, in all cases engine efficiency, and horsepower, are increased by installing a Condensator.

Since 1976, gains from 3% to over 100% have been reported.

Save On Engine Wear!

Stopping the damage caused by the PCV system in Gasoline engines should be a high priority. What does not burn into the pollution residue in the engine in the form of carbon deposits. Carbon deposits degrade engine longevity and hamper engine efficiency at all levels. Stopping the flow of heavy hydrocarbons back into the engine will allow the engine to begin to shed carbon build-up. The Condensator™ will also effectively remove water from the crankcase. The old saying, "oil and water do not mix," is especially true for engines. Eliminating the water and carbon, greatly enhances engine life, and, performance.



Trion V-10 after 500 miles—Popped contaminants! Without the Condensator, a great deal of this waste would be in our air!

Other Benefits:

- Will Not Void Warranty.
- Easy Installation.
- Easy Maintenance.
- Cost Effective. Pays for itself.
- System Lasts the Life of Your Engine with no additional add-ons.
- Makes both Good Economic, and, Practical Sense.
- Saving Fuel, Reducing Emissions, and, Prolonging the Life of Your Engine Will Allow You To.

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Frequently Asked Questions

OUR MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION: DOES IT WORK?

The answer is a resounding yes! We have stacks of testimonials and personal hands-on experience with hundreds of satisfied customers. We conclude the only way a Condensator will not work on your vehicle is if it's not installed.

IS THERE A GUARANTEE?

Condensators are backed by a 90-day, 100% customer satisfaction guarantee!

HOW MUCH MILEAGE GAIN WILL INSTALLING THE CONDENSATOR GIVE ME?

The simple answer is "we don't know." There are too many variables to consider to be able to accurately predict what a specific vehicle and driver will achieve. We will share with you the results of our customers and our own personal experiences. We have seen 3 mile or two per gallon all the way to the mileage actually doubling. We tell fleet managers to expect a reduction of fuel consumption of around 15% on average. This is due to some vehicles and drivers over performing and some under performing.

WILL A CONDENSATOR WORK ON MY CAR?

This is a good question as there are several vehicles we can't install a Condensator on at this time. The reason is they have either an internal PCV system or do not have one at all. These are the 8.1 and 3.8 GMC / Chevrolet, and Dodge 5.7 Hemi truck engines. From what we've seen so far these are the only exceptions.

DOES THE CONDENSATOR WORK ONLY OR BEST ON OLDER VEHICLES?

It's for certain the Condensator will breathe new life into your older vehicle, at the same time we've seen many impressive mileage gains on newer vehicles too! In addition to getting a mileage gain on a newer vehicle you'll be protecting your investment from engine damaging carbon. This alone is a great reason to install a Condensator on a new car.



"When I read the insert in the [KallsPELL] Daily *Interlake* on the Condensator, I was a bit skeptical. The fact there was local people from the area telling their stories influenced me a great deal. These were people I could contact myself if I wanted to. I have a new 2004 Nissan Titan with a V-8 and about 4000 miles on it. The first thing I did was to check on the warranty issue, after being satisfied and since the call was a toll free, I decided to give them a shot. Tom came out to the house and spent some time showing me some of the documentation he had on other vehicles. We discussed installation and since he was running late I decided to install the Condensator myself. It took around twenty minutes to install. So far I'm getting 17% better mileage for my in town driving. I've seen the computer go up to 20 miles per gallon on the highway where before it was never above 16. It's too early to tell since I've not had a good opportunity to see what the highway mileage will pan out to be. All in all I'm quite satisfied.

"Would I do it again?" - In a heartbeat!" Bill Leingang, KallsPELL, MT.

WILL INSTALLING A CONDENSATOR VOID THE MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY ON A NEW VEHICLE?

The answer is no! In order for a car manufacturer to void a warranty, they have to prove that the Condensator has or will do



Warranty is "NOT" affected!

damage to the engine or vehicle. Installation on a gasoline powered vehicle will not void the warranty.

"I find the Condensator a very interesting invention. One of our customers recently purchased a new vehicle, read the insert in the

Interlake & decided to put one on. Boy was he pleased! The Condensator increased his fuel economy, horsepower and performance and IT DOESN'T AFFECT THE NEW CAR WARRANTY at all! So I too put one on my personal vehicle. I'm very excited to see my improved fuel economy, horsepower and performance. There's very little maintenance, and best of all...reduces emissions for the betterment of our environment!"

C. J. Hensen, General Manager
Stinson Motors - Missoula, Montana,
Suburbi - KallsPELL, Montana

I'VE READ INSTALLING A CONDENSATOR WILL GIVE MY VEHICLE MORE POWER. IS THAT TRUE?

It sure is true. After the engine is no longer chugging on heavy oil from the crankcase, it'll be running more efficiently. In addition to the unspent fuel contained in the blow by gasses are higher more volatile gasses ranging from Methane to Toluene, these higher aromatic gasses act to increase the octane rating of your fuel. Combined together these two factors lead to an increase in power.



"Since I have an extensive background in the automotive field, I can tell you for certain that installing a Condensator in my 1994 Mazda B-4000 pickup gave it more power. In addition to an appreciated boost in passing gear, I was able to tell with more certainty by setting my cruise control at 65 while driving north up Evaro Hill. Before installing the Condensator the cruise would kick out about halfway up. Now the cruise control remains engaged all the way to the top.

Although my mileage gain was fairly modest, I'm well pleased with the results.

"I think it's a good product."

Todd Booth, Missoula, Montana



This lower air intake shows the accumulation heavy hydrocarbons, varnish on the walls of the manifold. The one section has been cleaned to show what it should look like.

I'VE HEARD A CONDENSATOR WILL INCREASE THE LONGEVITY OF MY VEHICLE'S ENGINE.

It's true! Once the flow of heavy oils back into the air intake is stopped, so does the reintroduction of carbon into the combustion chamber. It's well known carbon is one of the most abrasive elements known - contributing to engine wear, and is the leading cause of engine failure. By stopping this self destruction process your engine will last longer. We've had letters from people reporting in excess of 500,000 miles with a Condensator installed. Unfortunately the rest of the vehicle wears out before the engine.

"In 1992 Diane and I purchased a 1988 Ford Tempo with 110,000 miles. It had a Condensator installed, but we didn't know what it was, nor did anyone else. Well Diane logs a whole lot of miles driving to Superior, Plains and Missoula; a whole lot of miles. This summer we were at the campground where Tom was installing Condensators on motorhomes and later figured it out, that's what was in the Tempo - a Condensator! Now here's the kicker, the Tempo ran until 2002 with 611,000 actual miles on the odometer at retirement."



Larry Roberts
Frenchtown, Montana

WILL CONDENSATORS LOWER THE EMISSIONS FROM MY TAILPIPE INTO THE ENVIRONMENT?

Ron's an ASE certified master technician with 20 years of automotive repair experience and he was skeptical at first about the Condensator's claims of better gas mileage, improved performance and lowered vehicle emissions.

He tried one because he was getting poor gas mileage on older Ford pickup. It didn't take him long to experience first hand the benefits. After installing one on his pickup, Ron said it felt like his throttle spring was

loose because the vehicle was so much more responsive. A co-worker (another ASE master tech) installed one and found his Chevy S-10 no longer bogs down with the AC operating.



Ron and Deb, Spokane, WA.

Ron then installed a Condensator on a 1990 Olds Cutlass Circa and mileage improved from 22 MPG to 28 MPG. He tested the emissions before and after and found they were reduced 50 percent! Ron then installed one on his fiancé's, Deb, car, a 1989 Ford Taurus and found the vehicle went from 13 MPG in the city to 19 MPG. On the highway, the car's fuel efficiency improved from 19 to 28 MPG.

"We're real pleased with the acceleration and performance, the car no longer bogs down as we go over the I-90 pass east of Coeur d'Alene."

Ron said he was so impressed technically with the Condensator's performance that he recommends them to others and helps with the installation.

Asked if the performance improvements he experienced could be discarded, Ron said "I understand the science behind the Condensator, I have seen it work and know they work."

"I'm a believer," said Ron.

*For a copy of emission test results, go to condensatorales.com.

HOW ABOUT GOVERNMENT VEHICLES?

"I contacted Tom about getting Condensators installed on a few of our City Buses in KallsPELL. During the installation special we were able to get the Condensator installed on three buses. Was I pleased with the results? Immensely! It gives lots more power making for safer starts. It's too early to tell what the figures are on the gas savings, but I've got a hunch there will be substantial savings. I was so impressed I even had one installed on my personal vehicle."



Betty Kemp, Lead Driver
Eagle Transit, KallsPELL, Montana

WHAT ABOUT PROPANE POWERED ENGINES, CAN WE INSTALL A CONDENSATOR ON THEM?

You'd better believe you can, and is it ever a good idea. Propane powered engines are supposed to run cleaner and to some degree they do, however they're usually underpowered and somewhat inefficient. They still have a PCV system and by running



Even With Propane There's a 30% Savings! the crankcase gasses through the Condensator you can find a remarkable improvement in mileage, power and emissions.

"I work at the largest lumber yard in Missoula. During one of our busiest months we installed a Condensator on my forklift. Each day I would unload around 30 semi trailers. Before the Condensator I'd use a tank and a half of propane everyday. After installing the Condensator we decreased to just one tank a day with the same workload. That's a 30% reduction! At peak we were saving three full tanks a week on just one forklift!"

Tim DePuydt, Missoula, Montana

"I had the privilege of meeting Elmer Bush several years ago when he came into my shop to have me build some stainless steel cases for Condensators. At the time I was driving a 94 Mazda which I had for 3 months. I installed a Condensator and to my amazement I started squealing my tires taking off at a stop sign!!! The added power was awesome! I now drive a 98 Ranger. Same story! I took it back to the dealership to show them and the head mechanic said with a frown, "I spent over \$1500 on power improvements for my Ranger and it doesn't have the power this has." When you are waiting at a stop sign in traffic this is

a real advantage as you can safely merge in places you couldn't before.

Let's talk about extended engine life. It stops the bad stuff from getting into your upper engine, (especially around the nozzle of the injector). After emptying the collection container 5 or 6 times you'll start to notice sandy gritty stuff in the bottom! Want that in your engine??? The mileage increase is nice, but I especially like the added power you get! With the black lines going into the intake you



can't see what goes into it...just as the manufacturer would like! With the Condensator you can see all that harmful stuff in the collection jar! You would have to be brain dead not to see the value in installing a Condensator on every rig you own!"

Lou Baribault - President,
SWHIFT Systems, Inc. - Sandpoint, ID.

WHAT DO MECHANICS SAY?

"From the first day Tom walked into the shop I've thought, "it's a no brainer." Removing the oil from the fuel to air mixture lowers the flash point, creating more efficient and more powerful combustion. It's very simple and elegant."



It Just Makes Sense!

Several of my friends now have Condensators installed on their vehicles, and all are reporting increased power. On my shop truck, a 1-ton Chevy 4x4 with a 454 engine, and loaded with a compressor, welding & cutting setup and noodes of tools, I'm now getting 6.9 miles per gallon. Plus, less carbon means less maintenance. Like I said to Tom, It's a no brainer!"

Curt Fitzgerald, Shop Foreman - Johnson Brothers Recycling - Missoula, Montana

CAN I INSTALL A CONDENSATOR MYSELF?

If you can change your own spark plugs and oil, perhaps. If you have any reservations, it's best to have a mechanic install the Condensator.

WHAT MODEL CONDENSATOR DO I NEED FOR MY CAR OR PICK UP?

We have three models for gasoline engines. The general rule is Model A for 1984 and older; Model C for 1985 and newer and Model B for smaller engines, 1984 and older.

IS THE CONDENSATOR A NEW PRODUCT?

Not exactly. It was invented in 1976 by Elmer Bush and since then over 200,000 Condensators have been sold worldwide.

ARE THERE ANY FILTERS NEEDING REPLACEMENT OR ADD ON COSTS?

There are no add on costs or filters to replace. It's a one time investment and then that's it! The Condensator will last for the life of your vehicle. A periodic cleaning of the separator basket may be necessary every 30,000 miles or so, however that's just a simple cleaning in parts wash. Any oil change technician will be able to perform this minimal service.

WHAT MAINTENANCE IS REQUIRED AFTER INSTALLING A CONDENSATOR?

Maintenance is a snap. At every oil change make it a practice to empty out the collection jar on the Condensator.

"It's no problem at all to empty the collection jar. Just do it at oil change time!"



Linda Vandehy, Montana High Espresso, Plains Montana

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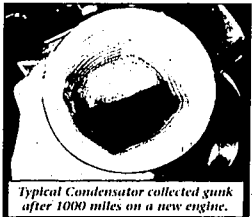
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WHAT IS THE STUFF THE CONDENSATOR COLLECTS?

It's a combination of motor oil, carbon, water, acid, metals, and some really smelly stuff. The point is it's not what you'd like to



Typical Condensator collected gunk after 1000 miles on a new engine.

have sent back into the engine with the fuel and clean air. Once again dispose of as engine waste oil. Let's not send it back into the engine or worse, into our air!

DOES THE CONDENSATOR INSERT INTO THE FUEL LINE?

No. On almost every gasoline powered engine is a PCV valve, and normally a tube

Simple installation on a Toyota Celica



that connects the PCV valve to the air intake. We remove the old tube or hose, then we attach one side of the Condensator to the PCV Valve. Next the other side of the Condensator is connected to the air intake. It's really that simple!

HOW COME THE AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURERS ARE NOT ALL OVER THIS?

In the past it was not in the manufacturer's corporate best interest to support a device that extends the life of an engine. Things have

changed in recent years and manufacturers are now taking a second look at the Condensator.

IF IT'S NOT NEW HOW COME I HAVE NOT HEARD ABOUT IT BEFORE?

In one word, California. Elmer had to battle California in the courts to prove the Condensator works as advertised. It took from 1976 to 1982 to force the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to admit the device does not create pollution.

To some degree this battle is ongoing. Cooperation with CARB is at best dismal. It's our position at Condensator Sales, that California and CARB have been grossly negligent in their duties to the people of California and by extension, the nation at large.

Since the Condensator article first appeared in the June, 2004 edition of the Sanders County Ledger, over 7,500 Condensators have been installed in vehicles in Montana, Washington, Idaho and Oregon. Sales are increasing daily. Recently our neighbor, Mr. Bush passed on and he will be missed greatly. Elmer Bush was proud of his invention and how he was able to help with a practical element of all our lives - the cost of fuel - and contribute to a cleaner environment.

Inventor - Elmer Bush



ELMER BUSH WITH FIRST INJECTION MOLDS FOR THE IMPROVED CONDENSATOR IN 1990

TOWARDS THE END OF THE TRAIL, ELMER BUSH ENJOYING THE BULL RIVER LIFESTYLE

Our production is limited and demand is skyrocketing!

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OK, HOW DOES A CONDENSATOR HELP THE ENVIRONMENT?

If you've read the testimonials and information, now we get down to the meat and potatoes.

First, we've barely touched on tailpipe emissions. In our opinion, it's something we need to spend time on.

One of the tailpipe emissions is Carbon Monoxide (which we all know can kill along with other harmful gases).

After installing a Condensator, in addition to getting better mileage, more power, and extending engine life, you'll greatly reduce auto emissions into the air. Test after test after test, over the last 20 years, proved this conclusively. Installing a Condensator reduces emissions by up to 75% on gasoline engines.

By installing a Condensator you'll save money and help everyone breathe easier.

WHO WE ARE:

We're small and growing. Condensator Sales employs nine people in Montana and we're growing. Located 150 miles northwest of Missoula near Noxon, Montana on Highway 56, we're in the beautiful Bull River

Valley. Tim Tom McDowell and I sell and install Condensators.

Before Elmer died late in 2004, he entrusted me with carrying on his vision. Elmer saw the immense benefits of the Condensator for making our world a better place.

MADE IN MONTANA

Condensators are hand assembled at a facility along the scenic Bull River.

By now it should be clear the Condensator is not a gimmick, or toy, but lately, some skeptics have questioned the validity of our claims.

We want you to know we stand by our products and continue to believe our customers are the best testimony and validation for what a Condensator can do. We feel if you've taken the step to install one you're contributing in a way to help keep the costs of fuel down, keep our air cleaner and benefit your community at large.

Our production is limited and demand is skyrocketing, but we want to control company growth to assure a quality product, personal service and careful, professional installations.

We're sure that if you give the Condensator a try, you'll join the thousands of our satisfied customers.

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