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First-degree murder trial begins

Case hinges on shooter's intention

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Fear or anger? Which emotion overpowered the other one fatal night 1 1/2 years ago when Donald Brink shot Brent "Spook" Lillevoed? That was the question both sides contested Tuesday in the opening of Brink's first-

Burden of proof

The burden of proof rests on the state. That means the prosecutor has to convince the jury beyond a reasonable doubt that all the elements of first-degree-murder are met by the nature of Donald Brink's alleged crime. First-degree murders "to cause suffering

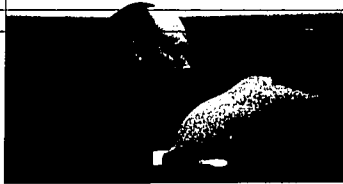
degree murder trial. Not denying Brink shot the 50-year-old Lillevoed with a shotgun, Brink's defense attorney asserted that he did it out of fear for his life. "I do not dispute Mr. Brink fired the shot," said defense attorney Thomas Kershaw in

to execute vengeance, to avert some evil from the victim, or to satisfy some spiteful inclination, or which is perpetrated by any kind of willful, deliberate and premeditated killing is murder in the first degree." Idaho Criminal Law § 15-2103

his opening argument. "But you will learn there is such a thing as justifiable homicide and excusable homicide."

But the prosecutor called it a vendetta.

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Donald Brink looks over his defense attorney Thomas Kershaw's shoulder Tuesday during the opening day of his first-degree murder trial at the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

Knievel sues Kanye over video

By Mitch Stacy
Associated Press writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Daredevil Evel Knievel has sued Kanye West, taking issue with a music video in which the rapper takes on the persona of "Evel Kanyevel" and tries to jump a rocket-powered motorcycle over a canyon.



Evel Knievel

Knievel, whose real name is Robert Craig Knievel, filed suit in federal court in Tampa on Monday claiming infringement on his trademarked name and likeness. He also claims the "vulgar and offensive" images depicted in the video damage his reputation.



Kanye West

"That video that Kanye West put out is the most worthless piece of crap I've ever seen in my life, and it uses my image to catapult himself on the public," Knievel, 68, said Tuesday. A spokesman for West said he had no comment. The suit seeks damages and to halt distribution of the video.

In the video for the song, "Touch the Sky," which came out earlier this year, West dons the familiar Knievel star-studded jumpsuit and jumps a

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A 'Nutcracker' family



Dancers from Twin Falls practice their parts Saturday morning for the holiday production of 'Nutcracker' at the College of Southern Idaho.



Local children, from left, Whitney Erickson, Alina Beck and Stephanie Brunelle act out a scene during a 'Nutcracker' rehearsal.

For the Essmas, 'Nutcracker' is a holiday family tradition

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Fall doesn't happen in the Essma household. The "Nutcracker" happens.

"Every year, almost, since we were old enough to dance," said Alina Erickson, 21, the oldest of four siblings who have made Tchaikovsky's holiday classic a family affair. "Between us, we've done most of the parts."

Alina's younger sister, Danielle, a Twin Falls High School student who has danced four roles in "Nutcracker," last year took over the role of longtime Twin Falls dance teacher Beverly Hackney, who was ballet mistress for touring Ballet Idaho productions for almost 20 years. This fall it's been Danielle's job to prepare — in eight weeks — 43 local dancers to perform with the professional Ballet Idaho company at tonight's show.

"It's a critical job as far as we're concerned," said Peter Pavlyshyn, dance master for the Boise-based company. "We give them the materials — the videos, the CDs and the music — but they're the ones who make it happen."

Visions of sugarplums

• **What:** Ballet Idaho will present Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker."

• **Where:** College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.

• **When:** Today, 7:30 p.m.

• **How much:** Tickets, which are \$18 for adults and \$10 for children, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark, the CSI Fine Arts Box Office, the CSI Outreach Centers in Burley and Halley, or by calling 732-6288.

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Nutcracker: From Russia, with a shrug

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — "Nutcracker" is no big deal in Russia.

"It's an American phenomenon," said Peter Pavlyshyn, ballet master for Ballet Idaho, which will bring its annual production of Peter Tchaikovsky's classic to the College of

Southern Idaho stage tonight. "I danced professionally in Russia, and if the 'Nutcracker' is done at all it's in April or May. The Russian 'Nutcracker' doesn't have the holiday-themed staging that you find here."

But a Russian expatriate, choreographer George Balanchine, put "Nutcracker" at the center of the repertory of his New York City Ballet

In the 1950s — and at the heart of the American way of Christmas — and the dance eventually became the economic linchpin of most professional dance companies in the U.S.

Ready stuff for a 115-year-old dance piece that has almost disappeared from view at times.

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Idaho among top in U.S. for home value appreciation

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — Home prices in Idaho rose the fastest of any state in the third quarter of 2006, according to a recently released federal report.

The Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight said home prices appreciated 17.5 percent in Idaho compared with the same quarter in 2005. Utah was second with a 17.4 percent increase.

In Twin Falls, home prices rose 16 percent in 2006 compared to the same quarter in 2005, according to Olivia Rowe, executive officer of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors.

"In the last year, we've seen a lot of appreciation of homes in Twin Falls," said Mike Erickson, a real estate Realtor with Prudential Idaho Homes and Properties and president of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors. "With old homes as well as new homes, we see values going up. There seems to be appreciation across the board this year."

"It was a supply-and-demand issue," Erickson added. "We had more buyers than sellers. At the moment, we're seeing the listings inventory increasing. Appreciation is starting to stabilize."

In Pocatello home prices rose a record 14 percent in 2005, but this year have risen only 10 percent, said Mike Johnston, a real estate agent with Home Specialists.

He said that about 20 percent of home sales in 2005 came from new construction, but that it hasn't kept up with demand.

"We still have a shortage of homes," Johnston said.

Part of the reason is that out-of-state investors have found Pocatello to their liking, said Gilbert Salazar, a real estate agent with Century 21.

"Pocatello is one of the only places where you can find multifamily dwellings at a decent price that will cash flow," Salazar said.

"We just don't have the highs and lows the bigger markets have had in the last two years."



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Essmas

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"We couldn't do this without them, and certainly the Essmas have been stalwart."

Ballet Idaho tours with "Nutcracker" every fall — this year through four states and 32 cities over 36 days. At every stop, there's someone like the Essmas getting dancers ready. "They're working with young dancers of various levels of ability and experience," Pawlyshyn said. "We go in seven or eight weeks before the performance and hold an audition and fill the local dance parts."

Ballet Idaho tours "Nutcracker" earnestly because it considers itself a regional company with a responsibility to expose as many people as possible to classical dance.

"This may be the only experience some of these young people ever have with professional dance," said Karla Bodnar, the company's executive director. "We want to make it as valuable as possible."

Hackney, a Pocatello native who danced professionally with the San Francisco Ballet, taught dance for almost 50 years in Twin Falls. She died Nov. 9, 2005, at 82.

In all that time, Hackney said she never turned down a student who couldn't afford to pay for dance lessons.

Likewise, her work training "Nutcracker" dancers was strictly volunteer. "She touched the lives of so many people in Twin Falls, both adults and children," Angela Essma said.

Three of the Essmas — Angela, Danielle and their 18-year-old sister, Timbre — danced more than a dozen "Nutcrackers" under Hackney's tutelage.

"It's not unusual to have the same families, the same teachers, the same youngsters" involved in "Nutcracker" year after year," Pawlyshyn said. "We couldn't do this without them."

There are four possible roles for local dancers in Twin Falls this year — Baby Mice, Angels, Lady Bugs and Party Guests. "My personal favorite was

Party Guest," Angela Essma said, because of the time those characters spend on stage, the music they dance to and exposure to the professional dance company.

"There are 65 possible roles in the piece," Pawlyshyn said. "The hardest part is when you have to choose one young dancer over another, but the audience is paying for a performance by a professional company, not a dance recital."

Ballet Idaho's 12 professional dancers learn to adapt to the varying experience and abilities of young local dancers.

"We have to be flexible because we tour as troupes we do," Pawlyshyn said. "Because conditions aren't going to be the same tonight in Twin Falls as they were the other night in Coeur d'Alene or Billings."

Angela Essma, a College of Southern Idaho student and part-time dance teacher, plans to be involved with "Nutcracker" as long as she can. "It wouldn't be Christmas without it," she said.

Ballet

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For starters, the world premiere bombed. Russian audiences and critics shrugged off "Nutcracker," and Tchaikovsky — a full-blown Russian national hero at the time — died a year later, confounded by its reception.

Based on German author E.T.A. Hoffmann's 1816 children's fable, Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" was a double fantasy — both of the wonder of childhood and of the sexual awakening of a young girl. But in America, a series of choreographic interpretations of the music in the 1930s by "modern" choreographers formed the Sugar Plum Fairies into ballet's sugar dad-dies.

"Take a look at a young dancer's eyes when they watch the 'Nutcracker,'" Pawlyshyn said. "And you know the world is a good place."

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Brink

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"Brink set out to get Mr. Lillewold," said Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loebis in his opening argument.

Brink was arrested May 29, 2005, and charged the next day with first-degree murder with weapons enhancement. He may face life in prison if he is convicted.

Not in question is that early that morning Brink drove with his daughter and son to 235 1/2 Orange St., the home of Lynn Nickell. He went there wanting to retrieve stolen property. Brink was facing jail time and wanted to square away his affairs, including getting back to the Ford van he was convinced Lillewold had stolen from him. But was Lillewold's death also on his mind?

So far the weapon has not turned up. No evidence has been offered to show Brink was armed when he arrived at the Ramage Street home with his two kids. They stayed in the truck while Brink went in. When he came back out, they testified, he was carrying a shotgun and yelling at them to run.

The home sits below ground and is where one of Brink's two daughters lived for some time. The front entrance opens to a back alley. Stairs lead down into a common room, with bedrooms off to the side. In a bedroom is where Lillewold was found sitting on a couch, wearing jeans, boots and a blood-stained T-shirt with a 2-inch hole in his chest. At the time he died, his veins were coursing with meth, a toxicology report revealed.

Police found two knives on the floor beside Lillewold's feet: a folded pocketknife and a sheathed hunting knife. Lillewold occasionally spent the night at the house.

The defense tried to show that Brink had not expected to run in to Lillewold at the home and could not have planned on killing him without bringing a gun. Brink had hoped to retrieve his daughter's property after one of the tenants, Mark "Shaggy" Olson, had begun giving her things away and had threatened to cut one of his daughter's throats, Kershaw said.

"He realized with four people

he was in a dangerous situation," Kershaw said, naming Lillewold, Olson and two others. "He picked up the gun. Holding the gun he asked about the van. He was angry but he wasn't meaning to kill anybody."

That's when Olson attacked Brink, according to Kershaw. "He started coming at Brink from different directions," Kershaw said. "They had knives. Brink believed they had a (second) gun. Brink believes he had no choice but to protect himself."

The prosecutor argued Brink was the aggressor.

"He was obsessed with righting this wrong," Loebis said. "Brink held a sawed-off shotgun on Lillewold and three others."

Loebis portrayed it as a vendetta. He asked each witness who took the stand if Brink seemed angry at Lillewold or just upset. "He'd looked all over town for Mr. Lillewold," Loebis said. "He obtained a sawed-off shotgun to kill Mr. Lillewold."

After Brink was arrested later that day, he told Twin Falls Police Det. Curtis Gambrel:

Kniewel

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canyon in a vehicle "visually indistinguishable" from the Skycycle in which Kniewel attempted to jump the Snake River Canyon in Idaho in 1974, the suit said.

When Kniewel tied the feat, a parachute deployed too soon and kept the Skycycle from reaching the other side. Kniewel survived with only minor injuries. In the video, West's Skycycle crashes to the bottom of the canyon in flames.

Although he once had a reputation as a hard-partying womanizer, Kniewel said that he has spent years espousing good values to young people and developing a clean image that helped sell millions of dollars worth of toys, merchandise and memorabilia. That image, he said, must be protected.

The video, which features Pamela Anderson as West's girlfriend, contains "vulgar and offensive sexual images, language and conduct involving 'Evel Kanyewel' and women apparently trying to gain his sexual interest," the lawsuit said.

"The guy just went too far using me to promote his filth to the world," said Kniewel, who lives in Clearwater and has

been in poor health in recent years. "I'm not in any way that kind of a person."

The suit also names Roc-A-Roll Records, video director Chris Milk, and AOL for distributing it.

West was so disappointed at not getting Best Video for "Touch the Sky" that he crashed the stage at the MTV Europe Music Awards last month when the award was presented to Justice and Simian for "We Are Your Friends."

In a tirade riddled with expletives, West said he should have

won the prize because it "cost a million dollars, Pamela Anderson was in it. I was jumping across canyons."

It isn't the first time Kniewel has sued to counter what he perceived as an attack on his image. He and his wife Krystal sued ESPN claiming a caption on a 2001 photograph on the cable sports network's Web site damaged their reputations.

The photo showed Kniewel, his wife and an unidentified woman above the caption: "Evel Kniewel proves that you never too old to be a nimp."

"The punk stole my van," according to Loebis.

Opening arguments concluded Tuesday and the state will continue calling witnesses today.

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NASA Discovery astronauts conduct spacewalk

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Two astronauts climbed out of a hatch on the international space station Tuesday, starting a difficult six-hour spacewalk during which they will guide and bolt into place a new 2-ton addition to the orbiting hub.

U.S. astronaut Robert Curbeam, a veteran space-walker, and the European Space Agency's Christer Fuglesang, who is making his first spacewalk, stepped outside at 3:31 p.m. EST as the space station flew 220 miles over central Europe.

"I've got my head out the hatch," Curbeam, radioed commander Mark Polansky.

Polansky, who flew on a 2001 shuttle mission during which Curbeam took three spacewalks, responded, "OK, buddy. Welcome back. It has been a long time."

Right after the spacewalk began, a hand control unit was dislodged on Curbeam's backpack attachment used in case he becomes untethered, but the problem was quickly fixed. Spacewalkers are tethered at all times.

The spacewalk started several hours after NASA engineers studying the Discovery's heat shield for damage recommended against any extra inspection of the spacecraft's belly and wings.

TEXAS

Enron CEO Skilling's request for bail denied

HOUSTON — A federal appellate court denied former Enron Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Skilling's request to remain free during his appeal case but ordered him imprisoned immediately.

Judge Patrick Higginbotham of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals wrote in the two-page order that "Skilling raises no substantial question that is likely to result in the reversal of his convictions on all of the charged counts."

As a result, Higginbotham denied Skilling's request for bail pending his appeal and vacated an earlier order staying his prison report date.

Skilling is now required to report to a low-security federal prison in Waseca, Minn., to begin serving his 24-year sentence on 19 counts of conspiracy, fraud and insider trading. Although Higginbotham's order notes "serious frailties" in Skilling's convictions, it says those problems fall to raise a "substantial question" likely to result in the overturning of all Skilling's convictions, as would be required to grant



In this image from NASA television, an astronaut makes his way around the outside of the International space station Tuesday.

AROUND THE WORLD

bail during appeal.

Although Higginbotham's order is not specific about the "serious frailties" he notes in Skilling's convictions, he wrote of "difficulties brought by a decision of this court (the 5th Circuit) handed down after the jury's verdict" and of "less formidable questions regarding the giving of a jury instruction on deliberate ignorance."

Skilling, who was originally scheduled to report to prison at 2 p.m. Tuesday, but the 5th Circuit ruled Monday that he could remain free until it decided on his bail request. Tuesday's decision meant Skilling was again required to report. It was not immediately clear when Skilling was to surrender to begin his sentence.

MASSACHUSETTS

Three dead after shooting at strip club

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — A man who had been barred from a strip club after his relationship with a bartender ended returned early Tuesday dressed in SWAT gear and opened fire, killing two people before being fatally shot, police and the club owner said.

The 35-year-old shooter walked into the Foxy Lady around 2:30 a.m. with a high-powered rifle and a semiautomatic weapon, police Capt. Richard Spirit said.

Spirit confirmed three people were killed and two police officers who had been working security were among several people injured. It was not immediately clear if the gunman shot himself or was shot by police. The number of people injured and extent of the injuries were not released.

Inside the club, police cars riddled with bullet holes were parked in the street.

the West considers sanctions in the standoff over Tehran's nuclear program.

But Ahmadinejad appeared to revel in his meeting Tuesday with conference delegates, shaking hands with American participants and sitting next to six anti-Israeli Jewish participants, dressed in black ultra-Orthodox coats and hats.

"The Zionist regime will be wiped out soon the same way the Soviet Union was, and humanity will achieve freedom," Ahmadinejad said during Tuesday's meeting in his offices, according to the official IRNA news agency.

WASHINGTON

Armed forces meeting, recruiting goals

WASHINGTON — Though Americans are increasingly pessimistic about the war in Iraq, the Pentagon said Tuesday it is having success enlisting new troops. The Navy and Air Force met their recruiting goals last month while the Army and Marine Corps exceeded theirs, the Defense Department announced.

The Army, which is bearing the brunt of the war in Iraq, did the best. It signed up 6,495 new recruits in November compared with its target of 6,150 — meaning 105 percent of its goal.

All the services turned in similar performances in October as well, meaning they so far are meeting their goals for the 2007 budget year that began Oct. 1.

"The services are starting off well," said Maj. Stewart Upton, a Pentagon spokesman.

Club owner Tom Tournas said the two men killed in the attack were his nephew, Tony Marandos, 30, who was managing the club, and a security guard, Bobby Carreiro.

"We had told this young man not to come near the club," Tournas said.

IRAN

Iranian president says Israel will be 'wiped out'

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's hard-line president said Tuesday that Israel will one day be "wiped out" as the Soviet Union was, drawing applause from participants in a conference casting doubt on the Holocaust.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's comments were likely to further fuel the outcry prompted by the two-day gathering, which has gathered some of Europe's and the United States' best-known Holocaust deniers.

Anger over the conference could further isolate Iran as

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IRAQ

Central Baghdad bombing kills at least 63, wounds more than 200

By Kim Castel
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide bomber struck a crowd of mostly poor Shiites in Baghdad on Tuesday, killing at least 63 people and wounding more than 200 after luring construction workers onto a pickup truck by offering them jobs as they were eating breakfast.

The blast, condemned by both Shiite and Sunni lawmakers, came on a day that saw the U.S. military report the deaths of five more troops. At least 59 other Iraqis were also killed or wounded, including an AT&T Television News cameraman who was shot while covering clashes in the northern city of Mosul.

The Baghdad suicide attack shattered storefront windows, dug craters in the road and set fire to several cars. People rushed to the devastated area to see if friends or relatives were killed or wounded. Mangled bodies were piled up at the side of the road and partially covered with paper. Two men sat on the sidewalk, crying and covering their faces with their hands.

The bombing took place about 7 a.m. in Tayaran Square, where men gather daily to solicit jobs as construction workers, cleaners

and painters. They buy breakfast at stands selling tea and egg sandwiches while waiting for potential employers to drive up, making them easy targets.

The practice has become increasingly common amid high unemployment and soaring prices, forcing men to feed themselves out daily to feed their families. The Iraq Study Group report released this month by a bipartisan commission in Washington said that unemployment ranges from 20 percent to 60 percent of Iraq's population.

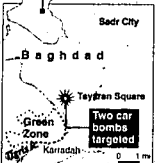
It was the second major attack in less than a month in which unemployed Shiites were lured to their deaths by a suicide bomber promising to hire them for the day. On Nov. 19, 23 people were killed and 44 were wounded when a minivan driven by a man promising work exploded in the mainly Shiite southern city of Hillah.

Interior Ministry spokesman Brig. Abdul-Karim Khalil, who gave the official police account of Tuesday's attack, said at least 63 people were killed and 236 were wounded. Other police put the death toll as high as 71.

Police initially said it was a coordinated bomb attack involving a minivan and a car, but later said there was only

Baghdad attack

Two car bombs detonated within seconds of one another in Tayaran Square where day laborers gather looking for work.



SOURCES: EIRI, National Iraq Study Group, AT&T and Mapping Agency.

one bombing. Khalil Ibrahim, 41, who owns a shop in the area and suffered shrapnel wounds to his head and back, also thought there were two blasts, saying he fainted after being thrown against the wall by the force of the second.

"I saw people falling over, some of them blown apart," he said.

Tayaran Square is near several government ministries and a bridge that crosses the Tigris River to the heavily fortified Green Zone, where Iraq's parliament and the U.S. and British embassies are located. Most of the victims were

Shiites from poor areas of the capital such as Sadr City, said police Lt. Bilal Ali.

Parliament speaker Mahmoud al-Mashhadani, a Sunni, said the attack targeted poor people who were trying to feed their families, "turning them into pieces of flesh" and urged the deeply divided legislature of Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds "to find a solution" to Iraq's many problems.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite, blamed the "horrible crime" on Sunni extremists. Iraq's security forces will chase the criminals and bring them to justice," he said.

The prime minister has come under fire from powerful politicians who accuse him of not doing enough to stop the sectarian violence that has spiraled since a Feb. 22 bombing destroyed the golden dome of

a revered Shiite mosque in Samarra.

On Monday, police discovered a bomb hidden outside the Samarra mosque. The bomb exploded while coalition bomb disposal officials were removing it, slightly damaging the building, the U.S. command said.

Al-Maliki said Tuesday there was no alternative to his national unity government.

arguing that talks between major partners in his ruling coalition to form a new bloc in parliament did not amount to a bid to unsettle him.

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Bush postpones Iraq speech

Says U.S. sticking to its objectives

By Deb Reckman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush knows the general direction he wants to move U.S. policy on Iraq but won't announce it until next month, the White House said Tuesday. Military commanders were recommending more U.S. advisers and equipment for Iraq, Iraqis said, a defense specialist.



Bush

Bush, under intense pressure to overhaul his Iraq policy, gave no hints of a change in direction after a meeting with Iraq's Sunni Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi, one of several Iraqi power brokers he has recently hosted in the Oval Office. He said, however, that the U.S. is holding fast to its objectives and commitments.

"Our objective is to help the Iraqi government deal with the extremists and the killers and support the vast majority of Iraqis who are reasonable, who want peace," Bush said.

"We want to help your government be effective," he said. "We want your government to live up to its words and ideals."

While planning to recommend more advisers, com-

manders who met with Bush on Tuesday were not suggesting more U.S. combat troops in Iraq, the defense specialist said. He said they were urging the administration to pour significantly more funding into equipment for the Iraqi Security Forces. The specialist spoke on condition of

anonymity because Bush's discussions with his commanders were private.

He said Gen. John Abizaid, top U.S. commander in the Middle East, and Gen. George Casey, the top general in Iraq, want more armored vehicles, body armor and other critical equipment for the Iraqis.

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Shouts from Pinochet's house of death in Chile

In 1995, I went to Chile's National Stadium to watch a soccer match. Soccer was something I neither enjoyed nor understood, but the game was hardly on my mind; instead, it was the arena.

I was 20 years old and had come to Chile to study. I also hoped to meet some of the surviving allies of leftist President Salvador Allende, who had been toppled in the 1973 coup by Gen. Augusto Pinochet. I didn't care that the team Colo Colo was playing Universidad de Chile, a squad affiliated with the college until 1980. I didn't understand why security police were everywhere, or why someone threw a flaming brick at me as I walked to the cheering section for La U, as the Universidad team is also known.

All I could think of was: My God! This is National Stadium, where the bleachers were once filled with dissidents of every stripe after the coup, a mass waiting room for those about to be executed or tortured. This is where women were raped for the crime of wearing pants.

It was at nearby Chile Stadium where the great Victor Jara — the Bob Dylan of Chile and a political activist (or was Dylan the Victor Jara of the U.S.A.) — was murdered by the Pinochet regime. Jara's fingers were mutilated in front of thousands of other prisoners. He attempted to sing songs of resistance, his hands bloody stumps, only to be gunned down as people in the stands tried to join him in chorus.

I didn't want to be near these places any more than I would want to watch a baseball game at Auschwitz.

But a friend saw the pained look on my face and started to explain some of the history behind this rivalry. I learned that Pinochet called himself "President of Colo Colo" during his rule. My friend, a former student at the university, told me that the school had been the center of radical ferment, which Pinochet crushed. He told me about the students tortured, murdered, disappeared or, if they were lucky, expelled — not from the school but from the country. He told me of the students who remained, forced to study in the gray conformity of dictatorship. He told me of programs called limpieza cafes (head cleaning) in which students were forced to listen to lectures on neoliberal economics.

All of a sudden it made sense to me why the tension in the stadium — five years after Pinochet had stepped down — was so palpable, with separate seating for La U and Colo Colo fans.

By 1995, Chile had existed unpeacefully as a nominal democracy for four years. Yet there had been no reconciliation and no reckoning for the victims of the Pinochet era. Pinochet's rule led to the deaths or disappearances of nearly 3,200 people and the torture of thousands more. Yet no one had answered for these crimes. The general, as a condition for stepping down from power, had been allowed to give the constitution to make him and his cohorts immune from prosecution.

DAVE ZIRIN

And he was also still in charge of the army. In such a climate, I realized why this was so much more than a game. It was a place of catharsis. In a country where emotive expressions are frowned upon, it was a place to scream to the heavens, to howl at injustice and to take a symbolic pound of flesh against your enemies — under the guise of a soccer match.

It was also the place where I saw my first live soccer match. It was where I finally got it. The insane endurance on the field; the powerful fakes, twists and turns; the explosion with every goal. As a basketball junkie, I saw why this — and not hoops — was the beautiful game. Basketball, at its best, is about teamwork and acting in concert with others. But too often, it's one guy making a move while four stand around.

That day, I didn't see anyone — players or spectators — just standing around. There I was, dancing in the aisles as La U and its fans avenged 20 years of pain and defeat. It felt good to imagine Pinochet hearing about this game and gnashing his capped teeth.

Of course, neither I nor anyone in my section were fooling ourselves that this was somehow an actual "victory," with the fates of so many victims unresolved. It was symbolism, pure and simple. But it was also an expression of

humanity of resilience and release. Now Pinochet is dead, never forced to take residence in the cage he so richly deserved. But as a Chilean friend e-mailed me after Pinochet's death: "In Chile, we have always known the truth about this evil man. It does my heart well that jail was his immediate future, and that he knew it." This is right. Any public humiliation Pinochet received at the end was the result of a movement of ordinary folks who never gave up. If the cheers for La U back in 1995 offered even a shard of support to those who felt their cause was just, then it was worth every last exquisite shout.

Dave Zirin is the author of "Who's My Name, Football Sports and Resistance in the United States."

LETTER

Hospital billing needs a careful second look

I was hospitalized twice in June 2006. My Medicare Advantage plan paid the hospital bill not only in full but generously overpaid the bill. Sweet deal for the hospital, but the hospital was not satisfied with that.

Seems I have a co-pay for each visit to the hospital of \$600. I spoke with the hospital's financial services department, and the representative said it would be looked into and they would call me.

The callback never happened; instead, I received a letter stating if I did not pay up, the account would be turned over to a collection agency and my credit rating would suffer.

Please note the hospital was county-owned at the time its services were provided. You would think a non-profit hospital would have been satisfied with the insurance overpayment it received.

Medicare sets the fees paid

providers for each procedure performed and pays accordingly, even if the provider bills for less than the Medicare allowable fee.

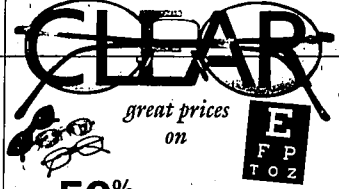
The dollars for these generous overpayments are coming out of all of our pockets. Medicare should look into its own procedures to help

reduce health care costs to the tax-paying public.

Medical providers in areas where the overhead and salaries are lower have a good deal, but greed still milks the billion citizen on a fixed income to the last drop.

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SPORTS

Free throws lift Kimberley to narrow win over Valley

Times News

KIMBERLEY — Kimberley hit its free throws down the stretch and gained a narrow victory over Valley, 31-30, Tuesday...

Alex Pfefferle led Kimberley with only eight points on the night, Kassie Newberry and Brittany Hardy each added six points each for the Bulldogs...

Sho-Ban 72, The Community School 52

KETCHUM — In a very sloppy affair, Sho-Ban defeated The Community School 72-52, Sho-Ban committed 27 total fouls (three players fouled out), and both teams had about 30 turnovers...

Buhl 55, Mountain Home 36

BUHL — In a stellar defensive outburst, Buhl knocked off Mountain Home 55-36...

Hansen 75, Oakley 46

OAKLEY — The Hansen Huskies defeated Oakley in Magic Valley Southside Conference play Tuesday...

Declo 75, Buhl 33

DECLO — Declo scored at will against Buhl, winning 75-33. The score at the half was 37-18...

Matsuzaka talks near deadline

NEW YORK (AP) — As Boston officials tried to work out a contract with Daisuke Matsuzaka before Thursday's deadline...

"This was a very good team effort. We had a good balanced scoring attack tonight," said Declo coach Val Christensen...

Filer 52, Wood River 38

FILER — Filer went wild against Wood River, defeating the Wolverines 52-28. Haley Ransberry hit five 3-pointers for Filer...

Burley 59, Century 40

BURLEY — Burley outplayed Century in a physical battle winning 59-40. Burley coach Jack Bagley was impressed with the team's performance...

Castelford 39, Lighthouse Christian 37

CASTLEFORD — Jessica Elsner grabbed a rebound and put in her only field goal of the game with eight seconds remaining, lifting Castelford to a 39-37 win over Lighthouse Christian Tuesday...

Hagerman 48, Raffi River 47, OT

MALTA — Hagerman eked out an overtime win in Raffi River, 48-47. "It was a hard-fought battle. Both teams fought hard," Raffi River coach Jeremy Mathis said...

Wendell 42, Gooding 36

WENDELL — Wendell built a 10-point lead through three quarters, then held off Gooding to win 42-36 Tuesday. The Trojans say their lead whittled to a basket before taking over again...

Minico 62, Pocatello 47

POCATELLO — The Minico Spartans snapped a two-game losing streak with a 62-47 road win over Pocatello Tuesday. Ten players scored in Minico's team effort...

"We got off to a good start," said Richfield coach Steve Kent. "Carey is young and they are rebuilding. They are basically starting out fresh and it will take awhile to get up to speed."

Richfield 70, Carey 28

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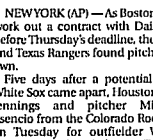
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An up-and-down year ends with Woods getting top honor again

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Tiger Woods won the PGA Tour Player of the year on Tuesday for the eighth time, and the numbers looked familiar. He won multiple majors for the fourth time, and more tournaments than anyone else. But it was hardly a typical year. Woods won his first tournament of the year, then finished his PGA Tour season with six consecutive victories. In between, he disappeared from golf for more than two months to mourn the death of his father. "I knew I had to go through — like anyone — the grieving process, and I had never done anything like that before," Woods said. "The hardest thing for me to do was play golf. Usually, people go on a week to get away from a loss like that, but that's when I thought of my dad. He introduced me to the game of golf. He taught me a lot of life lessons on the golf course. "When I came back and started working on my fundamentals ... I learned them from my dad. The award — also called the Jack Nicklaus Trophy — is decided by a vote of the players, although the PGA Tour does not disclose the results or even who finished second. The award began in 1950, and no one else has won it more than twice. "That's always an honor to get the respect of your peers," Woods said. "And this year has been an interesting one to say the least, on the golf course as well as off. Woods won eight times, also won the Arnold Palmer Award for leading the money list at \$9.3 million, and he won the Byron Nelson Award for the lowest scoring average at 68.11. The tour's scoring average only requires a minimum of 50 rounds, and Woods played 35. Jim Furyk won the Vardon Trophy from the



Tiger Woods smiles as he discusses being named professional golfer Player of the Year for the eighth time at a news conference at Sherwood Country Club, where he is preparing to host the Tiger World Challenge, in Thousand Oaks, Calif., Tuesday.

PGA of America with an average of 68.86. That requires at least 60 rounds. Trevor Immelman was voted rookie of the year after winning the Western Open and finishing seventh on the money list with more than \$2.6 million, highest money ranking by any PGA Tour rookie. Comeback player of the year went to Steve Stricker, who failed to get out of the second stage of Q-school last year. A three-time PGA Tour winner, Stricker had to rely on sponsors' exemptions and played only four times the first four months of the season. He was in contention at the U.S. Open, was strongly considered for the Ryder Cup team and finished 34th on the money list. "This is pretty special," Stricker said Tuesday.

Neither Cablevision nor Time Warner carry NFL Network's three regular-season Thursday night games already have not been available to those customers — except in the markets of the participating teams, where the games aired on broadcast stations. "This year meant a lot to [prove] I could play competitively again. There were conversations about Woods' competitive drive after his father, Earl Woods, died May 3 of cancer. He took nine weeks off and returned at the U.S. Open, where he missed the cut for the first time in a major. In his next tournament, he opened with a 72 and again was in danger of missing the cut. But he rallied to finish second in Chicago, and never lost on the PGA Tour the rest of the year. But he rallied to finish second in Chicago, and never lost on the PGA Tour the rest of the year. But he rallied to finish second in Chicago, and never lost on the PGA Tour the rest of the year.

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NFL Network offered free to cable outlets

NEW YORK — The NFL has offered one free week of its network programming to two cable TV operators who do not carry the channel, and one will show the Texas Bowl between Rutgers and Kansas State. Cablevision will broadcast the NFL Network only for the Dec. 20 bowl game, showing all pre- and post-game coverage. Commissioner Roger Goodell told the Associated Press on Monday that the week of Dec. 24-30 would be offered as a "free view" for customers of Cablevision and Time Warner Cable, two of the nation's largest cable carriers. The NFL Network would be offered on the expanded basic levels of the two carriers. Time Warner had yet to decide its plans.

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Market Watch

Dec. 12, 2006	
Dow Jones Industrials	-12.90 12,315.58
Nasdaq composite	-11.28 2,431.60
Standard & Poor's 500	-1.48 1,411.56
Russell 2000	-4.86 788.41

Stocks of local interest

Company	close	change
Con-Agg	26.40	▼ .65
Dell Inc	26.20	▼ .55
Idacorp	39.08	▲ 1.14
Lithia Mo.	26.03	▼ .55
Micron	13.81	▼ .31
Supervalu	34.73	▲ .18

Commodities

Commodity	close	change
Jan. Oil	61.02	▼ .20
Light sweet crude (barrel)		
Live cattle	85.70	▼ 2.00
Dec. gold	627.0	▲ 3.0

For more, see page B5

Gooding chamber celebrates holidays

GOODING — The Gooding Chamber of Commerce will hold its second annual Holiday Kick Off during regular business hours today.

A grand finale will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday which will include horse-drawn wagon rides, remote broadcasting from Mix 103, free gift wrapping at the Auxiliary Thrift Shop on Main Street and Business After Hours at Schubert House and the new offices of Gooding, Tit and Escrow which will include appetizers, refreshments and free photos with Santa. A drawing for door prizes will be held at 7 p.m.

Pioneer Floors Carpet One collecting toys

TWIN FALLS — Pioneer Floors Carpet One is working with the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation this year, serving as a toy drop-off location.

Members of the community can drop off new, unwrapped books and toys for local children at 701 Second Ave. S. For more information, call 734-6015.

Sizzler collecting turkeys for Salvation Army

TWIN FALLS — Sizzler is offering a holiday helping hand to the Salvation Army. The restaurant known for its steaks is turning attention toward a turkey drive for charity.

Sizzler is asking the public to donate any size turkey, fresh or frozen. In return, the donor will receive a \$5 complimentary certificate valid at the Twin Falls Sizzler Restaurant.

The Twin Falls Sizzler at 705 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. will gather turkeys daily from 11 a.m. to closing through Dec. 24.

Idaho Potato Conference set for Jan. 16-18

POCATELLO — Speakers from around the state, nation and world will explore the potato industry's many challenges and opportunities at the University of Idaho Extension's 39th Annual Potato Conference Jan. 16-18 in Pocatello.

Conference coordinator Bryan Hopkins says experts from the University of Idaho, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the Scottish Agricultural Science Agency will present a thorough examination of the potato cyst nematode threat, including regulatory and quarantine issues, survey findings, management and eradication.

— Staff reports

'ICE'd



A protester, second from right, faces off with a federal agent on Tuesday after a raid at a Swift meat processing plant in Greeley, Colo.

Federal agents probing ID thefts raid meat processing plants in six states

By Kim Nguyen
Associated Press Writer

GREELEY, Colo. — Federal agents raided meat processing plants in six states Tuesday and arrested an unknown number of suspected illegal immigrants in an identity theft investigation, temporarily suspending operations at all six plants.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said the workers were being arrested on administrative immigration violations and, in some cases, criminal arrest warrants stemming from a nearly yearlong investigation.

ICE chief Julie L. Myers told reporters in Washington that agents had uncovered a scheme in which illegal immigrants and others had stolen or bought the identities and Social Security numbers of possibly hundreds of U.S. citizens and lawful residents to get

jobs with Greeley-based meat processor Swift & Co.

Six Swift processing facilities were raided Tuesday in Greeley, Grand Island, Neb.; Cactus, Texas; Hyrum, Utah; Marshalltown, Iowa; and Worthington, Minn., representing all of Swift's domestic beef processing capacity and 77 percent of its pork processing capacity.

Swift & Co. sold its meat-packing plant in Nampa to XL Foods Inc., a beef processing company based in Alberta, Canada, earlier this year.

No charges had been filed against the company.

"Swift has never condoned the employment of unauthorized workers, nor have we ever knowingly hired such individuals," Swift & Co. President and CEO Sam Rovit said in a statement.

Since 1997, Swift has been using a government pilot pro-

gram to confirm whether Social Security numbers are valid. Company officials have said one shortcoming may be the program's inability to detect when two people are using the same number.

"Hundreds of workers' family members gathered outside the plants, with some trying to deliver documentation to relatives inside. In Greeley, cars lined the street going to the plant.

One sheriff's deputy described the scene outside the Utah plant as a circus.

"We've got three buses, a bunch of transport vans, a lot of cars and 150 or so agents," chief Cache County deputy David Bennett said.

Bennett said ICE officials didn't notify the sheriff's department about the raid. "They didn't ask for our help," he said. "We were lucky to find out."

At Grand Island, Police Chief Steve Lamken said he refused to let his officers take part in the raid. "When this is all over, we're still here taking care of our community and if I have a significant part of my population that's fearful and won't call us then that's not good for our community," he said.

Swift & Co. describes itself as an \$8 billion business and the world's second-largest meat processing company. The Hyrum plant can process up to 2,200 cattle a day, according to a Securities and Exchange Commission filing. Hyrum city Administrator Brent Jensen says that plant employs more than 1,000 people.

In Washington, Myers said ICE had uncovered several different rings that may have provided illegal documents to the workers. Some immigrants had genuine U.S. birth certificates, Myers said.

Study: Web site's hospital ratings aren't very useful

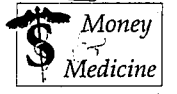
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — New research offers this warning to consumers shopping for top-notch hospitals: Many that are highly rated by government regulators only have marginally lower patient death rates.

The researchers evaluated 3,657 hospitals nationwide that are listed on a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Web site. The Hospital Compare site shows how hospitals stack up on recommended treatments and is designed to help consumers comparison shop for health care.

The study examined three conditions that often lead to hospitalization — heart attacks, heart failure and pneumonia — and found that deaths for patients with those diseases were only slightly lower at top-rated hospitals in 2004 than at the lowest-rated hospitals.

The results suggest that better ways of measuring performance are needed to help consumers make meaningful choices. The researchers said, "Only then will performance measurement live up to expectations for improving health



care quality."

The study appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

The University of Pennsylvania researchers, Dr. Rachel Werner and Eric Bradlow, looked at recommended treatments for hospitalized heart attack patients: aspirin and beta blocker drugs within 24 hours of arrival and prescribed at discharge and ACE inhibitor drugs given during the stay. The percentage of heart attack patients who died was close to 7 percent at both groups of hospitals, with high-rated ones losing 0.5 percent fewer patients over the one-year period.

Two heart failure treatments were evaluated: assessment of the heart's blood-pumping function and use of ACE inhibitors. The death rate was close to 3 percent for both. "Only then will performance measurement live up to expectations for improving health

Better Business Bureau warns about prepaid gift-card scams

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — More than \$18 billion in gift cards were purchased in 2005 and retailers are expecting that to grow. But experts say there are several steps consumers can take to guard against ending up with a fraudulent gift card.

The Better Business Bureau, however, warns that a number of scams surrounding gift cards have evolved and consumers should be cautious about where and how they purchase them.

Two types of gift cards exist: Those sold by retailers, which can only be used at that store or sister stores, and bank cards, which can be used just about anywhere. The bank-issued debit cards, however, come with a variety of fees and restrictions. Gift cards can also be purchased on Internet auction sites, but often these have been stolen and ultimately hold no value.

In another scam, crooks copy down the numbers on the back of gift cards displayed on retail store racks then wait several days. In hopes the card is sold before calling to find out the balance left on the card. When they find one with a balance, they

go shopping online using that card number.

Another scam involves corrupt cashiers who pocket newly loaded cards and hand customers blanks.

Theft specialists say there are several steps consumers can take to guard against ending up with a fraudulent gift card. Buy from reputable sources, preferably directly from the store and, if possible, not off a rack. Many experts discourage buying gift cards online because it's difficult to know whether the card is stolen or will arrive with the promised amount. When buying a gift card, keep the original purchase receipt with the card as proof of purchase. Immediately after buying a gift card, ask the cashier to scan the card itself to ensure the card is valid and has the proper value. Reputable companies do not ask for sensitive information such as Social Security number, bank account information or date of birth when purchasing gift cards, according to the Better Business Bureau.

For additional consumer tips and information, visit www.askbbb.org or call 1-800-218-1101.

Fed holds interest rates steady

By Anastasia Averis
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve kept interest rates steady, giving holiday shoppers a reason for some cheer. However, the Fed held back an extra gift Wall Street was hoping for: a signal that rates might actually be lowered soon.

Wrapping up their last meeting of the year, Fed chairman Ben Bernanke and all but one of his central bank colleagues agreed Tuesday to leave an important rate unchanged at 5.25 percent, the fourth straight meeting without budging the rate.

That meant commercial banks' prime interest rate — for certain credit cards, home equity lines of credit and other loans — stayed at 8.25 percent, once again giving a break to borrowers who until this summer had endured the pain of two-plus year of rate increases.

"The Fed is not acting like the Grinch this Christmas. But it is not putting presents in anyone's stocking either," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com.

On Wall Street, stocks dipped as disappointed investors failed to get a sign that the Fed was moving toward cutting rates. The Dow Jones Industrials lost 12.90 points to close at 12,315.58.

Discussing economic conditions, Fed policymakers said growth has slowed over the course of the year, partly reflecting a "substantial cooling" of the housing market. That description went beyond the Fed's previous assessment in late October and suggested a sharper slump in housing was taking place.

Nonetheless, policymakers stuck with their previous judgment that the economy probably will expand at a moderate pace in coming quarters. This time the Fed's latest assessment a bit and noted that recent economic barometers have been mixed.

Analysts viewed the Fed's characterization of the economy's growth prospects as slightly weaker than at the previous meeting in late October.

Still, the Fed didn't hint that it might cut interest rates any time soon as some Wall Street investors would like.

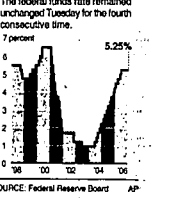
Instead, it once again kept open the possibility of a rate hike. "Inflation should show signs of flaring up. Some inflation risks remain," policymakers said.

"The extent and timing of any additional firming that may be needed" to address these risks would hinge on economic reports, they said.

For the fourth meeting in a row, Jeffrey Lacker, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Va., was the lone dissenter. Lacker said he would have preferred that the Fed boost interest rates by one-quarter percentage point.

Looking ahead, few economists believe the Federal Reserve will boost rates. The Fed itself is betting that slower economic growth will eventually lessen inflation pressures.

Fed rate holds



MONEY

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance data including fund names, share classes, and returns.

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Table titled 'CLOSING FUTURES' showing commodity prices for various contracts.

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Chicago futures for various cheese contracts including Cheddar and Swiss.

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International Market Report for livestock futures including cattle and hogs.

POTATOES
Chicago futures for potato contracts.

METALS/MONEY
Market news for metals and money, including gold and silver prices.

BEANS
Chicago futures for various bean contracts.

GRAINS
Chicago futures for grain contracts including wheat and corn.

EXCHANGE RATES
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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Developing rain showers and breezy bit times. Highs low 40s
Tonight: Breezy with times of rain. Lows low to middle 30s
Tomorrow: Rain shower activity persists. Highs upper 40s

BOULEVARD/UPPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and breezy with a chance of rain
Highs low to middle 40s
Tonight: Blisk winds and rain showers expected. Lows low to middle 30s
Tomorrow: Another round of rain likely. Highs upper 40s

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
The passage of a vigorous storm will end the chance of snow showers developing today. Periods of heavy snow are possible. Times of snow will stick around through weeks end.

Map of Idaho with weather forecasts for various regions like Boise, Northern Utah, and Twin Falls. Includes text about snow conditions and temperature trends.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Great minds have great purposes, others have wishes. Little minds are worried and subdued by misfortune; but great minds rise above them."

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High/Low).

Yesterday's Weather

Table showing weather data for various locations like Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello, including high/low temperatures and conditions.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes monthly and yearly statistics.

Table with 3 columns: Moon Phases, Moonrise and Moonset, U.V. INDEX. Includes dates and times.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for various regional cities including Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

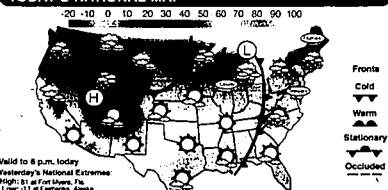
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for various national cities including Denver, Salt Lake City, and San Francisco.

WORLD FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for various international cities including London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for various Canadian cities including Toronto and Vancouver.

Valid to 8 p.m. today

High: 51 at Fort Hays, Pa.
Low: 11 at Fort Hays, Pa.

Sixers would love to dump Iverson and losing streak

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia 76ers are still unable to shed Allen Iverson and a week-long losing streak. The Sixers would love to be rid of both, and soon. But Iverson was still a Sixer on Tuesday, five days after chairman Ed Snider said they were seeking to deal the seven-time All-Star and former MVP. It was another day full of unfounded rumors and speculation, but no new home for Iverson and his 31.2 points per game.

Bryant, Lakers hold off Rockets' rally

HOUSTON — Kobe Bryant had 23 points and the Los Angeles Lakers overcame the loss of Lamar Odom and a near-historic comeback to beat the Houston Rockets 102-94 Tuesday night. Luke Walton added 18 points and seven assists for the Lakers, who shut down Yao Ming in the second half and snapped Houston's six-game home winning streak. Bryant also had eight rebounds and seven assists.



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant, right, steals the ball from Houston Rockets forward Shaquille O'Neal during the third quarter Tuesday in Houston.

dominated the fourth quarter, beating Atlanta. The Nuggets outscored Atlanta 29-17 in the final period, turning a close game into a blowout. The Hawks missed their first 13 shots of the fourth quarter.

Bucks 94, SuperSonics 93

MILWAUKEE — Michael Redd had 22 points and Ruben Patterson added 21 for the Bucks.

Andrew Bogut's 16 points, nine rebounds and six assists led Milwaukee. He made a free throw with 1:14 left to give the Bucks a 94-93 lead. Seattle's Luke Ridnour failed to get off a desperation 3-pointer before the buzzer sounded. Rashard Lewis led Seattle with 26 points, as the Sonics lost for the first time in four games without leading scorer Ray Allen.

The Associated Press

everything for the traveler end-of-the-year holiday sale

Advertisement for Travelodge luggage. Offer: Save 50% off MSRP on Walkabout Lite & Crew5™ Luggage. Includes image of a suitcase.

Advertisement for AAA memberships. Offer: SALE \$19.99 for AAA members. Includes image of AAA logo and membership card.

Advertisement for Galaxy Awards & Engraving. Offer: Engraved Gifts: Pens - Goggles - Key Chains - Knives. Includes image of engraved items.

No. That's the biggest crap I've ever seen," Bickelstaff said Tuesday to Charlotte.com. The Charlotte Observer quoted Bickelstaff as saying the team was never close to a deal to acquire Iverson, and that the Bobcats only offered salary-cap room as an aid to the Sixers. Basically, they'd be working as a third team to make a trade work.

Large advertisement for Magic Valley HomeSeller featuring Mark E. Jones, Lynn Rasmussen, Connie Herbert, Sandra Capps, Paul DeMeule, and Ray Sabala. Includes website URL magicvalley.com and phone number 208-735-3207.

INSIDE: Salsa anyone?, C2 | Comics, C6-7 | Decaf on the rise, C3

Buhl doctor shares baking secrets

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for good pies

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They call her Dr. Pie.

A Buhl doctor, Laura Fall-Sutton swaps her white lab coat for an apron, stethoscope for rolling pin and feverish patients for hot stove — but not as often as she'd like.

Laura's husband, Chris, is allergic to wheat. So it's not often Laura gets to make what county fair judges have deemed the best pies in Twin Falls County.

But each year when fair time rolls around — or when her two children beg hard enough — Laura bakes pies. Great pies.

She honed her talent at her mother's apron strings in their Chicago kitchen. In high school, she washed dishes in a nursing home; by the time she finished college, Laura was the home's head chef.

She still likes to cook, though it's her pies that bring her recognition. Last week Laura agreed to share her secrets: The *Times-News* met her at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise in Twin Falls, where she'd recently taught a pie-baking class.

Laura arrived, looking a bit frazzled, with her ingredients in a large, cardboard duper box. She'd just come off an all-day shift and had been on call the night before. Laura enjoys baking her pies about as much as folks enjoy eating them: it relaxes her.

Calmly, she took the supplies out of the box, washed her hands and began combining ingredients in a large ceramic bowl.

Laura swears there's nothing special about her pies — or the way she prepares them. She uses a basic crust recipe, and her techniques are her mother's. A generation ago, she says, her pies might have been nothing special. But because not many folks bake anymore, her recipes stand out.

Does that make her a modern-day pie expert? She laughed. "No, my mother would be ashamed of me if I claimed that. This (pie) is just what everybody's grandma used to make."

Perhaps she's just being modest.

The details set her pies apart: Her rolling pin was her mother's. She keeps it — and most of her bowls and utensils — nearly frozen. That helps the dough, she said. All her ingredients are fresh. The eggs come straight from her family's hobby-farm chickens.

Another secret: Don't worry if it's not perfect, she said, rolling the dough atop wax paper. "The pictures in cookbooks make everything look perfect. You're never going to roll your dough into a perfect circle."

After she flipped the crust into a pie pan, she used left-over dough to patch tears. "Nobody will ever know," she said.

The crust is the hard part, Laura said. Her secret to a light and flaky crust isn't in the ingredients. It's the way you handle it: as little as possible.

The filling is the easy part. Laura seldom measures filling ingredients, and she said most fillings can be tweaked



Harvest Pie made with squash from Laura Fall-Sutton's garden in Buhl.

See it online

Watch Laura Fall-Sutton in action in the kitchen, at www.majordaily.com.

for personal taste.

This time, she made what she calls Harvest Pie. The filling is squash-based, but Laura said you can use pumpkin, sweet potatoes, even carrots — whatever you harvested.

"This squash came from her home garden, and this year, she said, it's a bit sweet. But that's how her children like it."

HARVEST PIE

For a 9-inch pie crust:
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup shortening
Dash of salt
1 or 2 tablespoons sugar
2 or 3 tablespoons very cold water

Mix dry ingredients. Cut shortening into dry mixture with pastry cutter or knives until crumbly. Dough should be in pea-size pieces. Drizzle water over the flour-shortening mixture and mix with a fork until the mixture sticks together. Add more water if mixture is too dry.

If your ingredients and rolling pin are cold, you can roll out the mixture on a well-floured sheet of wax paper. Roll into a 12-inch-diameter sheet. Don't worry if it's not a perfect circle. Drape dough with wax paper over rolling pin, then unroll dough over pie plate. Remove paper and patch any torn areas. Cut

dough to about 1/2 inch past the plate edges, then tuck dough edges under and flute.

For the filling:
2 large butternut squash, about 2 1/2 pounds, halved and seeded
1/4 cup evaporated milk
3/4 cup granulated sugar
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons butter, chilled and cut into small pieces
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1-1/4 cup maple syrup

Position oven rack on low-

est level; preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place squash cut-sides down on foil-lined baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Bake at 400 degrees about 30 minutes or until tender. Cool slightly, peel. Mash pulp to measure about three cups. Combine pulp and milk in food processor and process until smooth. Mix granulated sugar and spices together and add to squash along with eggs and vanilla. Process until smooth.

Increase oven temperature to 425 degrees. Pour squash mixture into crust and place on bottom rack of oven. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 minutes.

While pie is baking, combine brown sugar and flour. Cut in butter with pastry

blender or knives until crumbly. Stir in pecans. After 15 minutes' baking, remove pie from oven and sprinkle flour mixture over filling. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees. Shield edges of piecrust with foil or silicone pie-edge protector and place on bottom rack. Bake pie for about 40 minutes or until center is set. Remove pie and cool on wire rack. Must cool completely before cutting. Just before serving, drizzle maple syrup over pie. Serve with whipped topping, if desired.

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Laura Fall-Sutton says fresh ingredients, like these eggs from her husband's chickens, are key to her award-winning pies.



Laura Fall-Sutton, a Buhl doctor, works on a pie at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise in downtown Twin Falls.

Book takes on risks of household toxins

By Hilary Waldman
The Hartford Courant

HARTFORD, Conn. — Brian Toal had his well-earned redon. He eats organic and has three carbon-monoxide detectors in his Avon home.

Gary Ginsberg is a vegetarian who filters the city water that comes into his West Hartford house. He seals his pressure-treated deck regularly, and never uses hot tap water — it's full of dirt from the water heater — for cooking.

Neither man uses lawn chemicals. And while these state bureaucrats might seem like unlikely trendsetters, it's probably a safe bet to follow their example.

The pair's new book, "What's Toxic, What's Not," is scheduled to hit bookstores this month.

The book answers many questions about how environmental toxins can affect health. The book grew out of the men's years of experience working for the Connecticut

Department of Public Health, where as toxicologists they have answered thousands of questions from concerned residents.

"Instead of answering one phone call at a time, we could answer many questions at a time," said Ginsberg, who has a doctorate in toxicology and worked in the pesticide industry before joining the health department in 1984.

When Ginsberg went to work for the state, he and Toal, a 22-year veteran of the health department, became fast friends. About two years ago, Ginsberg suggested they write a book. Their first submission to an agent who handles health-related authors was rejected.

Undaunted, Ginsberg bought a book on how to craft a book proposal and tried again. Six months later, Toal and Ginsberg had an advance and a contract with Berkley Publishing, a division of Penguin Books. It took a year to write 125,000 words organized into 18 chapters. They divided the topics into their areas of expertise and

used the latest scientific research to confirm or debunk many collective fears, about substances from toxic mold to benzene in soda, from killer nail polish to lawn chemicals.

They wrote at night and on weekends and are careful to say that while the book grew from their experience at the health department, the book is separate from their state service. "Toal said he enjoys dispelling myths. Some things people worry most about are actually fairly safe. And some things people use without care can kill them."

One of the biggest hidden risks is in cleaning products, Toal said. People are under the misconception that consumer products, such as cleaners, are subject to rigorous safety testing before they go on the market. In fact, they are hardly tested, Toal said.

"Right now you can go to a hardware store and buy a gallon of carcinogen," Toal said. Among the most dangerous items are those containing trichloroethylene, frequently

used to clean photographs or artwork, greasy hands or bicycle chains. Some rug cleaners and over-the-counter dry-cleaning solvents also can cause cancer.

Conversely, blown-in foam insulation, which once caused a major health scare because there was the risk that it would give off gases containing urea formaldehyde, is nothing to worry about anymore. The product no longer is used, and existing foam insulation has dried up enough to make it safe, Toal said.

Ginsberg and Toal touch on scores of hazards and potential hazards. The message for even the scariest exposures is that most health risks can be avoided or mitigated with knowledge, caution and, sometimes, money for repairs.

"I don't go around petrified all the time," Toal said, despite his knowledge of the hazards lurking around him. "I try to keep in perspective that the environment is cleaner now than it was 20 years ago."



Brian Toal, left, and Gary Ginsberg, authors of "What's Toxic, What's Not," pose in Ginsberg's West Hartford, Conn., backyard in a treeshouse made of pressure-treated wood that he seals every year to prevent it from emitting arsenic.

FOOD & HOME

For efficiency, comfort, turn to radiant floor heating

DEAR JIM: I stayed in a hotel which had warm water radiant floor heating, and it was very comfortable. Is it possible to install this type of heating in my own home, and is it as energy efficient as a furnace? — Josh T.

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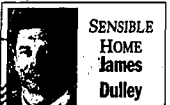
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A little salsa can brighten meals

By Marge Perry
Special to Newsday

These three toppings, or salsas, give character to even the plainest grilled or poached chicken, fish or meat. In fact, all three are also good enough to eat on their own or over rice or pasta. Keep leftovers in a tightly covered container in the refrigerator; the flavor will be even better the second day, although the textures will dull a bit.

TOMATO-AVOCADO SALSA CRUDA

Make this as hot or as mild as you like by using more or less jalapeno. It's a light, tasty pairing for fish and chicken, and also can be used in place of a classic Mexican-style salsa with

- corn chips.
- 1 1/4 cups tomatoes, chopped (about 3 cups)
 - 1/2 cup chopped red onion
 - 1 tablespoon minced jalapeno
 - 1 ripe avocado, diced into 1/4-inch pieces
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1 tablespoon lime juice

1/4 cup cilantro, chopped

Combine all ingredients and let sit at least 10 minutes before serving.
Makes about 6 servings.

SUMMER CORN SALSA

Light, crisp and subtly sweet. If your corn is freshly picked, it needn't be cooked at all. If you aren't sure, cut the kernels from the cob and place them in a microwave-proof bowl. Sprinkle lightly with water and microwave for about 30 seconds; stir and microwave another 30 seconds, or until just "blanched."

- Kernels from 2 ears of corn, about 1 cup
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved or quartered (depending on size)
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1/4 cup basil, chopped or very thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon chopped mint
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Combine all ingredients and let sit 20 minutes before serving.
Makes about 6 servings.

GREEN GRAPE, CELERY AND CUCUMBER SALSA

This unusual salsa is akin to a crunchy chopped salad. The unusual combination of ingredients creates an intriguing, gentle interplay of flavors and textures. Use this with sweet, spicy scallops and chicken breasts, or tossed in with other vegetables.

- 1 cup green grapes, cut in halves or quarters (depending on size)
- 1 cucumber, chopped, about 2 cups
- 1 cup chopped scallions (2 to 3 stalks)
- 1 cup chopped celery (about 3 stalks)
- 1/4 cup mint, chopped
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Word of mouth is growing for rich decaf coffee

A more flavorful cup of coffee is now realizable

By Betty Hallock
Los Angeles Times

I sometimes drink decaf — even before it gets dark — and I used to be ashamed of saying so.

"What's the point?" said regular coffee drinkers.

Decaf was the stuff that garnered snickers and jeers from aficionados.

But decaffeinated coffee drinkers now can feel vindicated, because a deep, rich, flavorful — even exciting — cup of decaf is realizable.

"People are regularly astounded," says Peter Giuliano, director of coffee for Durham, N.C.-based Counter Culture Coffee and board member of the Specialty Coffee Association of America, who conducts weekly consumer tastings and often includes decaf.

"They always say, 'I can't believe that it's decaf.' The message I always try to send to other coffee people in the industry is you've got to respect the decaf drinker more. And to decaf coffee drinkers, I say don't allow yourself to be treated like the ugly stepchild."

Some have already gotten that message. The variety and quality of decaffeinated coffee have grown, roasters are paying more attention to their decaf offerings, and consumers are drinking more of it. Decaf represented 18 percent of U.S. coffee consumption in 2000, according to the National Coffee Association.

To remove all that caffeine — 97 percent must be extracted to meet the international standard — the beans have to go through some distress — they're heated or steamed or soaked or exposed to chemicals. The consequence is that flavor is altered, but decaffeinators constantly tweak their methods to preserve flavor.

"Individual plants have perfected their technique, and they're really good at it," Giuliano says. And much of the onus of making a great decaf lies with the roaster.

Decaffeination occurs after fruit picking and drying but before roasting. A handful of decaffeinators operates facilities in North America and



Decaffeinated Costa Rican beans, left, and the same bean that has not been decaffeinated, right.

Europe. Roasters either ship their own beans to these decaffeinating plants, known as "rolling," or buy beans from the plants "off the rack." Large companies such as Kraft Foods Inc. have their own facilities.

The three main processes for decaffeination use carbon dioxide, water or ethyl acetate (which is found naturally in fruit so it's often referred to as a "natural process") and methylene chloride — a solvent that also has industrial uses such as removing paint. Experts say that because methylene chloride evaporates quickly, coffee drinkers aren't exposed to any residue. Coffee companies often won't indicate decaffeination methods on their packaging unless it's water-processed, as it's the most marketable.

Nobody seems to agree on which method best maintains the flavor of the coffee beans, and different processes can have varying effects on different beans.

"I blind cup decaf coffees of all methods," says Chuck Jones, owner of Jones Coffee Roasters in Pasadena, Calif. "I prefer whatever process tastes the best."

The majority of coffee still is decaffeinated with methylene chloride, but among specialty roasters, a shift away from chemicals continues, especially as demand for organic coffee increases.

Coffee labeled "organic" can't be decaffeinated with chemicals. Specialty roasters such as Groundwork Coffee Co. in Los Angeles and Intelligentsia Coffee in Chicago are transitioning to all water-processed decaf. The big name in water pro-

cessing is Swiss Water Decaffeinated Coffee Co., which runs a plant in a suburb of Vancouver, Canada.

"We're growing at 12 percent to 15 percent annually (in volume)," says Swiss Water President Frank Dennis, "but our organic is growing at about 20 percent to 25 percent."

Starting out with high-quality beans is vital to the success of a decaf coffee. Once decaffeinated, the beans are more volatile and benefit from extra care by roasters.

How you brew decaf has an effect on flavor too. Most experts agree that regular coffee is best brewed at 190 degrees to 200 degrees. Decaf, on the other hand, should be brewed with water that is a little hotter, between 202 degrees and 210 degrees. And the ratio of ground coffee to water should be higher. Two tablespoons of ground regular coffee is enough for 8 ounces of hot water, but for decaf, 2 tablespoons is enough for about 6 ounces of hot water.

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Moon pies for a mom-to-be

By Mary Ellen Slayter
The Washington Post

My best friend was having a baby. Once we stopped gushing over each other about the news, I realized I had a project of my own: throwing her a shower.

The problem? I had never hosted a baby shower. To compound things, my friend is a professional cook. Her husband is a chef. All their friends (and therefore about half of my guest list) are also professional cooks at some top restaurants. Clearly a bag of pretzels, a cake from a supermarket and that fruity punch that only ever seems to get served at baby showers weren't going to cut it.

I knew that I couldn't possibly impress these people by going fancy. So I went simple — picking a picnic theme — and very Southern. As the guest of honor was a native Louisiana, like myself, I'd serve RC Cola and moon pies.

Being able to plan and make things ahead of time was important. The moon pies themselves were constructed in stages: the cookies, the homemade marshmallow, the chocolate coating. None of the steps was difficult, but they definitely got messy.

I made the moon pies slightly larger than the original recipe calls for. Working over the course of two days, it took me about three hours of hands-on time and five to six hours total to complete, start to finish. A candy thermometer is good to have on hand, but if you don't have one, see the note below. And if you're looking for a simpler version, try assembling the moon pies using store-bought chocolate water cookies and Marshmallow Fluff flavored with a teaspoon of vanilla extract, then dunking them in the chocolate coating.

Adapted from a Food Network recipe by Chicago pastry chef Gale Gand.

Homemade moon pies require a candy thermometer and take up to six hours over the course of two days to complete.

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On a sheet of waxed or parchment paper, combine the cocoa powder, corn syrup, starch and flour. Set aside.

In the large bowl of a stand mixer on medium-speed, beat the butter and sugar together for 1 minute or until light and fluffy. Add the vanilla extract, mixing until well combined. Reduce the speed to low and, forming a dough, shape the dough into a disk, place in plastic wrap and chill at least 2 hours or overnight.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Have ready 2 large, ungreased baking sheets.

On a lightly floured work surface, using a floured rolling pin, roll out the dough to a thickness of 1/8 inch. Working in batches, use a cookie cutter to make 2-inch rounds and place them on the baking sheets, leaving 1 inch between the cookies. Reroll the scraps as necessary to form about 48 cookies (and up with an even number). Bake until crisp, 8 to 10 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container until ready to use.

Marshmallow filling:

- 1/4 cup water plus 2 tablespoons cold water
- 3/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin powder
- 2 egg whites
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, combine 1/4 cup water, the corn syrup and sugar, stirring until the sugar has dissolved. Bring to a boil and cook, without stirring, for about 10 minutes, until the syrup reaches about 235 degrees, when measured with a candy thermometer (the "soft ball" stage, see note below). Remove from the heat. While the syrup is cooking, place the remaining 2 tablespoons of water in a small



One at a time, gently drop the marshmallow sandwiches into the chocolate mixture. Use tongs or a slotted spoon to remove, letting the excess chocolate drip back into the bowl (most of the chocolate coating will be used).

Transfer to the work surface and let set until the coating is firm, about 1 to 2 hours. Refrigerate in an airtight container, with the moon pies stored between layers of waxed paper.

bowl and sprinkle with the gelatin powder (the mixture should not become firm). Add the vanilla extract to the syrup, stirring to combine.

In the large bowl of a stand mixer or using a hand mixer on medium-high speed, beat the egg whites for a few minutes until soft peaks form. Reduce the speed to low and slowly add the syrup-gelatin mixture. Add the vanilla extract and beat for a few minutes until stiff peaks form. Set aside.

To assemble: Prepare a work surface lined with a large sheet of waxed or parchment paper. Turn half of the cooled cookies so that the flat sides are facing up. Spread them with about 1 teaspoon each of the marshmallow filling. Top the filling with the remaining cookies, forming sandwiches. Let them sit on the paper for no more than 2 hours.

Note: A little of the syrup dropped in cold water will form a soft ball at this stage. If you don't have a candy thermometer, you can test the syrup using the cold water test. To do this, periodically drop about a teaspoon of the mixture into a glass of cold water. When the mixture forms a soft ball that flattens in your hand when you pull it out, it's ready.

Chocolate coating:
12 ounces semisweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
2 ounces cocoa butter or 1/4 cup vegetable oil

Make this while the cookies set. Combine the chocolate and cocoa butter or oil in a medium bowl and place the bowl over a medium pan of barely bubbling water on medium heat. Stir occasionally until the chocolate has melted and the mixture is glossy.

MINI MOON PIES

Makes about 2 dozen 2-inch cookie sandwiches

- Cookies:**
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
 - 2 tablespoons cornstarch
 - 1 cup flour
 - 12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
 - 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Ceramic knife better than steel

By Robert L. Wolfe
Special to The Washington Post

Question: One catalog I received in the mail advertises ceramic knives as being superior to metal. That's news to me, but according to Google, not to the rest of the world. Any advice on purchasing? One company offers either zirconium oxide or zirconium carbide. Is one a better choice?

Answer: The 20th century brought the technology to synthesize a variety of new ceramics: hard, non-melting materials made by firing inorganic, nonmetallic substances at very high temperatures. Before long, mostly in Japan, knife blades were being made of a zirconium oxide ceramic because of its exceptional hardness.

Promotional blurbs for ceramic knives claim that zirconium oxide is second in hardness only to diamond. Not true. Corundum (ruby and sapphire) is intermediate in hardness between zirconium oxide and diamond. The black ceramic knife blades are zirconium carbide, which is a

bit harder than the white zirconium oxide, giving the carbide a slight competitive edge, so to speak.

What makes any ceramic knife better than steel? Because of its extreme hardness, the edge of a ceramic blade doesn't wear away, so it stays sharp much longer than a steel blade does. It is also stainproof, rustproof and lighter than steel.

But hardness is not the same as strength. Unlike steel, a ceramic blade is rigid and inflexible. Using it for prying, twisting or pressing can simply snap it in two. (Don't use it for crushing garlic, for example.) Because the blades edges can chip, the knives are intended only for slicing boneless and unfrozen foods. And when they eventually do become dull, they can be sharpened only by a professional with a diamond wheel.

Have your doubts? So did I. But while doing research for this column, I fell madly in love with a Kyocera six-inch ceramic Santoku chef's knife. It was so astoundingly sharp that I could cut a sheet of paper in two without even

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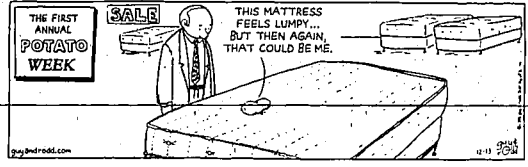
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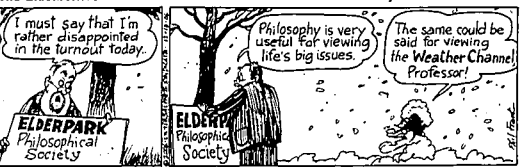
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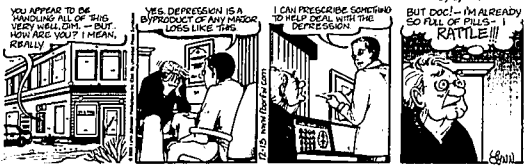
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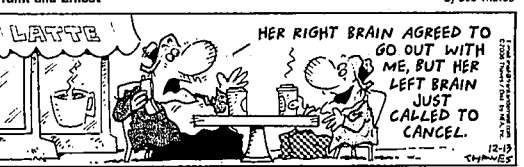
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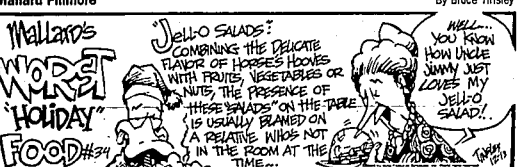
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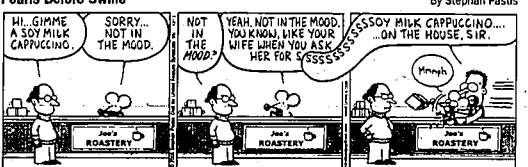
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A breath of fresh air arrives for Virgo

IF DEC. 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This could be a year in which your career takes off, helped by strategic alliances and just plain good friends. You may feel that you really don't need anyone, but you'll feel differently later, so don't burn any bridges. Don't be afraid to show your soft side — you have a special blend of understanding and warmth that people value more than you may realize.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The combination of dynamism, generosity, and wanting to do right by everyone is an awesome combination. Make the most of your influence today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Business matters could go either way now. Don't try to push against the tide if things are going against you, but if things are moving forward, do what you can to maximize your success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't need anyone, the first act you're too quick on the trigger now and could come to regret your words. Plans could misfire today, so be sure make them crystal clear and to confirm everything.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Being a role model has its benefits and its risks. See that you

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unusual impulses is a good idea. Your instinctive feelings could gain be temporarily less astray by the stars. Trust only what you see and know to be true.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Attractiveness and charm are yours to command for the next few days. You'll know how to be highly diplomatic and are likely to make a good impression with one and all. Be magnanimous.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Whew! A breath of fresh air comes back into your life and you have the sense of moving forward again at last. Pull together your plans and resources and get ready for a great leap into the future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The urge for change does not in itself signal the need for change. Be discerning about what you want to throw away, and don't get carried away. Throwing out the baby with the bathwater won't serve you well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Again today, censoring your

live up to the image that other people have of you. Don't let the power you have now go to your head; humility and a sense of humor will be your saving graces.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): With Jupiter, your ruling planet, in your own sign for a time, you can be especially balanced and magnanimous. Not too much should be tugging on you now, and you can use this time to center yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Today and tomorrow are excellent for brainstorming and for communicating your enthusiasm to others. Use these days to sell your ideas; people should be very receptive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Wisdom, fairness and balance are all traits you possess now. Set an example both for others, and for yourself. Let your strength and power help others, and you will help yourself at the same time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You aren't as distracted by your fan club today as you have been recently. Don't think you've "lost it" — it's just getting replenished. Work away at your pursuits and prepare to reap the benefits.

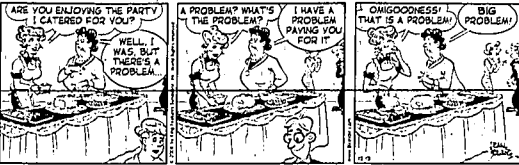
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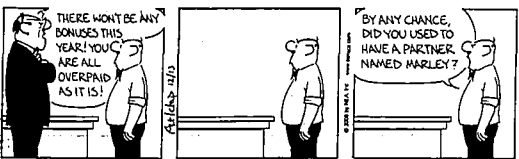
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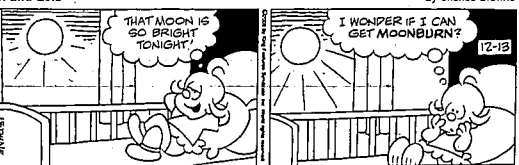
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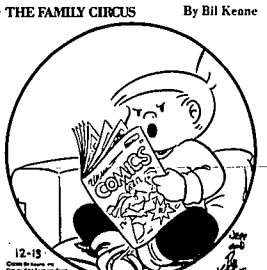
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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Sister's deployment to Iraq fills her sibling with regret

DEAR ABBY: My older sister decided to join the Army before going to college. We didn't get along, and I was glad to see her go — especially since it meant that I'd have a room of my own after always having had to share with her. She was just sent to Iraq. Now I realize that I really love my sister, and I'm worried sick about her. I also feel really guilty about being happy about her leaving. Having my own room isn't all that great, and when I look at her side of the room and her empty bed, I wish we were still sharing a room and she was out of harm's way.



DEAR ABBY
Jeane Phillips

DEAR UNSURE: You are a caring person, forced to choose between idealism and sad reality. You did the right thing by stopping to offer help and, when it was refused, by continuing on your way. However, because you felt the need to do more, you should have called roadside emergency services to let them know there was a stranded cyclist by the side of the road. They could check to see if further assistance was needed.

I want to write her and tell her how I feel and I love her. But if I write her, I'm not sure how she'll react. I think about her and worry about her all the time. I tried to talk to my mom about how I feel, but she just blew me off and acted like she didn't believe me. Please tell me what I can do to deal with this.

such a short time. It's the only way to deal with what's bothering you.

DEAR ABBY: I was driving down the road the other day and noticed a young girl by the side of the road trying to put the chain back on her bike. As I drove past her, I slowed my car and then stopped and backed up to ask if she needed help. She said she almost had it on, so I drove away.

Then it occurred to me later that maybe, in this day and age, I shouldn't have done what I did. I love kids and would never harm a child, and I would never want a child stranded by the side of the road. But at the same time, I question if stopping was safe to do — with kidnapping and child molestation in the news so often.

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter recently gave birth to a baby boy. We would like to establish a college fund in his name, but we have a dilemma. Our son-in-law has two children by a prior marriage. We have an excellent relationship with all of them and do not want to hurt anyone's feelings. However, my wife and I are retired and are not in a position to fund three programs. What do you suggest?

— PROUD GRANDPA IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR PROUD GRANDPA: You are a loving grandparent. Please do not feel awkward because you cannot be as generous as you would like. Talk to your CPA or your attorney and ask for referrals to financial planners whom you trust. When you find the right adviser, discuss your entire situation and ask for recommendations.

Is it OK for a young man (I am 33) to stop and help a child who may need it without someone thinking I am up to no good, and with kids being taught not to go near strangers in cars?

— UNSURE IN SEVERANCE, COLO.

First successful ovarian tumor removal performed in 1809

This day in history: On Dec. 13, 1809, Dr. Ephraim McDowell successfully removed an ovarian tumor for the first time in medical history. The patient was Toti Crawford, 45, had thought she was pregnant but McDowell found a 22-pound tumor instead. After the operation, performed without anesthesia, Ms. Crawford lived another 33 years and Dr. McDowell became famous in the medical world as "the Father of Ovariotomy."



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

translated to "left" and "right." According to Disney, there were 6,469,952 spots painted on the cartoon dogs in "101 Dalmatians." Open your eyes and show us your udders. No, don't get offended — it's that little thing hanging like a punching bag in the back of your throat. It helps keep you from gagging as you swallow.

Judges in ancient China hid their reactions from courtroom attendants by wearing smoke-tinted glasses. Thanks in large part to better nutrition and good medicine, the average American life span increased by more than 30 years during the twentieth century.

Tiger Woods got his first hole-in-one at age 6. Another reason to listen to mother and wear sensible shoes: in their lifetimes, three out of every four Americans will report problems with their feet.

While it's true that no word in the English language will rhyme perfectly with "purple," some poets would like to stretch the rules slightly and use a word like "burp'il." Likewise "orange" and "door hinge."

Chang and Eng, the famous sideshow "Siamese twins" were actually only one-quarter Siamese, and three-quarters Chinese. Their names in Thai

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After 15-year wait, llamas will be in the Rose Parade

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Llamas have waited 15 years to appear in the Rose Parade. On New Year's Day, 18 of the animals and their owners will stroll down Colorado Boulevard. Joan Selby, a member of the Llama Association of Southern California, sent the original application to the parade committee 15 years ago.

She is not sure why it took so long for parade officials to let the llamas into the parade but suggested it might have been fear of the unknown. "It could be that it just was not our time. Back then llamas weren't very well known," Selby said.

Paul Holman, president and chairman of the board of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, said he has been told llamas had not been allowed in the parade because horses fear them and react as if the llamas were predators. But he did his research and found out the truth. The llamas will be staged in a separate area and have a spot toward the beginning of the parade, far from the equestrian units, Holman said.

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"Oh, Dennis, you shouldn't have."

"Now even comic books have too many commercials!"

Roast chicken benefits from extra preparation

By Erica Marcus
Newsday

Roast chicken ought to be a piece of cake. But all too often the bird fails to brown evenly and the meat is overdone or underdone. Or overdone and underdone.

There are two culprits at work here: physiology and topology.

Chicken is made up of two types of meat that cook at different rates and are considered "done" at different temperatures. Dark meat needs to get to 180 degrees; breast meat is best eaten at 160.

Nor is the shape of the

bird conducive to even cooking — it's thin in some places, thick in others, with protrusions of different dimensions and a big old hole in the center.

As long as they have been roasting chickens, humans have strived to come up with a way to get a crisp-skinned, evenly cooked bird. One approach favored by classically trained chefs is to turn the bird over during the cooking. In my experience, this usually results in a mangled bird and pitholders impregnated with chicken grease.

Restaurants that depend for their livelihood on roast chickens often cook them on a rotisserie. The home cook can learn a lot from this method: The absence of a pan and the slow rotation of the spit ensures that every facet of the bird is exposed equally to the heat source. Also, the relatively large capacity of most rotisserie ovens means there is plenty of hot, dry air circulating around the chickens.

For those of you who do not have a commercial rotisserie, we present herewith four easy methods for roasting a whole chicken, none of which requires turning the specimen, all of which will result in a crisp, evenly

cooked bird.

No measurements are given. All you will need is olive oil or butter (the latter browns a bit darker), salt, pepper and a chicken anywhere from 2 1/2 to 4 pounds. Cooking times will vary according to the size of the bird and, for this reason, it's crucial to have an instant-read meat thermometer. At the thickest part of the breast, it should read 160 degrees; at the thickest part of the thigh, 180 degrees.

It's traditional to put vegetables in the bottom of the pan in which you roast chicken, but I've found that the steam they create while cooking tends to hinder the browning of the bird's underside. If you want to steam a few onions in the bottom of the pan, go ahead, but otherwise, cook vegetables in a separate baking dish. (Michael Chiarello's Cocorico chicken roaster is an exception to this rule; it is designed to suspend the chicken well above the level of the vegetables so both cook properly.)

I've found that two hungry adults can easily put away a small chicken, so I never count on one feeding more than three people. For four people, I'd cook two. Worse comes to worse, you can make chicken salad with the leftovers.

Michael Chiarello's Cocorico roast chicken

Newsday

Michael Chiarello, founding chef of Tra Vigne in Napa Valley, TV cooking star, cookbook author (most recently of "At Home With Michael Chiarello," Chronicle) and proprietor of the Napa-style catalog and Web site, was dissatisfied with existing chicken-roasting equipment. He liked the idea of a vertical roasting frame but found the metal ones on the market were too flimsy to accommodate the bird "burn in the air," which allows the legs to cook faster and their fat to baste the breast below.

So he designed the Cocorico, a ceramic platter with a hollow cone projecting from the center. (It looks very much like a ceramic sombrero.) You place the bird on the cone, legs up, and strew vegetables in the level of the vegetables, the heat comes from without and within the cone, the fat drips from the legs onto the breast and then on the vegetables. And it's pretty enough to bring to the table. Available at www.napastyle.com or 866-776-1600 for \$38. (A grande Cocorico, big enough for a 10-pound turkey, is \$50.)

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Take chicken out of refrigerator and dry it thoroughly with paper towels. Rub it with olive oil or butter, and generously sprinkle all over with salt and pepper. Place chicken on cone with the "legs facing up." The ridges on the cone should keep it steady. If desired, place vegetables around the chicken in the platter.

2. Place chicken in center of oven and roast for 15 minutes. Turn heat down to 375 degrees and cook for 1 to 1 1/2 hours. When done, skin should be crisp, juices should run clear, the breast meat should register 160 on a meat thermometer; dark meat, 180. Take bird out of pan and let rest for 15 minutes before carving. If vegetables aren't done yet, put pan back in oven and cook further. Depending on size of chicken, makes 2 to 4 servings.

Cast-iron roast chicken

Newsday

You can use any oven-proof skillet for this method, but be sure your chipotle can really take the heat. That means no nonstick surfaces, and no plastic, silicone or wood accents.

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Take chicken out of refrigerator and dry it thoroughly with paper towels. Rub with olive oil or butter and generously sprinkle with salt and pepper.

2. On top of the stove, place a cast-iron pan over medium-high heat. Pour a little olive oil into the center of the pan. Place chicken, back-side down, in the hot pan and cook until the back of the chicken is nicely

browned, about 10 minutes. Don't move the chicken around; leave it in one place, shaking the pan occasionally to make sure it is not sticking.

3. When the back is brown, place pan in hot oven and cook for anywhere from 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 hours. Every 30 or so, check to make sure the pan drippings are not burning and, if they are, pour a little hot water into the pan. When done, skin should be crisp, juices should run clear, the breast meat should register 160 on a meat thermometer, the dark meat, 180. Take bird out of pan and let rest for 15 minutes before carving. Depending on the size of the chicken, makes 2 to 4 servings.

Note: If you use this pan-roasting

method, it's almost a waste not to make a pan sauce: Put half a cut-up lemon and some fresh herbs in the bird's cavity before cooking. After you've removed the bird from the pan, pour off all but a little fat that has accumulated. Tilt the chicken over the pan so all juices drip out, as well as the lemon and herbs. (You may have to help them out with a spoon.) Put pan over medium-high heat, add 1/2 cup or so of chicken broth or wine or a combination. Simmer sauce until it reduces a bit. Add any juices that may have accumulated while the bird rests. Serve with bird.

Rack-roasted chicken

Newsday

The purpose of the roasting rack is to elevate the bird above the surface of the pan so that air circulates all around it. But more often than not, the bottom of the rack is still short of the sides of the pan, mitigating the purpose. For proper air circulation, you want the bottom of the bird to be above the sides of the pan.

There are two ways to achieve this: Pick a low-sided pan, a jelly roll pan for instance. Or elevate the rack higher than the sides of the pan.

To roast a chicken in a standard 9-by-13-inch pan, place the chicken on pan skin-side up. Turn the legs so that they are knock-kneed, not bow-legged. Press down on the chicken to

break breastbone to flatten it a little. Dry the bird thoroughly with paper towels. Rub it with olive oil or butter, and generously sprinkle all over with salt and pepper.

2. Arrange the rack in the pan. Place a little water in the pan and put it (and the rack) in the oven for 10 minutes. (The water is there so the pan doesn't burn; later, if the drippings start to scorch during the cooking, pour some hot water into the pan.)

3. Take rack and pan out of oven, place chicken on rack, return to oven and cook for anywhere from an hour and 15 minutes to an hour and 45 minutes. Skin should be crisp, juices should run clear, the breast meat should register 160 on a meat thermometer, the dark meat, 180. Take bird out of pan and let rest for 15 minutes before carving. Depending on size of chicken, makes 2 to 4 servings.

Butterflied roast chicken

Newsday

This may be the easiest method. It is certainly the quickest. And if you have a standard-size half sheet pan (18 inches by 13 inches), you can cook two chickens at once.

1. Preheat the oven to 500 degrees. Turn the bird so the legs face down and the back is facing up. With poultry shears, cut on either side of the backbone and remove it. (You can roast it along with the chicken, or save it for stock.) Place the chicken on pan skin-side up. Turn the legs so that they are knock-kneed, not bow-legged. Press down on the chicken to

break breastbone to flatten it a little. Dry the bird thoroughly with paper towels. Rub it with olive oil or butter, and generously sprinkle all over with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

2. Place the pan in the oven and roast for 30 to 50 minutes. The skin should be crisp and the juices should run clear. The breast meat should register 160 degrees on a meat thermometer, the dark meat, 180 degrees.

3. Take the bird out of the pan and let it rest for 15 minutes before carving. Depending on the size of the chicken, makes 2 to 4 servings.

Add zest to chicken

If you've got a little extra time, these refinements to the basic chicken-roasting method will lend your bird a little extra oomph.

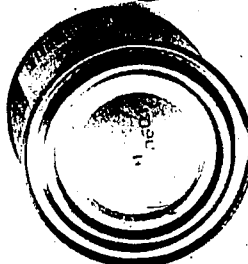
• **Lemon-herb stuffing.** Cut up a lemon and place it, along with some sprigs of rosemary or thyme, in the chicken's cavity. This will subtly flavor the bird and will make its juices truly delicious.

• **Drying and salting.** To get an ultra-crisp and paper-thin skin, try this roasting trick: The night before you plan to cook the bird, take it out of its package, dry it thoroughly with paper towels and rub a teaspoon or so of kosher salt into the skin. Place the rack and refrigerator, uncovered, for up to 18 hours.

• **Herb butter.** Give the breast meat extra flavor and moisture by whipping up an herb butter. In a small food processor — or in a large mortar — puree a handful of mixed herbs with butter. Gently loosen the skin of the breast and rub the butter all over the breast under the skin. Place a rack and refrigerator, uncovered, for up to 18 hours.

• **Braising.** Soaking the chicken in a solution of salt and water will make the bird moister and tastier. Dissolve 1 1/2 cups kosher salt (or 3/4 cup table salt) and, if desired, 1/4 to 1/2 cup sugar in 3 quarts of water. Completely immerse chicken in liquid and refrigerate for 3 to 4 hours. If you intend to brine overnight, use about half as much salt and sugar. Before cooking, rinse bird well and blot dry. (Don't bother to brine a kosher chicken; the koshering process includes a saltwater soak.)

A Season of Giving



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It is not a good idea to hug a Swede

I'm of Swedish extraction, and like all Scandinavians, we Swedes have a hard time hugging people. It's not that we're aloof, exactly, just awkward. A Swede will do the natural physical grace of a bowler on roller skates.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

Other folks are much more at ease with an embrace — the Spanish and the Italians, for example. They even have words for a hug — "abbraccio" in Spanish, "abbraccio" in Italian — that don't have exact equivalents in English. The Italian word "abbraccio," which translates as "big hug," describes an experience closer to being adopted than being embraced.

But we Swedes hang back with our hands in our pockets, and when a hug becomes unavoidable, we make a pig's breakfast of it. Inevitably, we end up patting the recipient of the hug on the back as if he or she were 2 months old and needing to be burped.

That back pat mystifies me. I've resolved many times not to do it, but I just can't help myself.

And I'm not alone, of course. My wife and I were sitting in a Boise restaurant a couple of Saturdays ago, and there was an office Christmas dinner going on at a nearby table.

People kept coming and going, and with wine flowing freely, there was much hugging.

I'd say that nine-tenths of these hugs were accompanied by pats on the back.

I asked a friend who's a clinical psychologist about the reasons for all that back-patting. She explained that it's a distancing device designed to demonstrate there are no sexual overtones to the embrace.

Yet I've seen my Italian relatives — my 250-pound, seventysomething Aunt Cella comes to mind — engulf perfect strangers in a public embrace that would get her arrested in Utah. But it's not sexual; it's enthusiastic.

And in the course of these greetings, never once have I seen her pat anybody's back.

I was pretty well resigned to accepting my limitations as a hugger until recently, when I saw the movie "Wild Strawberries" on cable TV. Directed by Swedish filmmaker Ingmar Bergman in the 1950s, it's the story of an aging college professor striving to come to terms with his past.

The professor goes to visit his extremely aged mother, who is clearly at death's door. He hasn't seen her for a while, so the professor steps forward and warmly ... shakes her hand.

That's a Swede for you, and that's just wrong.

So the next friend I encountered, I resolved to wade right in with an abbraccio.

Worked out great until we accidentally bumped heads in the process. Didn't pat his back, though.

I was too busy trying to find an ice pack for his eye.

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Planners OK zoning change for high school

District could break ground in April, open school's doors two years later

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A new hospital, high school, hotel and a business park.

Oh, and don't forget a stand-alone Starbucks.

Those were just some of the things on the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission's agenda Tuesday.

Planners moved some big projects a little bit closer to realization and a couple more projects seemed headed toward approval at a deadline. But some of them will still have to pass muster with the City Council.

Find out more

Read more details about what happened at Tuesday's city, Planning and Zoning Commission meeting in Thursday's Money section.

ment to its current residential zoning.

"It's very positive," said Wiloy Dobbs, the district's superintendent, following the decision. "I appreciate all the work that went into the decision."

The request will now go to the council for its approval. Dobbs said if all goes as planned, the district will

break ground in April and open its doors two years later.

The commission approved 200 South Developers LLC's request for a special-use permit to open a Starbucks on the northwest corner of Filer Avenue and Blue Lakes Boulevard.

Planners also approved St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's request to change the zoning of a 40-acre site on the southeast corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive from residential to planned unit development commercial business park.

The decision moves the hospital one step closer to

breaking ground on a \$120 million-plus state-of-the-art hospital with 170 beds.

The hospital and the school district have been meeting with their future neighbors in the North Pointe Subdivision to hear their concerns about traffic and noise levels.

"They came and presented the whole plan," said Stan Wrobel, president of the North Pointe Homeowners Association. "Most people seemed very pleased with the plan."

Times-News Business Editor Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

Santa comes early



Susie Bradshaw and her husband, Bernie, left, joke with Ridley's Food and Drug store manager Jim Chesney during an Idaho Lottery press conference Tuesday at the store in Kimberly. The Bradshaws won \$200,000 in the Dec. 6 drawing.

Retired couple wins \$200,000 lottery prize

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

HANSEN — For three years the newlywed couple played the lottery every Wednesday and Saturday night.

Any monotony was broken Thursday when they realized they had won \$200,000.

Bernie Bradshaw said he always reads the winning numbers in the Times-News on Thursday and Sunday nights, and then writes them on a notepad.

"He started reading me the numbers on his pad as I was checking the tickets," said his wife, Susie. "Well, he was reading the same numbers I had on one of my tickets and I told him to stop reading me the numbers on my ticket and read me the numbers from the paper."

When they realized that they held the winning numbers — minus the starting Powerball — the retired couple shared

On the Net:

Watch a video of the Bradshaws at www.magicvalley.com.

"All our Christmas presents are already bought, so I think we'll just stick this in a rat hole for a rainy day."

— Susie Bradshaw, who won \$200,000 with her husband

jumping around their house while shouting their surprise.

There had been some confusion about where the winning lottery ticket had been sold because one of the ticket's identifying numbers was not included in

the announcement.

"Our retailers have unique identifying numbers and when the winning ticket was reported to us, one number was left out," David Workman, Idaho Lottery spokesman, stated in a press release.

"This led us to originally believe the ticket was sold in Jerome."

But the Bradshaws had actually bought the winning ticket at Ridley's Food and Drug in Kimberly. Ridley's will receive a \$20,000 bonus check from the Idaho Lottery.

Bernie is a retired snowplow driver from Salmon; Susie ran the Hansen Elementary School cafeteria for 34 years before retiring.

After taxes, the couple will receive \$134,400, although they said they do not have any immediate plans for the money. "All our Christmas presents are already bought," Susie said. "So I think we'll just stick this in a rat hole for a rainy day."

Panel picks Boise firm to build Castleford plant

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — It was a tough job but somebody had to do it.

On Wednesday, a citizen's committee named its top pick to build a treatment facility for Castleford.

Based on Filtration Technology's proposal for the treatment plant was chosen as the best fit for Castleford.

The city is moving forward with plans to build an arsenic treatment plant to lower the arsenic in the water from an average 22 parts per billion to the Environmental Protection Agency's required

10 ppb or less. "Over five meetings, we went over nine proposals," said Don Acheson, engineer with Riedel & Associates in Twin Falls, the firm hired by the city to help it iron out the water problem.

"The selection committee was really good. It was a big task, but we had to learn a lot of stuff but it was a terrific project that the community came to a decision on based on what was best for them, and I am confident in that decision."

Along with the water engineers and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality personnel helped clarify data about the proposals ana-

lyzed. "There was so much to dig into and read about," said Councilwoman Pansy Pettit, who sat on the committee. "But once you started getting into it, we came to a conclusion as to what Castleford needed to proceed with."

Filtration Technology's bid for the treatment plant came in at \$148,000 in capital costs, followed by Kinetic of Ohio at \$246,800 and Layne Christensen of Las Vegas with a \$289,500 bid.

Each of the committee's top three choices uses a process that adds iron and salt to the city's drinking water. This increases the arsenic's molecular charge to bind easily to iron.

Buhl OKs skydiving proposal

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — A skydiving drop zone in Buhl is closer to fruition.

The City Council on Monday unanimously approved Paul and Denise Janes' skydiving operation at the Buhl Municipal Airport.

"We feel they should be offered the opportunity to come down," said Airport Commission Chairman Bob Squire.

As part of the deal, the Caldwell County, who own and operate Skydawn Sport Skydiving in Caldwell, would be allowed to lease the building at the airport for \$250 a month. They would be required to have a mechanic who could support all operations at the airport.

"We're excited," said Denise Janes. "This is a step in the right direction."

Officials are excited about thrill seekers possibly making Buhl their destination.

"We hope that those who come to skydive stop in Buhl," said Mayor Charles Shreiner.

"Our hope is that the skydiving operation creates a boost to our economy."

The Janes will enter into contract negotiations with the city to iron out the details, and hope to begin skydiving in March.

In other council news, city engineer Scott Bybee told the council that the city was contacted by Idaho Community Block Grant personnel about their grant application.

They wanted to know why Buhl was applying for a \$500,000 grant this year when the water project wasn't expected to go to bid until spring 2008, Bybee said.

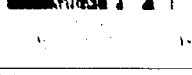
He said the city would like to push the process ahead because it could save Buhl hundreds of thousands of dollars in inflation costs.

Times-News correspondent Blair Koch can be reached by e-mail at blairkoch@gnmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

Snowpack Levels

Station	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Walworth	71%	19%
Big Wood	67%	18%
Little Wood	62%	17%
Big Lost	63%	17%
Little Lost	65%	19%
Henrys Fork/Teton	64%	18%
Upper Snake Basin	65%	19%
Oakley	94%	23%
Salmon Falls	83%	22%

As of Dec. 12
* 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

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magivalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magivalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Mark Hyrum Brown

Mr. and Toni, and Cristy was born in June 1951.

Dad was a loving, hard-hand father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He loved fishing and dancing with our mother. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed many fishing and pheasant hunting trips and the cabin and took his family on many trips to Disneyland. He taught us the value of hard work.

Dad has been very lonely

since our mother passed away in February 2004.

The days have been very hard and we know he missed her deeply. Although we love him and will miss him, we are grateful that he doesn't have to suffer any more and that he can be with her. We can only imagine their reunion! We would hope that Dad is dancing with Mom once again to their favorite music.

We would like to thank all of those who visited him at the nursing home and are so thankful for all of the caregivers at Bridgeview who gave him loving care and brought some sunshine to his days.

Mark is survived by his

brothers, Doug Brown and Karl Brown of Twin Falls; his children, Mark Brown, Jr. and Madam of Boise, Crisley Jacobs and Rich of Twin Falls, and Toni Alexander and Mickey; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Claude Brown, Jr.; his wife and the love of his life, Arlene; and his great-granddaughter, Matison; and his nephew, Doug Brown, Jr.

Family and friends will gather from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at Sunset Memorial Park.



TWIN FALLS — Mark Hyrum Brown, 84, of Twin Falls, passed from this earthly existence, Friday, Dec. 3, 2006. Mark was born in Twin Falls, Oct. 3, 1922, to Claude and Bertha Brown, and was a lifelong resident. He attended school in Twin Falls and the University of Idaho. He worked for the Ford Garage prior to joining the U.S. Army during World War II. After his service, he returned to Twin Falls where he worked for the family furniture store. Claude Brown's first marriage was for many years. He met Arlene Louise Glantz at a dance and they were married July 1, 1946. One year later (to the day) they were blessed with twins, Mark,

Myrna Halverson

sharing these adventures with her. She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in various positions in the library, Primary,

Young Women's organization and Relief Society. Her generous, loving heart blessed many, one at a time. She was an extremely hard worker and loved her work. She blessed the lives of many with her healing hands as a massage therapist. She was greatly loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son and her parents. She is survived by her children, daughter, Zoann, (Dan) Taylor of Boise; sons, Kevin (Suzanne) Halverson of

Rupert and Scott (Karyn) Halverson of Germantown; 12 grandchildren, Justin and Nathan Tolman, Michael and Klara Taylor, Dayna, Troy, Kelsie, Samantha and Travis Halverson, Ashley, Joshua and Taylor Halverson, and her cousin, Wade Rutschke.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Rupert LDS Idaho Stake Center, 324 E. 19th St., with Bishop Steven Bradshaw officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour prior to the funeral on Saturday at the church. Friends who wish may make memorials to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK, 73123-1718, or the Primary Children's Medical Center, 320 12th Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84013.



RUPERT — Myrna Halverson, 70, of Rupert, Idaho, passed away Saturday, Dec. 10, 2006, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Oct. 10, 1936, in Rupert, Idaho, the daughter of Lorna Darrington and Tom Johnson. She attended schools in Rupert and graduated from Rupert High School. She married Robert "Red" Halverson, her high school sweetheart, on Aug. 10, 1953, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. After the first years, while Red was in the Marine Corps, which took them to Virginia and Oceanside, Calif., Red and Myrna continued to work on their farm in Rupert and worked hard, side by side, making a home for their family.

Myrna was a loving and devoted mother, wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She loved to have fun. She loved to travel with her family and friends. We all enjoyed

William Ottis Baker

on Nov. 13, 1943. Their marriage was solemnized in the Mesa LDS Temple on Nov. 8, 1950. Bill and his family have lived on three continents and in 40 states in the USA. He enjoyed traveling, listening to western music and reading. He has read the entire set of the cyclopedias.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Della Joy Baker of Declo; seven children, Wallace A. Baker of Honeyville, Utah, Katherine Walker of Declo, Molly Baker of Honeyville,

Utah, Mary Naylor of Clinton, Utah, Bonnie Tingey of Twin Falls, Sarah Ashby of Weston and Ruth Bilyly of Albuquerque, N.M.; one brother, Arthur L. Baker of Apple Valley, Calif.; 24 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his grandsons, Harold Miller, Benjamin Naylor, Baby Baker, and a daughter-in-law, June Baker. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at Russmann Funeral Home of Burley, 1350 E. 16th St., with Bishop Tim Darrington officiating. Urn placement will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn.



DECLO — William Ottis Baker, an 85-year-old resident of Declo, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, at his home.

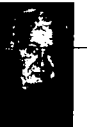
Bill was born Nov. 16, 1921, in Penitz, Calif., to Arthur V. Baker and Ethel May Squires. As a young man he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a prisoner of war for 18 months. After being sent home, he re-enlisted into the U.S. Air Force where he became an airplane mechanic. Following his retirement from the military at Hill Air Force Base in Ogden, Utah, he served as a temple guard in the Logan Temple for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He married Della Joy Pope

Kenneth Guy Dean

cars and lawnmowers. Kenneth is survived by his children, James (Diana) Dean of Idaho, Kenneth (Loreta) Dean, Loreta (Pete) Parkin of Rupert and Kevin (Maria) Dean of Nampa in Idaho; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother, Elmore (Fran) Dean of

Confier, Colo.; and sister, Marie Barton of Rupert. He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy H. and Nellie Brown Dean; brother, Morris Dean; and sister, Wilma Transum.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., with Pastor James Halbert officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be one hour prior to the service.



DEATH NOTICES

Helen E. Askew

TWIN FALLS — Helen Elizabeth Askew, 87, of Bellevue, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, in Bellevue. A service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Interment will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Elizabeth S. Koto

SEATTLE — Elizabeth S. Koto, 59, formerly of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006, at the Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, Wash., of cancer.

A memorial service is pending and will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Wigen

Vern L. Johnson

HAGERMAN — Vern L. Johnson, 92, of Hagerman, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, at a charity of choice.

Willie Sapien

HEYBURN — Willie Sapien, 60, of Heyburn, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, at Park View Health and Rehabilitation Center.

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

Chester Phillips

RUPERT — Chester Phillips, 90, of Rupert, died Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at the Warren House in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

Ruth F. Nielson

JEROME — Ruth Fern Nielson, 101, of Fillet and formerly of Jerome, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, at her home in Fillet.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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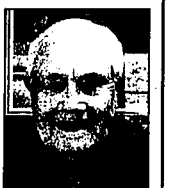
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OBITUARIES

Hilda F. Wilson

BURLEY — Hilda F. Wilson, 91-year-old Burley resident, died Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

She was born Jan. 14, 1914, to Jennie Merrill and Mathew L. Feltman in Richmond, Utah. Hilda attended school there and graduated from North Cache High School. She married Grant Briggs in 1932 and Robert U. Wilson, in 1936. She moved to Burley and started a college course in Twin Falls to earn her, licensed practical nursing degree. She seemed to have a talent for health care and worked at the Cottage Hospital, Cassia Memorial and

Richardson of American Fork, Utah; four great-grandchildren, Carlisa and Jarrin Hanks of Florida, and Chelsey and Cole Richardson of American Fork, Utah; and two brothers, Dale Feltman of Jackpot, Nev. and Ned Feltman of Pocatello, Idaho. She was predeceased in death by her parents, both husbands, one sister, and four brothers.

Motorcycle racer Marty Moates dies

Marty Moates, whose upset victory in the 1990 U.S. Grand Prix of Motocross at Carlsbad Raceway was a landmark moment in U.S. motorcycle racing history, has died. He was 49.

Roberta Louise Holgate DeHart

BOISE — Roberta Louise Holgate DeHart peacefully passed away Dec. 8, 2006, at home after a courageous and uplifting 10-year battle with breast cancer.

and friends spent time with her throughout the United States, plus the many new close friends she made with other RV'ers.

Mike Weinheimer of Boulder, Colo.; and niece, Karen and husband Dustin Morse of Belgrade, Mont. Her parents and an infant brother preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 16 at Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise, Idaho; and at a future date in Denon, Mont. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made to the Nature Conservancy, Mountain States Tumor Institute, Planned Parenthood, Life's Doors Hospice or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Following a diagnosis of breast cancer, Bobbi had surgery, chemotherapy and radiation. Fulfilling a lifelong dream, Bobbi purchased a 32-foot Holiday Rambler motor home, rested and with a Jeep, in tow, took off around the United States RV'ing full-time for eight years. Her travels took her from coast to coast twice, including a three-month trip to Alaska, a five-month trip to Nova Scotia and the northeastern United States.

Bobbi was active as a foster parent, hosting four different foster daughters, and was on the Board of Directors of the Boise chapter of Planned Parenthood.

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OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

Emil Lorenzo Wilkinson

GOODING — Emil Lorenzo Wilkinson, age 67, of Gooding, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Emil was born Jan. 21, 1939, in Sterling, Idaho, the son of Edwin Hians and Irene Lake Wilkinson. He received his education in Idaho. On Jan. 30, 1964, he married Wilma Jean Deuel, they were later divorced. He married Melody Dudley on March 15, 1968, in Burley, Idaho, and they later solemnized their marriage on

Oct. 13, 1984, in the Boise Idaho Temple. He was a member of the LDS Church.

Emil enjoyed camping, fishing, sightseeing and gardening. He worked at different jobs, oil rigging, processing plants and service stations. While living in Arizona, he worked in the copper mines for about 10 years. Upon returning to Idaho, he worked as a ditch rider for the Big Wood Canal Company until his retirement in October of 2000.

Survivors include his wife, Melody; daughter, Adelmia (Glen) Budden of Kimberly; brothers, Hians (Sharon) Wilkinson of Eagle, Idaho, Vern (Ida) Wilkinson of Emmett, Idaho, LeRoy Wilkinson of Gooding and Ivan (Sue) Wilkinson of Burley; sisters, Ruby Penrod of Rogerson and Dorothy (Earl) Flocher of Rupert; four grandchildren, Kasey, Stacey and J.T. (John Thomas) Budden, all of Kimberly, and Thomas Roy Jones of Gooding; three great-

grandchildren, Ramone, Jorge, Kaldanese and many nieces and nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Emily; brother, Charles; granddaughter, Melody; and great-grandson, Brandon Saldana.

Memorial services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding with Bishop Michael Anderson conducting. Arrangements by Denary Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Boys and Girls Club offers child care

TWIN FALLS — The Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley is offering parents an opportunity for a bit of free time.

From 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, children ages 6 and above can enjoy Christmas movies, gym activities and an art project at the Boys and Girls Club, 399 Frontier Road. Cost is \$3 per child. Please RSVP by Thursday. For more information, call Robyn at 736-7011.

D.A.V. auxiliary plans public dance Friday

TWIN FALLS — The Disabled American Veterans auxiliary will hold a public dance at 8 p.m. Friday at the DAV Hall at 459 Shoup Ave. The cost is \$2 donation. For more information, call 734-5208.

Druggists assist seniors with medications

RUPERT — Pharmacists from the Rupert Ridley's store will visit the Minidoka County Senior Center, 702 11th St., from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday to help senior citizens with their medications.

Seniors are encouraged to bring a list of all their medications. For more information, call 436-9107.

Almo School presents 'Teddy Bear Christmas'

ALMO — Almo School will present "A Teddy Bear Christmas" today. The event will begin at 5 p.m. at the Almo Creek Outpost behind the Almo PTO. Cost is \$5. A musical program will be held at 7 p.m. at the Almo Church. Admission is free.

Kimberly Pinochle group plays Saturday

KIMBERLY — The Pinochle group will play at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Ageless Senior Center, 310 N. Main.

Cost is \$1. Bring treats to share. Everyone is welcome. The group plays the third Saturday of each month.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge announces results

GOODING — Gooding Duplicate Bridge released Dec. 8 results.

North/south Section A: First, Nathan and Kay Higer; second,

Riley Burton and Joe Blackford; and third, Mary Steele and Kathy Rooney.

North/south Section B: First, Kathy Rooney and Mary Steele; second, Sharon Peterson and Ralph O'Harrow.

East/west Section B: First, Don and Lorna Bard; and second, Sharon Peterson and Ralph O'Harrow.

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SERVICE NEWS

Twin Falls grad finishes Army basic training

TWIN FALLS — Army Pvt. Kla L. Scruggs has graduated from nine weeks of basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

She graduated Advanced Individual Training on Dec. 13 at Fort Bragg in North Carolina.

She is the daughter of Wayne and Sharon Scruggs of Twin Falls and is a 2006 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Twin Falls grad finishes advanced Guard training

TWIN FALLS — Army National Guard Pvt. Marla I. Zepeda has graduated from the Food Service Specialist Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg,

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She is the stepdaughter of Terry Patterson of Twin Falls and a 2006 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

T.F. soldier graduates from combat training

TWIN FALLS — Army Pvt. Brandon M. Bailey has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

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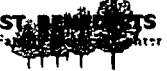
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Road to 9th Circuit for Idaho lawyer may be ending

Consensus: Myers has 'no chance' of getting through

By Alicia P.Q. Wittmeyer
Associated Press writer

BOISE — If President George W. Bush renominates a controversial Republican Idaho lawyer for a seat on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, he's going to have a tough fight ahead of him, Senate leaders say.

The nomination of Boise lawyer William Gerry Myers III, which has been stalled in the Senate for three years, may have almost reached an end. Now that Democrats have control of Congress, a consensus has formed on Capitol Hill that Myers — who has stirred up some of the fiercest Democratic opposition of all Bush's judicial nominees — has almost no chance of getting through.

"I think he's definitely a well-qualified nominee, but whether he can make it through a Democratic Congress is a different story," said Dan Whiting, spokesman for Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, who first submitted Myers to Bush as a potential nominee.

That's especially true now that some have suggested Myers may have misled senators about meeting Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff during questioning by the senate judiciary committee, lawmakers say.

"The reality is this President's nominee hasn't been able to win support for the past two years from a Congress controlled by his own political party," said Tracy Schmalzer, spokeswoman for Patrick Leahy, D-Vermont, incoming chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Leahy said in a speech last week that Bush "squandered an opportunity to fill Idaho's vacancy" on the 9th Circuit by renominating Myers on Nov.

15, in a last-ditch effort to push his nominees through before Congress changed hands.

Myers, the former top lawyer at the Interior Department, was first nominated to the seat in May 2003 to fill a vacancy left by retiring Idaho Judge Tom Nelson.

He's one of two Bush nominees from Idaho — along with Idaho 6th District Judge Norman Randy Smith — up for judgeships on the 9th Circuit, which hears appeals from courts in nine Western states, as well as the U.S. Territory of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. Republicans have supported Smith and Myers, saying that they would bring ideological balances to one of the most liberal courts in the nation.

When Myers was nominated, liberal groups immediately attacked his record of opposing environmental protections when he worked as a lobbyist for cattle and mining interests. American Indian groups have

also spoken out against him, in particular for an Interior Department decision that cleared the way for a gold mine in California that they say threatens tribal lands.

"I think the Senate ought to only confirm individuals who merit the highest respect in the country," said Nan Aron, President of the liberal judicial watchdog group Alliance for Justice, which has been a

major voice against Myers' nomination. "And certainly William Myer's record proves that he's unqualified for a lifetime seat on the 9th Circuit."

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Regional detention center for Spokane and Coeur d'Alene proposed by Idaho sheriff

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A county sheriff in northern Idaho wants to build a regional jail to help solve jail overcrowding in his and a neighboring county in Washington state.

"Criminals don't respect the state line, why should we?" Kootenai County Sheriff Rocky Watson said Monday at the groundbreaking for the county's new trash transfer station west of Post Falls. Interstate 90 is a crime corridor.

Watson and Spokane County, Wash. Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich are considering various options.

Both have overcrowded jails. But last fall, Kootenai County voters rejected a \$50 million jail expansion. Officials in Spokane County are looking at building an \$80 million jail addition, or a new \$450 million facility near Spokane International Airport.

The regional jail is just an idea for now, said Capt. Jerry Bragly, Spokane County jail commander. A consultant would have to be hired to help decide how many beds it would have — 4,500 is a possibility — and figure out how to pay for it.

Bragly told The Spokesman-Review that besides Idaho and Washington, the federal government might offer some money.

"There are just an awful lot of options," he said.

If the regional jail doesn't work out, Watson said he would like to see the county build a jail at a landfill south of the city where inmates could work sorting garbage and recycling. He also said inmates could grow food for themselves on nearby land.

He said most inmates who are awaiting sentencing and need to make trips to the courthouse would remain at

the current jail. Inmates that have been sentenced, about 30 percent of the inmate population, would go to the work farm.

Watson said that besides Kootenai County, he wants four other northern counties, and possibly the Coeur

d'Alene Tribe, to help share the cost of the jail.

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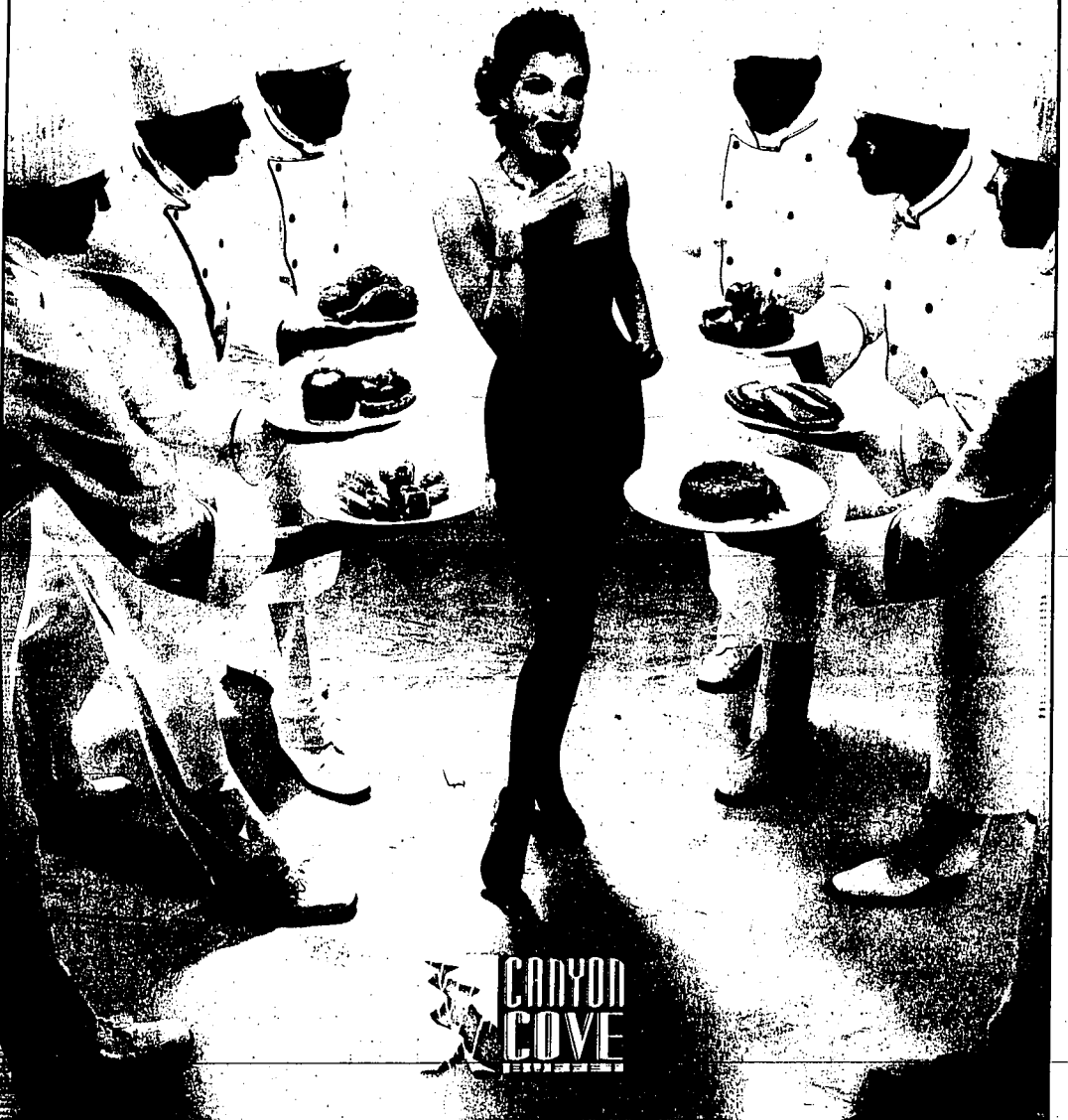
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Most New Jersey Taco Bells open for business

Source of E. coli outbreak remains a mystery

By Wayne Parry
Associated Press writer

HILLSIDE, N.J. — All but four of Taco Bell's 86 New Jersey restaurants were back in business Tuesday even as the fast-food chain and health officials across the country sought what caused an outbreak of E. coli that sickened scores of customers in four states.

The four restaurants — three in Union County and one in Salem County — remained closed because they were awaiting deliveries of new food after having discarded all their old foodstocks, Taco Bell spokesman Will Bortz said.

"All they're doing is waiting

for deliveries, and then they'll be open as well," he said.

Taco Bells in Hillside, Union and Springfield remained closed Tuesday, along with one in Pottsville in Salem County.

Two other restaurants in Delaware were also awaiting restocking Bortz said.

All Taco Bell restaurants in New York remained open.

The reopening in New Jersey occurred even as federal health officials acknowledge they do not know what caused the outbreak of the intestinal illness in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware. A person from South Carolina who developed the illness was determined to have eaten at a Taco Bell in Pennsylvania.

Green onions, or scallions, were initially thought to have been to blame for the outbreak, although federal testing has failed to confirm that.

Nonetheless, "out of an abundance of caution," Taco

Bell president Greg Creed said the company has switched its produce supplier from Ready Pac of Irwindale, Calif., which has a processing center in Florence, N.J., to Taylor Farms of Salinas, Calif.

As of Monday, the state health department was investigating 73 suspected or confirmed cases of E. coli in New Jersey. Updated figures were not immediately available Tuesday afternoon.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., along with Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J.; Dick Durbin, D-Ill. and Robert Menendez, D-N.J., — called on the FDA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to create a joint task force to examine the outbreak and recommend changes in laws and regulations to prevent contamination of food.

Justice Department eases grip on legal tools used to fight corporate scandals

By Lara Jakes Jordan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department put new limits on prosecutors seeking confidential data from corporations Tuesday after critics leaned on the government to back off tough tactics authorized during the Enron-era scandals.

Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty said the new guidelines won't hinder prosecutors from aggressively going after companies accused of fraud and other white-collar crimes. Whistle-blowers called the changes a setback for shareholders and employees who risk losing billions in pensions, and savings if scandal-tainted corporations aren't fully investigated.

A coalition of allies who had demanded the changes offered only lukewarm support. The new rules bar the government from charging businesses solely on the basis of their refusal to hand over corporate attorney-client communications or their

continuing to pay lawyer's fees for employees under investigation.

Announcing the changes in a New York speech that was closed to the media and public, McNulty said they aimed "to strike a balance between the central concerns of those who have raised questions about the policy ... and continue our aggressive efforts against corporate criminals." The text of his speech was released in Washington.

The policy should help companies curb fraud internally by encouraging open talk between corporate attorneys and their clients, McNulty said in an interview with The Associated Press. "It, in no way, slows down the ability to prosecute these cases successfully," he said.

Under the new guidelines, U.S. attorneys and their trial prosecutors:

- Must obtain written approval from the deputy attorney general before demanding confidential information or communications

between attorneys and their clients.

• Must consult with the assistant attorney general who oversees all Justice Department criminal cases before seeking results of corporations' internal investigations or other factual information.

- Cannot consider as uncooperative any firms that pay attorneys' fees for employees. However, the deputy attorney general could approve harsher charges in rare cases where the payments result in blocking the government's investigation.
- Cannot bring charges against corporations simply because they refuse to hand over confidential and so-called "privileged" attorney-client information. Firms that do, however, will receive credit for cooperating.

The new rules replace guidelines issued in 2003 to coordinate the prosecution tactics among the 94 U.S. attorneys' offices nationwide following scandals at Enron Corp., WorldCom Corp. and other firms.

School shooting near Philadelphia

Teen gunman takes own life, didn't intend to kill anyone else

By Marjarian Dale
Associated Press writer

ERDENHEIM, Pa. — An 11th-grader despondent that his parents might curtail his after-school activities because of poor grades took a rifle to school Tuesday and killed himself between classes in a hallway, authorities said.

The gunman, Shane Joseph Halligan, 16, had no intention of hurting anyone else in the 9 a.m. shooting at Springfield Township High School, Montgomery County District Attorney Bruce L. Castor Jr. said.



Students at Maraca, left, and Carolina Gonzales react as they speak to the media after leaving Springfield Middle School where parents were picking up students after a student brought a rifle to Springfield Township High School and shot himself to death in Erdenheim, Pa., Tuesday the school district said. No one else was injured in the 9 a.m. shooting in the district said.

Michael DeLaurentis, who was about 30 feet away.

"I was walking to my class," said DeLaurentis, who turned 18 on Tuesday. "I just hear 'Get down.' I heard shots fired into the ceiling and I saw smoke."

A security camera showed the boy taking the gun out of bag and shooting into the ceiling, said Randall D. Hummel, the township police chief.

Students in the hallway scrambled for cover, and the teenager walked to another hallway out of view, then shot himself, Hummel said.

It was an "apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound," Hummel said. Halligan left a note for his family but authorities did not disclose its contents.

The township police station is next door to the high school

and officers were on the scene almost immediately.

Officers in the building heard a single shot and found the boy dead in the hallway, Hummel said.

Halligan's father talked briefly to reporters outside the family's home Tuesday.

"We see this on the news and wonder how it could happen. It doesn't happen in our family," John Halligan said, according to The Philadelphia Inquirer. "I'm at a loss."

The other students were evacuated to an adjacent middle school, and all the district's schools were locked down, said Laura Feller, a spokeswoman for the Springfield Township School District. Parents trickled to the school later Tuesday morning to pick up their children.

Nearly three months ago, a 10th-grader at the same school just outside Philadelphia, was arrested on suspicion of bringing in a loaded gun.

Superintendent Roseann Nyir said officials considered installing metal detectors after that but felt it was an isolated incident. Instead, they decided they would try to screen for children who are potentially at risk and try to work with them.

"We're all very much aware that even metal detectors have not deterred students from bringing guns into schools in the past," Hummel said.

DeLaurentis' father, Michael, said, "It just makes you a little in fear of the future, and not just at this school, any school, because I don't think any school is 100 percent secure."

Olmert remark about Israeli nuclear program spurs calls for resignation, sanctions

By Mark Lurie
Associated Press writer

JERUSALEM — Israel's prime minister spent Tuesday trying to put the nuclear genie back in the bottle, after a slip of the tongue in an interview was interpreted as confirming Israel has atomic weapons — widely assumed to be true, but never officially acknowledged.

In an interview with a German television station broadcast Monday, Olmert appeared to list Israel among the world's nuclear powers.

Asked by the interviewer about Iran's calls for the destruction of Israel, Olmert replied that Israel has never threatened to annihilate anyone.

"Iran openly, explicitly and publicly threatens to wipe Israel off the map," Olmert said. "Can you say that this is the same level, when you are aspiring to have nuclear weapons, as America, France, Israel, Russia?"

Israel, which foreign experts say has the sixth-largest nuclear arsenal in the world, has said it has a policy of ambiguity on nuclear weapons for

decades, refusing to confirm or deny whether it has them.

Speaking in Germany, Olmert denied Tuesday that he had "outed" Israel's nuclear program.

"Israel has said many times — and I also said this to German television in an interview — that we will not be the first country that introduces nuclear weapons to the Middle East," Olmert said after meeting German Chancellor Angela Merkel. "That was our position, that is our position — nothing has changed."

The comments came days after incoming Defense Secretary Robert Gates, in testimony to a Senate committee, identified Israel as a nuclear power.

With Olmert's comments featured on the front pages of all of Israel's major papers Tuesday and with political rivals calling for his resignation, aides to Olmert hurriedly said the remark had been misinterpreted.

Olmert spokesman Miri Eisin said the prime minister had been listing not nuclear states but "responsible nations."

Mexican troops storm key drug strongholds

By Isaac Grillo
Associated Press writer

APAZTIZANING, Mexico — Thousands of troops rolled into a key Mexican drug stronghold Tuesday to take a marijuana and opium fields and round up traffickers, sent by President Felipe Calderon to restore order in a region where smugglers have defied authorities with headbands and large-scale drug production.

Navy ships were patrolling the Lazaro Cardenas port, a hub for drugs arriving from Central America and Colombia on their way to the United States.

Cornelio Casio, one of several generals overseeing the operation in the western state of Michoacan — Calderon's home state — said 6,500 soldiers and federal police were deployed.

"We aren't going to lose any territory," he said. "We are completely focused on this war."

"It's not just a war against drug lords, it's a war against the entire criminal structure." — Mexico's Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora

The campaign echoes crack-downs by previous Mexican presidents who repeatedly ordered mass firings of drug-corrupted police, revamped courts, sent thousands of troops to battle traffickers and accelerated drug seizures — without making much of a dent in the quantity of narcotics crossing the U.S.-Mexico border.

In an interview Tuesday with the television network, Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora said the operation was aimed at "reconquering territory" controlled by drug gangs.

"It's not just a war against drug lords," he said. "It's a war against the entire criminal structure."

Medina Mora acknowledged drug lords will likely find another stronghold, saying

"It's a complicated war." But, he added, "it is a war we can win."

Calderon brushed aside concerns the crackdown could lead to violations of human rights and claim innocent victims.

It's about recovering the calm, day-to-day life of Mexicans who live in the state," he said Tuesday.

Calderon took office Dec. 1, promising to fight the execution-style killings, corrupt police and defiant gangs that plagued Vicente Fox's presidency. Calderon has budgeted more funds for law enforcement and appointed a hard-line interior secretary, Francisco Ramirez Acuna.

U.S. Ambassador Tony Garza has repeatedly expressed concern about the

rising violence, some of which has spilled into the United States, and the State Department has warned U.S. citizens about travel to Mexico.

Waring cartels have killed at least 2,000 people this year and forced Fox to send troops into the border city of Nuevo Laredo and the beach resort of Acapulco.

But those efforts failed to deter traffickers, who have left human heads outside government offices accompanied by written warnings. One recent message in Michoacan read: "See. Hear. Shut up. If you want to stay alive."

In the most gruesome case, gunmen burst into a Michoacan nightclub and rolled five human heads onto a dance floor, smearing the white-tile floor with blood. In another, a pair of heads were planted in front of a car dealership in Zitacuaro, a town known as a nesting ground for monarch butterflies.

Search resumes for three climbers lost on Oregon's Mount Hood

By Brad Cain
Associated Press writer

COOPER SPUR, Ore. — More searchers headed up Mount Hood Tuesday during a break between storms, joining rescuers who had spent the night on the mountain in the hunt for three missing climbers.

The weather was dry Tuesday, following blizzard conditions that hampered the search the day before, but authorities said high winds made searching difficult.

"Right now, they're dealing with 50 to 60 mph winds in the area they're searching, and blowing snow. It really cuts down their visibility," said Joseph Wampler, sheriff for Hood River County.

The last anyone heard from the climbers was on Sunday, Dec. 10, when 48-year-old Kelly James, used his cell phone from a snow cave to say the group was in trouble.

He and his two companions — Brian Hall, 37, also of Dallas, and Jerry "Nicks" Cooke, 36, of New York City — had gone for help.

Officials have not been able to reach James on his cell phone since then. Wampler said, but search



Frank James looks in the direction of Mount Hood following his news conference Tuesday. Frank James is the brother of Kelly James, who is one of the three climbers lost on Mount Hood. Rescue teams headed up the flanks of treacherous Mount Hood on Tuesday to search for three climbers reported missing in heavy snow.

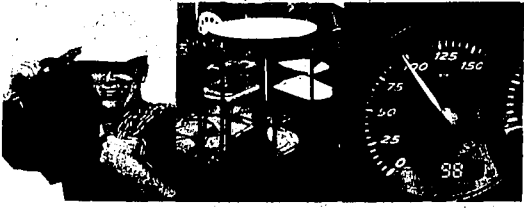
Officials have been able to narrow the approximate location through cell phone signals. Searchers believe James' snow cave is near the summit of the 11,239-foot mountain, on the northeast side, but it is unclear where the other two climbers might be.

"A snow cave can provide excellent shelter from wind and precipitation," said Steve Rollins, a search leader with Portland Mountain Rescue. "If you're well prepared in a snow cave, you can last a really long time."

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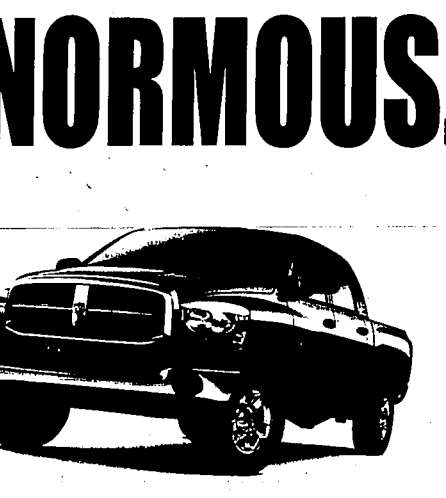
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer: (Answers tomorrow)
Yesterday's Jumbles: CIVIL KHAKI CODGER BIKINI
Answer: Recruits are always doing this at boot camp - **KICKING**

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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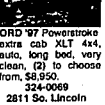
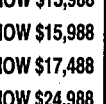
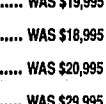
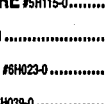
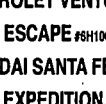
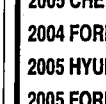
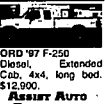
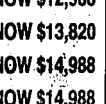
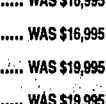
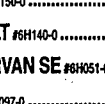
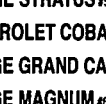
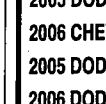
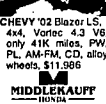
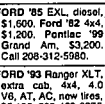
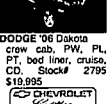
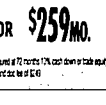
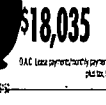
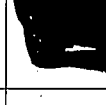
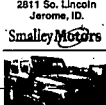
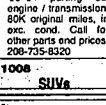
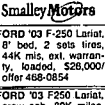
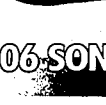
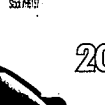
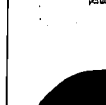
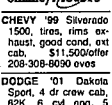
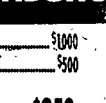
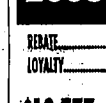
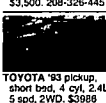
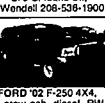
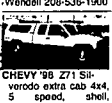
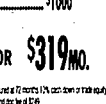
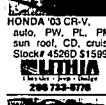
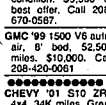
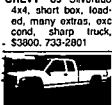
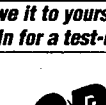
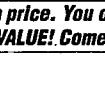
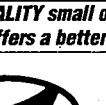
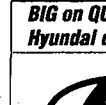
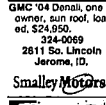
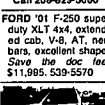
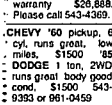
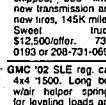
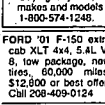
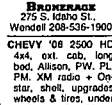
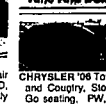
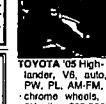
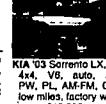
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Had he found the heart shift instead, East would still have had a chance to underlead the diamond ace to West's king to obtain a club ruff. But the diamond shift put the fate of the contract squarely on Seamon's shoulders. East won his diamond ace, cashed the heart ace, and continued with a second diamond. Seamon ruffed, cashed the heart king, then ruffed a heart in dummy. When he guessed to ruff out West's diamond king, he could then ruff a heart to dummy, dropping the queen, and lead winning diamonds to obtain a pitch for his club loser. All of that resulted in an exceptionally pleasurable plus 590.

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 ♠ K Q 10 8
 ♥ 5
 ♦ J 10 9 6 2
 ♣ J 5 2

WEST
 ♠ —
 ♥ 9 7 3
 ♦ K 7 3
 ♣ A Q 9 8 7 6 3

EAST
 ♠ A 9 7 6 2
 ♥ A Q 6 2
 ♦ A 8 5 4
 ♣ 10

SOUTH
 ♠ A J 5 4 3
 ♥ K J 10 8 4
 ♦ Q
 ♣ K 4

Vulnerable: East-West
 Dealer: North

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ 3 ♣ 4 ♠
 All pass

Opening lead: Club ace

BID WITH THE ACES 12-13-B

South holds:
 ♠ K Q 10 8
 ♥ 5
 ♦ J 10 9 6 2
 ♣ J 5 2

South West North East
 Pass 1 ♥ Pass 1 NT
 Pass 2 ♥ Dbl. Pass

ANSWER: The double of two hearts is for penalties, not take-out, since the opponents have not found a fit. If your partner had wanted to make a takeout call, he would have acted on the first round. So pass, happy in the knowledge that you actually have a reasonable hand for defense.

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