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Verdict: Guilty



Donald Brink, center, looks at his mother, Evry Brink, after being convicted Tuesday of first-degree murder in the killing of Brent 'Spook' Lillevold.

Jury issues verdict in meth-related shotgun slaying

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — At 11:10 a.m. Tuesday, on his second day of deliberation, a jury unanimously found Donald Brink guilty of first-degree murder.

The jury also found that Brink used a firearm to commit the crime, which could boost his prison time past a life sentence.

Brink had been charged in the May 29, 2005, shotgun slaying of Brent "Spook" Lillevold in a basement home at 235 1/2 Ramage St., killing him almost instantly. Brink remained still while a clerk read the jury's verdict to the packed courtroom.

And he didn't flinch when, after a



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much briefer second deliberation, the jury convicted him also of being a persistent offender. The basis for that charge, which carries five years to life, was three prior felonies.

"I think it's sad that somebody ruined their own life that quickly," said Deanna Lombard, the victim's daughter, after the verdict. "But I have no remorse."

The verdict is the second first-degree murder conviction to come from the Twin Falls meth scene this year. In both cases, **Rep. Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loeb** said drug culture was "the theme of what happened."

The other case, Juan Carlos Fuentes Pina's first-degree murder trial, ended in July. Loeb called Pina the enforcer of order at the meth house. It was in that home that in Nov. 29, 2005, Pina kidnaped Jesse Naranjo while another resident blasted him with a shotgun.

Brink tried to bring order in his own "dysfunctional" way, said his defense attorney Thomas Kershaw. He believed that Lillevold, the man he shot, was

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Legislators get set to talk elk

Domestic elk farms expected to be hot issue for Legislature

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

JEROME — Get ready to hear a lot about elk. As many as nine bills regarding domestic elk are being written for the next legislative session, state Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, told a group of elk breeders and sportsmen at a meeting Thursday in Jerome.

The meeting, hosted by the Idaho Sportsmen's Caucus Advisory Council, was a forum for breeders and hunters to find common ground before an expectedly bitter legislative session.

The groups don't agree on much, except that elk farms probably won't be the same by this time next year. The proposed legislation stems from a growing concern among hunters that domestic elk may contaminate Idaho's wild-elk gene pool and spread disease to wild herds near Yellowstone National Park.

There are about 80 domestic elk farms in Idaho, 12 of which are pay-to-shoot operations.

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FDA proposes sterner warnings for pain relievers

By Andrew Bridgman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Federal health officials on Tuesday proposed sterner warning labels for acetaminophen, aspirin and ibuprofen, again cautioning millions of Americans who take the nonprescription pain relievers regularly against potentially serious side effects.

The over-the-counter drugs remain safe and effective when used as directed, the Food and Drug Administration said. However, overdoses of acetaminophen can cause serious liver damage, even death, the FDA said.

For aspirin, ibuprofen and other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, there is a risk of gastrointestinal bleeding and kidney injury even when patients take the correct dose. The drugs are linked to thousands of deaths a year. The FDA said the risk is rare when compared to the number of patients who take the drugs.

The drugs are found in hundreds of products sold to treat pain, headache and fever. Health officials worry that the wide availability of those combination products allows patients to unwittingly overdose.

The FDA has updated the labels on the drugs multiple times in the past to warn patients of their risks. In 2004, some of the warnings contained in the new proposals were included in pharmacy brochures and public-service ads — a move that some critics said at the time didn't go far enough.



Feds to start removing wolf protections in Idaho, Montana

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The head of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said Tuesday his agency will start removing federal protections from gray wolves in Montana and Idaho by January, regardless of whether Wyoming has submitted an acceptable plan to manage its own wolves by then.

Wyoming's plan is tied up in lawsuits, and Fish and Wildlife Director Dale Hall said his agency is moving ahead with Idaho and Montana, where management plans are already in place.

Defenders of Wildlife, which advocates on behalf of wolves, vowed to fight the move, saying delisting by state is illegal.

Wolves were reintroduced to the northern Rocky Mountains a decade ago after being hunted to near-extinction, and now number more than 1,200 in the region. With the rising population, state officials including Idaho Gov. Jim Risch and Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer have been pushing the Fish and Wildlife Service to remove Endangered Species Act protections that the officials say hamper control efforts aimed at stopping the predators from eating livestock, as well as elk that are prized by hunters.

"They will be managed, just as cats (cougars) and black bears are managed," said Risch, following a meeting Tuesday with Hall in Boise. "Certainly, there will be a reduction from what there is right now. Because of the explosion in num-



A gray wolf is seen running a wooded area near Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

bers, they've got to be controlled." The region where wolves would

no longer have federal protections would include all of Idaho, Montana, eastern Washington and Oregon and a small sliver of northeastern Utah. Wolves that wander outside those areas would still fall under federal protections, said Mitch King, a Fish and Wildlife Service regional director in Denver. Under the federal plan, states could have complete oversight of their wolves within 12 months, Risch said.

Idaho is estimated to have 650 wolves in about 60 packs, while Montana has 270 and Wyoming 309.

After delisting, Idaho's federally approved wolf-management plan requires maintaining a minimum of 15 packs, while Montana has a benchmark of 15 breeding pairs.

Reality-check study: More than 9 out of 10 Americans — even grandparents — had premarital sex

By David Gray
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — More than nine out of 10 Americans, men and women alike, have had premarital sex, according to a new study. The high rates extend even to women born in the 1940s, challenging perceptions that people were more chaste in the past.

"This is reality-check research," said the study's author, Lawrence Finer. "Premarital sex is normal

"Premarital sex is normal behavior for the vast majority of Americans, and has been for decades."

— Lawrence Finer, the study's author

behavior for the vast majority of Americans, and has been for decades."

Finer is a research director at the Guttmacher Institute, a private New York-based think tank that studies sexual and reproductive issues and which dis-

agrees with government-funded programs that rely primarily on abstinence-only teachings. The study, released Tuesday, appears in the new issue of Public Health Reports.

The study, examining how sexual behavior before mar-

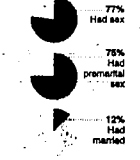
riage has changed over time, was based on interviews conducted with more than 38,000 people — about 33,000 of them women — in 1982, 1988, 1995 and 2002, for the federal National Survey of Family Growth. According to Finer's analysis, 99 percent of the respondents had had sex by age 44, and 95 percent had done so before marriage.

Even among a subgroup of those who abstained from sex

Premarital sex

Most Americans have sex before marriage according to a new study of 38,000 Americans conducted from 1982 to 2002.

By age 20, survey respondents ...



SOURCE: National Survey of Family Growth

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Thursday



Partly cloudy skies and continued cold. High 29 Low 18 snow 2/3

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Today: Mostly sunny skies and cold. Highs in the upper 20s Tonight: Becoming mostly cloudy with lows in the middle 20s. Tomorrow: Small chance of snow showers or flurries and mostly cloudy skies. Highs low 30s and it will be breezy.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

'A Christmas Carol: The Musical,' presented by the Laughing Stock Theater, 7 p.m., neoStage Theater, Ketchum, \$20 for adults and \$10 for children, 726-4715. William Ingle's 'Bus Stop,' presented by the Company of Fools, 7 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Halley, \$25 reserved seats and \$18 for senior citizens and students, (208) 578-9122.

BUSINESS

Ribbon cutting for Exit Realty, 1 p.m., 378 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 933-4444.

FAMILY

'Fam Jam,' a family-value production that uses music, drama and storytelling for children in fifth grade and younger accompanied by their parents or guardians, 6:15 a.m. dinner, 7 p.m. for activities, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N., \$3 to \$4 for the meal, 733-6128 or visit www.tfrfc.org. Anderson Camp's annual drive-through Christmas Nativity Pageant, featuring full-sized figures painted by local artist Gary Stock and music lights, 10:00 Christmas lights, 6 to 9 p.m., Anderson Camp, located at exit 182 off Interstate 84 in Eden, free admission (donation box), 825-9800.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Elba City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 140 Kentucky St., 352-4117. Flair School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school library, 700 Stevens, 326-4369. Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake, 837-6636.

To have an event (including ongoing events) listed in the January monthly calendar, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number by noon Dec. 22 to Suzanne Browne by email to sbrowne@magicalvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403-0548.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Vicki Lynn Jensen Hoopes, of Declo, funeral at 11 a.m., today at the Declo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St., friends may call from 10 to 10:40 a.m. today at the church (Basmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Vernon A. Hansen of Rupert and formerly of Rupert, funeral at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Acacia 1st and 2nd Ward LDS Chapel; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from noon to 12:40 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Carol Ward Warren of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Star 1st and 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, 100 S. 200 W. in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Ralph King Gardner of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Hove-Jobertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Richard "Ric" E. Shacklett of Kimberly, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Rozanne Lee Martin, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at St. Charles Catholic Church in Halley (Wood River Chapel of Halley).

William Keith "Bill" Frodin of Jerome, funeral at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Jerome LDS Stake Center, 26 N. Tiger Drive in Jerome; family and friends may call one hour before the funeral, Thursday at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Stephen B. Ellis of Provo, Utah, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Oak Hills 2nd Ward Stake Center, 925 E. North Temple Drive in Provo; interment at 1 p.m. Thursday at the View Cemetery, 600 S. 750 W. in View, Family and friends may call from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. today at the church (Walker Mortuary in Provo, Utah).

OBITUARIES

Robert J. Colner, 84, Lakewood, Green, 89 Irving Wood, 89 Esther Moncher Whiting, 90 Catherine S. Parker, 99 Dorothy Golima Lancaster Stroud, 90 Sharon K. Silgar, 65 Sharon Porter, 78 Mary Jo Goosley, 88 Mary 'Gladys' McAttee, 92

Barbara Belle Higgins of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; Friends and family are invited to a gathering to celebrate her life from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 6, 2007, at the First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Jennie Amanda Mothershead Kohntopp of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. Thursday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral Thursday at the mortuary.

Walter B. "Wally" Hafner of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; friends may call from 7 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Viola V. Hodges of Malta, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Malta 1st and 2nd Ward LDS Chapel; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Friday at the church.

Ephraim A. Hansen of Shoshone, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday in Shoshone; friends may call two hours before the funeral at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Jerry Demain of Gooding, memorial service at 3 p.m. Friday at the First Southern Baptist Church in Gooding (Demary Funeral Service in Gooding).

MAGIC VALLEY



Make-ahead magic for Christmas morning

TWIN FALLS — For at least 30 years, Judd Baxter has served her deliciously flaky Danish pastry on Christmas morning. Just once — busy running a bookstore — Baxter skipped her December tradition. "And, boy, did I hear about it," says Baxter, 57. No wonder. This is an almond-filled pastry of exquisite flavor and flakiness. A pleasure. A treat to put the glow into any Christmas breakfast. Once consumed, a cherished memory.

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Kindergartners learn power of giving

TWIN FALLS — Like Santa's elves, kindergartners from Lincoln Elementary School were trying to help make Christmas a little brighter for people in Twin Falls.

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Utah men charged with trying to sell meth in T.F.

TWIN FALLS — Two Ogden, Utah, men are facing pending federal charges and multiple local charges after trying to sell a pound of methamphetamine in Twin Falls for \$12,000, authorities said Monday.

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Jerome names new elementary school

JEROME — The Jerome School Board has named the new elementary school.

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Two robbery suspects now in custody

TWIN FALLS — Police believe they have nabbed two of four suspects in a rash of robberies that started Dec. 14.

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Legislature set to tackle elk issue

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CORRECTIONS

Twin Falls bar is open on Sundays

Due to incorrect information provided to the Times-News, an article in Sunday's edition, "Is it a blunder or about time?" incorrectly stated that the Log Tavern, a bar in Twin Falls, is closed on Sundays. It is open on Sundays, according to the owner, Jeff Freeman.

YOUR MORNING BREWING Top 10 movies of 2006

By The Associated Press

The top 10 films of 2006, according to AP Movie Critic Christy Lemire:

1 "Volver" — There's just something magical about the pairing of Pedro Almodovar and Penelope Cruz. The Spanish master provides her with the most complex role of her career, and she gracefully anchors one of his most emotionally engaging works yet. As a middle-class wife and mom, Cruz deals with everything from murder to the return of her deceased mother to making an impromptu lunch for 30 people.

2 "The Queen" — Helen Mirren rightfully has been the main recipient of praise for her subtle, stinging and eventually sympathetic portrayal of Queen Elizabeth II during the week after Princess Diana's death. It's the performance of the year, and she will win the Oscar.

3 "Half Nelson" — Its inner-city setting could have inspired an overly feel-good film, but director Ryan Fleck and co-writer Anna Boden present the material with a bracing realism that keeps it raw and grounded. Ryan Gosling is mesmerizing as a charismatic junior-high teacher by day and a crack addict by night — whose separate lives begin bleeding dangerously into each other.

4 "House of Sand" — Everything and nothing happens in this emotionally arresting, visually dazzling epic. Birth and death, hope and disappointment, scientific discovery and endless solitude — it all transpires on the sandy northern edge of Brazil, where three generations of women fight to survive, played by two actresses of amazing versatility.

5 "United 93" — Paul Greengrass' brave, bold recreation provokes a rare physical reaction: By now you know what's going to happen: that hijackers will take over a United Airlines flight from Newark to San Francisco on 9/11, and that passengers will rush the cockpit and struggle to conquer their night on the Boeing 757 nose-dives into a Pennsylvania field. Still, it's possible to feel engrossed with every fiber in your being. It's pure, raw filmmaking: respectful but free of melodrama.

6 "Dave Chappelle's Block Party" — There's a wonderfully kinetic energy about this document-

tary, which is part concert film; part impromptu comedy show. Highlights are the thunderous performances from acts like Dead Prez, The Roots and Kanye West, but in between there's Chappelle being Chappelle — riffing, singing, joking with neighbors and strangers on the street, uniting black and white, young and old in his packed, lively Brooklyn party.

7 "Little Miss Sunshine" — With their story about a family of losers flailing in a society obsessed with winning, directors Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris have come up with no stereotypes, no self-consciously quirky indie-movie cliches. These are real people, all hiding behind something, all trying to be someone they're not, until they realize that being crammed together for 48 hours that they're fine just the way they are. Steve Carell, Alan Arkin, Greg Kinnear and Abigail Breslin all shine.

8 "Oscar" — This is not hyperbole. This is how good Forest Whitaker is: He actually makes you feel sorry for Bill Armin. Under the direction of documentary filmmaker Kevin Macdonald, making his feature debut, Whitaker gets plenty of room to demonstrate the vastly contradictory facets of the large-trachair-like Ugandan dictator. You feel as if you are there and can see how easy it might have been to be seduced by this charismatic character who also happened to be a killer.

9 "Venus" — "He was gormlessly" a woman remarks upon seeing a photo of a young Peter O'Toole. He is gorgeous still, at 74, as a rishish British stage actor who enjoys one last fleeting romance (sort of) with a cross, much younger woman who teaches and taunts him but reminds him what it's like to feel like a man, to feel alive. Director Roger Michell's film dazzles the mind with its dry, wicked wit, but in the end, it also breaks your heart.

10 "Casino Royale" — The selection of Daniel Craig as the new James Bond have been duly alerted. He's raw, reckless and intense in this prequel, which sheds new light on the iconic character by showing his darker side. Morgan Campbell's direction is both fluid and explosive, and the sultry Eva Green is no mere Bond girl. This isn't just the rejuvenation of a flagging franchise, it's a high-wire jump start. The year's best blockbuster.

SPORTS



CSI women win big in Arizona

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The Scottsdale Community College lighting Artichokes women's basketball team will have to keep holling up a plan to find that first win. The No. 20 College of Southern Idaho women lambasted the Artichokes 97-58 Tuesday night in Scottsdale, Ariz., behind a team-high 14 points from sophomore Anya Bratwood. CSI opened the game with a 26-4 run, capped off with a Kall Hiesz jumper that forced an Artichokes timeout at the 12:58 mark.

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Shoshone girls get by Valley

HAZELTON — Shoshone senior Kori Bingham picked up her fourth foul with 1:53 remaining in the game. Not worried, she looked over at her coach, Tim Chapman and gave him a thumbs up. The senior Bingham scored a game-high 14 points as she led the Indians to a thrilling 33-32 nonconference win Tuesday over the host Valley Vikings as a shot at the buzzer by Viking senior Sarah Callen bonced off the rim.

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ISU men pull away from UVSC

POCATELLO — Say one thing for Idaho State, the Bengals are consistent. After beating Utah Valley State 76-62 Tuesday they've won seven straight and were supposed to and lost every one in which they were the underdog. But for a long time, Tuesday's win was in doubt. The Bengals (5-5) used a game-breaking eight-point run with seven minutes to go to finally crack the contest open.

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Vandals to hire WSU's Akey as head coach

MOSCOW — Robb Akey, Washington State's defensive coordinator, has been hired to replace Dennis Erickson as Idaho's head football coach. The Spokesman-Review of the Lewiston, Wash., reported Tuesday.

The university's athletics department has scheduled a 2 p.m. news conference today to announce a hiring decision.

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Elk

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According to a recent study by the Idaho Elk Breeders' Association, domestic-elk farms are a \$2.5 million industry in Idaho, providing most hunting opportunities and antlers that are used in some medicines.

At the meeting, David Miller, part-owner of a domestic elk farm north of Jerome that offers hunting, tried to clear up what he called misconceptions about the industry.

Miller said elk breeders have taken unfair heat recently because of the actions of one breeder, Rex Rammell. In August, about 160 elk escaped from Rammell's private hunting preserve near Ashton. Gov. Jim Risch ordered that the escaped elk be shot, before they could breed with or spread disease to wild elk.

Rammell was arrested twice for interfering in the ordered hunt and refused to cooperate with authorities.

Miller pointed out, however, that none of Rammell's harvested elk tested positive for any diseases — including brucellosis, which can cause elk to abort fetuses, and the much-

feared chronic wasting disease, which eats at the brain.

State veterinarian Greg Ledbetter, who spoke later, confirmed Miller's statement and added that no Idaho elk has ever tested positive for chronic wasting disease.

Steve Huffaker, director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, said that if and when chronic wasting disease comes to Idaho, it won't be because of domestic elk operations. He said it's much likelier a diseased wild elk from Wyoming will wander into Idaho and spread the disease.

Wild animals have tested positive for chronic wasting disease in Wyoming and Utah. No wild elk in Montana has tested positive for chronic wasting, though several domestic elk in 1998 and 1999 did.

Miller said Idaho Department of Agriculture routinely tests all domestic elk in Idaho, which was a surprise to some hunters at the meeting.

Miller said that if the department had authority to license the industry, the Rammell incident would probably not have happened.

The department has authori-

ty to test elk at domestic farms but cannot shut the farms down. Miller said elk breeders want the department to have licensing authority to police the industry.

That's not enough, say some hunters who became vocal during a round-table discussion that closed the meeting.

They want domestic-elk operations banned, as Montana did 30 years ago. The operations are also illegal in Wyoming.

In October, Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer called on Idaho lawmakers to ban domestic-elk farms.

Gov. Risch told the Times-News on Monday that he supports a gradual phaseout of the operations. "No. 1, there ought to be immediately a moratorium on new farms," he said. "Second, phase out the shooter-hull operations and No. 3, I think the Legislature should work to gradually phase out the meat farms."

At the meeting, Cameron wouldn't give details about any proposed legislation, but he said, "To the elk breeders, I think it's unreasonable for you to expect nothing to change."

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Guilty

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stealing the last of his disappearing property. In both trials, the defendant, the victim and the line-up of witnesses were using meth at the time of the crime.

"In both cases, there is a house with a bunch of drug users doing a bunch of bad stuff," Loebis said. "Eventually something goes wrong and somebody gets killed."

Lillevoed's family said after the trial Tuesday that they hold Brink responsible for killing Lillevoed. That makes him unsafe for the streets, they said, but would he still have murdered Lillevoed if neither he nor the victim had been addicted to meth? Deanna Lombard speculated that he might not have.

Tiffany Muff sat through the trial with the rest of the victim's family. Muff believes Lillevoed was her father but Brink said throughout the trial that Muff is his daughter. The last day of the trial left Muff with as much pain as she felt when it began. Pain compounded by confusion.

"I still don't understand why it had to get that far," Muff said.

The judge scheduled Brink's sentencing for 9 a.m. March 30.

Reality

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until at least age 20, four-fifths had had premarital sex by age 44, the study found.

Finer said the likelihood of Americans having sex before marriage has remained stable since the 1950s, though people now wait longer to get married and thus are sexually active as singles for extensive periods.

The study found women virtually as likely as men to engage in premarital sex, even those born decades ago. Among women born between 1950 and 1978, at least 91 percent had had premarital sex by 30, he said, while among those born in the 1940s, 88 percent had done so by 44. "The data clearly show that the majority of older teens and adults have already had sex before marriage, which calls into question the federal government's funding of abstinence-only-until-marriage programs for 12- to 29-year-olds," Finer said. Under the Bush administration, such programs have received hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding.

"It would be more effective," Finer said, "to provide young people with the skills and information they need to be safe once they become sexually active—which nearly everyone eventually will."

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WASHINGTON

Bush plans to boost size of military in Iraq

President Bush, working to retool his strategy in Iraq, said Tuesday that he plans to increase the size of the U.S. military so it can get the long-term war against terrorism.

In an interview with *The Washington Post*, Bush said he has asked his new defense chief, Robert Gates, to report back to him with a plan to increase ground forces. The president did not say how many troops might be added, but said he agreed with officials in the Pentagon and an Capitol Hill that the current military is being stretched too thin to deal with demands of fighting terrorism.

"I'm inclined to believe that we do need to increase our troops — the Army, the Marines," Bush said in the Oval Office session. "And I talked about this to Secretary Gates and he is going to spend some time talking to the folks in the building, come back with a recommendation to me about how to proceed forward on this idea."

Top generals have expressed concern that even temporarily shipping thousands of more troops would be largely ineffective in the absence of bold new political and economic steps and that it would leave the already stretched Army and Marine Corps even thinner once the surge ended.

"They also worry that it feeds a perception that the strife and chaos in Iraq is mainly a military problem; in their view it is largely political, fed by economic distress."

Cheney to be called as witness in CIA leak trial

Vice President Dick Cheney will be called to testify on behalf of his former chief of staff in the CIA leak case, defense attorneys said Tuesday, ending months of speculation over what would be historic testimony.

"We're calling the vice president," attorney Ted Wells said in court. Wells represents defendant I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, who is charged with perjury and obstruction.

Other presidents, including Clinton and Ford, have testified in criminal cases, but presidential historians said they knew of no vice president who has done so.

William Jefferson, another of Libby's attorneys, would not say whether Cheney is under a subpoena to testify. Issuing a court order to a sitting vice president could raise separation-of-powers concerns, but Jefferson said it was not an issue.

"We don't expect him to resist," Jefferson said.

Laura Bush: skin cancer removal was 'no big deal'

WASHINGTON — First lady Laura Bush said Tuesday she did not disclose she had a skin cancer tumor removed five weeks ago because "it's no big deal and we knew it was no big deal at the time."

Mrs. Bush's comments, relayed by presidential spokesman Tony Snow, a day after the White House belatedly acknowledged she had a squamous cell carcinoma, the second most common form of skin cancer, excised from her right shin a few days after the Nov. 7 election. The troublesome patch was about the size of a nickel, her spokeswoman said.

Unlike her husband, the first lady is not an elected official. Snow said, "She's got the same right to medical privacy that you do," he told reporters at a sometimes contentious briefing. He likened her skin cancer to colds, the flu, stretch marks and other non-life threatening conditions.

Mrs. Bush's problem was revealed only after the first lady's press secretary, Susan Whitson, was asked Monday evening why Mrs. Bush was wearing a bandage on her leg at a Hanukkah ceremony.

NEW YORK

Trump lets Miss USA Tara Conner keep title

Miss USA Tara Conner, who had come under criticism amid rumors she had been frequenting bars while underage, will be allowed to keep her title, Donald Trump

AROUND THE NATION

announced Tuesday. "I've always been a believer in second chances," Trump, who owns the Miss Universe Organization with NBC, said with Conner at his side.

Trump said he and Conner had met earlier Tuesday morning.

"She left a small town in Kentucky and she was telling

me that she got caught up in the whirlwind of New York," Trump said at a news conference. "It's a story that has happened many times before to many women and many men who came to the Big Apple. They wanted their slice of the Big Apple and they found out it wasn't so easy."

First steel columns go up on Freedom Tower

Two 25-ton steel columns — one bearing signatures of American steelworkers who helped make it — rose at

ground zero Tuesday, a milestone in prolonged efforts to build the skyscraper that will replace the World Trade Center.

As construction workers, politicians and architects applauded, a massive crane lifted the first, 31-foot-high column, which was painted with an American flag and the words "Freedom Tower," and set it over steel bars on the southern edge of the tower's base.

A second column set a few feet away carried the signatures of steelworkers and

politicians from Virginia, where it spent time at a steel company before being shipped to New York.

NEVADA

Harrah's accepts \$17.1 billion takeover bid

LAS VEGAS — Harrah's Entertainment Inc., the world's largest casino company, said Tuesday that its board has accepted a \$17.1 billion buyout offer from two private equity groups.

The board approved a \$90 a share buyout offer from Apollo Management Group and Texas Pacific Group and recommended shareholder approval. The company reserved the right to pursue even higher bids for about a month.

The buyers are also assuming \$10.7 billion in debt in the deal.

It would be the largest going-private deal ever for a publicly held casino company and the seventh biggest leveraged buyout deal of any kind of company.

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Annans says military intervention in Iran would be 'disastrous'

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Tuesday a negotiated settlement with Iran over its nuclear program should be sought, and he warned that military intervention would be "unwise and disastrous."

Annan, who steps down as U.N. chief Dec. 31, issued the warning as the Security Council debated a resolution that would impose sanctions on Tehran for refusing to suspend uranium enrichment.

The United States is considering sending a second aircraft carrier to Persian Gulf as a show of force against Iran.

He addressed concerns about a possible military operation in Iran at a farewell news conference in response to a question about how the Security Council should deal with crises after the Iraq war.

The council refused to authorize a war against Saddam Hussein in 2003 and Annan called the U.N.'s failure to stop the conflict "the worst moment" of his 10 years as secretary-general.

"You mentioned Iraq," implies that there is concern that there may be another military operation there," Annan told a reporter. "First of all, I don't think we are there yet, or we should go in that direction."

"I think it would be rather unwise and disastrous," he said.

GAZA STRIP

Hamas, Fatah agree to pull soldiers off streets

GAZA CITY — A top Palestinian security official said Tuesday that Hamas and Fatah officials had agreed to pull their armed men off the streets of Gaza after more than a week of rampant street violence there.

The two sides also agreed to form a joint operations room with the Fatah-led security forces to respond quickly to any outbreaks of violence, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Earlier Tuesday, a fierce gun-battle between rival Fatah and Hamas forces erupted outside Gaza's main hospital, sparking a day of factional violence that sent students diving for cover in their classrooms and brought life in much of Gaza to a standstill.

Five people were killed and at least 18 were wounded in the violence, which swept away the remains of a tattered truce meant to end a week of fighting that has turned the Gaza Strip into a war zone.

IRAQ

13 executed by hanging after murder convictions

BAGHDAD — Iraqi authorities executed 13 men by hanging Tuesday after they were convicted of murder and kidnapping, lining them up in hoods and green jumpsuits with — their — hands — bound behind their backs.

Television images showed two men standing together on

gallows with nooses around their necks. Several of them stood, and one had his arm around the shoulder of another as the hooded men stood in a row shortly before they were hanged.

The footage also showed a bearded man without a hood as he listened to an official tell him his appeal had been rejected and the sentence was death. "OK," the prisoner said impassively.

The government executed the men after an appeals court and the presidency approved the verdict," said Busho Ibrahim, undersecretary of the Justice Ministry.

"They included terrorists and other criminals convicted of abduction and murder as well as assassination plots in several provinces," he said.

US death toll in Iraq nears 3,000

As of Tuesday, at least 2,956 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. The figure includes seven military civilians. At least 2,369 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The AP count is seven higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Tuesday at 10 a.m. EST.

The British military has reported 126 deaths: Italy 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 11; Denmark, six; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; and Austria, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Romania, one death each.

Since the start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 22,401 U.S. service members have been wounded, according to a Defense Department tally.

ENGLAND

Second suspect arrested in prostitute killings

IPSWICH — Police pursuing the killer of five prostitutes arrested a second suspect Tuesday and seized a dark blue Ford that a neighbor in Ipswich's red-light district said the 48-year-old man had repeatedly cleaned.

A one-time auxiliary police constable arrested Monday in a village outside Ipswich remains in custody. A court gave police permission to hold the 37-year-old supermarket clerk and part-time taxi driver for an additional 36 hours while officers scoured his back yard on hands and knees for possible clues.

LIBYA

Six doctors found guilty of giving HIV to children

TRIPOLI — A court convicted five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor Tuesday of deliberately infecting 400 children with HIV and sentenced them to death, despite scientific evidence the youngsters had the virus before the med-

ical workers came to Libya. The United States and Europe reacted with outrage to the verdict, which prolongs a case that has hurt Libya's ties to the West. The six co-defendants already have served seven years in jail.

Earlier this month, an analysis of HIV and hepatitis virus samples taken from some of the children concluded the viral strains were circulating at the hospital where they were treated well before the nurses and doctor arrived in March 1998, according to research published by the journal Nature.

— The Associated Press

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EDITORIAL

Duck die-off handled well by state agencies

Maybe it's a sign of the times, but the image of a thousand dead ducks in one western wetland tends to spread fast in today's world.

Once Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials learned about hundreds of dead ducks near Land Creek Springs last week, they moved quickly to investigate before making a general announcement.

While keeping the public in the dark is generally a bad move, the state's decision was wise in this case. Using a few days lead, the agency sent biological samples to federal agencies out of state. That time frame allowed Fish and Game to expeditiously quell public and even global concerns about a potential avian flu outbreak.

The ducks were originally found by hunters on Friday, Dec. 8. By the following Sunday, Fish and Game officers found 500 dead mallards. The number grew to 1,000 by Tuesday. Samples were sent to a state wildlife lab in Caldwell and to another federal wildlife agency lab in Wisconsin.

"We wanted to know exactly what was going on before we released the information," said Kelton Hatch, conservation educator for the Magic Valley region. "We knew there was no immediate threat to anyone in the public. Therefore we felt we had a little bit of time to look things over and get preliminary tests going."

"We knew we were going to get a lot of questions, so we wanted to have some answers."

That hunch didn't take long to come true. Within hours of sending its initial release on Wednesday, Fish and Game staff were hit with calls from the Associated Press, Los Angeles Times, The New York Times and other media outlets. News spread through the wire across the country and even as far as Europe.

By Friday, lab results determined the cause of death was acute aspergillosis, a respiratory tract infection caused by fungus commonly found in soil, dead leaves, moldy grain, compost piles, or in other decaying vegetation.

Along with the Fish and Game, agencies involved in the investigation included the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the state Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho State Department of Agriculture and South Central District Health.

Local officials from Cassia County government, as well as Sheriff Jim Hignens, were upset that they weren't included in that circle. Their concerns were valid, especially since Hignens is also the county's Homeland Security coordinator. The oversight doesn't appear to have been intentional on the part of the agency, which went through State Communications to spread the word. But not including local law enforcement was a botched move.

As for the final diagnosis, it would be wise to expect that the state identify what food source spread the infection primarily through one kind of duck species. But along with test results, the fact that other birds and raptors in the area were not affected by the outbreak eliminated the possibility of bird flu.

Under that wide microscope, state Fish and Game officers made decent work of a wildlife case that was unprecedented for southern Idaho.

Our view:
State agencies took the right amount of time to give the full information about a dead duck outbreak. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



'Old Europe' can gloat, but then what?

On the day James Baker's Iraq report was published, I gritted my teeth and waited for the well-earned, long-awaited, Franco-German "Old Europe" gloat to begin. I didn't wait long. "America Goes Up to the Iraq Disaster" read a headline in Der Spiegel. In the patronizing tones of a senior doctor, Le Montie diagnosed the "political feverishness" gripping Washington in Baker's wake. *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* said the report "stripped Bush of his authority," although Le Figaro opined that nothing better proposal could "improve the 'catastrophic state' of Iraq anyway."

And then, for two weeks ... silence. There is no question that America's credibility has been undermined by the Iraq war. In "Old Europe" as everywhere else, there is no question that America's reputation for competence has been destroyed. But that doesn't mean there are dozens of eager candidates, or even one cager candidate, clamoring to replace us.

There is, it is true, quite a lot of wishful thinking around. "Iraq is a disaster — now we will have to clean up the mess," one German diplomatic acquaintance told me. "Germany Mulling Bigger Role in Iraq" read another Der Spiegel headline. But Germany is notoriously averse to sending soldiers, or anyone else, anywhere near



combat. At the moment German politicians cannot even agree on whether their troops should be allowed to fight in Afghanistan, where they have been stationed for years. France, meanwhile, has announced that it is removing its troops from Afghanistan altogether. So how, exactly, will this Iraq cleanup take place? What will this "bigger role" be? "We can train judges and police," my acquaintance explained — after the fighting is over, of course. Whenever that happens.

Scattered across Europe there are also a few diplomatic optimists, people who hope Europe can play "Middle East matchmaker," in the words of one writer, and maybe get the Iraqis and Syrians to be more helpful and kind in Iraq — or at least to stop funding the insurgency. Presumably these are the same optimists who also used to believe that a Franco-German-British diplomatic team could persuade Iran to stop conducting nuclear weapons research. Presumably they didn't notice that the president of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, held

a "Holocaust denial" conference in Tehran last week — not, perhaps, the clearest signal that he wants to make friends with bien-pensant Europeans — or that the French president, Jacques Chirac, recently declared that his views on Syria exactly matched those of his American counterpart.

With some exceptions, the weird reality is that most European governments, whatever their original views on the war, are either officially or unofficially opposed to an immediate U.S. withdrawal: Chaos might ensue.

And the chaos would be a lot closer to Europe than to North America.

Most European governments, officially or unofficially, are also now worried that the next American president will retreat from world politics or become "isolationist."

Nor is there anybody here, of any stature, who believes that Europe — for all its recent economic improvement, for all its trading power and for all its dislike of American foreign policy — is going to replace the United States anytime soon.

Germany is about to take over the rotating presidency of the European Union, and therefore Germany is discussing E.U. integration policy, E.U. immigration policy and E.U. economics. Germany is not discussing how the European Union will

take on a leading military and diplomatic role in the Middle East.

And not even Germany wants any of the other potential world powers — Russia, say, or China — to replace the United States in the role of dominant superpower.

In this weird reality, there is a very narrow sliver of hope: Maybe not the Germans, and even the French, will finally come to realize that there is no alternative to the transatlantic partnership, no better international military organization than NATO, no real "role" for any of us outside the Western alliance — even if only because all the alternatives are worse.

Maybe the Old Europeans will find inspiration to stop and contribute further to the alliance, diplomatically and ideologically if not militarily. Maybe the United States will come to the same realization, too.

Ultimately the only way for the West to deal with the new threats posed by a disintegrating Iraq, a resurgent Iran and a shattered Middle East is through a unified policy — an alliance whose members are not easily played off against one another — and a joint strategy.

Joyeux Noel and Gutekliche Neujahr to you all.

Anne Applebaum is a Washington Post columnist.

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LETTER

Feedlot will have heavy impact on neighbors

I'm writing in regard to the proposed feedlot near Eden and the Minidoka Internment National Monument.

We've lived right next to the proposed site for more than 15 years.

The commissioners say that they can only weigh the issue on facts and not emotion; however, this is an emotional issue for us, and the other families that live next to the proposed site.

One of the things I love about living here is that I can step out my front door in the evening and hear the faint sound of the canal running behind us and the sound of crickets. It is like camping by a stream, with little traffic and noise, and the air is fresh and clean. If this feedlot is approved, we will only see

lights and hear cows. The traffic will increase tremendously, and you can only imagine the smell.

What about the risk for environmental problems? Is that a risk that we should have to endure? If this is approved, we won't be able to get soil and more. Our homes will be worthless. Our property value will drop, and we will lose any equity we have and not be able to recoup the monetary investment we've made in this place over the years. Who would want to live there if this proposed project goes forward?

I would only hope that the commissioners and Mr. McFarland will consider the lives of the families that this will affect. What is more important? People or money?
JEANNE CUNNINGHAM
Jerome

Neilsen wanted gaming industry to help locals

We were disappointed to read Carter Killinger's letter to the editor on Dec. 10.

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Source disputes reporting in story about Luna

Over the last 25 years, I have been deeply involved in education policy and politics in federal and state government, as well as the corporate, non-profit and university sectors.

The story about Superintendent-elect Tom Luna is sloppy, slanted and much ado about nothing.

Simply put, there has never, ever been any question that Tom Luna was a political appointee, serving President Bush and Secretary Paige at the U.S. Department of Education. Tom's capsulation of his work in Washington,

D.C., has been accurate to the letter.

Mr. Alderman misrepresents my statements in order to support his faulty premise that Luna "embellished" his resume and "misrepresented his position" with the department.

Mr. Alderman's premise is tenuous at best. Even he acknowledged he was "splitting hairs."

Tom Luna is a man of integrity, and until today, that integrity has never been questioned. In fact, Tom's work at the department was stellar. He represented Secretary Paige and President Bush with honor and distinction.

The voters of Idaho have spoken, and they are anxious to let Tom get to work improving student achievement for Idaho's children.

Mr. Alderman and the Associated Press owe Tom a formal apology.

WILLIAM D. HANSEN
Washington, D.C.
(Editor's note: William D. Hansen is former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Education, is the senior managing director for Chartwell Education Group LLC in Washington, D.C.)

OPINION

Learning to keep learning

I recently attended an Asia Society education seminar in Beijing, during which we heard Chinese educators talk about their "new national strategy." It's to make China an "innovation country" — with enough indigenous output to advance China "into the rank of innovation-oriented countries by 2020," as Shang Yong, China's vice minister of science and technology, put it.

I listened to this with mixed emotions.

Part of me said: "Gosh, wouldn't it be nice to have a government that was so focused on innovation — instead of one that is basically anti-science?"

My other emotion was skepticism.

Oh, you know the line: Great Britain dominated the 19th century, America dominated the 20th and now China is going to dominate the 21st. It's game over.

Sorry, but I am not ready to cede the 21st century to China yet.

No question, China has been able to command an impressive effort to end illiteracy, greatly increasing its number of high school grads and new universities.

But I still believe it is very hard to produce a culture of innovation in a country that censors Google — which for me is a proxy for curtailing people's ability to imagine and try anything they want.

You can command K-12 education.

But you can't command innovation.

Rigor and competence, without freedom, will take China only so far. China will have to find a way to loosen up, without losing control. If it wants to be a truly innovative nation.

But while China can't thrive without changing a lot more, neither can we.

Ask yourself this: If the Iraq war had not dominated our politics, what would our last



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election have been about? It would have been about this question: Why should any employer anywhere in the world pay Americans to do highly skilled work if other people, just as well educated, are available in less developed countries for half our wages?

If we can't answer this question, in an age when more and more routine work can be digitized, automated or offshored, including white-collar work, "it is hard to see how, over time, we are going to be able to maintain our standard of living," says Marc Tucker, who heads the National Center on Education and the Economy.

There is only one right answer to that question: In a globally integrated economy, our workers will get paid a premium only if they or their firms offer a uniquely innovative product or service, which demands a skilled and creative labor force to conceive, design, market and manufacture — a labor force that is constantly able to keep learning.

We can't go on lagging other major economies in every math/science/reading test and every ranking of Internet penetration and think that we're going to field a work force able to command premium wages.

Freedom, without rigor and competence, will take us only so far.

Thursday, Tucker's organization is coming out with a report titled "Tough Choices or Tough Times," which proposes a radical overhaul of the U.S. education system, with one goal in mind: pro-

ducing more workers — from the UPS driver to the software engineer — who can think creatively.

"One thing we know about creativity is that it typically occurs when people who have mastered two or more quite different fields, use the framework in one to think afresh about the other," said Tucker. Thus, his report focuses on "how to make that kind of thinking integral to every level of education."

That means, he adds, revamping an education system designed in the 1900s for people to do "routine work," and refocusing it on producing people who can imagine things that have never been available before, who can create ingenious marketing and sales campaigns, write books, build furniture, make movies and design software "that will capture people's imaginations and become indispensable to the world."

That can't be done without higher levels of reading, writing, speaking, math, science, literature and the arts. We have no choice, argues Tucker, because we have entered an era in which "comfort with ideas and abstractions is the passport to a good job, in which creativity and innovation are the key to the good life" and in which the constant ability to learn how to learn will be the only security you have.

"Economics is not like war. It can be win-win. We, China, India and Europe can all flourish.

But the ones who flourish most will be those who develop the best broad-based education system, to have the most people doing and designing the most things we can't even imagine today. China still has to make some very big changes to get there — but so do we.

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Shoshone edges Valley by one

By Diane Phibbs
Times-News writer

HAZELTON — Shoshone senior Karl Bingham picked up her fourth foul with 1:53 remaining in the game. Not worried, she looked over at her coach; Tim Chapman, and gave him a thumbs up.

Bingham scored a game-high 14 points and led the Indians to a thrilling 33-32 nonconference win Tuesday over the host Valley Vikings as a shot at the buzzer by Vikings senior Sarah Callen bounced off the rim.

"Kori is smart enough not to foul out," said Chapman. "We put the ball in her hands most of the last three minutes. She was able to drive and dish off."

"Valley is such a well-coached team. It was an evenly matched game. We felt fortunate to win even by one point. We never felt comfortable because they took us out of our seas."

Bingham spent much of the second half guarding Valley sophomore Katie Hall, who scored 12 points for the game. Hall was fouled as the Vikings worked the ball inside and went to the free-throw line five times, but was only 2-for-10.

The Indians led at the half 23-18 and after three quarters, the game was tied 29-29.

The Indians put the first four points on the board early in the final quarter on a pair of free throws by Shaynee Gulliford and a basket by

Taylor Astle.

Chapman then told Bingham and her teammates to breath and slow down as the Indians started to work the clock with five minutes remaining with Shoshone holding a 33-29 lead.

Natalie Hanson finally hit a free throw with 2:59 remaining, scoring the first Viking points of the quarter. Two minutes later, Hanson closed the gap to 33-32 on a 12-footer.

After several turnovers and a scoring drought by both teams, Bingham was fouled with four seconds remaining and missed the front end of the 1-and-1. Valley got the rebound and called a quick timeout to set up

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Shoshone's Kori Bingham (22) dribbles past Valley's Kassie Hall Tuesday night during Shoshone's 33-32 win over Valley in Hazelton.

Wayne's wait

Transfer looks to make up for lost time

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Basketball is a game ruled by seconds.

From the 10-second backcourt violation, the five-second inbound and closely-guarded rules, the 35-second shot clock and the 0.4 seconds it takes to catch and shoot the ball, the game is measured nearly as much in seconds as it is in points.

Through its first 10 games, the No. 9 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team saw 24,300 seconds tick off the scoreboard above the hardwood at the CSI and North Idaho College gymnasiums.

Sitting on the Golden Eagles' bench, or listening on the radio at the CSI dorms, sophomore transfer Paul Wayne felt every single second tick away.

The 6-foot point guard from Washington, D.C., sat, uninjured and in no way inside CSI head coach Barrett Peery's doghouse. He sat, donning a colorful scarf and jeans instead of the Golden Eagles' black and gold or the blue and white of Salt Lake Community College that he wore last year.

Wayne sat because he saw an opportunity to advance to a better NCAA Division I program by playing at CSI, and very simply angered SLCC officials by transferring to a heated rival.

"I really liked the way they (CSI) played, so I was like, 'Whatever it takes,'" Wayne said. "That's what I told Coach Ron (Jeff Henegar) and Coach Gos (Steve Gosar). 'Whatever it takes, just get me there.' They did their job and I did mine. I took 12 credits over the summer to get everything in order."

The one thing Wayne and the CSI staff couldn't get in order was Wayne's release from Bruins officials. NCAA Division I athletes are required to obtain a signed release from the program they played for



College of Southern Idaho sophomore guard Paul Wayne eyes the basketball at the CSI gymnasium last week.

before they are eligible to play for another member institution. Wayne moved forward with his plans to attend CSI during the summer and fall semesters as SLCC officials sat on signing his release. The end result? Without a release, Wayne was ruled ineligible to play for the Golden Eagles during the fall semester, which

spanned over CSI's first 10 games.

So he sat. And he practiced. And he waited.

"It was kind of hard. I'm not going to lie," Wayne said.

Instead of lamenting his choice to transfer and stewing over the fact that last year, he'd

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Wayne's debut

CSI sophomore guard Paul Wayne finished with two points, five assists, one rebound and one steal in his debut for the Golden Eagles during Monday's 93-66 double overtime victory over Mesa Community College.

Wendell boys use spurt to best Filer

By John Derr
Times-News writer

WENDELL — Wendell wouldn't mind if Filer was on the schedule more often.

The Trojans came into the night with just a single victory — over Filer.

Tuesday Wendell started strong, watched the Wildcats rally then charged in front again late in the third to claim its second win of the season 58-49 over Filer in boy's nonconference action.

Junior forward Zach Bay led the way, not only scoring in the paint, but also knocking down three shots from beyond the arc.

"I usually don't shoot well from the outside. I must have been on fire tonight," said Bay, who finished

with a game-high 16 points. "This will build a bunch of confidence and let us know we can play with the best."

Jasen Chandler and Bay knocked down a pair from beyond the arc for the 20-8 advantage after one quarter. Chandler added another tray early in the second as the lead grew to 14 points. Wendell finished the night with eight 3-pointers. "I finally got them to roll tonight," said Chandler, who chipped in 13 points. "We have been hustling and never giving up. This will give us the push we need."

The Wildcats (2-5) started to rally as Scott Perkins nailed a 3-pointer and Cody Morris converted the turnaround in the post cutting the deficit down to seven. Tyson Johnson, who paced Filer with 16

points, added another 3-pointer while Wendell (2-5) coasted off. Two late buckets by Eric Lopez built the Trojans' advantage back to eight at the half.

The Wildcats started quickly in the third as Nathan Hughes hit the jumper, then dashed the assist to Johnson off the steal cutting the lead to 30-28. The teams would trade baskets until Bay hit another from beyond the arc. Michael Jenks came off the bench to add another and quickly the advantage was back up to eight for Wendell.

Two buckets in the paint by Jasen Chandler and a tray by Devin Hosak finished off a 15-2 run to end the quarter putting Wendell up 49-34 heading into the final period.

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CSI women devour Artichokes

Golden Eagles cruise to easy 39-point victory on the road

Times-News

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The Scottsdale Community College fighting Artichokes women's basketball team will have to keep boiling up a plan to find that first win.

The No. 20 College of Southern Idaho women lambasted the Artichokes 37-58 Tuesday night in Scottsdale, Ariz., behind a team-high 14 points from sophomore Amy Braxton. CSI opened the game with a 25-4 run, capped off with a Kali Hess jumper that forced an Artichokes timeout at the 12:58 mark.

CSI shot 49 percent for the game, including 60-percent shooting (25-42) in the first half.

"We pressured really good early," CSI head coach Randy Rogers told 1270 AM KTFI. "Got a lot of steals, a lot of turnovers, and a lot of easy points that we haven't been getting."

Despite Sunny St. Clair's 18-point, nine-rebound night, CSI rolled, thanks in part to 13 points from Brittany Moore and a pair of 12-point efforts from Hess and Maria Moore. Jennifer Kios and Delaysia Kenna also made their CSI debuts. Both played limited minutes, but Kios showed glimpses of the kind of defensive presence she can be, blocking five shots in the game.

"I think for their first games, they did good," Rogers said of his debuting duo.

The win improves CSI to 9-0 on the season, while the Artichokes fall to 0-9. The Golden Eagles are back in action Thursday afternoon against Glendale Community College in Glendale, Ariz. Tip-off is set for 1 p.m.

Idaho hiring WSU's Akey as head coach

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Robb Akey, Washington State's defensive coordinator, has been hired to replace Dennis Erickson as Idaho's head football coach. The Spokesman-Review of Spokane, Wash., reported Tuesday.

The university's athletics department has scheduled a 2 p.m. news conference Wednesday to announce a hiring decision. A call to Idaho sports information director Becky Paul was not answered after regular business hours Tuesday.

In its online edition, the newspaper cited multiple unidentified sources confirming that Akey, 40, was selected from at least 10 candidates Idaho contacted since Erickson left for Arizona State earlier this



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month after just 10 months as Vandals' head coach.

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Late run spurs ISU to win over UVSC

By Mark Liptak
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — Say one thing for Idaho State, the Bengals are consistent: After beating Utah Valley State 76-62 Tuesday they're now won every game they were supposed to and lost every one in which they were the underdog. But for a long time, Tuesday's win was in doubt.

The Bengals (5-6) used a game-breaking eight-point run with seven minutes to go to finally crack the contest open. The run made it 63-54 and eventually ISU finished the contest outscoring the 6-5 Wolverines 24-6.

Talking about the game-changing run, coach Joe O'Brien emphasized "we got a lot of defensive stops and then converted on the other end. I saw a lot of enthusiasm tonight and not just from one of two guys, even our big men were running down the floor."

"The Bengals started out ice

cold only hitting two of their first 10 shots before turning it on thanks to David Schroeder. Schroeder hit a pair of 3-pointers igniting a 12-3 run that put ISU back in the game and, more importantly, got the Bengals' offensive flow going.

Schroeder would lead all scorers with 24 points to go along with 11 rebounds. In his games at Holt Arena, the sixth-year senior is averaging 24 points and nine boards.

Utah Valley State which had already won two games from Montana State and beat Montana to go along with a close loss to Portland State, used its strength — outside shooting — to stay in the

game as long as it did. The Wolverines dropped in a dozen 3-point bombs on the night. Ryan Toolson was their high scorer with 19.

ISU plays in Champaign, Ill., Thursday night against Illinois in the Bengals' last game before the holiday break.

SPORTS

Twin Falls girls roll past Pocatello for region win

Times-News

POCATELLO — The Twin Falls Bruins girls basketball team notched its 10th win of the season Tuesday night in Pocatello, defeating the host Pocatello High Indians 52-32.

Megan Crist scored a team-high 13 points for the 10-1 (3-0) Region Four-Five-Six Bruins, while Kelsey Jarrett added 11 in the winning effort.

"We got the early lead and built on it in the third quarter," Bruins head coach Joe D. Shepard said. "I thought we just came out and played well offensively. We picked up our defensive intensity in the second and played a lot better. I felt good that we played better in the second half."

Both Ashley Irons and Kelly Vriesman added eight points for Twin Falls. The Bruins are back in action on Thursday night when they host the Mustangs of Pocatello for the top spot in the Region Four-Five-Six standings. The Twin Falls junior varsity also will play Tuesday night, dropping Pocatello 50-31.

Filer 69, Gooding 56

FILER — Filer defeated Gooding in a third-quarter upset to defeat the Senators 69-56 on Tuesday.

The Wildcats went up 23-6 in the third. Filer had balanced offensive production, with Hillery scoring 16 points, and Shanay Astle and Janelle Ryanney both scoring 10 points. Kylee White chipped in with seven points. Free throws were key to Filer's win, as they shot 25-33 from the line.

Filer coach Jim Annala was pleased with his team's second-half performance. "We started out flat in the second half. Then we did a better job in the second half of limiting Gooding to one shot. The girls did a great job of shutting them down. So we did not get a great team going into the holidays," stated Annala.

For Gooding, Katie Randall led with 15 points. Nicci Abramowski was next with 11 points. Tiffany Jackson and Juniel Jensen both added 10 points for the Senators.

Filer (6-5, 3-1) plays host to Buhl on Jan. 4.

"I think the kids realize now that they can play with a quality team," said Keller. "We played three sophomores significant minutes and that's hopefully going to help them down the road."

Box score for Filer 69, Gooding 56. Includes player names, points, and team totals.

American Falls 52, Declo 33

AMERICAN FALLS — The Declo Hornets fell on the road to American Falls, 52-33, on Tuesday.

"We started to rely on outside shooting and didn't get inside," Declo head coach Dee Lewis said. "The Taylor kid is 6-8 and blocked 22 shots, so we didn't get back. For us to get better, we've got to be better rebounders and better defenders."

Matt Jones led the Hornets with 11 points. Declo (2-4) travels to Gooding tonight to open its Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference schedule.

Christian coach Kevin Bickler.

Drew Reitsma led the Concavours with 11 points. Jordan Jarvis followed with eight points, while Zach DeKruyf and Brandon Van Esch both had seven points.

Nicole Taylor (11-0, 0-4) will next host Oakley, on January 4th.

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Murtaugh 49, Hansen 45

MURTAUGH — Murtaugh edged out Hansen 49-45. Murtaugh received most of its production from Jose Suedco.

Deon Jenks of Hansen was a difficulty for Murtaugh, as he scored 22 points. Richie Thomas assisted with nine points for Hansen.

Lighthouse Christian will host Buhl on Murtaugh (4-2, 3-1) on Jan. 4 at the Jerome Recreation Center.

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Raft River 48, Castledorf 44

MALTA — Raft River beat Castledorf 48-44.

Oakley 'em Oakley' fell to Hagerman 74-47.

Wrestling Kimberly sweeps tri-match

BURLEY — The Kimberly Bulldogs wrestled well Tuesday night in Burley, defeating the host Mustangs 11-0 and the Wood River Wolverines 48-27 in a triangular.

Chris Moody picked up a pair of quick pins in his 125-pound matches, as did Nick Mulberry at 145 pounds. Tully Mulberry defeated Nathan Broadhead 5-3 in overtime to win a battle of two of the area's better 125-pound grapplers.

"I think we had a better tonight than we had in the last couple weeks," Bulldogs head coach Troy Palmer said. "We were moving a little bit more and we weren't giving the pins up as much as we've had in the past."

In the night's other match, Burley beat Wood River 54-27.

Results

Burley 54, Wood River 27; Kimberly 11, Mustangs 0; Kimberly 11, Wood River 0.

Wendell

The Wildcats put on the full-court press and cut the deficit to single digits in the final minute, but could get no closer.

For Wendell, coach Ryan Harris is a coaching team still learning to play.

"These guys haven't played together and have no varsity experience. They are starting to jell. Defensively we played awesome," said Harris.

Filer coach Daren Garvey gave the credit to Wendell for hitting the shots.



Minico's Tia Short goes to the hoop as Burley's Nicole Tolman (right) and Kasey Kerby apply the defensive pressure during the game.

Burley girls cruise to win over Minico

By Ryan Howe For The Times-News

Stratman. "We lost the physical war inside."

Burley finished the game on the offensive end, but its most impressive effort came on the offensive glass where the Bobcats converted several second-chance points.

Playing against much adversity the past couple weeks, the Spartans never let down. Minico has been bent over with injuries and illness, but aren't ready to offer up excuses.

"We have to do a better job with rebounding against them next time," Stratman said.

Dani Hamlet, the Spartans' 5-foot-4 point guard, had 11 points for Minico. Minico's freshman trio of Brooke Taylor, Tianna Stimpson and Kendra Bailey all played well. The youngsters combined for 25 of Minico's points.

Burley improved to 10-2 overall and in conference, while Minico fell to 5-6 overall and 1-2 in conference play.

"After the first two possessions on both ends, I knew we were here to play," Kerby said. "Coming off a loss, you never know. But in the last year and a half with these kids, when we get beat, we have come back and respond well."

Tolman and Baker each knocked down open jumpers in the first minute to give Burley the early 4-0 lead.

Tied 4-4 with 5:20 to play in the first, Burley finished the period on an 11-0 run.

"We knew it was going to be a physical game and we didn't want (Burley's) physical play to start the game," said Minico coach Clint Jackson.

Burley finished the game with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Burley 51, Minico 48. Burley 18, Minico 14. Burley 11, Minico 10. Burley 11, Minico 10.

Mountain Home 45, Wood River 39

HAILY — Wood River suffered a close 45-39 defeat at the hands of Mountain Home.

Wood River coach Brent Carduff stated that "the game was a close one. We had a lead down in the second quarter to some turnovers that they pressed created. That quarter was six points, and that was the game."

Lauren Morgenthaler paced the Wolverines with 12 points. Kristen Minard shot three 3-pointers, and finished with 11 points.

Wood River (3-6, 0-2) will next host Jerome, Thursday night.

Kimberly 46, Declo 43, OT

DECLO — The Declo Hornets gave the top-ranked Kimberly Bulldogs their biggest scare of the season Tuesday, but couldn't pull off the upset, falling 46-43 in overtime.

Alex Pfefferle led the Bulldogs' charge with 23 points and nine rebounds, while Kylee Butler added 11. The Hornets were led by Mikel Webb's 14 points. The Hornets led 23-16 at the half, but were hampered by a two-point performance in the third quarter.

"We can't get any consistency," said Declo coach Val Christensen. "We're just doing some things that are hurting us."

Boys basketball Buhl 44, Kimberly 40

KIMBERLY — The Buhl Indians were glad to get out of Kimberly Tuesday night with a 44-40 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference victory over the host Bulldogs. The Bulldogs stayed neck-and-neck with the favored Indians through three quarters, but a two-point third quarter derailed their chances to win.

"I thought our kids played pretty well," Kimberly head coach Roger Keller said. "We had a lot of easy opportunities that quarter, but just didn't convert them into baskets. Turnovers hurt us too."

Will Chivers led Buhl with 14 points, while Brad Tress added eight points. The Bulldogs were led by Eric Marvin's 13 points, while Jason Mumm added 12. Kimberly (3-4, 0-2 SCIC) is back in action on Jan. 6, hosting Wood River.

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Jerome 44, Century 29

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Coach

A call to Akey's office went unanswered late Tuesday.

Akey was later an assistant coach at WSU since 1998. He was promoted to defensive coordinator before the 2003 season. Akey's duties also include coaching the defensive line.

Carey 66, Dietrich 55

CAHEY — The Carey Panthers defeated the Dietrich Bulldogs 66-55 on Tuesday.

The Panthers took an early lead with a 20-7 first quarter of a press. Carey mainly dominated on offense, creating 22 turnovers, 18 of which were steals.

"The kids played hard, and the defense paid for it," Carey head coach Dick Simpson said.

Brad Hunt and James Carlson led in scoring with 14 and 13 points respectively, while Tyler Parke and D.J. Simpson each picked up 10 boards. Simpson also had six steals and four blocks.

The Carey junior varsity also beat Dietrich 58-55. Carey (7-1, 3-0) hosts Valley tonight. Dietrich hosts the Community School on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

Lighthouse Christian 71, Magic Valley Christian 40

TWIN FALLS — Lighthouse Christian used a barrage of 3-pointers to defeat Magic Valley Christian 71-40.

In all, Lighthouse Christian put down nine 3-pointers, four by Justin Manning, who totaled 19 points. The Lions had a balanced attack as Jace McCullough and Ryan DeKruyf both added 11 points each, and Cory Paulson and Ian Fadness each added 10.

"Lighthouse played great. They got us on our heels early, and the turnovers cost us," commented Magic Valley coach Kevin Bickler.

Concavours with 11 points. Jordan Jarvis followed with eight points, while Zach DeKruyf and Brandon Van Esch both had seven points.

Nicole Taylor (11-0, 0-4) will next host Oakley, on January 4th.

Lighthouse Christian will host Buhl on Murtaugh (4-2, 3-1) on Jan. 4 at the Jerome Recreation Center.

"Hansen played a good game, got after the rebounds, and created late of second shots. We were cold shooting from the field, but I give credit to the kids for finding a way to win," stated Johnson.

Shoshone

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The last ditch shot. Callen's shot looked good but didn't find the net.

"We were much more aggressive the second half," said Vriesman. "We were just trying to get a good shot. As a team, our shot selection was good and we did force too many shots. They just didn't let it's great to have Shoshone on our schedule because it makes us better."

Valley (7-4, 0-0) plays at Carey and Shoshone (8-2, 4-0 SCIC) travels to Camas County Shoshone 49-19.

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USA TODAY/ESPN Women's

Top 25

Rank	Team	W	L	PTS
1	North Carolina	22	0	1912
2	Connecticut	20	0	1750
3	Duke	19	0	1700
4	Stanford	18	0	1650
5	Arizona	17	0	1600
6	UConn	16	0	1550
7	Georgia Tech	15	0	1500
8	Illinois	14	0	1450
9	LSU	13	0	1400
10	Ohio State	12	0	1350

GAME PLAN

LOCAL TV SCHEDULE

WFLA-TV BASKETBALL
6:30 p.m.

FSN - Memphis at Arizona
7 p.m.

ESPN2 - Atlanta at Texas
8:30 p.m.

FSN - LSU at Washington
NBA BASKETBALL
9 p.m.

ESPN - Cleveland at New Jersey
8:30 p.m.

ESPN - Dallas at Seattle
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
5 p.m.

ESPN2 - Ohio St. at Oklahoma

LOCAL
Boys basketball
North Gorman at Hobson, 8:30 p.m.
Barley at Stockton, 7:30 p.m.
Hilcrest at Mexico, 7:30 p.m.
Shoshone at Camas County, 7:30 p.m.
Valley of Carey, 7:30 p.m.
Twin Falls at Skyline, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball
Richfield at Oakley, 1:00 p.m.
Raff River at Murtagh, 7:30 p.m.
Shoshone at Camas County, 7:30 p.m.
Valley of Carey, 7:30 p.m.
Bluff at Glensys Park, 7:30 p.m.
Wendell at Deed, 7:30 p.m.
Wrexford
Minico at Jerome, 6 p.m.

SKI REPORT

Big Bear
Big Bear Mountain (10,000)
packed powder machine groomed 27 - 32 base 42 of 45
machine groomed 43 - 45 base 42 of 45
80% open, Mon-Fri 10a-4:30p
Sat/Sun 9a-3:30p

Northstar
Northstar California (10,000)
packed powder machine groomed 30 - 35 base 41 of 45
machine groomed 43 - 45 base 42 of 45
80% open, Mon-Fri 10a-4:30p
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Palmer
Palmer Ski Area (10,000)
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Top 25

Rank	Team	W	L	PTS
1	Ohio State	11	0	100
2	Alabama	10	0	90
3	Georgia Tech	9	0	80
4	LSU	8	0	70
5	Michigan	7	0	60
6	Florida State	6	0	50
7	Arkansas	5	0	40
8	Texas	4	0	30
9	Illinois	3	0	20
10	Washington	2	0	10

FOOTBALL

NFL

Team	W	L	T	PTS
San Diego	11	0	0	100
Indianapolis	10	0	0	90
Atlanta	9	0	0	80
Arizona	8	0	0	70
Denver	7	0	0	60
Carolina	6	0	0	50
Seattle	5	0	0	40
San Francisco	4	0	0	30
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Game	Time	TV
Atlanta at Charlotte	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Brooklyn at Philadelphia	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Chicago at Cleveland	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Dallas at Phoenix	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Denver at Utah	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Golden State at Sacramento	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Los Angeles at Memphis	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Minnesota at New York	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Orlando at Miami	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Portland at Sacramento	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
San Antonio at Houston	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Seattle at Phoenix	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Washington at Charlotte	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2

Monday's NFL Box

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Atlanta at Carolina	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Baltimore at Cleveland	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Buffalo at Cincinnati	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Chicago at Pittsburgh	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Dallas at Houston	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Denver at Kansas City	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
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Miami at New York	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
San Diego at Seattle	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
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Monday's NHL Box

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Chargers and Bears combine to place 16 on Pro Bowl squad

NEW YORK — The San Diego Chargers and Chicago Bears lead the NFL in wins — and Pro Bowlers.

The Chargers placed nine players on the AFC squad Tuesday and the Bears had seven on the NFC team, which also includes a quarterback — Dallas' Tony Romo.

Romo, who wins a starter when the season began.

San Diego's connection includes quarterback Philip Rivers, who sat on the bench for his first two seasons behind Drew Brees.

The former Chargers quarterback signed as a free agent with New Orleans in the offseason and will start for the NFL.

Also among the players representing the Chargers is linebacker Shane Merriman, last year's defensive rookie of the year, who made it despite missing four games for flunking a steroid test.

"I'm very proud of our team and players," said general manager Smith of the Chargers, who like the Bears are 12-2. "We have a special group of players. These individuals are being recognized, but this is also a positive reflection on their teammates and the overall strength and depth of the entire roster."

Chicago's representatives demonstrate how the Bears won't with defense and special teams.

Three of the seven Bears, led by linebacker Brian Urlacher, are on defense and three are on special teams — kicker Robbie Gould, specialist

Brendan Bayanbejo and rookie return man Devin Hester, who has shattered records with six returns for touchdowns on three punts, two kickoffs and a missed field goal.

Center Olin Kreutz, a perennial at his position, is the only Bears Pro Bowl offensive player.

The NFC team also includes the Barber twins — running back Tiki of the New York Giants and Ronde of Tampa Bay. The first twins to make it together, they now become the second set of brothers to make the Pro Bowl for three straight seasons — Shannon and Sterling Sharpe from 1993-95 as the only brothers.

Bears' Johnson suspended for 1 game

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bears suspended rookie defensive tackle Tank Johnson for one game Tuesday, almost a week after he was arrested for the third time in the last 18 months.

Johnson was arrested on misdemeanor weapons charges Thursday and the next day after he was at a night club when his friend was shot to death.

General manager Jerry Angelo said Johnson was suspended for conduct detrimental to the team and will not play Sunday at Detroit.

"I don't believe the team has to let me it's my chance, I know the opportunity that I have in front of me and it's my responsibility to squander that opportunity would be a tragedy at this point and that's not gonna happen," Johnson said at a news conference at the Bears' practice facility in Lake Forest.

Angelo said the organization felt it was not the right decision to cut Johnson.

"He crossed the line and we acted on that," Angelo said.

He said Johnson would undergo counseling. Johnson was arrested after a Thursday raid on

Sports Shorts

National and Magic Valley briefs

Childress: Jackson to start for Vikings
EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — It's Tarvaris' Time in Minnesota.

Vikings coach Brad Childress announced Tuesday that rookie Tarvaris Jackson will start at quarterback for the final two games of the season.

Childress, a second-round pick out of Division I-AA Alabama State, takes over for veteran Brad Johnson — perhaps marking the end of the 38-year-old quarterback's second stint with the Vikings.

Childress said Jackson "gives us the best chance to have high expectations for him," Childress said. "He's prepared. He's ready to go."

Childress has benched Johnson three times this season, with the final move coming in the closing seconds of the third quarter of Sunday's loss to the New York Jets.

MLB

Marquis, Cubs finalize 3-year deal

CHICAGO — PITCHER Jason Marquis and the Chicago Cubs finalized their three-year, \$21 million contract Tuesday after the right-hander

Giants and Klesko agree to deal: SAN

GOLF

Wie gets accepted to Stanford

Michelle Wie celebrated her first victory of the year — she got accepted to Stanford.

The 17-year-old senior at Punahou School in Honolulu, Hawaii, was accepted to Stanford University, dispelling any talk she would concentrate exclusively on her professional golf career once she finished high school.

"No one really believed me," Wie said from Stanford, Fla., where she is working with swing coach David Leadbetter. "Now that I'm going to Stanford, it was one of my dreams, and I want to go through with it. I definitely want to go there and really try to graduate."

MAGIC VALLEY

Freeze on Skis scheduled for Jan. 1

TWIN FALLS — The 20th Annual Freeze on Skis will be held Jan. 1 at Shoshone Falls. Proceeds from the event will go toward the John P. Smith Ski School in Woodbury, Idaho, and Camp Rainbow Gold. Those interested in skiing or making a donation may contact Shaun Pohlman at 404-6668 or Hans Hecting at 402-1192. Skiers and sledgers are available at Claude's Sports, Recreation and Sportman's Warehouse in Twin Falls. For more information, visit www.freezeonskis.com for more information.

MAGIC VALLEY

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Market Watch

Dec. 19, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	+30.06	12,471.32
Nasdaq composite	-6.02	2,429.55
Standard & Poor's 500	+3.07	1,425.55
Russell 2000	+4.06	782.10

Stocks of local interest

COG AER	26.79	+2.23
Dell Inc.	26.13	-2.26
INTEGRIS	39.00	+2.25
Lithia Mo.	26.60	-1.18
MICRO	43.35	+1.77
Supervalu	36.10	-2.00

Commodities

Dec. Oil	62.16	+0.26
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
Dec. Gold	621.6	+7.6

For more see page B5

Company to sell Steamboat Springs resort for \$265 million

The Associated Press

DENVER — American Sking Co. said Tuesday it has entered into an agreement to sell Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp., one of the nation's largest ski areas, for \$265 million in cash to Canadian resort operator Intrawest Corp.

The move, which is subject to regulatory approval, would bolster Intrawest's resort holdings in Colorado to three while helping American Sking's bottom line.

"At the end of the day it's a transaction that is the right thing to do for American Sking Co. and creates a tremendous amount of value for us," B.J. Fair, president and chief executive officer of American Sking, told The Associated Press.

In a statement, Intrawest President Alex Waslow said the acquisition fits with the company's strategy to expand through acquisitions. The sale will include the resort at Steamboat Springs about 110 miles northwest of Denver, some real estate assets, a hotel and the company's interest in the Walton Pond Apartments. The privately held Intrawest also agreed to assume \$4 million in debt. The deal is expected to close in March.

American Sking President and Chief Executive Officer B.J. Fair said proceeds from the sale would be used to reduce outstanding debt and to focus on developing other properties.

Wood pellet quest: The West had to answer the call when demand spiked after Hurricane Katrina

By Jared DeBach
For the Times-News

SPRING CREEK, Nev. — Ed Scott, ships wood pellets throughout the United States and recently shipped pellets to Germany. But even someone with his connections in the world is still experiencing the same difficulties as everyone else when it comes to the current state of the wood pellet industry.

According to Scott, the current pellet problems trace back to Hurricane Katrina. Scott said diesel and other fuels in the east were needed along the Gulf Coast by federal mandate, so there was a changeover from fuel oil to pellet stoves for many living in the eastern U.S. But because there are no major pellet manufacturers in the east, the pellets have to come from somewhere and the West had to answer the call, east fall. Scott was selling pellets with about a 30-bag limit, but this

year has recovered and is able to handle shipments in the form of tons.

Scott, who owns The Pellet Company in Spring Creek's Ruby Mountain Industrial Park, typically deals with 12 brands of pellets fitting various styles and outfits of pellet stoves. He's also a partner in two mills near Salt Lake City and one in Canada, but the mills don't run full-time. The pellets Scott produces himself are of a premium grade, appearing an extremely light color when compared to the typically dark brown pellets available most places.

While most mass-produced commercial pellets contain lots of bonding agents such as plastics and chemicals to keep the saw dust together, Scott uses only hardwood and pine flakes heavily compressed to naturally keep their pellet shape. Typical pellets burn at 6,000 BTUs (British-Thermal

Units), but Scott said his personally produced pellets burn at about 10,000 BTUs.

Right now, Scott's mills aren't running due to transit costs, and it's more profitable for Scott to do standard drop shipments of other manufacturers' pellets. While Scott can meet demands now, and offer pellets in full-ton and long-ton forms (about 60 bags), Scott was experiencing last year what a lot of local retailers are currently going through when it comes to being able to keep wood pellets in stock.

Since pellets are a hot commodity, heating efficiency is crucial in the mind of the consumer. But even if one had the foresight and ability to buy a ton or more of pellets in advance of the recent cold snap, they might not be getting their money's worth.

Scott said many people are using pellet stove setups that are not appropriate for their heating needs. Some aren't

using their stoves appropriately, and some people don't take care of their stoves. According to Scott, when he first set up shop in Spring Creek in the 1990s, most people were using a three-inch pipe for air intake on their stoves. Since he converted some people to four-inch pipes, it's getting harder to find people still using three-

inch pipes. "Going to four-inch is like dropping a item in your Volkswagen," Scott said.

Another issue Scott deals with is stove maintenance. When a stove stops working properly, he often finds large deposits of pumice-like pellet ash which accumulates after numerous continual burnings of lower grade commercial pellets. Two bags of pellets can produce a fist-sized deposit.

The substance accumulates as a combination of the ash, plastic bonding agents, motor oil and even dirt. Scott said many manufacturers use dirt

in their stoves which is why Scott tries to deal in more premium-grade pellets.

"I make more money fixing stoves than I do selling pellets," Scott said. "Many people keep their stove at a low heat if burning all day, but Scott said the stove needs to be turned up a few times a day. Also, when people see pellets popping and jumping around they think that's bad. That's actually a good thing, aiding in proper burning and therefore more efficient heat production."

But one of the things Scott wants people to take to heart, which is quite possibly the most critical, is that pellets come in a variety of moisture levels, wood content, fillers, binders and accelerants. And, much like choosing the right car, people need to pick the right pellet that works for them.

"All pellets are not the same," Scott said.

DELTA STILL DELTA



Customer service specialists, from left, Linda Biser, Tasha Jones, Lorraine Brightberry, Stephanie Moseley and Mary Wilson hold posters with letters spelling out DELTA as they listen to speakers at a "Keep Delta My Delta" rally at the Delta Reservations Center in Augusta, Ga., Tuesday.

Delta Air Lines rejects US Airways' bid

By Harry R. Weber
Times-News writer

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines Inc., which contracts with SkyWest Airlines to provide regional service between Twin Falls and Salt Lake City, filed a reorganization plan Tuesday that calls for it to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection next spring as a standalone company. It also said that its board has formally rejected US Airways' \$8.4 billion hostile bid to buy Delta and create the nation's largest airline.

The Atlanta-based carrier outlined a five-year business plan, and said that its advisers have determined that a reorganized Delta will have a consolidated equity value of roughly \$3.4 billion to \$12 billion. It said the plan would result in a

recovery by Delta's unsecured creditors of roughly 63 percent to 80 percent of their allowed claims.

Delta's existing stock would be wiped out under the plan and creditors generally will receive distributions of new Delta common stock to settle their claims.

Delta also said Tuesday that its board has unanimously rejected US Airways' unsolicited offer, which was first disclosed Nov. 15. It had repeatedly indicated it wasn't interested in the offer.

"The board concluded that Delta's standalone plan will provide the company's creditors with superior value and greater certainty on a much faster timetable than the US Airways proposal," Delta said in a statement.

There was no immediate comment by Tempe, Ariz.-based US Airways, but an

official with knowledge of that company's plans who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the talks said Monday that US Airways was willing to increase its offer for Delta if Delta could justify it is worth more.

But Delta said Tuesday that as far as it is concerned it believes flying solo is the best proposal for everyone involved.

Delta said it believes the US Airways deal is not likely to gain regulatory approval. It also cited as obstacles: overwhelming labor issues and "flawed economic assumptions."

Ultimately, it may be the unsecured creditors committee in the bankruptcy case that will play the decisive role. The committee hasn't said if it will support Delta's plan, US Airways' plan or any other offer to buy Delta that may come in.

Company agrees to settle lawsuit over slurs

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A company that makes cabinets agreed to pay \$18,000 to a man who said co-workers called him "damn Mexican," "wet-back" and other slurs during a 30-year career.

"This is the first time, and certainly the last, that we've ever been involved in this type of a court case. We simply did not have the money to fight it," said Gary Sandberg, president of Granite Mill & Fixture Co. in Salt Lake City. Ralph Ruiz of West Jordan accused the company of allowing employees to make the comments orally and in writing on the restroom wall. The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed a lawsuit in 2004 after settlement talks failed.

Despite the slurs, Ruiz stayed at Granite Mill until 2002 because the pay was excellent, his attorney said.

Granite Mill did not admit guilt but agreed to review its anti-discrimination policies and conduct sensitivity training for employees. U.S. District Court Judge David Sam approved the agreement Dec. 6.

Granite Mill employs about 50 workers and has \$5 million to \$9 million in annual sales. It makes cabinets and office interiors and provides carpentry services.

Wholesale prices surge by largest amount in 32 years

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Wholesale prices surged in November by the largest amount in more than three decades, led by huge increases in the cost of gasoline and new cars and trucks.

The Labor Department reported Tuesday that wholesale prices jumped 2 percent last month, the biggest advance since a similar 2 percent increase in November 1974, back during a decade when repeated oil shocks sent inflation spiraling.

Analysts, however, dismissed the latest increase as a one-month aberration. They still believe the inflation threat that gripped the country earlier this year is beginning to ease.

"The headline number looks scary but the reality is that inflation is moderating," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com. In other news, the Com-

merce Department reported that housing construction rose by 6.7 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.568 million units.

However, as with the inflation report, analysts said the overall number was misleading and not an indication that the severe slump in housing was coming to an end.

They noted that the rebound followed an even bigger 13.7 percent drop in October. Even with the November gain, housing construction was 25.5 percent below the level of a year ago.

Applications for building permits, considered a good indication of future construction activity, fell for a 10th consecutive month, dropping 3 percent to an annual rate of 1.506 million units.

"Great weather and an abysmal October probably played more of a role in the construction rebound than a firming of the market," said Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors.

Classes for current and future business owners

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern has a number of classes and workshops for business owners and budding entrepreneurs. Here's a look at what's coming soon.

Quick Books Pro 2007 Level 1 and 2

Level I is designed for beginners with little or no knowledge of the program. Participants will learn how to set-up a company, navigate through the program, use lists, pay bills, invoice customers, reconcile bank accounts, account for credit cards, and pay employees. Participants will go through a complete accounting cycle and become comfortable with the basics of the program.

Level II is an advanced program designed for individuals that have taken Level I or that have a basic understanding of the program. Participants will learn how to go beyond the

basics. Topics covered will include advanced customer invoicing techniques, handling customer deposits and credit terms, using estimates, collecting and paying sales tax, writing off bad debts, accounting for NSF checks, memorizing entries, creating and using reports and budgets and inventory. Participants will also learn how to set up payroll.

Participants should be computer literate and familiar with accounting principles. Classes are limited to 15 so those interested should register early. Level I classes will be held from 9 to 9 p.m. Jan. 11, 18 and 25; and Level 2 classes will be held Feb. 8, 15 and 22. Classes, taught by CPAs Dennis Tilley and Doug Lincoln, will be held in Room C 83 inside the CSI Evergreen Building. Courses are \$75 or both for \$130.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Continued cold temperatures with partly cloudy skies and light winds. High in the upper 20s.
Tonight: Increasing clouds and seasonal temperatures. Lows in the upper teens.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered snow showers or flurries. Highs in the low to mid 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny skies and cold. Highs in the upper 20s. Tonight: Becoming mostly cloudy with lows in the middle teens.
Tomorrow: Small chance of snow showers or flurries and mainly cloudy skies. Highs low 30s and it will be breezy.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Remaining dry and cold for today but a chance of light snow showers or flurries will start to develop overnight. A good chance of light snow will develop on Thursday with Friday again being generally dry.

BOISE
Hazy skies and some patchy fog is possible for today. Tonight will be mostly cloudy and dry. Light snow or sleet showers and scattered snow showers are possible on Thursday.

NORTHERN UTAH
Partly cloudy skies and dry, chilly conditions for today and Thursday. Light snow or sleet showers and flurries will be possible on Friday.

MOUNTAINTOP
Today High/Low: 31 16-32 26-37
Friday High/Low: 31 16-32 26-37

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy skies and continued cold	Partly to mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy, light snow showers	Partly to mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy and dry	Colder, maybe a late snow shower
High 29	Low 18	34/23	36/18	38/22	30/22

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature
Yesterday's High: 35
Yesterday's Low: 18
Record High: 64 in 1991
Record Low: -27 in 1963

Precipitation
Month to Date: 1.56"
Year to Date: 3.27"
Normal: 3.81"

Humidity
Yesterday's Humidity: 70%
Today's Humidity: 40%

Barometric Pressure
Yesterday: 30.25
Today: 30.25

Sunrise and Sunset
Sunrise: 8:04 AM
Sunset: 5:06 PM

U.V. INDEX
Moderate
The higher the index the more UV protection needed

Moon Phases
Dec 20: New Moon
Dec 27: First Qr
Jan 3: Full Moon
Jan 11: Last Qr

Moonrise and Moonset
Thursday: Moonrise: 8:23 AM
Friday: Moonset: 8:07 PM

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Burley	23	6	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	26	18	0.00"
Idaho Falls	26	9	0.00"
Lowell	23	16	0.00"
Malheur	19	3	0.00"
McCall	23	16	0.00"
Shoshone	23	16	0.00"
Twin Falls	23	16	0.00"
Starbuck	11	9	0.00"

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Boise	35-50	35-50	35-50
Idaho Falls	25-35	25-35	25-35
Lowell	25-35	25-35	25-35
Malheur	15-25	15-25	15-25
McCall	15-25	15-25	15-25
Shoshone	15-25	15-25	15-25
Twin Falls	15-25	15-25	15-25
Starbuck	15-25	15-25	15-25

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Albuquerque	45-60	45-60	45-60
Boise	35-50	35-50	35-50
Chicago	35-45	35-45	35-45
Denver	35-45	35-45	35-45
Houston	65-75	65-75	65-75
Los Angeles	65-75	65-75	65-75
Miami	75-85	75-85	75-85
Minneapolis	35-45	35-45	35-45
New York	35-45	35-45	35-45
Phoenix	45-55	45-55	45-55
Portland	45-55	45-55	45-55
San Francisco	45-55	45-55	45-55
Seattle	45-55	45-55	45-55
Tampa	75-85	75-85	75-85
Washington	35-45	35-45	35-45

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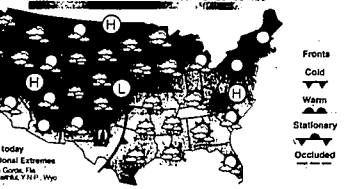
City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
London	45-55	45-55	45-55
Paris	45-55	45-55	45-55
Tokyo	55-65	55-65	55-65
Sydney	65-75	65-75	65-75
Auckland	75-85	75-85	75-85
Wellington	75-85	75-85	75-85
Christchurch	75-85	75-85	75-85
Dunedin	75-85	75-85	75-85
Hamilton	75-85	75-85	75-85
Invercargill	75-85	75-85	75-85
Lyttelton	75-85	75-85	75-85
Queenstown	75-85	75-85	75-85
Timaru	75-85	75-85	75-85
Wanganui	75-85	75-85	75-85
Wellington	75-85	75-85	75-85
Whangarei	75-85	75-85	75-85

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Select a few people who'll particularly like to today - those you were a little harsh with yesterday."
- Arthur Schopenhauer 1819-1861

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Calgary	35-45	35-45	35-45
Edmonton	35-45	35-45	35-45
Halifax	35-45	35-45	35-45
London	35-45	35-45	35-45
Ottawa	35-45	35-45	35-45
Quebec	35-45	35-45	35-45
Regina	35-45	35-45	35-45
Saskatoon	35-45	35-45	35-45
Vancouver	35-45	35-45	35-45
Winnipeg	35-45	35-45	35-45

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Iverson traded by 76ers to Nuggets

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Allen Iverson got the new team he wanted, and the Denver Nuggets got the new superstar they suddenly needed.
The four-time scoring champion was traded Tuesday by the Philadelphia 76ers to the Nuggets for Andre Miller, Joel Smith and two 2007 first-round picks. The Nuggets also got Ivan McFarlin.
The deal came just as NBA scoring leader Carmelo Anthony began serving a 15-game suspension for his part in a weekend brawl between the Nuggets and New York Knicks.
Iverson now takes his 31.2-point scoring average to Denver and ends 10 turbulent seasons with the franchise that made him the No. 1 overall pick in 1996.
"Our personality is going to change. It's going to be different. That will take some time," Nuggets coach George Karl said.
"All trades shake your team a little bit," he said. "I hope that they realize that we're doing it to be better, we're doing this to be special, we're doing this to contend."
A seven-time All-Star, Iverson transformed the 76ers from lottery losers to contenders, though he couldn't bring home an NBA title to this championship-starved city. He came close in 2001, when the 76ers lost to the Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA finals. Since then the team has fallen from the elite, missing the playoffs twice in the last three seasons.
This year has hardly been an improvement, with the 76ers on an 11-game losing streak. Only Memphis (5-19) has a worse record than the 76ers (5-18), who are winless since Nov. 24.
"We haven't won a championship, and I think we were a long way from winning a championship," even with Allen," 76ers chairman Ed Snider said. "It was time for us to take a deep breath and say we've got to move in a different direction. Allen wanted to move in a different direction."

Suns earn 15th straight victory

PHOENIX — Make it 15 in a row and counting for the Phoenix Suns.
Amaro Stoudemire dominated Toronto with 28 points and 10 rebounds in 28 minutes, and the Suns set a franchise record with their 15th consecutive victory Tuesday night in a 115-98 victory over the Raptors.
Steve Nash had 10 points and 15 assists in three quarters for Phoenix.
Ben Gordon hit two free throws to close out the win with 10.9 seconds left, after Smush Parker cut the Bulls' lead to three with two foul shots and a dunk in the final 40 seconds. Gordon scored 22 for Chicago.

Harbaugh hired to take over Stanford

STANFORD, Calif. — Jim Harbaugh faces a difficult challenge in his first major college head coaching job.
The former NFL quarterback was given a five-year contract to turn around struggling Stanford, coming off its worst season in more than four decades.
Harbaugh had spent the last three years as head coach at San Diego, a non-scholarship Division I-AA program that is long way from the Pac-10. He led the Toreros to a 29-6 record, winning 27 of his final 29 games.
This job brings him back to the site of his first summer job when he was a student across the street from Stanford Stadium at Palo Alto High School. While his father was an assistant for the Cardinal, Harbaugh spent his summers painting numbers at the stadium and cleaning the pool, dreaming about the opportunity to someday represent Stanford.
"The journey that took me from Palo Alto High School across the El Camino Real to The Farm has prepared me well and has prepared to have great success here at Stanford," Harbaugh said Tuesday.
"The Cardinal set a school record for losses in a 1-11 season this year that led to the firing of coach Walt Harris. Stanford has won just 16 games in the past five seasons under Harris and Buddy Teevens.



Harbaugh

No. 25 TCU thumps NIU

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Garrett Wolfe had nowhere to run.
The national rushing leader was held to only 28 yards, a whipping 130 below average, and the No. 25 TCU Horned Frogs won a Pointsettia Bowl mismatch against Northern Illinois, 37-7 on Tuesday.
While Wolfe was repeatedly stuffed by one of the nation's best defenses led by end Tommy Blake, Horned Frogs quarterback Jeff Ballard ran for three touchdowns and threw for two.

Wayne

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already played 277 minutes — over 25 per game — at this point of the season, Wayne earned his place as an important member of this Golden Eagles team with his work in the weight room and his focus in his practice uniform.
"He's done a good job of being a good practice player," Peery said. "His attitude's been very good. It's been a challenging situation for Paul. Probably the thing I'm most pleased with is he's been a good person through a challenging situation. He's had a good attitude and been very positive, so it's been really nice that way."
Through all that practice time, Wayne has learned exactly where DeCarlos Riley likes to spot-up for a 3-point or off the fast break. He knows just the right time to hit Juan Patillo to set up a thundering two-handed dunk. He knows because through the summer, through the fall semester, he's set those shots up time and

Bulls 94, Lakers 89

CHICAGO — Luol Deng scored 23 points and led a season-high with 12 rebounds, and Chicago won for the 12th time in 13 games.
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Dever Nuggets head coach George Karl talks to the media regarding the Nuggets' trade for Allen Iverson Tuesday in Denver.

Now the 31-year-old Iverson's chase for a coveted championship moves to the Western Conference.
Sixers team president Billy King thanked Iverson for his 11 years in Philadelphia, saying, "I think he's one of the greatest ever to play the game."
King made it clear the 76ers are aware they need to rebuild.
"This team was built around Allen and he helped carry us for a long time," King said. "I think now we need to step back and evaluate with different players, with different personnel. With the cap room and draft picks, it'll give us a chance to rebuild again."
Iverson is due the rest of his \$18 million this season, and a combined \$40 million through the 2008-09 season.
His relationship with the only team he ever played for was irrevocably broke once he asked for a trade two weeks ago. He had just been fined for missing a team function and his relationship with coach Maurice Cheeks had deteriorated to where the point guard didn't want to play for him anymore.

Another rout for Smith: AP Player of the Year

NEW YORK — The old Troy Smith was at his best on the run. The new and improved version can sit in the pocket all day and pick apart defenses with his arm.

Boston College hires Packers coordinator

BOSTON — Boston College hired Green Bay Packers offensive coordinator Jeff Jagodzinski, a former BC assistant, to be its head coach and signed him to a five-year contract.
He has respect for the outstanding tradition of BC football. He understands the mission of Boston College and the importance of academics to our program," athletic director Gene DeFilippo said in a statement.

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Wayne

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again during CSI practices. Studying opponents he wouldn't see made little sense, so Wayne delved deep into studying his CSI teammates.
"Yeah, add them all up. That's what I've been doing," he said. "Adding them all up. Looking at what shots Kevin (Davis) like, what shots Brad (Garret) like, who knows What kind of touches Mo (Thukitwa) like, what kind of touches Kevin (Ford) like. Therefore, when I get back, I can fit right in and get in on the same page."
It's that commitment to his teammates that Wayne has tried to share with the CSI freshmen, especially point guards Reggie Guyton and Adris DeLeon. In practice, he makes his point with a look, a few words man to man.
"The thing I really like in practice players to help the regular players improve is nothing new for CSI. Having a practice player that improves the Eagles as much as Wayne has is rare."

Wayne

"His communication is probably as good as anyone on our team," Peery said. "He really takes people aside, especially young guys, and does a good talking to them and trying to help them. His effort has been very good."
Peery isn't expecting Wayne to make any major changes in the way the Golden Eagles play. Peery expects him to fit in and fill the needs he can fill with his leadership, court vision and ability to distribute the ball to any number of CSI's scoring threats.
Wayne showed last year that he's a viable offensive threat in the SWAC, averaging 9.0 points and 2.5 assists in 30 games played for SLC, and scoring a season-high 20 points against the Montana Tech junior varsity. This year, Peery will look for Wayne to focus more on assists than shooting, which is something Wayne is very clear about.
"I'm going to distribute the ball, try to lead and take easy shots. Let the other guys score," Wayne said, smiling.

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Make-ahead magic for Christmas morning

Festive breakfast without the bother

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For at least 30 years, Judi Baxter has served her deliciously flaky Danish pastry on Christmas morning. Makes a dozen or more as gifts every year, too.

Just once — busy running a bookstore — Baxter skipped her December tradition. "And, boy, did I hear about it," says Baxter, 57, who now teaches kindergarten, trains teachers and leads an occasional cooking class.

No wonder. This is an almond-filled pastry of exquisite flavor and flakiness. A pleasure. A treat to put the glow into any Christmas breakfast. Once consumed, a cherished memory.

I tasted it. I know. It's nothing like the products sold as "Danish pastries" in the U.S., according to Baxter, who spent a year in Denmark as a high school exchange student and learned the difference.

"This is a real travesty what we call Danish pastry," she says.

A cookbook that Baxter brought home from Denmark supplied the basis of her Christmas pastry, but she had to search for an authentic filling. She found it years later in a magazine.

Layers of butter inside the dough are the secret to a Danish pastry — and the reason for a lengthy process in its creation.

"It's not difficult, it's just complicated," Baxter said in her rural Twin Falls kitchen last week, demonstrating her specialty.

Cold weather is a perfect time for pastry making if the dough gets too warm during multiple roll-and-fold routines, the butter will combine with the dough instead of staying in those all-important layers.

But the real beauty of Danish pastry for Christmas breakfast is that all of the work can be done well before Santa visits. The finished and frosted pastries freeze well, and they turn an everyday menu (ham, scrambled eggs and fruit) into something memorable.

Something a grown daughter is likely to demand when she comes home for Christmas.

Baxter's daughter, now a Moscow resident, expects to find the ornaments hanging on a playon pine at Mom's house, and a pastry on the table.

"I'm sure I would hear about it if I didn't have it for Christmas breakfast," Baxter says.

JUDI BAXTER'S DANISH CHRISTMAS PASTRY

(Makes three large pastries.)

For the pastry:

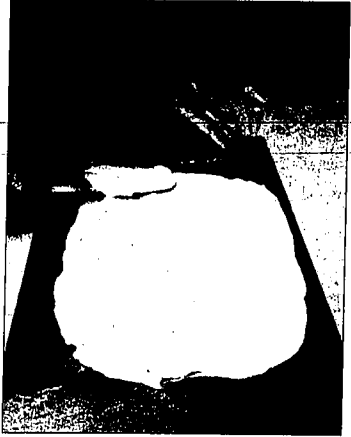
- 1 1/2 cups (3 cubes) softened butter
- 3/4 cup plus 4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour (for divided use)
- 1 cup milk
- 4 1/2 teaspoons (2 packets) yeast
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg

1. In a mixing bowl, add 3/4 cup flour to the butter — which should be very soft — and "beat the heck out of it" with a wooden spoon, Baxter says. The mixture's consistency will be like soft frosting.

Dampen the countertop with a wet cloth, then lay down a length of tinfoil about 1 1/2



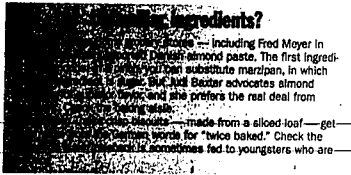
Judi Baxter puts the finishing touches on a freshly baked Danish pastry as Amie, a 5-year-old black Labrador, watches Thursday morning at their home outside Twin Falls. Christmas plates from Denmark decorate Baxter's kitchen.



feet long. (The damp countertop keeps the foil from sliding — a trick Baxter learned in recent years. "I used to chase it all over the kitchen," she says.) Spread the butter-and-flour mixture on the tinfoil, about 1/2 inch thick. In a round-cornered square, slide a flat-edged cookie sheet under the foil and put the whole thing into the refrigerator to chill.

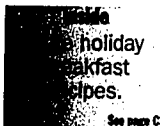
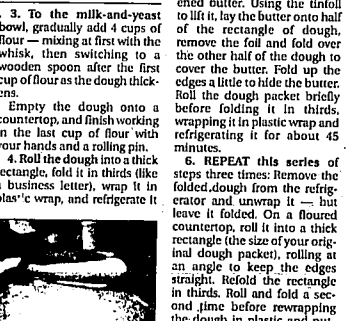
2. In a saucepan on the

stove, heat the milk to 105-115 degrees, measured by a candy thermometer. Transfer the hot milk to a mixing bowl and sprinkle in the yeast. Use a whisk to dissolve the yeast, then sprinkle in the sugar. Let the mixture sit for a few minutes to get bubbly; the bubbles indicate your yeast is alive. Sprinkle the salt into the foaming mixture and the egg, and mix with a whisk.



Ingredients?

...including Fred Meyer in Cartersville. The first ingredient is almond paste, in which Baxter advocates almond flour. "I prefer the real deal from a food processor," she says. "I made it from a sliced loaf — get it? — and sometimes fed to youngsters who are



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ing it back into the refrigerator to chill for 45 minutes of longer (up to several hours, even overnight). "This is pretty sturdy dough," Baxter says. "You don't want to roll with a heavy hand, but it can take a lot of pressure and work on it."



7. After the third roll-fold-roll-fold-chill routine, take the folded dough out of the refrigerator and roll it into a rectangle again. This time, cut it into thirds. (The cut edges will reveal the layers of butter that will make your pastry light and flaky.) Each third will make one pastry; while you're working with each one, be certain to refrigerate the others.



For the filling:

- 1 tube (7 or 8 ounces) almond paste
- 8 slices zwieback toast
- 1/2 cup (1 cube) butter
- 2 teaspoons almond flavoring
- 1 egg

1. While your pastry dough is chilling — yes, there's lots of chilling periods to choose from — break the almond paste into chunks and soften it on a plate in a warm oven. Melt the butter in a saucepan on the stove-top.

2. Drop the zwieback slices into a food processor and process them into crumbs. Add the melted butter, the egg, the almond flavoring and the almond paste, running the processor briefly after each ingredient is added. Then run it long enough to mix well. It's fine if a few chunks of almond paste remain. "That's just a lucky bite for somebody,"



Baxter says.

3. When you've finished step 7 of the pastry recipe, roll one of the dough-thirds into an extremely long, thin rectangle. Fold in the ragged edges as you roll to retain the shape. Add a sprinkling of flour to any sticky spots. (Keep things cold. If you see butter smearing out, the dough is too warm and you're losing the layers you worked so hard to form.)

4. Lengthwise, cut the dough into three long strips. Using only a third of the filling mixture (remember, you have two other pastries to make), spread filling down the center of each strip. Pinch the edges together to hide the filling, forming three ropes.



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FOOD & HOME

Chocolaty treats with gift appeal

By Leigh Lambert
The Washington Post

Teachers, halldressers, babysitters, dog walkers — it's that time of year to say thanks for all they've done. But forget store-bought tokens or those ubiquitous gift cards. Give the gift of chocolate.

A quick dunk in the sweet stuff — be it semisweet or dark, milk or white — makes the ordinary seem extraordinary. Pretzels are fine, but a pretzel dipped in Scharffen Berger is divine. Add some nuts or crushed bits of peppermint to really ratchet up the holiday food fun. It's that simple, and it can be done without a stove. Just melt the chocolate in the microwave.

Don't be afraid to experiment with different kinds of chips — butterscotch, peanut butter, cinnamon, mint and raspberry are some of your options. (Many supermarkets carry them; look next to the chocolate chips.) Or pick up some favoring oils — they're made specifically for candy-making and can be found at kitchenware stores — and add some to your chocolate to whip up your own tasty variation. Start with a drop at a time; they're quite potent, but when used judiciously these oils can add a sophisticated touch of pure flavor hard to find in commercial candies.

Some tips before you dip: 1. Watch chocolate very closely when microwaving. Give it an initial minute in the microwave. Then stir and con-

tinue microwaving in short bursts — 15 seconds or so — and stir again. The higher the milk solid content, the more easily it can burn, so pay extra attention to milk and white varieties.

2. Water is chocolate's enemy, so make sure your utensils are dry when you stir. Even a drop of water will cause a whole bowl of chocolate to "seize," making it viscous and unusable.

3. Consider your bowl's depth carefully. If you're dunking cookies, shallow is OK. But if you want to dip that pretzel rod, be sure you have a bowl with enough depth.

4. After dunking, lay your pieces on parchment or wax paper and sprinkle with the desired topping.

5. Refrigerate to set. Once firm, transfer goodies to a covered container and store in the refrigerator. These can be made a week in advance — as long as no one in your household finds out where they're hiding.

To get started, all you need is 12 ounces of chocolate, something to dunk and a burst of creativity. Consider this list a starting point for inspiration.

Melt

- Chocolate chips or bars: semisweet, milk, dark, white. Flavor with oils if desired: peppermint, orange, cherry, lemon.
- Flavored chips: butterscotch, peanut butter, cinnamon, mint, raspberry.



A quick dunk in chocolate can make the ordinary seem extraordinary; dried fruit and store-bought cookies are good candidates for dipping to make special treats.

Dunk

- Pretzel rods or pretzels.
- Your favorite store-bought treats: Oreo cookies, Pepperidge Farm Biscuits, chocolate wafers.
- Marshmallows.
- Dried fruit: mango strips, bananas, apricots.

Sprinkle on

- Toasted coconut.
- Toasted, chopped nuts.
- Crushed peppermints.
- Mini M&Ms.
- Mini chocolate chips.
- Toffee bits.

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Low-fat, low-carb latkes

By Bonale S. Benwick
The Washington Post

Whether or not you celebrate Hanukkah, you can enjoy these low-fat, low-carb latkes from cookbook author Nechama Cohen. Foods fried in oil, such as potato latkes and doughnuts, are mainstays for the festival of lights. With this recipe, you won't miss fussing with potato or the usual amount of oil that's used for sautéing the small potatoes to their crisp potential. Best of all, holding them in a warm oven improves their texture. A miracle!

Cohen, who is chief executive of the Jewish Diabetes Association, suggests serving these with the classic accompaniments of sour cream and applesauce. They also go well with store-bought precooked chicken-and-apple sausages that can be reheated while the latkes are under way. Six latkes would suffice for a main-dish serving; this recipe doubles easily.

Adapted from her "Enlightened Kosher Cooking" (Feldheim, 2006, \$39.95).

CABBAGE LATKES

Makes 12 pancakes, enough for 4 side-dish servings

About 2 cups thinly shredded cabbage, from a package of pre-shredded cabbage (may substitute half a medium cabbage, shredded with a food-processor shredding disk)

1 egg, plus 2 egg whites, lightly

- beaten
- 1 scallion, finely chopped (white and light green parts)
 - 2 tablespoons whole-wheat flour (may substitute soy flour)
- Salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 - 1 to 2 tablespoons canola oil, or more as needed

Preheat the oven to 250 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

Place the cabbage in a large bowl. Add the eggs, scallion and flour, mixing just until incorporated. Season with salt and pepper to taste. (There will not be much liquid.)

Spray a large nonstick skillet

with nonstick spray oil. Add 1 tablespoon canola oil and heat over medium-high heat. Working in batches of 4 to 6 at a time, drop enough mixture (about 2 tablespoons) to form pancakes that are 1 1/2 inches wide into the hot oil. Cook the latkes for 3 to 4 minutes, being careful not to move them around until a nice bottom crust has formed. Turn over and cook for 3 to 4 minutes, or until browned and crisp. Transfer to the prepared baking sheet and place in the oven to keep warm. Wipe out the skillet between batches and add canola oil as needed for the remaining latkes. Serve warm.

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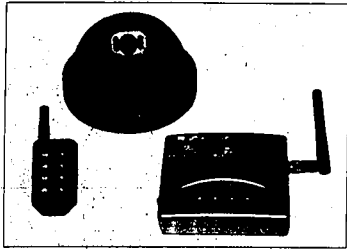
FOOD & HOME

Don't overdo the outdoor security

DEAR JIM: We need more security at home, but we don't want more floodlights which cost a lot to operate. Also, we want to avoid monitoring charges if possible. What reasonably priced security options do we have? — Marcus W.



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley



This is a wireless remote security camera kit. The images from the camera can be seen on a television inside the home.

DEAR MARCUS: Most security experts will tell you a well-lighted yard is one of the best security options. This is true; however, outdoor lights cost a lot to operate, and the electricity usage contributes to air pollution and global warming. Also, bright light reflects off plants for many animals.

Just one or two low-wattage, shielded outdoor lights in key locations in addition to motion-sensing fixtures will provide adequate deterrence at a reasonable operating cost. Other simple improvements help, such as strong window locks, thorny bushes under windows and secure door deadbolts. For example, Master Lock has a new "Night Watch" deadbolt with a switch to block the use of all keys.

A fully monitored security system is your best option if you can afford the monthly monitoring fees. With security

alarm labels on all the windows and doors, a would-be thief will have second thoughts about breaking in. If he does get in, the loud siren alarm will scare him off and alert you.

Another advantage of a monitored system is it protects you against more than just break-ins. The smoke alarms are also connected to the monitoring station. This is very helpful if a fire starts while you are away at work. If your home has flooding problems, water sensors can be installed.

Many of the major monitored security system control panels are designed to be compatible with X10 dialers if you cannot afford the monitoring service. When the

alarm is triggered, the dialer can call several phone numbers and alert them to the problem. You may want to program it to call a neighbor and you at work.

As the prices of electronic devices drop, more people are installing outdoor and indoor wireless video camera systems. These small cameras transmit a signal through walls to your television. The new KwikPeek model (Wireless Imaging) operates for several months on two AA batteries and has an on-off switch. Other indoor models, to monitor children or rooms, can be focused remotely.

Individual battery-operated sensors with a loud built-in siren do not require an expensive central control panel.

Window/door and motion-sensing models are available. Using these, you can protect key windows, doors and rooms. They are inexpensive and easy to install. The only drawback is there is no central control to turn them on and off simultaneously.

Another unique device is a barking dog alarm. When it senses someone approaching a door or window, this device emits a loud realistic barking sound. Another device can be hung on a doorknob. If someone jiggles the knob from outside, the alarm sounds.

DEAR JIM: I want to buy several electric room space heaters for my home. I can get a discount if I buy several of the same type. What is the best type and size of electric heaters to get? — Donna H.

DEAR DONNA: Selecting the best electric space heater is not as simple as it sounds. Depending upon the room sizes and the activities, you should get different heaters for each. Convection types are good for large rooms, and radiant ones are good for more focused heating.

Don't be fooled by advertisements stating huge savings and heating claims. In order to plug into a standard wall outlet, most heaters have a similar maximum output of about 1,500 watts.

Send inquiries to James Dulley: 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dulley.com.

Preserved lemons are shelf stable for shipping

The Washington Post

Question: Are preserved lemons shelf stable once they've cured, or do they require refrigeration? I'd love to make some as gifts, but I'd have to ship them. Am I better off with something else, or will the lemons arrive edible?

Answer: Good food gift. We consulted cookbook author and canning pro Nancy Baggett, since we found information that seemed contradictory.

If you have made preserved lemons following pickling procedures (in sterile jars, capped and sterilized in a boiling water bath), and the jars have not been opened, your pre-

served lemons should be OK to ship. You might want to include a note to the lucky lemon recipients with tips from cookbook author Paula Wolfert, too: Rinse the lemons thoroughly before using. The white, lacy growth that may form in the jar is harmless; discard it.

Once the jar has been opened, you can top it off with olive oil, seal tightly and refrigerate for up to six months.

It isn't easy going environmentally friendly

By Gary Dymalski
Newsday

You want a new home or a new addition. You want it to be "green," or environmentally friendly, and energy efficient, too.

To preserve trees, you'll walk on interior floors of bamboo instead of more traditional oak.

To escape the spiraling prices of natural gas and heating oil, you'll warm and cool with a geothermal heat pump. To power that heat pump, and most of the other major appliances, you'll install a photovoltaic solar roof that generates household electricity.

Good luck. You'll find dozens of contractors and installers familiar with more

traditional materials and systems but who are, well, green when it comes to building green.

And just how green is green? Is it home that uses formaldehyde-free insulation greener than a home with spray-on, expandable foam insulation?

While it's true many new-home builders and contractors are leaning green, consumers often discover that old ways die hard.

That's why the burden for going green is on the consumer, says Setuquet, N.Y., architect Peter Caradonna, president of the Long Island chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council.

"Homeowners have to be more educated, because in many cases, it's a better way

to build and live," Caradonna says. "The benefits are long-term. It's healthier, cleaner, and we leave a better world behind for our children."

So, just what is green building? Also called sustainable building, it results in structures that are designed, built, renovated or operated in an ecological and resource-efficient manner. Green buildings protect the health of people who live and work there, use water, energy and other resources more efficiently, and reduce the overall effect on the environment. The downside is that building green has increased up-front costs. But with growing concerns about global warming, toxic emissions and the volatile cost of fossil fuels, more homeowners are

expected to think green.

Consumers can rely on several organizations that monitor eco-friendly techniques and materials, including the U.S. Green Building Council, a coalition of leaders from the construction industry. The council sponsors something known as LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), a rating system that helps builders and consumers recognize various levels of green. LEED also provides a "project checklist" covering eight categories, including indoor environments, quality water efficiency and materials.

Nationally, green slowly is winning over more builders. Green construction methods conserve materials, and that translates into lower building costs.

'Family' pasta meal quick to make

By Bonnie S. Benwick
The Washington Post

When David Gius, executive pastry chef of several Washington restaurants, wanted to use up some fridge ingredients just before a family vacation, he concocted this quick and flavorful weeknight family meal — with the help of a fancy popper.

For his household's younger palates, he leaves out the pine nuts and capers. Serve with a radicchio and butter lettuce salad.

until al dente (according to package directions). Stir often to prevent sticking.

In the same medium non-stick skillet over medium heat, heat the olive oil for 1 minute. Add the asparagus tips, garlic, mustard, cracked black pepper, capers, anchovy paste and lemon zest, mixing to combine. Cook for about 3 minutes, stirring constantly, until the flavors are well married and the ingredients form a loose sauce. (The asparagus should retain a little interior crunch.) Add the toasted pine nuts and tomato halves, mixing to

combine. Drain the pasta in a colander, then add to the skillet, tossing to coat the pasta evenly with the sauce. Divide the cooled pasta among individual bowls and top with the Parmesan. Serve hot.

About anchovy paste: This product of convenience is usually made of ground anchovies, salt and sometimes sugar and its salty/fishy flavor is concentrated. Toothpaste-size tubes are available in grocery stores. A half-teaspoon of prepared anchovy paste is equal to 2 anchovy fillets. Tubes that

have been opened may be refrigerated for many months.

About storing a zested lemon: Double-wrapped in plastic wrap, a lemon whose outer skin has been removed can be refrigerated for 2 days. Better yet, immediately squeeze the juice into a resealable plastic food storage freezer bag, label and freeze for up to 4 months.

PASTA OUT OF THE CUPBOARD

- 4 servings
- 1/2 cup pine nuts
 - 2 quarts water
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
 - 8 ounces dried farfalle, or other dried pasta shape
 - 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
 - 1 cup asparagus tips
 - 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
 - 1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard
 - 1/2 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper
 - 1 tablespoon capers, drained
 - 1 tablespoon anchovy paste
 - Finely grated zest of 1 lemon
 - 10 cherry tomatoes, halved
 - 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese, for garnish

Place the pine nuts in a medium nonstick skillet over medium heat. Toast for 3 to 4 minutes, stirring constantly, until the pine nuts have browned evenly. Transfer to a small bowl and set aside. Combine 2 quarts of water and the salt in a large pot and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Add the pasta and cook for 5 to 7 minutes, or just

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FOOD & HOME

Using alcohol in roasts can be a combustible combination

Vapors in hot oven can lead to fire

By Robert L. Wolke
Special to The Washington Post

Question: Perhaps you can explain whether the explosion in my oven was due to an inherently hazardous recipe or a faulty oven. I have this wonderful cookbook and had successfully tried numerous recipes from it. Then I tried a pot roast recipe, which called for 4 cups of dry white wine and various seasonings (no other liquid).

The recipe directed that I brown the meat, then add the 4 cups of wine and bring to a simmer, then cover and bake in a 400-degree oven for two hours. Well, after about 15 minutes of roasting, I went to check on the roast. The second I opened the oven door, there was a bright flash of light followed by a loud bang. I shut the door and turned off the oven. Later, I noticed my arm was covered in ash; the hair on one arm had been singed off!

I called the fire department to get their opinion. They insisted on coming over and said that it must have been the amount of alcohol in the roasting pan.

Answer: The firefighters were correct. By following this recipe, you filled your oven with alcohol vapor, which has a penchant for either igniting or exploding when mixed with oxygen in the air.

Ethyl alcohol is more volatile than water. When a mixture of alcohol and water boils, the alcohol vaporizes preferentially, so the proportion of alcohol in the vapors is greater than it was in the liquid. Because your oven temperature was so high (and who

braises at 400 degrees, anyway?) the liquid was boiling furiously. With so much alcohol in the pot — four cups of wine contains about half a cup of pure ethyl alcohol — your oven quickly became filled with hazardous vapors, and there was a handy-dandy gas flame or red-hot electric element in there to set them off.

Whether a mixture of a combustible vapor and air can simply catch fire or actually explode depends on the proportion of that vapor in the mixture. The vapors above a mixture of alcohol and water will be higher as the percentage of alcohol in the liquid increases. Moreover, as a given mixture of alcohol and water (let's say wine) is heated, the proportion of alcohol in the vapors goes up. Thus, the vapors can be ignited when either the concentration of alcohol in the liquid or the temperature is high enough.

The lowest temperature (the so-called flash point) at which wine can form enough alcohol vapor to ignite is only about 125 degrees. So hot wine can easily produce enough alcohol vapor to catch fire.

You may have noticed that when you deglaze a hot frying pan by pouring wine into it, the wine boils to produce not only a cloud of steam, but also enough ignitable alcohol vapor to produce a brief flame. It's great fun to watch a chef do that, but when doing it at home, be prepared for the flare-up and stand back.

Diluted beverages, containing 40 to 50 percent alcohol, have flash points of only about 80 degrees. It is therefore quite easy to ignite the warm vapors of a rum or brandy flambe with only a match, or even by simply tilting the pan over a flame. Being heavier than air, the alcohol vapor will pour over the edge of the pan and down

into the flame, where it ignites. The flame then follows the vapor trail back up into the pan.

A fact that surprises many people is that after the flame has died out, as much as 80 percent of the alcohol may be left in the liquid in the flambe pan. The flame burns only until the alcohol is reduced below its flash point and then goes out.

So far, we have explained the flame in your oven. But what about the bang that followed? That has all the earmarks (or should I say arm marks) of a true explosion.

In addition to a flash point, flammable vapors have what are called explosion limits; the proportions of vapor in air that are capable of actually exploding. For ethyl alcohol vapor, the lower explosion limit is 3.3 percent by volume and the upper limit is 19 percent. Below 3.3 percent, there can be no explosion; above 19 percent, the vapors may burn but they won't explode.

It's hard to know the exact sequence of events in that fraction of a second after you opened the oven door. But it's quite probable that the incoming air made a vapor mixture somewhere within the alcohol's explosion limits, and the flame was already there to set it off as an explosion.

Moral: Any recipe that tells you to add a lot of wine and pour the pan directly into a hot oven is hazardous. The mixture must be simmered (not just brought to a simmer) on top of the stove to expel most of the alcohol before it is put into a closed chamber like an oven. Small amounts of wine, say half a cup in a quart or two of liquid, are safe, however, because at that dilution very little alcohol vapor is released when the liquid simmers or boils.

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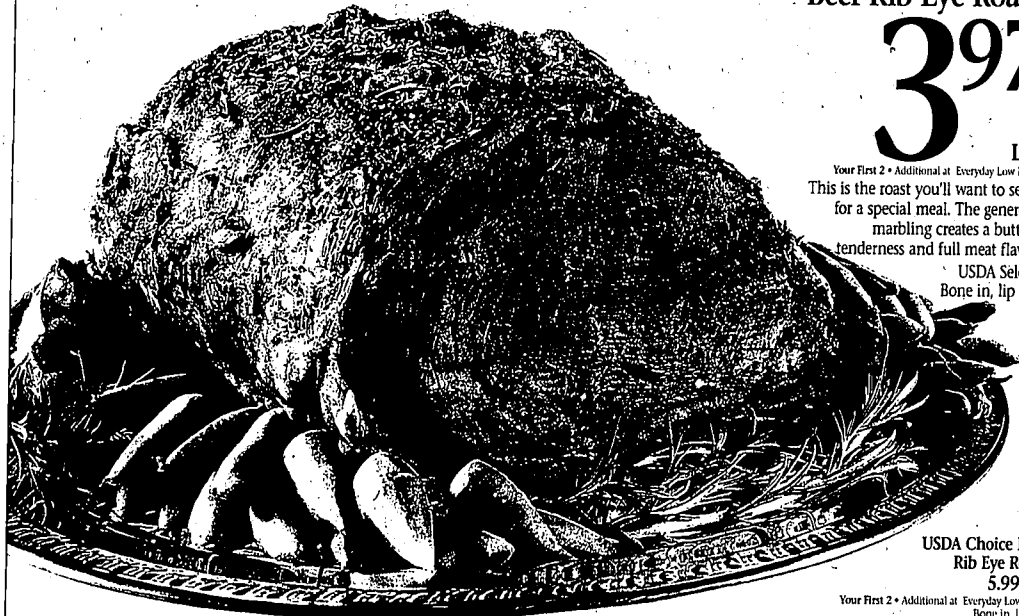
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Strategies for marathon baking to get through the holiday season

By Nick Malgieri
Special to The Washington Post

Baking holiday cookies goes so much more smoothly with the right planning. A baker's dozen tips on how to set up for a marathon session:

- Choose your recipes well in advance, but don't get too ambitious. Make a list, then eliminate a third of the recipes. Better to bake fewer kinds of fabulous cookies than a multitude of mediocre ones.

- Particularly if you're using recipes from multiple sources, photocopy them first to avoid pil-

ing books, magazines and newspapers onto crowded counters.

- Take an inventory of your ingredients. (I can't tell you how many times I've opened a cupboard and seen ginger or baking powder sitting on the shelf, only to discover later that the container was almost empty.) Look inside every ingredient container. Sniff spices to make sure they're fresh.

- Inventory your equipment, too. Make sure you have the correct pans, especially for bar cookies, which will bake up too thick or thin if you change the pan size. Check that you have cutters and other specialty equipment required. Pull out a measuring tape (useful for cutting bar cookies to size). Inspect your parchment paper or nonstick foil to make sure you have enough. And don't forget storage containers.

- Overestimate your need for staples such as flour, sugar, butter and eggs.

You might be so thrilled with the way a recipe turns out that you decide to make another batch.

- Clear out the refrigerator and freezer to make room to chill doughs and freeze baked cookies.

- Enlist the help of a friend; you'll be twice as productive. (Decide beforehand how you'll split the finished cookies, though.)

- If recipes require ingredients such as butter or cream cheese to be softened, it's safe to take them out of the refrigerator late the night before. Eggs, however, should stay in the fridge until an hour or two before using.

- Get an early start. Baking in the pre-dawn hours means you won't be distracted by the phone.

- Take care of yourself. Start with a good breakfast and plan a simple lunch in advance. (That can be as easy as making a sandwich and wrapping it up.) You'll be happy you did when you get hungry and don't need to stop

to decide what to eat — or worse, start picking at the nuts and chocolate and wind up with an upset stomach. And wear comfortable shoes that give you good support, especially if you're not used to being on your feet for hours at a time.

- Measure out all the ingredients before starting a recipe, then double-check them. Nothing is worse than putting a pan of cookies into the oven and realizing that you never added the baking powder or one of the spices.

- Prepare your pans in advance. When pans need to be buttered, use soft, not melted, butter, which coats more thickly, assuring a good release. Just put a stick of butter into a small pan or bowl with a brush, and place it near the stove.

- Measure sure you have a place for cooling baked cookies. Unless you have a really large kitchen, cover your dining table with a heatproof pad and set out some racks. Or bring out extra folding tables.

AMARETTO APRICOT CHEWS

The Washington Post

Makes about 36 cookies
Almonds and extract, not almond liqueur, flavor these cookies. Use plump, pliable apricots to help the cookies stay moist and chewy. Adapted from "The Red Hat Society Cookbook" (Rutledge Hill Press, 2006). Store the glazed cookies in an airtight container for up to 10 days.

For the chews:

- 8 ounces (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 1/2 cups quick-cooking oats (not instant)
- 1 cup coarsely chopped dried apricots
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds

For the glaze (optional):

- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 2 to 3 teaspoons water

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease baking sheets or line them with parchment paper.

For the chews: In a large bowl, using a stand mixer or electric hand mixer on medium speed, beat the butter and sugars for a few minutes until



fluffy. Add the egg, flour, salt, baking soda and almond extract, mixing well. Using a spatula, add the oats, apricots and almonds, stirring to combine. The dough will be very stiff. Drop rounded tablespoonfuls of dough, spaced about 2 inches apart, onto the baking sheets. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, until the cookies are light golden brown. Cool on the sheets for a few minutes, until they firm up slightly, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

For the glaze, if desired: Combine the confectioners' sugar and water, stirring until smooth. Spread the glaze over the cooled chews and allow to

set at least 4 hours.
Per cookie: 153 calories, 3g protein, 21g carbohydrates, 7g fat, 19mg cholesterol, 3g saturated fat, 40mg sodium, 1g dietary fiber.

BLUEBERRY AND WHITE CHOCOLATE CHUNK GINGER COOKIES

The Washington Post

Makes about 24 large cookies
These big drop cookies were among the 5 winners of EatingWell magazine's annual reader recipe competition, in the December issue. They can be stored in an airtight container for up to 3 days or in the freezer, well

wrapped, for up to 1 month.

- 1 cup flour
- 1/4 cup wheat germ
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 large egg
- 3/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/3 cup canola oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup oats, quick-cooking or old-fashioned (not instant)
- 2 ounces white chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 1/3 cup dried blueberries
- 1/4 cup crystallized ginger, coarsely chopped

Position racks in the upper and lower thirds of the oven; preheat to 375 degrees. Line 2 large rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a medium bowl, combine the flour, wheat germ, baking soda, salt and ground ginger.

In a large bowl, whisk together the egg, brown sugar, oil and vanilla extract. Add the flour mixture and combine. Add the oats, chocolate, blueberries and crystallized ginger; stir just to combine. Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls, 1 1/2 inches apart, onto the baking sheets. Bake the cookies for 8 to 10 minutes or until puffed and barely golden around the edges, rotating the pans top to bottom and front to back halfway through. Cool on the baking sheets for 2 minutes; transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

Per cookie: 119 calories, 2g protein, 11g carbohydrates, 4g fat, 9mg cholesterol, 1g saturated fat, 85mg sodium, 1g dietary fiber.

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The Washington Post

Makes 36 large cookies
These easy sugar cookies look low-key, but they have a distinctive crisp texture and, owing to fresh ginger root, an enticing spice taste that makes them memorable. Unlike many holiday cookies, these don't require rolling. Adapted from cookbook author Nancy Baggett.

The cookies can be stored in an airtight container for up to 10 days or frozen, well wrapped, for up to 2 months.

- 3 2/3 cups flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 8 ounces (2 sticks) unsalted butter, slightly softened
- 2 1/2 cups corn oil, canola oil or other flavorless vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2/3 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon minced ginger root
- 1 large egg, plus 1 large egg yolk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons finely grated lemon zest
- 1 1/3 cup sugar
- Additional red or green decorating sugar, for garnish (optional)

Position an oven rack in the upper third of the oven; preheat to 350 degrees. Lightly grease several baking sheets or line with parchment paper.

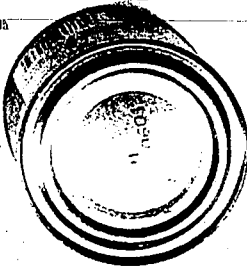
In a large bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, 1 1/4 teaspoons of the cinnamon and the salt. Set aside. In a large bowl, using a stand mixer or electric hand mixer on medium speed, beat the butter, oil, sugars and ginger for about 2 minutes, until very light and fluffy.

scraping down the bowl as needed. Add the eggs, vanilla extract and lemon zest, mixing until smooth. Reduce the speed to low and add about half the flour mixture, mixing to incorporate. By hand, add the remainder of the flour mixture, mixing well. Let the dough stand 10 minutes to firm up slightly.

Meanwhile, combine the sugar and the remaining 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon in a shallow bowl.

Divide the remaining dough into thirds, then divide each third into 12 equal portions. Roll the portions between the palms of your hands to form balls; place them on the baking sheets, spacing them about 2 inches apart. Wipe the bottom of a flat-bottomed glass lightly with vegetable oil. Dip the glass into the sugar-cinnamon mixture, then press it down on a ball to form a 2 1/4-inch round. Continue forming the cookies, dipping the jar bottom into the cinnamon sugar between each cookie and oiling it after every 2 or 3 cookies. Lightly sprinkle the cookies with more cinnamon sugar or a little colored sugar, if desired.

Bake, 1 sheet at a time, for 6 to 9 minutes or until the cookies are just light golden brown around the edges; do not overbake. Rotate the pan from front to back about halfway through baking to ensure even browning. Let cool for 2 minutes on the baking sheet, then transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool completely.



RASPBERRY GOAT CHEESE MERINGUES

The Washington Post

Makes about 30 sandwich cookies
Light, beautiful — and wheat-free. Adapted from "Gorgeous Cakes," by Annie Bell (Kyle Books, 2006).

The meringues can be stored in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks; the cookies can be assembled, covered and refrigerated a few hours before serving.

- 3 large egg whites
- 3/4 cup superfine sugar
- Pink food coloring paste (optional)
- About 3 tablespoons raspberry jam
- 4 ounces goat cheese, at room temperature

Preheat the oven to 275

degrees. Line 1 or 2 large rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper.

In the bowl of a stand mixer (with whisk attachment) on medium-high speed, beat the egg whites for a few minutes, until they are the consistency of shaving cream. Sprinkle 1 heaping tablespoon of sugar at a time over them, mixing to incorporate after each addition, until a smooth, glossy, stiff meringue forms. Add a dot of food coloring paste, if desired.

Use a dot of the meringue mixture to stick down each corner of the parchment paper on the baking sheet. Drop the mixture onto the baking sheet in 1 1/2-tablespoon amounts spaced 2 inches apart. Bake for 1 1/2 to 2 hours if you are using 2 baking sheets, rotate them top to

bottom and front to back (halfway through the baking). The meringues should be crisp on the outside and should sound hollow when tapped on the bottom. Carefully dislodge them from the paper and rest them on their sides to cool completely.

To assemble, spread half of the meringues with the jam and the other half with the goat cheese, on their flat sides. Press each jam half against a goat cheese half, resting the cookie sandwiches on their sides. Cover and refrigerate if not serving within 1 hour. Let sit at room temperature for 30 minutes before serving.

Per cookie: 36 calories, 1g protein, 6g carbohydrates, 1g fat, 2mg cholesterol, 1g saturated fat, 20mg sodium, 0g dietary fiber.

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You've got five whole days before shopping

On Dec. 23, 1776 — two shopping days before Christmas — the great American patriot and pamphleteer Thomas Paine published the following soul-stirring words:

"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from service... What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods."

The name of the day was "The Crisis," and it's long been

Two robbery suspects caught

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Police caught Freddy Heredia-Juarez after a short footrace. James Roy John Jr. offered no resistance.

With Juarez and John's arrests, police believe they nabbed two of four suspects in a rash of robberies that started at 8:43 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Oasis Stop 'N Go gas station on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

Two other suspects, Carlos Magana-Mejia and Jessie Aron Coates, remain at large.



The two arrested men were arraigned Tuesday. Both Juarez, 21, and John, 19, were charged with three counts each of felony robbery and their bails were set at \$250,000.

Four Magic Valley stores

robbed a United Oil Sinclair gas station.

The pair fled the United Oil Sinclair gas station with \$160 cash.

About 38 minutes later — at 10:38 p.m. — three men robbed a Slinker Station at 700 West Main St. in Jerome.

At 6:58 the next day, two men robbed the Snake River Federal Credit Union at 2545 Orchard Dr. E. Juarez and John have been charged in the robberies at Oasis, United Oil and the credit union.

They are being held at the Twin Falls County Jail.

"We thought the name was appropriate because it follows the theme of Horizon Elementary, which suggests that students aspire to the top."

— Jim Cobble, Jerome superintendent

'Summit' name of newest Jerome school

Jerome School Board decides on name for new elementary school

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

JEROME — Summit Elementary

That will be the name of Jerome's newest school, the school board decided Tuesday night.

"We thought the name was appropriate because it follows the theme of Horizon Elementary," said Superintendent Jim Cobble. "Which suggests that students aspire to the top."

The board selected the name from a list of four, which was narrowed down from a lengthy list that included suggested names from students, teachers, parents and other members of the community.

That list was not available Tuesday night.

"We really wanted to include everybody in the selection process," said Alice Hocklander, the principal of Central Elementary. "It was really important that we give the opportunity to anyone to help come up with the name."

The new elementary school will cost about \$9.2 million — including equipment and furnishings. It is designed to accommodate 600 students. Completion is scheduled by the end of September.

The new building will replace Central Elementary School, which was built in 1921.

Hocklander said the committee decided early in the decision making process to not use Central Elementary — the name of the existing elementary school that will be replaced by the new building. She said it was not an option because the new elementary school is an opportunity to "start over."

There also was the obvious geographical challenge — the new elementary school will not be in central Jerome.

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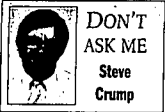
Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg*	% season peak**
Salmon	87%	28%
Big Wood	84%	27%
Little Lost	55%	20%
Big Lost	70%	22%
Little Lost	78%	27%
Henry Fork/Teton	82%	27%
Upper Snake Basin	82%	28%
Oldak	124%	36%
Salmon Falls	92%	28%

As of Dec. 19

* 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.



assumed that Paine was writing about the troubled state of the American Revolution. But maybe Tom just hadn't started his Christmas shopping.

For years, while others have driven themselves to a frenzy during the long run-up to Christmas, I have been serene. It just isn't Christmas, to my way of thinking, until it's actually Christmas.

So I don't do my shopping the month before Christmas, one week before Christmas or the day before Christmas. I do my shopping on Christmas.

Thanks to 7-Eleven and its competitors, that's actually possible in this day and age. And don't listen to the propaganda spread by a current TV advertisement that has a last-minute shopper giving his wife protein powder and his daughter batteries on Christmas morning.

According to 7-Eleven, the typical convenience store carries more than 2,500 items. That's more stuff than you'll find under Paris Hilton's Christmas tree.

But you gotta be outside the box. 7-Eleven claims to sell the most Sports Illustrated magazines, cold beer, cold bottled water, cold Gatorade, fresh-grilled hot dogs, single-serving chips and many other items available in the U.S. All make dandy gifts; none require gift-wrapping.

And then there are matchbooks, motor oil and frozen burritos, which I guarantee your gifts will be getting from the store. Use. And ramen, available in a variety of flavors at fine c-stores everywhere, is the gift that keeps on giving because it lasts forever and nobody ever actually eats it.

You might even give an all-microwave Christmas: Lipton Cup-a-Soup, Easy Mac, Quaker Quick 'n Hearty Oatmeal, and nachos and Velveta with a fine Nalley's canned chili salsa.

Don't neglect prepaid phone cards and gasoline gift certificates — or if you're feeling generous, actual petrol in a cheerful, bright red two-gallon plastic gas can.

Or consider the incredible, edible egg. Eggs are obtainable at any price by 10 o'clock Christmas morning — the supermarkets are closed, remember? Show up at midnight on Christmas Eve, buy up every egg you can find and corner the market.

Finally, quarters make a nice present — nobody ever has enough of them — and the change machine at Xtrane Clean car wash takes both \$1 and \$5 bills.

Sometimes, you'll even find gift items around your own home or in public places, or by cleaning your car. Packages of soy sauce, for example, and plastic car-window ice-scrappers. (I personally no longer give ashtrays because fewer than 25 percent of Americans smoke and because bars sometimes object when you stick their ashtrays into your coat pockets and walk out the door.)

But really, Christmas isn't about material things. You can always make a donation to the Idaho Lottery on behalf of a loved one.

In which case, you'll also learn that Christmas is about wonder.

Wonder if the Sents in your car, where you'll be spending Christmas night, retire fully?

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Little helpers



Kindergartners at Lincoln Elementary School walk past their class project, Pay It Forward Christmas, Tuesday afternoon in the main hall of the school. Kindergarten teachers challenged students and their families to do something nice for someone outside of their family.

Kindergartners learn spirit of giving by helping others

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

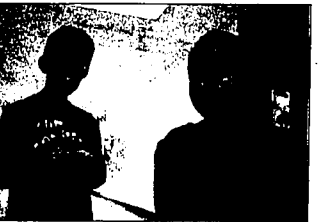
TWIN FALLS — The shopping cart was almost twice as big as 6-year-old Esmeralda Gonzalez, but she was still determined to help carry an elderly lady's groceries to her car.

Spencer Marshall, who is also 6 years old, baked blueberry muffins for his neighbor who just had a baby.

Like Santa's elves, Kindergartners from Lincoln Elementary School were trying to help make Christmas a little brighter for people in Twin Falls.

It was all part of a new holiday program at the elementary school known as "Pay It Forward," where kindergartners were asked to do something charitable for someone else in the community.

Don't Stevens, a kindergarten teacher at Lincoln Elementary, heard about the idea from an episode of Oprah, where people were



Kindergartners Spencer Marshall and Esmeralda Gonzalez talk about their good deeds done through their Pay It Forward class project.

asked to spend \$1,000 doing something charitable for others. Stevens shared the idea with All Ramey and Ashley Borron, two other kindergarten teachers at Lincoln, and they decided to try it out in their classrooms.

Although the kindergartners were not given \$1,000, they did have a little help from their parents.

explaining each kindergartner's experience were taped to the wall outside the students' classroom — each letter describing charitable acts that were almost comical.

One girl vacuumed the house of an elderly woman — the attached photo showed the girl pushing a vacuum that towered over her. Marshall wrote about delivering muffins to his neighbor, and how tempting it was to eat one. But his heart was bigger than his appetite, so all the muffins made it to his neighbor's house.

"I helped a lady carry her groceries into her car," Gonzalez said. "It made me feel good."

When asked how she managed to carry the bags herself, she said, "Well, my daddy did it." But she pushed the cart.

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Two Utah men arrested on methamphetamine charges

Times News

TWIN FALLS — Two Ogden, Utah, men are facing pending federal charges and multiple local charges after trying to sell a pound of methamphetamine in Twin Falls for \$12,000, authorities said Monday.

Alfonso Mendoza-Cruz, 22, and Jorge Cisneros-Jimenez, 20, have both been charged with delivery and trafficking of methamphetamine and illegal possession of firearms.

Bond for each was set at \$250,000. Their next court appearance was scheduled for 9 a.m. Dec. 29.

Narcotics investigators from the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office learned Saturday that someone from Ogden wanted to sell a pound of methamphetamine, according to a statement from the department.

The department said:

- Investigators arranged to meet with the men from Utah at an overlook in Twin Falls. At

gators a plastic sandwich-type bag that contained a white crystal substance.

"The two men were taken into custody. After a search of the car, investigators recovered 17 packages of methamphetamine totaling 1.06 pounds. It has an estimated value of \$100,000, according to police."

• A loaded 22-caliber revolver also was found stuffed between the center console and the passenger seat.

about 8 p.m. Saturday, a green Plymouth with Utah plates pulled into the overlook.

- Mendoza talked investi-

OBITUARIES

Robert J. Coiner

TWIN FALLS — Robert J. Coiner, 84, of Twin Falls, passed away Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006, at his home.

He was born Dec. 1, 1922, on a farm east of Silver City, Iowa, the son of Arch and Zylpha Coiner.



He was preceded in death by his sister, Betty; his son, Steven Robert Coiner and his parents. He is survived by his wife, Betty A. Coiner; his daughter, Linda K. Coiner; Butler of Honorable John K. Butler of Twin Falls; his grandaughter, Sasha Joy Ackley (Linda Ackley) of Santa Ana, Calif.; and two great-granddaughters, Hanley Elizabeth Ackley and Addison Joy Ackley.

In 1928 Arch and Zylpha moved from Iowa to Idaho. Bob attended grade school in Kimberly and high school in Twin Falls. He graduated from Pomona College in Claremont, Calif. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps for 42 months, and for 22 months he was stationed in Europe as an Army Air Corps pilot.

Bob married Betty Johnson in 1946. They farmed west of Twin Falls for 43 years before retiring in 1989. After retiring, Bob and Betty moved into the city of Twin Falls in 1990. While farming, Bob served as president of the Idaho Potato Producers Association and the Idaho Bean Commission for 15 years, including as chairman for a period of time. He was also a member of the Idaho Food Producers Association and held the position of president.

Bob, during his life, was very active in his community. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and served as an elder on three different occasions. He was a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Twin Falls and served as president in 1982. He was a member of the Twin Falls Toastmasters Club No. 149 for many years. He served as board member of the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation. Bob was also a member of the Blue Lakes Country Club and served a term on the board, although Bob was the golfer of the couple. Lastly, during the summer months he would serve as a volunteer at the visitor center at the Perrine Memorial Bridge.

Before and after retirement, both Bob and Betty loved to travel and Bob would plan many travels which included England, Europe, South America, the South Pacific, Africa and the Middle East. Bob was always the "man with the plan." As a farmer, Bob's recognition and understanding of the Middle East was remarkable. He was president of Redfish Lake Enterprises for 12 years, which operated the Redfish Lake Lodge. He was also president of Media 5 Inc., which built and ran KMTV-TV. In 1982, Bob and Betty built a vacation home in Sawtooth City (Smiley Creek), where he and Betty have enjoyed many years in the Sawtooth Mountains.

Bob had a passion for putting together historical slide presentations, including the Middle East, but perhaps his most memorable was that of the Bonneville Flood. His presentations were presented to many around Idaho and, in fact, his presentation of the Bonneville Flood resulted in a video presentation prepared by the College of Southern Idaho.

Bob will certainly be missed by his friends and family, but our memories of Bob will live on.

The family suggests charitable donations to the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation or a charity of your choice.

A memorial service for Bob will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

LaVonne Green

RUPERT — LaVonne B. Green, 89-year-old Rupert resident, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, at Countryside Care and Rehabilitation Center in Rupert.



She was born April 8, 1917, in North Platte, Neb., the daughter of James and Alice Teresa Baker Campbell. She moved with her family to Glens Ferry and later to Jerome. She attended school in Jerome, where she graduated in the eighth grade. At that time, the family moved to Clayton, Idaho, where they had a ranch on the Salmon River. LaVonne attended beauty school in Twin Falls and after graduation, she got a job and moved to Burley.

She married Jesse Milton Stevenson on Nov. 3, 1940, in Burley. He preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 1956. She married Darwin Green on July 7, 1951, in Elko, Nev. They moved to Rupert and built a new home. LaVonne and Darwin divorced in 1959. Upon moving to Rupert, she opened The Fashion Beauty Salon, where she worked for more than 40 years. LaVonne was a foster parent for the state of Idaho for 15 years. She was a member of the Rupert First Christian Church. LaVonne enjoyed crocheting and shared angios with all of her family. She also

enjoyed sewing, coramies and blown-glass decorating.

Survivors include a son, Gary (Linda) Stevenson of Rupert; a daughter, Suzanne (William) Patrick of Boise; a daughter-in-law, DeAnn Stevenson of Pingree; 14 grandchildren, Jamie (Joe) Larsen and Heather (Josh) Harper, all of Burley; Tammi (Fred) Leoni of Heyburn; Steve Pavkov, Joe (Andrea) Stevenson, Jess Robert P., (Catherine) Stevenson, all of Rupert; Stiane (Valerie) Stevenson of Caldwell; Caitlin Campbell Patrick and Brieanna Marie Patrick, both of Boise; Thelma Lynn Stevenson and Tiffany Stevenson, all of Meridian; Lavn (Nick) Miller of Portland, Ore.; Samantha Stevenson of Pingree; and Krista (Josh) Cernyan of Pingree; 17 great-grandchildren; three nieces, Sheri Hettenbach of Kimberly, and Terrel (Jim) Conway and Phyllis Hitchcock, both of Winnemucca, Nev.; she was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Keith Stevenson; two sisters, Thelma Anderson and Gladys Schoenfeld; and a brother, LaVern Campbell.

The funeral will be held at 12 noon Friday, Dec. 22, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, with bishop's counselor Gary L. Stevenson officiating. Burial will be in the Glen Memorial Gardens in Burley. Friends are invited to the funeral one hour prior to the funeral on Friday.

Irving G. Wood

TWIN FALLS — Irving G. Wood, 89, passed away peacefully in his home Monday, Dec. 18, 2006.

Irving was born Feb. 15, 1917, in Sidney, Neb. In 1935, he married Opal L. Wood. The same year, Irving also began working for Edwin Step-man, owner of a plunger auto parts store in Twin Falls. Irving bought him out in 1945 and continued to own and operate Step-Ken Auto Parts until he sold in 1956.

Irving is survived by Opal, his wife of 71 years; son, Kip Wood and his wife Nancy of Twin Falls; daughter, Valerie

Deininger and her husband Dan of Helena, Mont.; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The family would like to Thank First Choice Hospice for its support and care of Irving the last four months.

Friends and flowers, please send donations to First Choice Hospice, 147 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

A private service with only immediate family members will be held in Irwin's arrangements were under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Esther Moncher Whiting

RUPERT — Esther Moncher Whiting passed peacefully from this life on Dec. 14, 2006, at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital.



She was born May 21, 1916, in Telluride, Colo., to Joseph and Edith Moncher. Her Ytrelean lineage was a source of pride and the reason that the family finally settled in southern Idaho. Her parents emigrated from northern Italy to Pennsylvania, where her father worked as a miner, later moving to Colorado where Esther was born. The family moved to the mines of Kennewick, Wyo., where her sister, Josephine, was born. They then settled north of Rupert on the farmstead that remains with the family today. The farm was nestled in the midst of a local Italian community of immigrants from the Trentino Province, connecting the Gabardi, Dalry, Botti, Bondalman, Asby, Moncher and other similar families in proximity and culture.

She attended school in the Pioneer District and graduated from Rupert High School. Under the tutelage of their mother, Esther and her sisters were attentive to their academic education and also learned the enduring lessons of compassion and propriety. They were recognized as being impeccably dressed, socially engaging and unusually well spoken. After graduating from high school, she furthered her education at the University of Idaho, earning a primary grades teaching certificate.

She returned to Rupert and was hired as an elementary school teacher in 1936 by the Heyburn School Superintendent J.W. Whiting. His son, Jack Whiting, later married Esther. She continued teaching in Heyburn while Jack enrolled at the University of Idaho to study agriculture. From those early years and for the rest of her life, she cher-

ished the friendship of Jack's sister, Annie Whiting Zaharis, and spent winters with her in California after Jack's death. Esther and Jack's family joined him in north Idaho as he finished his education, and Esther followed him to his military duty stations during World War II. After his discharge, they lived in Southern California for the war effort and moved to Shelley, Idaho, after the Armistice. Jack and Esther recognized their calling as educators while in eastern Idaho. They both taught school in Shelley and established themselves in the community.

When Esther's mother became ill, they returned to the family farm in Rupert and to employment with the Mindoka County School District. Esther taught literature, language, poetry and in the middle-grades, and was an enduring influence on the countless students who were enriched by her mentoring. She retired from teaching after 34 years. Following her retirement, she continued to volunteer her service to the school district by tutoring at Memorial Elementary.

Above all else, Esther was a teacher. Her passion for the profession was recognized by her contemporaries. She was named Idaho Teacher of the Year in 1970 and honored as an Outstanding National Educator in 1973. She was acknowledged as Mindoka County School District Retired Teacher of the Year. Her dedication to her career has been recognized by the International Reading Association, Adult Literacy Program, and Mini-Cassia Reading Council. In her retirement, her compassion took her to service at Mindoka Memorial Hospital, where she served with the Pink Ladies for many years.

While the Whiting had no children of their own, Esther raised multiple generations of area youth and inspired many of them beyond childhood. She is survived by a legion of them. She is also survived by her sister, Josephine St. Nicholas of Oxford, Miss., with whom she shared a lifelong friendship that extended beyond

that of most sisters. She is also survived by a nephew, Dr. Joseph J. St. Marie and fiancée, Amanda Feldhaus of Gulfport and Oxford, Miss. On the Whiting side, she is survived by two sisters-in-law and three nephews.

Memorials in her name may be made to the local Special Olympics, St. Nicholas Parish, Mindoka Memorial Hospital Volunteers or the charity of your choice.

Rosary will be recited on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. The funeral will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 11 a.m. at the church with interment to follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Family and friends may call at the church one hour prior to the funeral and rosary. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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Merlin P. Roberts

TWIN FALLS — Merlin P. Roberts, 65, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 22, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Twin Falls, with Pastor Jerry Kester officiating. A viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. A funeral also will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, at the Greenleaf Friends Church, 20535 Academy 2nd in Greenleaf, with burial to follow at the Greenleaf Cemetery. A viewing for friends and family will be held on from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, 523 Cleveland Blvd. in Caldwell.

Dale E. Bowser

BUIH — Dale E. Bowser, 62, of Buhl, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, at his home near Buhl. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 22, at the First Baptist Church in Castleford. A full obituary will appear in Thursday's newspaper.

Sharon K. Corey

JEROME — Sharon K. Corey, 62, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, at her home in Jerome. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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OBITUARIES

Catherine S. Parker

TWIN FALLS — Catherine S. Parker, 99, of Twin Falls, died Dec. 15, 2006, at the Alterra Wynwood Retirement Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.



Born Catherine Sophia Andersen in Petersburg, Utah, on Jan. 15, 1907, she was the third daughter of Otto Andrew and Ane Mareta Andersen. She was raised in Arbon Valley and finished high school in Pocatello, Idaho.

(Arden) of Jerome and Sally Creilly (Ed) of Oak Harbor, Wash.

After being widowed, she married Lynn M. Parker. He brought to their marriage three sons, Dee Parker of Provo, Utah, Boyd Parker (Barbara) of Shady Cover, Ore., and Zane W. Parker (Jeanne) of Burley. She has 19 grandchildren, 58 great-grandchildren and 38 great-great-grandchildren.

She made many beautiful quilts and afghans that are enjoyed by her children and grandchildren. She and Lynn were active in The Church of Jesus' Christ of Latter-day Saints. After he retired, they served a mission in the Little Rock and Tulsa Mission. They left Twin Falls when they were

called to serve in the Idaho Falls Temple and were there for many years. When they returned, they settled in Jerome but frequented the Boise Temple.

Catherine was preceded in death by her two husbands; a son, Robert Glenn Poppie (age 6); a daughter-in-law, Ilene Parker; and a son-in-law, Paul Carlson. She was the last of her family and was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and one brother.

The funeral service will be held Friday, Dec. 22, at 2 p.m. at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with Bishop Zane W. Parker officiating. Interment will be held following the service at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls.

Friends may call for one hour prior to the service. All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

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Dorothy Goldma Lancaster Stroud

FILER — Dorothy Goldma Lancaster Stroud. God is getting a very special lady. She died on Dec. 18, 2006, of a short illness at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, with her daughter and son-in-law by her side; she was 90 years old.



She was born at Filer, Idaho, on July 27, 1916, to Clarence and Goldma Pagen Lancaster. Dorothy graduated from the eighth grade at Poplar Hill School south of Filer and from Filer High School, the Class of 1934. She then attended Link's Business College in Twin Falls.

She married Warren W. Stroud on Dec. 21, 1939, in Filer.

Mom was a 50-year member of Miriam Rebekah Lodge No. 86, Filer Grange, Syringa Club and Mary Time Club. She cooked for Kwanis, Heritage Retirement Center for years.

She was the best cook and was always in demand for her

cooking. Dad and Mom farmed all of their lives. Mom liked to cook, had a huge garden, sewed for her daughter and granddaughters and did needlework.

The family would like to thank all her friends and people who helped with her care the last few years.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Warren Stroud in 1994; an infant son that passed away in 1949; her parents; stepmother; and three brothers, Richard, Rex and Raymond Lancaster. Surviving are one daughter, Corinne (Larry) Smith of Filer, Idaho; three granddaughters, Regina (Jim) Marker of Middleton, Idaho, Kimberly (Justin) Plante of Kimberly, Idaho, and Beverly (Rick) Cruz of Carlsbad, Calif.; a special brother-in-law, Earl (Emma Lou) Stroud of Douglas, Wyo.; and sisters-in-law, Lucille and Audrey.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," with Paul Remealy and Pastor Noel Morfin officiating. Burial will

follow at the Filer Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Filer United Methodist Church, in care of Mary VanPatten, 3720 N. 2544 E., Twin Falls, ID 83301 or given to mortuary staff.

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Sharon K. Sligar

TWIN FALLS — Sharon K. Sligar, a wonderful, caring and giving, wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend to many, left this world on Dec. 15, 2006, at the age of 65, to be with our Heavenly Father.



Sharon was born April 2, 1941, in Boise, Idaho, to Clarence and Ruby Orton. She attended school in Boise and upon graduation from high school in 1960, Sharon attended technical school at Link's School of Business. After finding that office work was not her calling, she attended college at Boise State College, where she received her teaching certificate. While attending college, she met Paul Douglas Sligar, and they were married in August of 1964. They lived in Mazing, where she taught grade school. Then in 1968, they moved to Filer, where Paul and Sharon had made their living as farmers ever since. After the passing of her husband in June of 2006, Sharon continued to help manage the farm with her son Paul Jr. In August, Sharon was diagnosed with cancer and was no longer able to work around the farm.

Along with supporting her family, she was active in the surrounding community. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and an active member of the Filer American Legion Post Auxiliary. She was an active supporter of the International Order of Job's Daughters (Bethel 19), where she helped with fundraising and mentoring young women. She was active in both the Filer First Baptist Church and the Rock Creek Community Church by serving on various boards and committees. Sharon was also very supportive of her husband's activities with the El Korah Shrine.

Sharon was a very active woman that had many interests. She enjoyed her time hunting and fishing with her family, but some of her favorite hobbies were sewing and crafting. She made various sewing projects and donated them to the Boise Veterans Hospital. Her ultimate joys were spending time with her

grandchildren and traveling with her husband. Sharon and Paul traveled south every year until they were not able, to Arizona to enjoy the sunshine and spend quality time together.

Sharon leaves behind many family and friends whom she loved very much. She is survived by her mother, Ruby Townsend of Boise; a sister, Judy (Steve) Tegnell of Ola; a brother, Clarence (Sandy) Orton of Boise; two children, Paul (Brenda) Sligar Jr. of Twin Falls and Stephanie (William) Huber of Carlisle, Ohio; grandchildren, Amanda Telleria and Treyvan Sligar of Twin Falls, Lauren Huber of Carlisle, Ohio, and many, nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, Clarence Orton; and her partner, husband and love, Paul Sligar.

Sharon was an extremely giving woman. She was always there to help, visit when you were sick and give of her time when she had none to give. Her selflessness and caring was a shining example to her children and her friends of her unending faith in God. Her thoughtfulness and caring ways touched many lives in so many ways. She will be missed by all that knew and loved her.

A service of remembrance will be held on Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. at the Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Drive in Twin Falls, Idaho. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations be directed to the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital, Fairfax Road at Virginia Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84103, or the Rock Creek Community Church. All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

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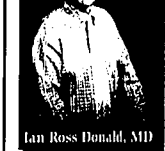
Bernhard, renowned photographer, dies at 101

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ruth Bernhard, a renowned photographer whose black-and-white images of compelling shapes from female nudes to seashells was regarded as still-life art, died Monday. She was 101.

Bernhard died in her San Francisco apartment, according to the city Medical Examiner's Office.

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Junior Porter

EAGLE — Junior Porter was born on April 9, 1928, to Chester A. and Eunice Porter in Pícbabo, Idaho. He passed away on Dec. 18, 2006, in Eagle after a long illness.



The funeral will be under the direction of Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel at the Followers of Christ Church in Marsing on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 11 a.m. (Directions: one mile west of Marsing on the main highway through town;

turn right on Edison Road. Go north 1.5 miles to the church on the right). Interment will be at the Dry Creek Cemetery in Boise (off Hill Road) at 2 p.m. The viewing will be held at Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, 5400 Fairview Ave. in Boise today, from 2 until 8 p.m.

Junior was a lifelong member of the Followers of Christ Church. Junior attended the Star School in Bellevue and lived, with his family on Baseline Road.

He married Dorothy Floyd in 1949, and they had a daughter, Freda Kathleen (Kathy) in 1951,

and a son, William in 1953. Dorothy and William passed away in 1953. He married Hazelle Marie Luthm-Edwards on April 6, 1954, and became Jacki Darlene Edwards' new dad. Junior and Hazelle then had a daughter, Valerie Jeanne. Junior, Hazelle and the girls lived in Boise in the north end. Junior worked for many years at Gate City Steel. He started his excavation business, and he and Hazelle moved to Meridian. He also operated Porter's Quality Meats on Rose Hill in Boise.

Hazelle passed away in 1991. Junior married Phyllis Castle-

Baldwin in October 1991, and they lived in Eagle until his death. Junior and Phyllis enjoyed their families together and especially their grandkids and great-grandkids.

Junior is survived by his loving wife, Phyllis; his daughter and son-in-law, Jacki and Clyde Sevy; his daughter and son-in-law, Valerie and Dick Brooks; his son-in-law, Tommy Heron and his wife Barbara; Phyllis' children, daughter and son-in-law, Lana and Lyle Grunden; son and daughter-in-law, Craig and Shauna Baldwin; daughter and son-in-law, Shauna and Scott Eells.

The grandkids and great-grand kids that lit up their Grandpa Junior's life are: Lori (Rod) Brooks and their kids, Jordan, Colt, Chloe, Bonnie, Zane and Zeke; Amy (Les) Loucks and their kids, Kyle, Les, Colby, Ryce and Kimmie; Kerri (Benji) Young and their kids, Madison and Grandpa Junior's namesake Porter; Holly (Tiger) Milburn and their son, Heath; Luke and Lisa Grunden; Steven, Teresa, Laura, Jeffery and Vickie Eells; and Candice, Summer and Desiree Baldwin and Robert Baldwin-Meksch. Junior is also survived by his brothers, Gene (Daisy) Porter,

Marvin (Lola) Porter, Claude Porter, Clyde (Chris) Porter, Mick (Donna) Porter and Howard (Carol) Porter; sisters, Dee Yehle, Bonnie Velasquez and Carolyn (Fred) Wright; and many nieces, nephews, extended family and his special church family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Dorothy; son, William; second wife, Hazelle; daughter, Kathy; and brother, Merle Porter.

Junior was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle who will be missed by many people who loved him and whom he loved very much.

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Being Santa

His career has its joys and tribulations

By Patricia Kitchen
Newsday

Those of us past the age of 12 may see Santa as jolly, roly-poly, fixed in time. But today's Santa — just like the rest of us — has to be concerned with career development and keeping up with the times.

Yes, the bar is rising for Santa and his team of helpers. So in contrast to that low-tech, beneath-the-belt, though somewhat oblivious gift-bearer of yore, we now see Santa:

- Writing blogs, talking on cell phones and using Excel spreadsheets;
- Getting from one place to another via slightly extreme modes of transportation, as he now makes some entrances by parachute and, in his off time, may tot around on a Harley Davidson Super Glide;
- Joining professional Santa associations and attending workshops to learn about board-grooming, marketing and media relations.

Oops — Santa has even found some of his less discreet moments shared with the world on YouTube.com.

A Santa Claus of yesteryear could not make it by today's standards," Santa Jim said a few days back in a conference room at the Roosevelt Field mall in Garden City, N.Y. He agreed to speak about his career before taking his seat of honor on the mall's Santa Claus set — where photos are taken of Santa with the children who come to whisper to him their deepest wishes.

As we all know, the real Santa lives and works at the North Pole, but he has been

known to hire helpers to fill in for him. Many of them belong to the Amalgamated Order of Real Bearded Santas, an organization based in Riverside, Calif., and founded 14 years ago that has seen membership rise from 300 to 1,100 in the past three years, according to Santa Tim Connaghan, 5th, the group's executive director.

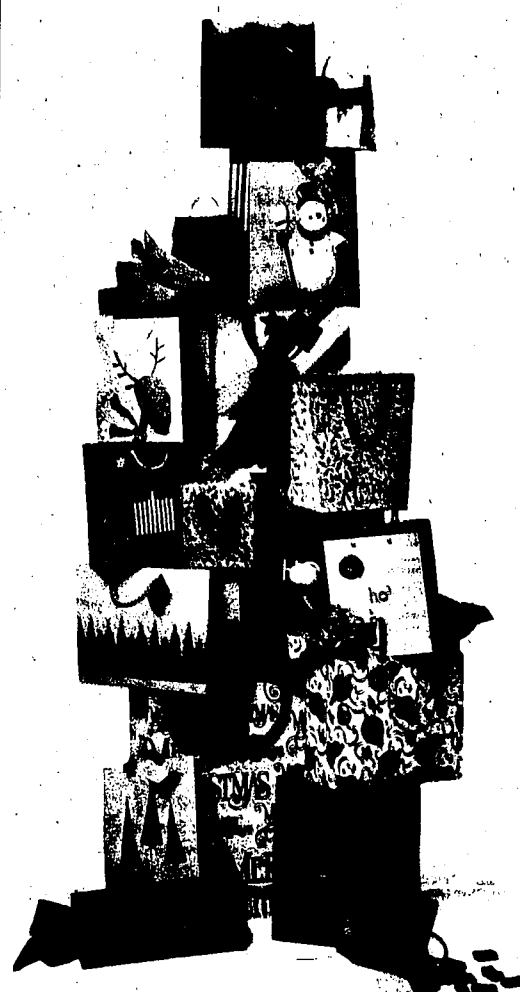
It seems safe to say that a major driver for that growth is the Internet, as is the case with all our careers. Just as children can track online Santa's progress on Christmas Eve, so can Santas find job opportunities on Santajobs.com — and even share tips and camaraderie in spaces like the RealSantas MSN message board.

"We have become professionalized," said Santa Jim, who is celebrating his 50th year as Santa's helper. "We are constantly trying to upgrade ourselves."

Those who hope to make a fast buck by sitting in a red suit in a mall chair and belting a hearty ho-ho-ho are in for a big surprise, says Santa Jim. He's also known as Jim Hechehbech, 76, a retired insurance executive who apart from November and December, when he presides over the Santa set at Roosevelt Field, lives in Florida and helps interview and train Santas for the Arvada, Colo.-based Noerr Programs Corp., which staffs 169 malls in the United States.

Of course, he says, the basics are timeless: "You have to love children and love to bring happiness to people and be willing to give of yourself for many hours to make that happen."

So with all that in mind, let's look at some of the career issues that Santa faces on his job.



Gift bags to gift wrap: We're winning!

By Jera Kocis

The Washington Post

The gift bags are winning.

Major retailers and manufacturers report that sales of more than 400 million bags this year should top the total spent for traditional wrapping paper. They've already outstripped traditional wrap and ribbon for birthdays and baby showers. Now, industry experts say, they're ready to bag the big Kahuna: December.

"Consumers have less and less time, and anything you can do to make things easier, the consumer will go down that road, especially if you make it look nice," says Bet David, senior designer at Hallmark, which produces more than 1,500 styles of gift bags for various occasions. At Hallmark's 4,000 Gold Crown Stores, gift bags with handles will be the No. 1 choice of shoppers this year, she says.

John Saxton, editor-in-chief of trade publication Giftware News, says bags are now sold anywhere people shop, from liquor stores to drugstores. "In the rush, nash, rush of life, people barely have time to buy a gift, let alone wrap it," he says.

If this keeps up, the ritual of staying up past midnight on Christmas Eve wrestling with paper and tape and ribbon will become a ghost of

Bags aplenty

The Christmas and Hanukkah gift bags in the photo tower come from the Container Store, Hallmark Gold Crown Stores, Kmart and Target. The Caspari bags at the bottom are available in the Washington area at the Paper Store, English Trading Company stores, Wegman's and Mesmerella's in McLean, Va.

— The Washington Post

Christmas past. (And so might holiday surprises, because bags offer no protection at all against peekers.) But in this drive-by world, the lure of tossing a gift in a bag, crinkling tissue on top and signing the (now standard) pre-attached gift tag is proving too great for time-crunched consumers willing to pay a bit more.

"I give everything away in gift bags. Maybe it's because I'm a guy. I'm lazy and my wrapping is terrible," says Carl Snyder, president of Yakey Sak, maker of this year's innovation: singing gift bags that, when opened, play "Jingle Bells" or the "Dreidel Song."

"They are easier, you don't have to wrap and tape, and you don't have to make a bow," says Laverne Crabson, who was loading up on a recent buying trip to a

Washington Container Store, where the designs of more than 100 vendors are on sale. "I consider the bag as part of the gift."

Gift bags have another point in their favor: You don't tear them apart when you open them. Refiging gift bags can make environmentalists feel all fuzzy inside. A bag can make several grand appearances (with fresh tissue paper, of course) so they stay out of landfills longer. Bags are also pressed into service as upscale lunch bags or dry cleaning carryalls. Antonia Balazs, who lives in Washington, cuts them up to make collage-style birthday cards for friends.

Figures compiled by trade publication Gifts & Decorative Accessories track the \$4 billion wrapping business and the explosion of gift bags in the past two decades. A few manufacturers, such as Sample House in Dallas, were making plain brown Kraft paper gift totes in the 1960s, but it wasn't until the 1980s that mainstream companies joined in. The first Hallmark bag hit the market in 1987. Birthday party goody bags took off in the 1990s, and bags for baby showers, weddings and birthdays were close behind. The bag became a staple in most households' stashes of gift-wrapping products.

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Did the three kings bear gift receipts

By Marvin Hassett
Special to
The Washington Post

When Caspar, Balthazar and Melchior arrived at the manger on the first Christmas, they set a precedent for every Christmas to come: Most of the gifts they brought were, at first glance, terrible.

Caspar, what were you thinking? Myrrh? The resin from a tiny shrub was used for embalming. It would be like presenting your bundle of joy with Dr. Science's Junior Mortuary Kit.

Balthazar's gift of frankincense was the first of many billions of thoughtless perfume presents. If you want to show someone you love them and have less than a minute to shop, buy them perfume. Fortunately, Melchior came through. The Holy Family with the gift that classical economics has long suggested is best: gold. In other words, he gave them the money.

The merits of this seemingly wise decision, as opposed to those of giving specific gifts, have been hotly contested in economic research circles of late. If you're scratching your way through a holiday gift list, you may want to enter the latest evidence into your shopping calculations.

Some social scientists argue that too few of us take Melchior's logical step. One survey found that only about 9 percent of Christmas gifts are cash. Gift cards, which are like cash, have been surging in popularity but will probably account for only 5 percent of holiday sales this season. This drives economists crazy for a simple reason. Perhaps the most important tenet of the knowledge is that people know their own preferences best. If you give someone money, she can go out and buy exactly what she wants. If you give her a gift, you may luck out and pick what she would have purchased herself. Odds are, though, that you'll give her something she values less.

So holiday gift giving is highly inefficient. Wharton School economist Joel Waldfogel came up with some staggering numbers in his 1992 study, "The Deadweight Loss of Christmas," published in the American Economic Review.

Surveying college students, he found that people tended to prefer their own choices to gifts they received — 10 percent to 33 percent more, in fact. So up to 33 percent of holiday sales can be thought of as wasted. Based on a National Retail Foundation (NRF) holiday sales forecast of \$457 billion for this year, this amounts to an annual loss to Americans of a whopping \$152 billion because of gifts.

And people seem to give particularly disappointing presents during the holidays. According to the NRF, 8.8 percent of gifts will be returned after the

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Drake Perkins, right, dilates his visit with Santa Claus Monday at Northland Mall in Sterling, Ill.

Santa's advice for a perfect visit

Newsday

Yes, you may have to stand in line for hours to have a photo taken of your child sitting on Santa's lap. Santa Jim at the Roosevelt Field mall on Long Island offers these thoughts on how to make the experience go more smoothly:

- Follow the lead of parents who have prepared their young children for the experience: Rehearse at home so the kids will get accustomed to sitting on someone's lap and smiling at the camera.

- Needles to say, it's wise to cut off intake of liquids ahead of the Santa visit. Likewise, visit the restroom before get-

ting in line. It's best, too, that children eat well in advance. Eating too close to the Santa visit means a full stomach, and that can make a child feel like napping.

- While waiting in line, take the chance to engage with other parents and children. Time passes much faster that way, and you can help one another engender a spirit of enthusiasm.

- Despite the bustle, pressure and tedium of the wait, make an effort to enjoy the moment. After all, Santa says, this window of time to share the magic with your kids goes by so quickly.

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Gifts

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 holidays, up from the average of 7.3 percent during the rest of the year.

If Waldfoegel's numbers were the end of the story, the scale of the loss caused by Christmas would be so enormous that a law banning Christmas gifts could deliver about as much economic benefit as significant tax reform. All \$152 billion is about 1.3 percent of the total U.S. economy.

Fortunately for those who love Christmas, some interesting work at the frontier of economic research suggests that holiday gift giving may be far more beneficial than economists had previously believed.

The key insight of this new line of research is that people do not always behave like the super-rational automatons that traditional economic analysis makes them out to be. If you want to understand why holiday gift giving persists, psychology may be more important than economics.

Strikingly, sentimentality has been found to apply even to gifts given randomly in an experimental setting. In one experimental study, "Experimental Tests of the Endowment Effect and the Coase Theorem" by Nobel Prize-winning psychologist Daniel Kahneman and two co-authors, published in 1990 in the Journal of Political Economy, students at Simon Fraser University in Canada

were given coffee mugs from the college bookstore and then asked whether they would sell the mugs at prices ranging from 25 cents to \$9.25. A second group was asked whether they would buy a mug at the same prices. Those who received the gifts were possessive of their new treasures, and were coaxed into giving them up only at prices above \$7.12. Those who did not receive the mugs as gifts found them unattractive, and would buy them only if they cost less than \$3.12.

That \$4 difference is attributable to a gift's psychological value. The recipient experienced a thrill when he or she received the mug. Those who were offered a chance to buy a mug experienced no such thrill.

This shows that gift giving has the potential to generate tremendous positive value. If you select a gift that can arouse the sentimental response, the recipient will value the gift far beyond its cost.

In 1998, economists John List of the University of Chicago and Jason Shogren of the University of Wyoming wrote "The Deadweight Loss of Christmas: Comment" in the American Economic Review, a continuation of Waldfoegel's research. Their experiment was designed to identify the value that students at the University of Central Florida placed on gifts they received. The econo-

mists found, as did Waldfoegel, that when students were asked to hypothetically value their gifts, the gifts appeared to be losers. But List and Shogren went beyond the speculation and allowed the students to auction off the items to other students. They found that students were much more attached to their gifts when confronted with the possibility of having to sell them. Students exposed their gifts to auction only if the minimum price they would receive was about 27 percent higher than the gift's true cost. If that psychological value is applied to all gifts in the United States, then the net gain each year from holiday gift giving is about \$123 billion.

This gain, of course, is not available if your gift is money. A dollar will always have a psychological value of a dollar. But a specific gift can deliver so much more.

This research leads to two observations. First, you shouldn't fret too much about the likely success of your gifts. College students are a noticeably un sentimental lot. If they become emotionally attached to mugs from the college bookstore, given to them in an experimental setting, imagine how much value a wife may attach to a gift from a beloved spouse, regardless of its exact nature. You may even get away with perfume.

Second, the latest psycholog-

ical research is good news for Caspar and Bathsheba. The franktense and myrrh probably generated a textbook sentimental response in Mary and Joseph as these substances were traditionally associated with kings. The arrival of the wise men may have been the first human sign to the parents that the outside world would recognize their son as special.

Like the mug-loving college students, Mary and Joseph must have been enormously attached to their presents. According to legend, the poor carpenter and his wife never sold the valuable gifts, despite the family's financial needs. To this day, a case that purportedly contains the gifts of the magi is on display at a monastery in Greece. If the gifts truly were preserved for all time, it is

probably because the human response to Christmas gifts has changed little since that first night.

Hassett is director of economic policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute.

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Bags

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Now the choices include teensy-weensy bags designed for one gift card and jumbo bags for comforters and bicycles. There are round bags and trapezoidal bags. Wine bags are huge, elevating the presentation of even a lowly bottle of merlot.

Each year, bags get more elaborate with gold Florentine-style designs, frosted vellum dusted with glitter, Hanukkah sacks with light-up menorahs. Bags are made of velvet and trimmed with fancy tassels, beads and marabou. Price tags of \$12 and up sometimes cost more than what's inside.

Mona Williams, vice president of buying for the Container Store, says that in years past holiday bags were typically snapped up very late in the season. "It seemed like the last-minute shopper would rush in and get the bags

(priced at \$3.25 to \$9.99) after they had purchased their gifts, especially the men." These days, she says, bags start selling briskly in November, because shoppers want the biggest selection.

The sheer variety and elaborateness has spawned a new category of collector: "I love my gift bag collection, it goes so well with my gift box collection," says Elaine Lynch of Annandale, Va., who confesses to hoarding bags. "I have been known to use my favorites for immediate family members since I know they won't leave the house."

Bags have never been top sellers in Europe, according to Lisa Fingeret, president of Caspari, maker of upscale gift bags in lush papers with gold cord handles. "They are more serious about wrapping there," she says.

While some traditionalists sniff at their casualness, more

and more consumers can't resist the convenience of bags. Betsy Mandel of Chevy Chase, Md., uses them for teacher and hostess gifts. "They're perfect for when you're running out the door and you can grab a bottle of wine and stuff it in a pretty bag." She is careful not to put tape-or-stickers on them so they can be reused.

Of course, some occasions still call for a more painstakingly wrapped gift, such as presents that will sit under the Christmas tree for a while. Snoots might find it easy to squeeze between the tissue and discern the shape of an iPod or a cashmere sweater.

Then, there's the anticipation factor. Opening a gift bag can be too quick, too easy, a cheap thrill. As Hallmark's Bet David puts it, "It's hard to make up for that excitement of ripping the paper off the packages."

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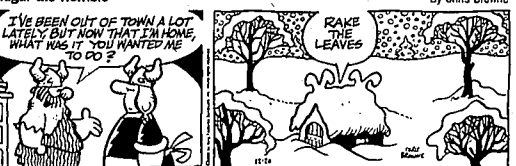
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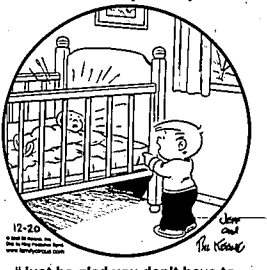
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"I'm checking Dennis' Christmas list and peeling anything that makes loud noises."

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Therapist should follow her own training and seek help



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Do you ever feel sometimes that your life is going backward instead of forward? In my early 20s, I had a life. I was engaged, going to college, hanging with my friends, loved by my family, had standards for myself and goals in my life.

As I have gotten older, I feel like all I have is a graduate degree, a good job, my health, a truck that's paid for, and wonderful, generous parents for letting me once again live with them. (Another relationship gone bad.)

Somewhere along the way, I kept losing the things that mattered to me, that kept me together, that made me who I was. And now, here I am at 28, and if I died tomorrow the only people at my funeral would be my family and some co-workers.

I am lost and I can't seem to find my way back. I don't even recognize the girl in the mirror anymore. And the saddest thing is I am a licensed therapist, trying to help other people put their lives back together while I'm still searching for mine. Ironically, I'm amazed at what I do and have a deep-seated passion for it.

Abby, how do you get a life when you've lost the one you thought you were living in?
— AT SEA IN WISCONSIN

DEAR AT SEA: All of us have down days when we feel like we are going backward instead of forward. How can we appreciate a boat of cherries if we don't encounter a few pits from time to time? Or a worm?

Being a licensed therapist (or an advice columnist, for that matter) is no guarantee that life isn't going to have its ups and downs. As human beings, we are as vulnerable to depression as the next person — and people in the helping professions are not except.

If you want to figure out where you lost your way and how to get back on track, then your best bet is to find a colleague you can talk to. (Many therapists do this.) Accept that you need a dose of therapy and embrace it. You're in the perfect position to get the help you need, so stop procrastinating.

DEAR ABBY: I am wondering what the rule of thumb is as far as giving your roommates notice that you're moving out? I know it is usually a 30-day

notice, but I never signed a lease. All I do is rent a room from a couple of my friends who own the house.

Would it be all right if I gave them a week's notice and offered to pay to the following month's rent?

— CUELESS IN ILLINOIS
DEAR CUELESS: That seems fair to me. It would be the equivalent of a month's notice and would not cause you to incur any inconvenience. However, be sure to give your notice in writing. It will eliminate any misunderstandings.

DEAR ABBY: Is it true what people say while drunk, or no? Does alcohol cause one's true feelings to come out?
— LINDA IN CRESTVIEW, FLA.

DEAR LINDA: Drinking lowers a person's inhibitions. When that happens, things he or she would not say under normal (sober) circumstances can come out.

Are they a reflection of the person's true feelings? Yes, often they are — but not always. Drinking can also distort one's sense of reality, causing the drinker to become defensive — or offensive — and react to a threat, insult or "invitation" that exists only in his-or-her added imagination.

Humans, elephants and whales make it on smartest animal list

According to (human) scientists, here's the top-ten list of the most intelligent animals on earth: humans, chimpanzees, gorillas, orangutans, baboons, gibbons, monkeys, small-toothed whales such as the killer whale, dolphins, elephants.

"This day in history: There's a recorded words of Dorothea Brounkey, a grammar expert. The broken hears were made possible on Dec. 20, 1880, when electricity went on in Broadway's theater district for the first time."

There've been quite a few fims in the White House over the years. As a matter of fact, James is the most popular presidential first name — there have been six so far. John and William tie for the second most popular president's name.

"I am about to, or, I am going to die. Either expression is



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

used." Those were the last recorded words of Dorothea Brounkey, a grammar expert.

Amyntus of Alexandria performed the first nose job, many believe, sometime in the third century B.C.

Through history, it wasn't completely unheard of for someone to be accidentally buried alive. Many nervous consumers bought coffins with escape hatches, just in case. One story has it that servants saved Robert E. Lee's mother after she woke up under the daisies and made a loud ruckus. It's only the female mosqui-

tes that suck your blood. They need the extra nutrients in order to reproduce. So what do male mosquitoes eat? Fruit juices, mostly.

During the Cold War, the U.S. Federal Emergency Agency advised that each of the following materials blocks radiation as well as 4 inches of concrete or 10 inches of wood; 5-6 inches of brick; 2 inches of hollow concrete block; 7 inches of soil; 5 inches of sand; 10 inches of water; or 14 inches of books or magazines.

If you vote by absentee ballot but die before election day, what happens? Your vote is still supposed to be counted.

For the younger crowd: SS in a ship's title stands for "Stewardship."

Well-traveled baby Jesus makes it back to owners

BUFFALO, N.Y. — This Christmas, a family here may keep a closer eye on their statue of baby Jesus.

Last year someone plucked it from the nativity scene in their front yard and spent eight months traveling the state, retracing it complete with plenty of photos of where it had been.

"When we tell people about it, they just look at us and say, 'Wow, that really happened!'" Joan Leising said. "Then, we show them the photo album."

The statue was taken Dec. 23, and a note — promising to return the baby Jesus in three days — was left in the statue's place.

Eight months later, Joan's husband, John Leising, opened the front door and found the statue on his porch, along with a photo album that showed images of the figurine in front of highway signs in Binghamton, Rochester, Albany and Poughkeepsie.

It was photographed at the Rip Van Winkle Bridge, and posed on a bicycle, on a horse, in a car wearing a seat belt, in a chair next to a campfire and in someone's kitchen.

A note enclosed, signed "Creators of the baby Jesus chronicles," assured the family that the prank was not intended to be "blasphemous or disrespectful."

The Leisinges were glad to have the statue back, but remained confused as to why it was missing for so long since the statue-nappers promised it would be returned in three days.



John, left, and Joan Leising, along with daughter Julia, pose for a photo with their manger scene in the front of their Buffalo, N.Y., home. Moody, The Leising family was surprised to learn that a statue of baby Jesus spent eight months traveling the state after it was plucked from the nativity scene in their front yard last year.

Odds & ends

have forgiven them for that," John Leising said. "And we do, too."

Court orders pimp to make educational video

PHOENIX — A convicted pimp has been asked to make a video — for educational purposes.

Antoin Thurman helped with the making of an anti-prostitution video by describing how he recruited girls at malls and clubs and lured them into selling their bodies.

"I realized I wouldn't want to see my daughter, my mother or sister in this predicament I had these girls in," said Thurman, serving a three-year sentence. "Not only did I mess

up my life, but I messed up their lives."

The 20-minute video, the brainchild of Judge Lex Anderson of Lake Pleasant Justice Court, will be completed by the end of January.

Anderson said about 1,500 DVDs are to be distributed, including to schools.

Besides the interview with Thurman, the video will include interviews with a counselor, a psychologist, a detective and parents of a victim, said Brad Michalsen, president of Brand Canyon Co., the company producing and creating the video for the Maricopa County Superior Court.

LAST-MINUTE GIFT GUIDE

Santa duty has its hazards

But heart-warming moments outnumber the irritating ones

By Patricia Kitchen
Newsday

When it comes to workplace hazards, Santa Claus does face a few — mostly on that big night when he's stuffing himself down people's chimneys.

But before that night arrives, the Santa helpers who fill in for him during the holiday season have their own on-the-job mishaps.

"I've had a kid throw up on me, a diaper come off, I've been spit up on ... and worse," says Santa Rick, 60, who fills the Santa seat at the Source mall in Westbury, N.Y. "Things come up and you do the best you can to live in the moment." Santa Rick, a retired electrical engineer, lives in Tennessee.

His experience is in keeping with the results of a poll that got more than 330 responses from members of the Amalgamated Order of Real Bearded Santas. It found:

- 34 percent have been urinated on by a child.
- close to 90 percent have had their beards tugged.

More than 90 percent say they are sneezed or coughed on up to 10 times a day.

Indeed, you can always tell when you're being handed a child with a soggy diaper, says Santa Tim Connaghan, executive director of the real-bearded Santa group, based in Riverside, Calif. The parents hold the child at arm's length, presumably to keep the wet one as far away from them-



Dennis Chee, 23, right, sneaks out from underneath a present Dec. 5 at the Antimas Valley Mall in Farmington, N.H., surprising his girlfriend, Yanisha Chapman, and asking her to marry him. Chapman was posing for a photograph with Santa Claus to send to Chee, who she thought was out of town. She said 'yes.'

selves as possible. Of course, Santa is pretty resourceful. To counteract those "full-frontal coughs" and sneezes, says Connaghan, the Santas stock up on Airborne health tablets, vitamin C and sanitized wipes to swab their beards and faces.

You always want to have a spare suit, says Santa Rick. For pet nights, it always helps have a hip pillow handy, says Santa Tim — a cushion between Santa and the cats that are given to digging their claws through pant legs.

At the Roswell Field Mall in Garden City, N.Y., Santa Jim Heichelbech, 76, of Florida, says it's not unusual for Santas to smile for 12 seconds or more. After all, parents may need to resort to all kinds of

tricks to get their kids to smile. "You have to have strong checks," says the retired insurance executive.

Santas concede the touching surprises far outnumber the irritating ones. One Santa at a New Jersey mall last year had a little girl ask for the return of her dad who was serving in Iraq, said Anthony Price, regional manager for the Aranda, Colo.-based Noerr Programs Corp., which supplies Simon Property Group malls with Santas.

At that moment the girl's father walked up. He was home on furlough and helped a surprised Santa fulfill the child's wish.

Such "cherished moments," says Santa Jim, make the beard-tugging and peeing babies all worthwhile.

Take a bow, Mr. Potato Head



Courtesy of Hasbro

By Peter King
Special to Newsday

and you can see them at the Web site www.strong-museum.org.

Among the toys are favorites such as Lionel trains and Barbie.

There are also generic toys such as the jump rope and the bicycle. In a bit of whimsy, the museum inducted the cardboard box, a tribute to kids who have found more fun in the container than the toy it housed.

Many of the honored toys are still available today. Mr. Potato Head, who started out as a real spud that baby boomers stuck plastic body parts into, is now a cutting-edge franchise. This year, there is a special Star Wars version, named — what else? — Darth Tater.

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200 Employment. CLERICAL. West End Coordinator for Area Office on Aging part-time position requires computer communication skills and current drivers license. Classes 12/15. Find complete duties, qualifications, application process and form on the CSI Web at www.csivalleyjobs.com EOE/AA

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200 Employment. DENTAL. Dental Assistant. Growing practice needs a motivated team player to join our friendly staff. 5-9 pm. Must have recent dental functions certification required. Excellent benefits. Please send resume to: 1188 Eastland Dr. N. Ste A, Monday-Friday 9-5 208-733-6160.

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200 Employment. NEWSPAPER. Graphic/Prepress Specialist. The Times-News is seeking a graphic designer who can make informative and entertaining news graphics, assist with production of the newspaper and design classified advertising sections. Ideal candidates will have the ability to work both in and out of the office. A proficient in Quark, InDesign, Photoshop, Acrobat and Distiller. They will have the ability to work under tight deadlines, and work in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment. The ability to multi-task is a must. Good communication skills are very important. Work an equal opportunity employer and a drug-free workplace. Send a resume, reference list and work samples to: Chris Baltzer, News Editor, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83304 or E-mail to: cbaltze@mgvalley.com

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DATE OF MEETING: December 13, 2006. DATE OF MEETING: January 10, 12, 2007. A Commission Workshop on Mule Deer is scheduled January 10 from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. MST at the Idaho Fish and Game Commission. A public hearing will follow at 7:00 p.m. MST on January 10. The Commission meeting will convene at 8:00 a.m. MST on January 11 and 12.

DATE OF MEETING: Idaho Department of Fish and Game, 600 N. Adams Street, Boise, Idaho. PERSONS ATTENDING: Commissioners, Director, Staff.

PURPOSE OF MEETING/AGENDA: Rules: non-binding for all big game. Access: Yes. Rules: No to Implement Pilot Project. Reports on Domestic Elk. Wild Management Planning, Logging and Grazing, Fish Management Plan, and Yellowstone Cultural Trust Management Plan, and Lake Pend Oreille fishing closures.

Individuals with disabilities may request meeting accommodations by contacting the Director's office at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game directly at 208-334-6159 or through the Idaho Relay Service at 1-800-377-2529 (TDD).

PUBLISH: December 20, 27, 2006 and January 3, 2007.

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON A PERMIT APPLICATION AND PROPOSED PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT. In compliance with Section 58.01.01.209, Rules of the Control of Air Emissions, the Idaho Air Board has given the Idaho Dept. of Air Quality, Twin Falls, has applied to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a permit to construct, No. P-05892 for a new redwood veneer manufacturing facility. The facility is located at 510 Hankins Road, Twin Falls. A public comment period for the proposed permit will be provided if a written request is submitted on or before January 19, 2007, and directed to Tracy Drouin, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706-1255, or tracy.drouin@deq.idaho.gov. Please reference permit application number and project number when sending the request. The permit application materials submitted by the facility are available for public review at the following locations:

DEQ State Office 1410 Hilton Boise, Idaho. DEQ Regional Office 1363 Fimreth Street Twin Falls, Idaho.

DATED This 20th day of December, 2006. John Lochtenberg, Air Quality Division.

PUBLISH: December 20, 2006

LEGAL NOTICE. NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality that there is a public comment period and public hearing will be held as follows:

TOPIC: State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision pursuant to the requirements of Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i) of the Clean Air Act regarding Intermodal Transporters related to PM2.5 NAAQS. Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i) provides that each state submit a SIP that contains the following provisions: (i) prohibiting... any source or other type of emissions activity within the State from emitting any pollutant in amounts in excess of... (ii) contribute significantly to nonattainment in, or interfere with maintenance by, any other State with respect to such natural primary or secondary ambient air quality standard, or (iii) interfere with measures required to be included in the applicable implementation plan for any other State under part C to prevent significant deterioration of air quality or to protect visibility.

The SIP will contain an explanation of how Idaho's current and proposed SIP meets the requirements of Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i) and Idaho's finding of no adverse impacts on any nonattainment area residing outside the state of Idaho. An informational document can be viewed at DEQ's State office, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, Idaho as well as at regional offices in Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Pocatello, and Twin Falls, and on DEQ's Web site at: http://www.deq.idaho.gov/data_response/index.html Interstate Transport Committee.

PUBLIC HEARING: Monday, January 18, 2007, 4:00 p.m. MST Location: DEQ Office Building, 1410 N. Hilton St., Boise, Idaho.

Anyone may submit written comments by mail, fax or e-mail at the address below regarding this SIP. DEQ will consider all written comments received on or before January 19, 2007.

Interested persons wishing to express their views at the hearing on the Interstate Transport Issue will be given an opportunity to do so. Questions concerning the hearing and related matters will be directed to: Mike Edwards, SIP Coordinator Idaho Air Quality Division 1410 North Hilton Boise, ID 83706 Phone: 83-373-0438 E-mail: mike.edwards@deq.idaho.gov Fax: 208-373-0340

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Because West led a from a three-card suit at trick one, he is not likely to have five spades. If that is true, then East is marked with at least three spades, together with the four hearts and the three clubs that he has followed to. This leaves no room for him to hold four diamonds. Accordingly, if anybody has four diamonds it is West, so lay down the diamond ace.

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 ♠ 8 4
 ♥ A 7 2
 ♦ K Q 9 7
 ♣ K 8 6 5
- EAST** K 10 9 6
 ♥ K 8 5
 ♦ J 2
 ♣ 10 9 7
- SOUTH** A K 7 5
 ♥ 10 9 3
 ♦ A 10 6 4
 ♣ A 2

Vulnerable: Neither
 Dealer: South

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Heart queen

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