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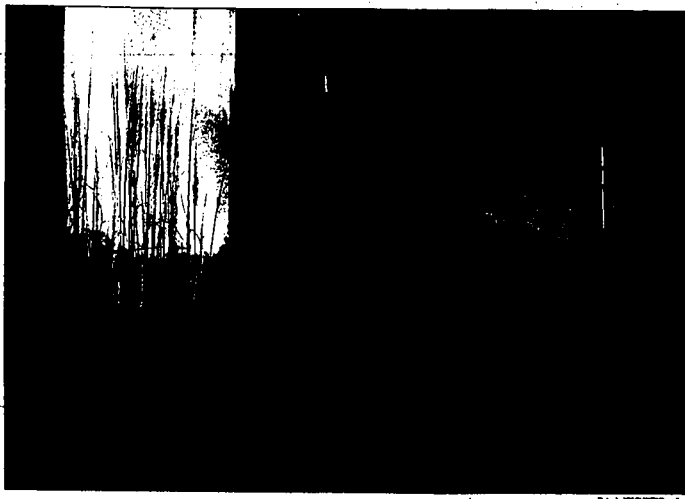
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TWIN FALLS CANAL CO. ANNUAL MEETING

The glass is half



Shareholders of the Twin Falls Canal Co. attend the company's annual meeting Tuesday at the Herrert Center in Twin Falls.

2006 a year of ups and downs for irrigators

By Matt Christiansen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The good news? The Twin Falls Canal Co. made it through another year in which shareholders got their water.

The bad news? That depends on your definition of bad.

Despite a year of legal wrangling, water-quality troubles and a half-million dollar difference in assets from last year, the Twin Falls Canal Co. lauded its successes in 2006 at its annual meeting Tuesday at the Herrert Center in Twin Falls.

It wasn't the best year, said company

chairman Dan Shewmaker. But it wasn't the worst, either.

The company — a conglomeration of Magic Valley surface-water users — spent about \$350,000 more on legal fees than it budgeted. TFCC is involved in several lawsuits, namely a pivotal case now before the Supreme Court pitting surface water users from the company against ground-water users.

"We feel the (lawsuit) is as important as anything we're doing right now," Shewmaker said, "and we're not going to shortchange it."

Company attorney John Simpson also

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Marvin Fielding, of Schless & Associates, gives an update on the construction of a new hydroelectric plant being built by Twin Falls Canal Co. The company will sell the electricity produced at the plant in Idaho Power Co.

Jerome County likely home for livestock center

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — College students might soon step into a barn in Jerome County and begin milking cows en route to earning their degree.

Such is the hope of some educators and the dairy industry should the state Legislature follow Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's lead in providing \$10.9 million to help start a combined dairy and animal research facility in the Magic Valley.

Otter made the announcement Monday in his State of the State address. It was one of a handful of funding initiatives in the governor's budget for southern Idaho, most of which dealt with education.

The Idaho Center for Livestock and Environmental Studies is expected to be built in Jerome County, according to several officials. It will be primarily administered and funded by the University of Idaho, but the College of Southern Idaho, various dairy agencies and the United States Department of Agriculture will play significant roles.

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Lawmakers say they'll fight to keep homeowners' tax break.

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Gov. Otter supports denying state aid to illegal immigrants.

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Democrats like what they've seen so far.

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The heat keeps rising in the U.S.

By Robert Lee Hotz
Los Angeles Times

On the fever chart of rising temperatures, 2006 was the warmest year on record for the 48 contiguous states, pairing a summer heat wave with a mild winter — in some places, droughts, blizzards out of season and bears forgot to hibernate — government climate experts reported Tuesday.

Based on an analysis of readings from 1,200 weather stations, the

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Warmer

December

December temperatures in 2006 were 2.2 degrees warmer than average in the 48 contiguous states, the National Climatic Data Center reports.

Study: Adults living with kids eat more fat

By Amy Laranita
Association Press writer

DES MOINES — Adults living with children tend to eat more fat than grown-ups in kid-free homes, consuming as much additional saturated fat each week as found in an individual-size pizza, a new study suggests.

It may not exactly be the kids' fault, but household cupboards are more likely to be stocked with high-fat convenience foods like cookies, cheese, peanuts and processed meats when children are around, the researchers said.

"These dietary choices may be due to time pressures, advertising aimed at children that also includes adults, or adults' perception that children will eat only hot dogs or macaroni and cheese," said study author Dr. Helena Laroche, who works in internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Iowa College of Medicine.

"Once these foods are in the house, even if bought for the children, adults appear more likely to eat them," she said.

Laroche cautioned that the report "doesn't prove that the

presence of children causes adults to eat more fat," but shows that people living with children may have different eating habits for many reasons.

Laroche and University of Michigan researchers examined data from the federal government's National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. The researchers scoured detailed food questionnaires given to 6,600 adults living with and without children under age 17. The survey reviewed what the adults ate over a 24-hour period.

Adults living with children ate

almost 5 more grams of fat each day, for a total of more than 91 grams, compared to 86.5 grams for adults not living with children, according to the study. That included nearly 2 grams more of saturated fat daily, the kind linked to heart disease, or about 12 grams of saturated fat per week — an amount equal to a 6-inch, personal size pepperoni pizza.

An adult eating a 2,000-calorie diet should consume less than 65 grams of total fat a day, including less than 20 grams of saturated fat, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



How much more?

Adults in homes without children would need to add a 6-inch, personal size pepperoni pizza to their diet each week.

"Every once in a while a revolutionary product comes along that changes everything. It's very fortunate if you can work on just one of these in your career. ... Apple's been very fortunate in that it's introduced a few of these."

— Steve Jobs, Apple, Inc. CEO

Reinvented 'Apple, Inc.' introduces 'revolutionary' iPhone

Take the Internet with you

The Apple, Inc. iPhone promises to incorporate a media player, phone and Internet device beginning in June. Service will be provided through Cingular.

Battery 5 hours talk time; 16 hours audio

Phone Switch from cell phone to Wi-Fi networks when in range

Wholescreen, touchscreen iPod Plays audio and video

Internet device Surfs the Internet with Safari Web browser

Camera Two, megapixel cameras



Rolls phone to your ear Screen and touch sensor turn on

Rotates Screen moves from horizontal to vertical

Pinching motion Zooms in or out

By Rachel Marzani
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple Computer CEO Steve Jobs on Tuesday announced the iPod maker's long-awaited leap into the mobile phone business and renamed the company just "Apple Inc.," reflecting its increased focus on consumer electronics.

The iPhone, which will start at \$499 when it launches in

June, is controlled by touch, plays music, surfs the Internet and runs the Macintosh computer operating system. Jobs said it will "reinvent" wireless communications and "leapfrog" past the current generation of smart phones.

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See more about Macworld and the Consumer Electronics Show in the multimedia gallery at www.magievalley.com

TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today	Tonight	Thursday
Colder, scattered rain/snow showers	Light snow showers and cold	Mostly dry and even colder
High 35	Low 17	23 / 9

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Scattered rain and snow showers and colder temperatures. Highs in the middle to upper 30s.
 Tonight: Cold and mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers. Lows in the middle to upper teens.
 Tomorrow: Much colder with a small chance of a snow shower. Highs near 20, lows upper single digits.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BUSINESS

Ribbon cutting and open house for St. Luke's Magic Valley Sleep Institute, with featured speaker Dr. Richard Hammond and refreshments, 4 to 6 p.m., 450 Falls Ave., Suite 202, Eagle Crest, Twin Falls, 737-2943 or 933-0040.

EXHIBITS

"The Circle" by Amber Scoon, former College of Southern Idaho art instructor, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, C.S.I. campus, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.
 "Discontinuity," contemporary abstract paintings of local artist Ben Browne in the Galleria Pequena and new works by member artists in the Full Moon Gallery, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S., downtown Twin Falls, no cost, 734-ARTS.

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 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. for activities, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. (on the corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive North), \$3 to \$4 for the meal, 733-6128 or visit www.tffc.org.

GOVERNMENT

- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
- DeMay Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 417 Seventh St. N., Rupert, 436-3874.
- Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room, 201 Fourth Ave. N., 733-2964.
- Castledale City Council, 7 p.m., J & D Printing Enterprises, 300 W. Main, 537-6544.
- Declo City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 116 W. Main, 654-2124.
- Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St., 679-8158.
- Marathon City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104 S. Fourth, 432-6682.
- Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Boyd W., 432-5451.
- Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office, 152 S. 600 W., 438-4101.
- Richfield School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school, 555 N. Tiger Drive, 487-2755.

PET HEALTH

Low-cost Spay/Neuter Clinic for Cats, sponsored by The Sheena Foundation, Larue Veterinary Clinic, 3893 N. 2250 E., Filer, (208) 326-8646 for appointment and information.

List your event

To list events in the daily calendar, submit the event's name, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Brown by e-mail, sbrown@magvalley.com; by fax, 734-6538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days before the event.

COMING TOMORROW

BACK AT THE RANCH ...

The National Cowboy Poetry Gathering — a week-long celebration of life and art in the rural West — returns Jan. 27 to Elko, Nev.

THURSDAY IN TNT

OPINION

MINI EDITORIAL

S'no'w excuse for not plowing streets
 I don't buy that the streets of Twin Falls are too small to plow. I lived in Alaska for a number of years, and the residential streets there weren't a problem. The residents knew enough to get their cars off the street if there was a snow storm.

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Some just can't bear to take down lights

FILER — Christmas was weeks ago. But in just about any neighborhood, some people are either still celebrating the holiday or just too busy to take down the lights adorning their homes. How late is too late? Some people — and you know who you are — seem to forget altogether and greet passers-by year-round with glowing trees and outlined windows. And that's perfectly fine by Georgia Blastoek of Filer. Blastoek's Christmas lights asked up and lights from early November into February.

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It was a pretty good year, canal company says

TWIN FALLS — Despite a year of legal wrangling, water-quality troubles and a half-million dollar difference in assets from last year, the Twin Falls Canal Co. lauded its successes in 2006 at its annual meeting, Tuesday, at the Herrett Center in Twin Falls. It wasn't the best year, said company chairman Dan Slewemaker. But it wasn't the worst, either.

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Truck knocks out power to thousands in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — About 4,000 customers in Idaho Power Co. in southwest Twin Falls lost electricity Tuesday afternoon after a truck knocked out a power line. At about 3:21 p.m., the bed of a Twin Falls Canal Co. service truck caught a wire and broke a wooden power line pole near the intersection of Kimberly Road and Freighway Street, said Mike Osterholt, a foreman for Idaho Power.

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Phat Eddy's allowed to open until 1:30 a.m.

TWIN FALLS — Phat Eddy's, the Twin Falls restaurant and nightclub that fell under city scrutiny in November when a man was killed nearby, was granted a permit by the city's Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday to serve alcohol until 1 a.m. six days a week. The permit also made it official for Phat Eddy's, located in Old Towne, to stay open until 1:30 a.m. operate a dance hall on the weekends, but not allow anyone under 21 within the bar past the city's curfew hours.

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New hospital, business park get city approval

TWIN FALLS — Plans for a new hospital and new commercial business park got the nod late Monday evening from the City Council. Development of the two projects will move forward, but council members gave themselves a little leeway when it came to hospital entrances as well as 24-hour retail operations in the business park — the two things that have riled some residents of the nearby North Pointe subdivision.

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Supervalu's quarterly earnings jump 51%

MINNEAPOLIS — Supervalu Inc., the nation's third-biggest supermarket chain, said Tuesday its third-quarter earnings jumped almost 51 percent because of its purchase of grocery chain Albertsons. But the results missed analyst expectations, and its shares fell more than 2 percent. Supervalu said it earned \$113 million, or \$4 cents per share, in the three months ended Dec. 2, up from \$75 million, or 53 cents per share, during the same period last year. Revenues were also doubled to \$10.66 billion from \$4.7 billion a year ago.

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Bush withdraws four court appointees

WASHINGTON — In a concession to the Senate's new Democratic majority, four of President Bush's appeals court appointees have asked to have their nominations withdrawn. Republican officials said Tuesday. The officials said that William Haynes, William Myers and Terrence Boyle had all decided to abandon their quest for confirmation. Another nominee, Michael Wallace, let it be known last month that he, too, had asked Bush to withdraw his nomination.

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Idaho bid cleared to continue shipments

CARLSBAD, N.M. — The state is satisfied with the U.S. Department of Energy's investigation into whether nuclear waste shipments from Idaho to the federal government's underground dump near Carlsbad were adequately checked before being sent out. James Beazl, head of the state Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, said Monday the state would send a letter indicating that its concerns had been addressed.

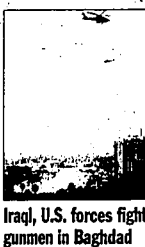
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Democrats welcome Otter's proposals

BOISE — Democrats said Tuesday they're heartened by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's proposals in his State of the State speech, a stark contrast to January 2006 when they kicked off three months of virtual silence with former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne by describing his plans as a "gimmick." They liked what they heard from Otter on sending a new community college, likely in southwestern Idaho, with \$5 million in state money.

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NATION/WORLD



Iraq, U.S. forces fight gunmen in Baghdad

BAHGHAD, Iraq — U.S. jets screamed low over the capital and helicopter gunships swooped in to pound a central Baghdad battleground Tuesday, supporting Iraqi and American troops in a daylong fight that officials said killed 50 insurgents in a militant Sunni Arab stronghold. The battle raged on Hilla Street about 1 1/2 miles north of the heavily fortified Green Zone — home to their U.S. Embassy and other facilities — on the eve of President Bush's expected announcement that he would send 20,000 more soldiers to Iraq despite growing opposition on Capitol Hill.

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U.S. troop surge may start by month's end

WASHINGTON — A first wave of additional U.S. troops will go into Iraq before the end of the month under President Bush's new war plan, a senior defense official said Tuesday. Congressional Democrats kept up their criticism of plans to add soldiers in the unpopular conflict.

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Apple CEO unveils long-awaited phone

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SPORTS



Kimberly girls survive in overtime

KIMBERLY — Kimberly junior Kayla Hutcheson missed the first game with Filer in early December because she had injured her ribs at a softball camp. Despite playing in pain and having to take more breaks than she would have liked, the junior still managed to score 13 points with six of those coming in overtime as the top-ranked Kimberly Bulldogs defeated the Filer Wildcats in a thrilling 55-51 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference game Tuesday.

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CSI men's basketball team climbs to No. 6

TWIN FALLS — The 13-1 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team climbed three spots in the latest NCAIA Division III poll released Tuesday. The Golden Eagles, are coming off a pair of lopsided wins at Colorado Northwestern Community College this past weekend.

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BSU Broncos happy to be No. 5 in nation

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Boise State coach Chris Petersen looked at the rankings Tuesday and loved what he saw. Tucked in among all the college football powerhouses — right behind LSU and Southern California and ahead of Wisconsin and Michigan — was Boise State. Petersen's Broncos (13-0) finished fifth in the final Associated Press Top 25, released early Tuesday morning after Florida's 41-14 victory over Ohio State in the BCS national championship game.

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Ripken, Gwynn voted into baseball's Hall

NEW YORK — While the door to Cooperstown swung open for Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn on Tuesday, Mark McGwire's Hall of Fame bid was met with rejection.

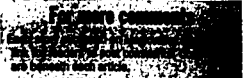
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WEB READER REACTION

On the letter 'Quality of life tops need for more CAFUs' ...

MAX HATHFIELD: "Mr. Condor's assessment is very generous as the reality of immigrant industrial dairies is much worse than he describes. They have also corrupted every corner of our social fabric in Magic Valley. They have turned one of the finest little smoo' farming communities in the world into a concentrated factory polluting nightmare. My family has endured one of these pollution spewing juggernauts... since 1989, so we know the truth. Industrial dairies have turned a

community where people cared about each other into 'Animal Farms' where the corrupted politicians have actually passed legislation (HO 284) making it against the law to even consider the public interest in transferring Idaho's water to immigrant industrial dairies. One will not need a sign to announce Magic Valley, just follow the putrid odor."



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Education

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 "It's a real positive for all of Idaho and one we're really delighted the governor has the vision for and sees the value in," said Rich Garber of the University of Idaho's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences who is leading the project. "One of the primary reasons is to address some of those environmental concerns that come with any large confined animal feeding operation."
 "The UI students will learn animal sciences and biological skills that are directly related to dairy cows while CSI students will be generally taught "dairy management" and vocational skills, including welding, computer training and other technology, officials said.
 There will also be an emphasis on waste management and improving the environment. Idaho National

Laboratory is expected to study different ways for manure to be used for energy.
 "The context for the center is that we are re-emphasizing the agriculture department these days and we are just right on the verge of hiring an animal science instructor," said Terry Patterson, who heads the agriculture department at CSI.
 However, the facility — which officials said has been in the works for at least a year — will also be a fully operational dairy with 1,500 cows. It will sell milk commercially.
 But officials said the facility will be self-sufficient and the milk sales will be used to continue the research and development and it will be administered by a non-profit organization headed by a chief operating officer and board of directors (all of whom remain to be determined).

"The operating portion of the dairy is not for making money for maintaining research facility," said CSI Vice President of Planning and Development Curtis Eaton, who is one of 23 members on a planning committee.
 Eaton said he heard the dairy is expected to open in late 2008 or early 2009.
 Idaho has 473,000 dairy cows and is fourth in the U.S. in producing milk, according to the USDA. There are 341,500 dairy cows in south-central Idaho, including 338 dairies.
 Oiler's recommendation is about a third of the \$25 million to \$35 million needed to initiate the program. UI will donate \$10 million, the dairy industry will donate \$5 million and federal money is a possibility as well. The project's costs are divided 19 ways, but the amount needed to purchase at least 1,000 acres — \$5 million — remains the same, regardless of the project's total final budget.
 Several elected and non-elected officials, including Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, chairman of the Agricultural Affairs Committee, said the facility is expected to be built in Jerome County.
 Jerome County Commissioner Charles Howell said he received an e-mail Tuesday from the county farm manager that said the facility might be built in Eden.
 However, Art Brown, the Jerome County Planning and Zoning Administrator, could not confirm the facility's location.
 "If I don't have an application in front of me I can't tell you yes or no," he said.
 The facility will probably field more than one worker per 75 to 100 cows, which is typical

of dairies in Idaho.
 "It's definitely going to create new jobs for other people than students," said Bob Narembout, executive director for the United Dairymen of Idaho.

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Heat

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 average annual temperature in the 48 states last year was 2.2 degrees warmer than the mean temperature for the 20th century and fractionally warmer than 1998, which held the previous temperature record, the researchers reported.
 Seven months last year were much warmer than average, concluded the scientists at the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C., a branch of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
 Indeed, last January was the warmest on record in the U.S. and December was the fourth warmest since record-keeping began in 1859. In five states, December temperatures set records: Minnesota, New York,

Connecticut, Vermont, and New Hampshire.
 "We are breaking warm records all over the place," said climate scientist Garm Schmitz at NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York, who was not involved in the NOAA analysis.
 Even cities now in winter's stranglehold were relatively balmy. Denver, paralyzed by blizzards during its third snowiest December on record, still basked in a monthly tem-

perature 1.7 degrees warmer than the average from 1971 to 2000, the researchers said. In Minneapolis-St. Paul, the temperature was 17 degrees above normal for the last three weeks of December.
 Each of the past nine years have been among the 25 warmest years on record nationally — an unprecedented hot streak historically, the scientists said.
 Overall, annual temperatures in the U.S. and around the world are one degree warmer than a century ago and the rate of warming has accelerated threefold in recent decades. Eight of the past 10 years are the warmest on record worldwide. Climate

Meteorological Office last week predicted that this coming year could become the warmest year globally on record.
 "Global warming is pushing these temperatures ever upward," said meteorologist Michael Mann, director of the Earth System Science Center at Pennsylvania State University.
 The warming temperature trends of recent years appear to closely track the general predictions of computerized climate models analyzing the effects of greenhouse gases on global climate patterns, several scientists said.
 "It looks pretty much like what the climate models of global warming expected," said Penn State climate analyst Richard Alley.

The Herrett Forum presents:
Ron James
 An expert on the Chinese mining era in the Snake River Canyon during the 1870s, Ron will discuss his research and show rare artifacts from the Mon-Tung site near present day Twin Falls.
 Admission is free of charge.
 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17
 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18
 Rick Allen Community Room of the **Herrett Center for Arts and Science** Located on North College Road in Twin Falls

Apple

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 keynote address at the annual Macworld Conference and Expo. "It's very fortunate if you can work on just one of these in your career... Apple's been very fortunate in that it's introduced a few of these."
 He said the company's name change is meant to signal Apple's transformation from a computer manufacturer to a

full-fledged consumer electronics company.
 During his speech, Jobs also unveiled a TV set-top box that allows people to send video from their computers and announced the number of songs sold on its iTunes Music Store has topped 2 billion.
 Apple shares jumped more than 8 percent on the announcements, while the

stock of rival smart-phone makers plunged. The run on Apple stock created about \$6 billion in shareholder wealth.
 While Jobs noted the explosive growth of the cell phone market, it's not clear that a device as alluring as the iPhone poses a threat to mainstream handset makers due to the price, said Avi Greengart, mobile device analyst for the

research firm Current Analysis. "My initial reaction is that this product actually lives up to the extensive hype; and I'm not easily impressed," he said.
 "But the vast majority of phones sold cost way less than \$500." Instead, the rivals most likely to face new competition from Apple's handset are makers of higher-end smart phones such as Palm Inc.

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Water

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 told 100 shareholders in attendance about TFCC interests in a developing Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer recharge plan.
 The company recently gave recommendations to a firm hired by the Idaho Department of Water Resources board to develop a management strategy for the depleted aquifer.
 "In our view, the (plan's) framework didn't adequately represent the issues you're facing," Simpson said.
 Those issues include access to water the company says it's entitled to. The plan is expected to be finalized soon and will be presented to the Legislature in the coming weeks.
 In other business, TFCC water-quality specialist Brian Olmstead spoke about ongoing wastewater sediment problems — reminding the irrigators that the company will take steps to withhold water from farmers who continue to pass muddy wastewater to irrigators down-system.
 Shareholders were excited to hear about construction on a new hydroelectric plant the company began building last year. The Midway Hydroplant — with 2.6-megawatt turbines capable of powering 1,300 homes — will produce electricity TFCC will sell to Idaho Power Co.
 Finally, Mike Beus, a Bureau of Reclamation biologist, cautioned the irrigators not to get too excited about a Natural Resources Conservation Service report released Monday that says to expect an above-average water year.
 Beus noted that reservoirs are in good shape and that the outlook is good for most of the

state, but Magic Valley needs more precipitation before spring to ensure company shareholders get the water they need.
 "At this point in time," Beus said, "we're looking for more weather like we've seen the past few days — where it's dry in the valleys and wet

in the mountains."
 Contact Christensen at matt.christensen@ec.net or 735-3243.

SPRING SEMESTER
 begins Monday, Jan. 15th
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AROUND THE NATION

WASHINGTON

First new wave of troops go to Iraq by month's end

The first of up to 20,000 additional U.S. troops will move to Iraq by month's end under President Bush's new war plan, a senior defense official said Tuesday. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi pledged to hold a vote on the increase, which many Democrats oppose.

Details of a gradual military buildup emerged a day before Bush's planned speech to the nation, in which he also will propose a bit over \$1 billion to shore up the country's battered economy and create jobs, said a second U.S. official.

Bush is expected to urge friendly Mideast countries to increase their aid to Iraq but will ignore the recent recommendation of the bipartisan Iraq Study Group that he include Syria and Iran in an effort to strain Iraqi bloodshed nearly four years after the U.S. invasion, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the plan has not yet been announced.

Bush is expected to link the troop increase to promised steps by the Iraqi government to build up its own military, ease the country's murderous sectarian tensions, increase reconstruction and enact a plan to distribute oil revenues among the country's religious sects.

Anti-terror measure flies toward House passage

Anti-terror legislation sailed through the House on Tuesday, the first in a string of measures designed to fulfill campaign promises made by Democrats last fall.

Patterned on recommendations of the commission that investigated the Sept. 11 attacks, the far-reaching measure includes commitments for inspection of all cargo carried aboard passenger aircraft and on ships bound for the United States.

The vote was a bipartisan 299-128, and Speaker Nancy Pelosi took the rostrum to announce the passage of the first legislation to clear under the new Democratic majority.

Democrats said the bill's passage was a top priority.

"Our first and highest duty as members of this Congress is to protect the American people, to defend our homeland and to strengthen our national security," said Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md.

Several Republicans criticized the legislation as little more than political posturing in the early hours of a new Democratic-controlled Congress. Democrats want to "look aggressive on homeland security. This bill will waste billions of dollars, and possibly harm homeland security by gumming up progress already under way," said Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Ky.

In a written statement, the Bush administration listed several objections and said it could not support the measure as drafted, but stopped short of a veto threat.

Democrats have pledged to make fiscal responsibility a priority in the new Congress, but they advanced the bill — their first of the year — without even a bare bones accounting of the estimated cost. The funding will require follow-up legislation.

S. Dakota's Sen. Johnson condition upgraded

Sen. Tim Johnson's condition has been upgraded from critical to fair, four weeks after he was hospitalized for a brain hemorrhage, and he no longer needs a ventilator to help him breathe.

Johnson is breathing independently after using a ventilator for several weeks, most recently only at night, his doctor, Vivek-Deshmukh, said Tuesday.

The South Dakota Democrat, who underwent emergency surgery on Dec. 13, remains in intensive care at a George Washington University Hospital, said his spokeswoman, Julianne Fisher.

"The senator continues to make progress," Fisher said. "The next step would be rehabilitation, and we hope that would happen within the week."

A tracheotomy tube remains in his neck to guard his airway, and the senator still has not spoken, Fisher said.

The senator is expected to leave intensive care but remain in the hospital when he begins the rehabilitation process. His office has said that his recovery is expected to take several weeks.

DOT picks United for first nonstop China route

United Airlines on Tuesday won tentative approval from the federal government to operate the first-ever nonstop daily flight between the United States and China — a route potentially worth \$200 million a year.

The Department of Transportation's approval gives UAL Corp.'s United a critical head start over its competitors on the highly coveted, burgeoning market.

The Elk Grove Village, Ill.-based airline can begin nonstop service between Washington Dulles International Airport and Beijing's China Peking Capital Airport on March 25 if the tentative decision becomes final, the government said.

United beat out AMR Corp.'s American Airlines, which sought to fly between Dallas Fort Worth and Beijing; Continental Airlines Inc., which applied for services between Newark, N.J., and Shanghai; and Northwest Airlines Corp., which applied for Detroit-Shanghai service.

DHS to give \$445 million for transit, port security

The federal government will distribute \$445 million to U.S. states to help protect ports, subways, rail and other infrastructure from possible terrorist attacks.

"We're investing resources where risk is greatest and where the funds will have the most significant impact," said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff in announcing the grants Tuesday. "This year's grants reflect a rigorous, disciplined approach that places risk first, driven by hard analysis from the intelligence community and supported by common sense."

million, the Boston area \$15.3 million, followed by the San Francisco Bay area at \$13.8 million. Amtrak will get \$8.3 million.

KENTUCKY

Soldier gets nine-month sentence for Iraqi deaths

FORT CAMPBELL — A 101st Airborne Division soldier who had been charged with murder in the deaths of three Iraqi detainees pleaded guilty Tuesday to a lesser charge of aggravated assault with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to nine months in military jail.

Spc. Justin R. Graben 21, is accused with three others from the division's 107th Infantry Regiment of killing detainees during a raid of a suspected al-Qaida stronghold near Samarra, about 60 miles north of Baghdad.

They also were accused of trying to deceive investigators by saying the detainees were fleeing when they were shot.

Pfc. Corey R. Glagett, Spc. William B. Hunsacker and Staff Sgt. Raymond L. Girouard are awaiting courts-martial in the case.

After the sentence was announced, Graber's attorney patted his back and his mother walked toward him smiling.

Graber earlier told the military judge that once the area was secured during the raid, he went back to a helicopter to get a body bag. He said he heard gunshots and saw the three detainees lying on the ground near the house.

Two of the detainees appeared to still be alive, Graber said. He testified that Girouard suggested they put one man "out of his misery."

Graber said he then shot the man in the head. Graber told the judge, Col. Theodore Thomas, that he knew Girouard was not ordering him to shoot the detainee and that what he did was unlawful.

NEW YORK

Neighboring states share smell, deny blame

It's what New Yorkers like to say when they get a whiff of something funky: "Must be New Jersey."

They said it again this week when a mysterious gas-like odor wafted across Manhattan and New Jersey. In which some indignant New Jerseyans said it's the New Yorkers who are

smelling up the joint.

The source of the stink remained a mystery Tuesday, as well as a rich source of juvenile jokes about New Jersey — and New York, too.

"You know what you call New York with a bad smell? New Jersey," Jay Leno wisecracked. And Conan O'Brien killed with this: "Apparently, New Yorkers knew something was wrong because it smelled bad when they got OUT of their nads."

Charles Sturcken, a spokesman for the city Department of Environmental Protection, said initial complaints about the sulfurous, roset-egg smell indicated that it emanated from south and west of the city.

That would place it in — surprise! New Jersey.

But Garden State officials, tired of Jersey-bashing and industrial waste jokes, were quick to charge New Yorkers with prematurely blaming their long-time neighbors for the Monday morning stench that produced 911 calls, disrupted transit service and sent a dozen people to the hospital.

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CALIFORNIA

Mother convicted for throwing kids in S.F. Bay

SAN FRANCISCO — A woman who pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity after throwing her three children into San Francisco Bay was acquitted Tuesday of first-degree murder but convicted of

assault. The jury continued deliberating the possibility of convicting LaShuaa Harris, 24, of second-degree murder or manslaughter, but recessed at the end of the day without a decision.

Harris has been accused of killing 6-year-old Trayshawn Harris, 2-year-old Toronto Greely Jr. and 16-month-old Joshua Greely.

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AROUND THE WORLD

IRAQ

U.S. airstrikes back troops in Baghdad clash

BAGHDAD — With F-15 fighter jets and Apache helicopter gunships providing cover, U.S. and Iraqi troops on Tuesday battled hundreds of Sunni and insurgent firing from apartment buildings and houses in downtown Baghdad in one of the fiercest clashes in the capital in recent memory.

"It was the most intense combat I have ever seen," said Maj. Jesse Pearson, operations officer for the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, Stryker Brigade, on his third tour in Iraq. "We were in a fight for 11 straight hours."

Along Hafia Street, a desolate, mostly Sunni Arab enclave of residential buildings and shops, more than 1,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops descended early Tuesday morning to retake the insurgent stronghold. The larger goal was to reassert the authority of the U.S.-backed Iraqi government, weakened by sectarian and political divides and a failure to stem Iraq's violent slide.

Instead, the troops encountered strong resistance as the well-organized insurgents appeared determined to protect their turf or fight their way out, surprising U.S. soldiers who fought in the battle. By evening, as many as 50 insurgents had been killed, Iraqi officials said, while 21 others, including several foreign fighters, were captured, but only after the use of massive U.S. firepower and technology. No American or Iraqi troops were killed, although some suffered light injuries, U.S. military officials said.

SOMALIA

Official: Gunships launch new attacks on al-Qaida

MOGADISHU — Helicopter gunships attacked suspected al-Qaida fighters in the south Tuesday after U.S. forces staged airstrikes in the first offensive in the African country since 18 American soldiers were killed there in 1993, witnesses said.

Witnesses said 31 civilians, including two newborns, died in the assault by two helicopters near Afmadow, a town in an area of forested hills close to the Kenya border 220 miles southwest of Somalia's capital, Mogadishu. The report could not be independently verified.

A Somali Defense Ministry official described the helicopter as American, but the local witnesses told The Associated Press they could not make out identification markings on the craft. Washington officials had no comment.

On Monday, at least one U.S. AC-130 gunship attacked Islamic extremists in Htay, 30 miles from Afmadow, and on a remote island 155 miles away believed to be an al-Qaida training camp at the southern tip of Somalia next to Kenya. Somali officials said they had reports of many deaths.

ITALY

Lawyer for ex-CIA chief withdraws from case

MILAN, Italy — A lawyer for a CIA agent accused in the 2003 kidnapping of an Egyptian cler-

ic in Milan withdrew from the case shortly after a court opened hearings Tuesday on whether to indict him and 25 other Americans.

Five Italian secret service officials also are facing indictment in the case that highlights the CIA's alleged extraordinary rendition program, in which terror suspects are transferred to third countries where critics say they may face torture.

Shortly after the proceedings began the lawyer for Robert Seldon Lady withdrew from the case, saying the former CIA station chief did not want to coop-

erate. Robert Seldon Lady says that this case should have had a political solution, and not a judicial solution," lawyer Daria Pesce said.

RUSSIA

Russia might cut oil over Belarus conflict

MOSCOW — A Russian-Belarusian oil dispute that has shut down a key pipeline carrying crude oil to European customers might drag on long enough to force Russia to cut production, Russian President

Vladimir V. Putin said Tuesday. The bitter spat between the longtime allies led to a cutoff Monday in the flow of oil across Belarus, prompting complaints from European officials. A warm winter has left Europe with abundant oil supplies, triggering falling prices and keeping a lid on the severity of the continent's short-term worries about the cutoff. But the dispute, which concerns oil taxes and transit fees, has revived fears in the European Union of overreliance on Russian energy.

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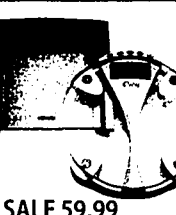


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EDITORIAL

Old family ties last long for Gov. Otter

Call it a courtesy flight with a gathering of prominent Idahoans. Or, call it a trip with the former in-laws. But under the law, one thing you can't call Gov. Butch Otter's Fiesta Bowl flight on a Simplot corporate jet is illegal.

Otter and his wife, Lori, jumped aboard Simplot's jet last Monday, his first day as Idaho governor, to attend Boise State's bowl game in Glendale, Ariz. Days later, Otter asked Simplot to bill him for the cost of the flight after questions were raised by the Associated Press. Otter probably had the sensible thing, even though there was nothing wrong with the flight. Until their divorce in 1993, Otter was married to Gay Simplot, daughter of billionaire J.R. Simplot and Esther Simplot. They have four children, and Otter was a Simplot executive from 1965 to 1993.

Given that history, Otter's free ride was more about past and current family ties and business connections, and not about political favors. Idaho law even has loopholes for public officials with those kinds of relationships.

Idaho law states that gifts to public officials from constituents are permissible when "conferred on account of kinship or other personal, professional or business relationships independent of the official status of the receiver."

On those terms Otter appears to have a higher standing riding the Simplot jet than previous governors. Simplot spokesman Fred Zerza said former Govs. Dirk Kempthorne and Cecil Andrus both used the company jet for travel, although he could not recall if the company was reimbursed.

"He's a former employee of the company and he asked the Simplots if there was a possibility he could come down," said Zerza. "It was hitching a ride to get to the game, down and back, no other amenities at all."

While Otter still has a relationship with his former in-laws, he's also received political donations from the family through the years. Since 2002, Simplot family members and the company have donated \$12,500 to Otter's campaigns.

For reasons along those lines, Otter's decision to pay for the flight is probably a wise choice. Having already squabbled with the press over his private outdoor workout, Otter probably didn't want more controversy swirling during his first week on the job—even if the issue was a stoozer.

But the story does further prove how Otter's life story, in personal, professional and political regards, is linked to many parts of Idaho. Any way you break it down, the governor's office of Idaho is now a higher profile than ever before.

Our view: Gov. Butch Otter's plane flight on the Simplot jet didn't break any ethical or legal standards. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

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LETTERS

Demand more efficiency on welfare dollars

Let's put this up to a vote of the taxpayers.

I am alright with helping people that need and want help with my tax dollars. I like 99 percent of the people of Idaho who pay their taxes, hope the government distributes them in a responsible manner. I know people who earn their paychecks and have to take a urine test and pass the test to earn their paychecks.

How about those on welfare or any type of public assistance having to step up to the plate and test as well? Not only that, but their testing should be done out of their assistance money on a monthly basis. If's our money, let's spend it responsibly. Could you imagine how many tax dollars are spent on drugs through these give-away programs and how much could be saved if the people receiving those benefits were held accountable to be at least drug free?

ROBERT B. NORTON
Twin Falls

Don't punish local bars for individuals' habits

To Hansen Council members who thought and said, "they know how alcohol affects families," at the council meeting. You know very little.

As an owner of one of the liquor bars in that town, I will tell you that everyone has a friend, acquaintance or knows someone who has had an effect where alcohol is one other addictive habit is concerned. You made no comment during the meeting for a conversation on that matter, so let us have one here.

First to inform you, the sale of alcohol by the drunk does not turn every one into an alcoholic. I lost my brother to alcohol poisoning five years ago and also lost a son last year, two weeks after he left the treatment center. Neither one of them grew up with alcohol in the home nor had a drink in Hansen, but you can bet they had a bottle somewhere close by. So don't use that as an excuse for your actions at a city meeting to justify your own conscience as supposedly unbiased city law makers.

I can at least see that people with any addictive habit need help, but I wouldn't punish the local businesses for the individuals who have an alcohol or other addictive problems. I would suggest you vent your anger over alcohol being sold to the public at the state of Idaho, which owns all sales and distribution rights to all parties and businesses.

Closing one day or five days a week won't stop, slow down or cure an alcoholic. You may hurt our businesses in Hansen,

but the rest of the world will keep on going. I do hope that the revenue we as "liquor sellers" provide to the city doesn't keep you up at night.

RON AND AYLSE LEMKE Hansen
(Editor's note: Ron and Aylse Lemke own and operate the South Hills Saloon & Restaurant.)

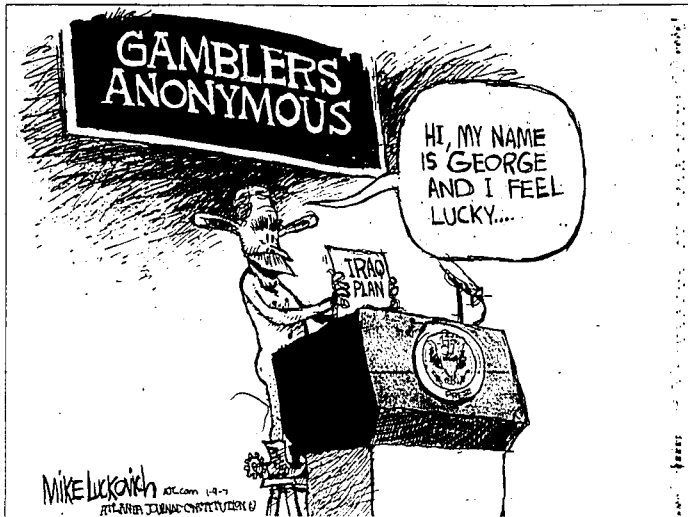
Learning experiences from the ranching range

Thank you for your Norco, Calif., page in your Jan. 2 issue. I'm not an old cowhand from the Rio Grande. My legs aren't bowed, and my cheeks ain't tanned, but I remember when I did ride the range, and when we led the horse, we got hold of the front end. Even the horse looks disgruntled. Did your New York City editor OK that headline? If he did, I can understand the picture better.

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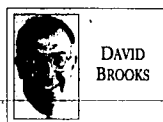
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Making the surge work

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For over three years, President Bush and the light-footprint school. I did so for personal reasons, not military ones. Casey and Abizaid are impressive men, and Bush deferred to their judgment.

But sometimes good men make bad choices, and it is now clear that the light-footprint approach has been a disaster. If the United States had committed more troops and established security back in 2003, when, as Fareed Zakaria of Newsweek recently reminded us, the Coalition Provisional Authority had 70 percent approval ratings, history would be different.

Bush has finally replaced Donald Rumsfeld, Casey and Abizaid. The question now is whether the policy that should have been implemented in 2003 can still be implemented four years on—after so many thousands have died.

Many in and out of the administration think so, hence all the talk about a surge—putting 20,000 more troops into Baghdad, finally occupying the

dangerous neighborhoods, starting a jobs program and forcing national reconciliation.

Unfortunately, if the goal is to create a stable, unified Iraq, the surge is a good policy three years too late. For that surge to succeed now, it would have to accomplish the following tasks:

- Compel the Maliki government to deliver public services in a nonsectarian way.
- Convert the Shiite theocrats who now dominate the Iraqi government into ecumenical multiculturalists.

- Persuade the rabid Sunni leaders to accept a dependent role in the new Iraq.
- Induce the fracturized Iraqi people to hang together as the blood flows.

- Sustain, over 18 months, American political support for an arduous policy that begins with a 17 percent approval rating.

The odds that the surge can accomplish these tasks are vanishingly small. The tragic truth is that the social context for this military strategy has changed since 2003.

But another surge may be realistic. This surge would begin by giving up the dream of national reconciliation and acknowledging that Iraq is in the process of losing itself.

As the best reporting from Baghdad makes clear, today's Iraqi leaders have little interest in leading the Sunni-Shiite

divide. People are retreating to their sectarian homelands by the tens of thousands. In an ever-racializing climate, the Sunnis are splintering the Sunnis, and genocidal Sunni leaders are replacing the merely racist ones.

Perhaps, in other words, it's time to merge the military Plan B—the surge—with a political Plan B—flexible decentralization. That would mean using adequate force levels (finally) to help those who are returning to sectarian homelands. It would mean creating buffers between populations where possible and establishing order in areas that remain mixed. It would mean finding decentralized governing structures that reflect the social and psychological facts on the ground.

The record shows that in sufficient numbers and with sufficient staying power, U.S. troops can suppress violence. Perhaps more U.S. troops can create a climate in which decentralized arrangements can evolve.

We can't turn back time. But if the disintegration of Iraqi society would be a political and humanitarian disaster, perhaps we should finally commit military resources, and create a political strategy, commensurate with the task of salvaging something.

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Aquifer needs recharge water

READER VIEW Alan Oskelberry

add \$585 to Idaho's economy yearly, so about \$585 million. In comparison, the study determined that if irrigation pumping was curtailed and used for aquaculture, the return would be one-fifth that amount.

IdaCorp's deep pockets have thus far seduced enough legislators and deluded enough citizens "recharge brings higher power bills" to thwart any serious attempt to implement recharge. IdaCorp seems to resist that even Snake River water that surpasses its generation capacity, gushing unused into Idaho's economy, still belongs to it.

In its shortsighted greed, it fails to acknowledge that the aquifer does not consume water but rather stores it with incredible efficiency. When nature blesses us with excess run-off, the common sense thing to do is recharge. In time, that water will return to the Snake in a controlled flow via higher spring discharge above and below Milner, satisfying the rights of all users.

The vast majority of deep-well pumps are very judicious in their water use, pumping considerably less than 50 percent of their water right. It is

very expensive! Yes, we farmers and everyone must conserve, and find new ways to use water more efficiently, but taking 100,000 acres of land out of production via the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and using taxpayer money to pay the farmer a pitance \$130 per acre is not the answer.

That \$130 per acre reverberating through Idaho's economy will return a pittance compared to the \$585 per acre average. What could a \$13 million per year CRP payment, along with the hundreds of thousands of dollars paid in attorney fees by competing water right holders, return if applied to recharge? In 2006, recharge water could "be" have been purchased for about \$10 per acre foot. Contrast the potential of buying 1.3 million acre feet of water with CREP's goal of conserving 200,000 acre feet for the same dollars. Go figure!

Brian Huges, arguably the most knowledgeable hydrologist in the state, concludes emphatically that if Idahoans desire to maintain or increase the aquifer level, recharge is the only way.

We don't need more studies, programs, or litigation. We need maximum recharge. It's a win-win for all users.

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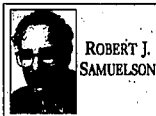
New Congress doomed to inaction on retirement costs

Born in late 1945, I say this to the 76 million or so subsequent baby boomers and particularly to Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, our generations' leading politicians: Shame on us. We are trying to pillage our children and grandchildren, putting the country's future at risk in the process. On one of the great issues of our time, the costs of our retirement, we have adopted a policy of selfish silence.

As Congress reconvenes, pledges of "fiscal responsibility" abound.

Let me boldly predict: On retirement spending, this Congress will do nothing just as previous Congresses have done nothing. Nancy Pelosi promises to "build a better future for all of America's children." If she were serious, she would back cuts in Social Security and Medicare.

President Bush calls "entitlement spending" the central



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budget problem.

If he were serious, he too would propose cuts in Social Security and Medicare.

They are not serious, because few Americans — particularly prospective baby-boom retirees — want them to be. It's no secret: the 65-and-over population will double by 2030 (to almost 72 million, or 20 percent of total), but hardly anyone wants to face the realistic implications.

By comparison, other budget issues, including the notorious "earmarks," are trivial. In 2005, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid (the main pro-

grams for the elderly) cost \$1.034 trillion, twice the amount of defense spending and more than two-fifths of the total federal budget. By 2030, these programs are projected to equal about three-quarters of the present budget. If it remains constant as a share of national income.

Preserving present retirement benefits automatically imposes huge costs on the young — costs that are economically unsound and socially unjust. By 2030 could hit 50 percent. If other spending is maintained as a share of national income. Or much of the rest of government would have to be shut or crippled. Or budget deficits would balloon to quadruple today's level.

Social Security and Medicare benefits must be cut to keep down overall costs. Yes, some taxes will be raised and some other spending cut.

But much of the adjustment should come from increasing eligibility ages (ultimately to 70) and curbing payments to wealthier retirees. Americans live longer and are healthier. They can work longer and save more for retirement.

Because I've written all this before, I can anticipate some of the furious responses from prospective retirees. First will be the "social compact" argument: We paid for today's retirees; tomorrow's workers must pay for us. Well, of course, they will pay; the question is how much.

Next I'll hear that the Social Security and Medicare trust funds, intended to cover future benefits, have been "plundered." Blame Congress and the White House — not us. This is pure fiction.

Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid are pay-as-you-go programs.

Present taxes pay present

benefits. In 2005, 86 percent of Social Security payroll taxes went to pay current retiree benefits. True, excess taxes had created a "surplus" in the Social Security trust fund (it hasn't been "plundered") of \$1.66 trillion in 2005; but that equaled less than four years of present benefits. More important, Medicare and Medicaid represent three-quarters of the projected spending increase for retirees by 2030.

All the misinformation bespeaks political evasion. With his rhetorical skills, Clinton might have raised public understanding. Instead, he lowered it by falsely denouncing the Republicans for attempting to "destroy" Medicare. And Bush's credibility is shot because he made the problem worse. His Medicare drug benefit increases spending and amounts to a political giveaway.

The failure to communicate also implicates many pundits

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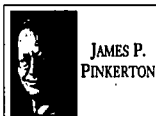
Bush wimps out at the Mexican border

So American troops are surging in Iraq, and withdrawing along our own border. What's wrong with this picture? Nothing, say the journalistic and political elites.

Yet, before anything else, what we need is a surge of troops on the U.S.-Mexican border, which is a lot closer to home than Baghdad. On Jan. 6, *The Arizona Republic* reported that a small team of National Guard troops "abandoned their post near the border southwest of Tucson as four gunmen approached from Mexico." American authorities assured the newspaper that this was all fine, all part of the plan. It seems that the National Guard, which President Bush sent to the border with great fanfare last year, is on guard only to perform administrative and logistical functions — it's not supposed to do any actual border enforcement.

In the supposed-to-be-soothing words of Border Patrol spokesman Mario Martinez, "There was no attack" against the Americans in uniform. Why not? In order to not be detected, they moved to a safer location," Martinez cooed. "That's exactly what we want them to do." That's one way to avoid confrontation: Just keep retreating. Works for a while.

In a different era the American commander in chief took seriously his constitutional oath to "preserve, protect and defend" these United States. In 1916, after the terrorist forces of Pancho Villa crossed into American territory, President Wilson sent John "Black Jack" Pershing and the U.S. Army into Mexico on a punitive retaliatory expedition. That's how a country convinces outsiders that it cares about its own national sovereignty. But, in contrast to the 28th president, the 43rd presi-



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dent seems to be preoccupied with Iraq, not Arizona; extra U.S. troops are going to go 7,000 miles from home, even as our own homes are unguarded.

Indeed, Bush and the Democrats who now control Congress seem to agree that there should be less enforcement along the U.S.-Mexico border. So in 2007 we can expect a cancellation of the once-promised border wall. We also can expect a guest-worker/slow-motion-amnesty deal. Bush and his new best friend forever, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., are eager for such a deal to show the U.C. establishment that they can work with Democrats at least some of the time — even as they seek to jam the Demos on Iraq.

But, of course, both parties in Washington are experts at the game of selling out ordinary Americans — in the name of foggy abstractions such as "bipartisanship" and "nation building." What Americans on the southwestern border need is political leadership that will stand up for them, not ignore them. And soon enough, as the immigration invasion continues, all Americans will figure out that they, too, need border protection.

And one day, even the mainstream media will realize that the impending demographic transformation and dissolution of America is a big story. Maybe.

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Bulldogs survive in OT

Kimberly slips past Filer to stay unbeaten

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — There are a variety of painful injuries in sports, but sore ribs rank near the top.

Kimberly junior Kayla Hutcheson missed the first game with Filer in early December after she had injured her ribs at a softball camp. Despite playing in pain and having to spend more time on the bench than she would have liked, the junior still managed to score 13 points with six of those coming in overtime as the top-ranked Kimberly Bulldogs defeated the Filer Wildcats in a thrilling 55-51 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference game Tuesday.

With the win, the Bulldogs move to 15-0 for the season and 6-0 in the SCIC.

"It was a huge gut check for Kayla," said Kimberly coach Rich Bishop. "She was playing in a lot of pain but she really sucked it up and played a great game. Her presence is very important on the floor especially on the defensive end. Brittany (Hardy) really worked her rear off — she plays hard whether or not she is scoring points or not. We played well in the first quarter and had some letdowns in the second. Still we did find a way to stay in the game."

In the overtime, Hutcheson scored the first two baskets for Kimberly and gave the Bulldogs the lead at 50-46. After several changes of possessions by both teams and no scoring, Haley Bamseyer scored for Filer and was fouled with 48 seconds remaining. She made the following free throw as the



Kimberly High School freshman Alex Pfefferle is fouled as he takes the ball to the hoop Tuesday night against Filer High School.

Burley shuts down Prescott in victory

Hosteen, Searle lift Bobcats past Tigers in conference play

By Ryan Hows
For the Times-News

BURLEY — Before Burley's Great Basin Conference West basketball opener against Jerome Tuesday, Bobcats coach Jack Bagley said his team would win if it held reigning conference player of the year David Prescott under 20 points.

Prescott scored 18 and the Bobcats won 72-57.

Burley moved to 1-0 in conference play and 11-1 overall.

"We can't give (Prescott) any open looks or he's going to beat us," Bagley said. "I'm really proud of our guys because they really stepped up against a good team."

Burley senior Casey Miller drew the assignment to guard Prescott for most of the night. Brad Canislin came off the bench to spell Miller at times. Burley used a balanced inside-outside offense effectively.

Wing player Ben Searle finished with 14 points. Eight of forward Jordan Hosteen's 14 points came in the first quarter to help spark the Bobcats. Junior point guard Colton Moon, who battled a chest cold, scored 11 points.

Jerome (6-5 overall, 1-1 GBW) pulled to within 11 points as Prescott hit a 3-pointer to beat the buzzer before halftime. The Tigers made a push in the second



Jerome's Kevin Williams (42) makes a move on Burley's Kyle Hosteen during the Bobcats' 72-57 win Tuesday at Burley High School.

half behind the efforts of Logan Parker, who finished with 16 points, including four 3-pointers.

Prescott got Jerome as close as seven points, 61-54, on a long jumper with 1:38 remaining in the game.

However, Burley, which ended up 22-of-26 from the foul line, made 11-of-12 free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Burley will host Twin Falls Thursday. Jerome hosts Buhl on Friday.

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Other scorers: Kyle Hosteen 12, Peterson 9, Canislin 8, Parker 8, Miller 7, Searle 7, Moon 11, Williams 8, Bishop 2, Bagley 1, Miller 2, Miller 2, Miller 2

CSI men climb to No. 6 in latest NJCAA rankings

Times-News

Team	W-L	Pts.	Poll
1. Chippewa College	180	160	1
2. Redlands CC	150	141	2
3. Indiana High School	122	131	3
4. Howard College	131	93	4
5. Wallace State CC	120	65	7
6. Southern Idaho	124	89	8
7. Alameda State College	142	55	6
8. Arizona Western	122	40	5
9. John A. Logan	141	32	12
10. Oakland-Metron	152	19	13
11. Colorado State	122	11	9
12. Barton College CC	141	10	15
13. Northeastern JC	141	8	17
14. Paris JC	112	8	17
15. Kentucky-King	142	7	18
16. Dodge City CC	141	7	19
17. Seward State CC	92	7	15
18. Georgia Perimeter	134	11	11
19. Klamath Community	142	4	NR
20. Tallahassee CC	163	3	NR
21. Highland CC-Elmore-102	3	NR	NR

Other receiving votes: Iowa Western CC, Pratt CC, San Jacinto College, Central, Southwest Tennessee CC.

Late surge leads Tigers to win over Declo

By John Derr
Times-News writer

JEROME — Early in the third quarter Jerome's girls looked at the scoreboard and found themselves in a nine-point hole. That finally woke them up.

After struggling early against a feisty 3A Declo squad, the 4A Tigers took over down the stretch to defeat the Hornets 65-53 in nonconference basketball action Tuesday night.

The game was similar to the last time

the two teams met on the Hornets floor, when Jerome pulled away late thanks to 22 points by Jordan Burnham.

This time it would be a trio of underclassmen that led the way.

Burnham went 4-for-4 from the free-throw line midway through the first as Jerome grabbed the early lead. Declo's Macey Jones scored a pair of buckets in the paint to tie it at 10. Sophomore

Jordann Hollifield chipped in a putback late in the period giving the Tigers the 16-14 lead after one.

The game stayed tight in the second as the teams were tied 28-28 at the break. Declo got the loose balls and attacked the basket. Senior guard Kendra Koyle, who finished with a game-high 17 points, consistently beat the Tigers down the court getting easy baskets in the paint. Jerome stayed in the game with free

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Boise State's Petersen just fine with No. 5 ranking

By Ralph D. Buss
Associated Press writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Boise State coach Chris Petersen looked at the rankings Tuesday and loved what he saw.

There, tucked in among all the college football powerhouses — right behind LSU and Southern California and ahead of Wisconsin and Michigan — was Boise State.

Petersen's Broncos (13-0) finished fifth in the final Associated Press Top 25, released early Tuesday morning after Florida's 41-14 victory over Ohio State in the BCS national championship game.

"We weren't surprised," he said in a telephone interview. "I think it's a pretty fair ranking."

The Broncos, from the Western Athletic Conference, even got a first-place vote in the AP poll, the only one that didn't go to No. 1 Florida. It came from Greg Archuleta of the Albuquerque Journal in New Mexico.

"They're the only unbeaten in Division I-A and because there's no playoff every week is an elimination for these teams, and Boise State was the only one that made it through," he said.

Archuleta said he labored with his decision because Florida was so

USA Today Top 25 Poll

Rank	Team	Record	W-L	Pts.	Poll
1	Florida	13-0	130	160	1
2	Alabama	11-2	150	141	2
3	Oregon	11-1	122	131	3
4	Oklahoma	11-1	131	93	4
5	Boise State	13-0	120	65	7
6	Georgia Tech	11-2	124	89	8
7	Michigan	10-3	142	55	6
8	LSU	11-1	122	40	5
9	Arkansas	11-1	141	32	12
10	Ohio State	10-3	152	19	13
11	Wisconsin	11-1	122	11	9
12	Florida State	11-1	141	10	15
13	Illinois	11-1	141	8	17
14	Stanford	11-1	112	8	17
15	Nebraska	11-1	142	7	18
16	Washington	11-1	141	7	19
17	Texas Tech	11-1	92	7	15
18	North Carolina	11-1	134	11	11
19	Virginia Tech	11-1	142	4	NR
20	Arizona	11-1	163	3	NR
21	Georgia	11-1	3	NR	NR

impressive, but felt Boise State would be good enough on a given day to beat the Gators.

"If they played 100 times Florida might win 95, but we'll never know because there's no playoff system," Archuleta said.

Petersen has never lobbied for a shot at the national title. Before and after his team's exhilarating 43-42

Ed. board approves \$36 million BSU stadium expansion

The Associated Press

BOISE — Fresh off a perfect 13-0 season and victory over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl, Boise State University has been given approval by the state Board of Education to fix up Bronco Stadium.

Construction on a \$35.9 million project to replace the cramped press box and add luxury suites at stadium could be the first piece of a major expansion to the 30,000-seat stadium, where Boise State has lost just twice since 2001. The addition of suites, club sections and lounge boxes will add about 2,000 seats, increasing the stadium's capacity to 32,000.

The athletic department presented its plans Monday to the board at a monthly meeting in Boise — the same day the Broncos achieved their highest ranking ever in The Associated Press Top 25 poll.

Finishing the season at No. 5 and as the only undefeated Division I-A team in the country. The school expects to complete the renovations before the start of the 2008 football season.

The press box and luxury seat renovations should be the first phase of a larger stadium expansion that increases the stadium's capacity to more than 40,000 seats, head coach Chris Petersen told a booster's meeting Monday.

"That press box is awesome, but

I've got to tell you, I've already moved past that," The Idaho Statesman quoted Petersen as saying. "I'm on to how we're going to expand the stadium."

A continued plan to add thousands more seats, perhaps in the north corners of the stadium facing downtown, or the horseshoe opening at the south end zone, could go before the board in the next two years. But Petersen said that depends on selling out every home game next season.

"It's got to be the hardest ticket in all of Idaho to get," Petersen said.

The university has contracted with Layton Construction of Salt Lake City to build the current addition of luxury seats and a new press box, athletic director Gene Blymyer said.

overtime victory over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl last week, the coach said he was just happy his team got the chance to play on a big stage. He said that Boise State's schedule was not as difficult as Florida's or Ohio State's.

He didn't waver from that Tuesday. "I think there are certain conferences that from top to bottom are very strong," he said. "Every game is a dog-

fight in the SEC, the Big Ten. I still think those conferences have the edge."

Boise State finished sixth in the USA Today coaches' poll, in which Petersen is a voter. He had his team fourth. There's so much subjectivity it's hard to figure out who goes where," he said.

Boise State made plenty of new fans

after Petersen reached deep into his playbook to beat the Sooners on New Year's Day. The Broncos tied the game with a hook-and-ladder and won it with a Statue of Liberty play. And tailback Ian Johnson pulled another game-winning play, kicking a 22-yard field goal after scoring the winning 22-point conversion.

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3. Matt Kemp, Los Angeles Dodgers, \$100 million

4. Ryan Howard, Philadelphia Phillies, \$95 million

5. Prince Fielder, Milwaukee Brewers, \$90 million

6. Adam Lind, Texas Rangers, \$85 million

7. Ryan Braun, Milwaukee Brewers, \$80 million

8. Matt Kemp, Los Angeles Dodgers, \$75 million

9. Ryan Howard, Philadelphia Phillies, \$70 million

10. Prince Fielder, Milwaukee Brewers, \$65 million

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AL Central

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Oakland 14, Texas Rangers 13, Anaheim 12, Los Angeles Angels 11, Seattle Mariners 10

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Atlanta Braves 14, Philadelphia Phillies 13, Washington Nationals 12, Pittsburgh Pirates 11, New York Mets 10

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St. Louis Cardinals 14, Cincinnati Reds 13, Milwaukee Brewers 12, Chicago Cubs 11, Pittsburgh Pirates 10

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Wendell at Gentry, 7 p.m.

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Wendell at Hillsboro, 7:30 p.m.

Durley Falls at Idaho Falls, 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Trion Falls at Picocherry, 6 p.m.

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ESPN - Duke at Georgia Tech, 8 p.m.

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Tulsa's Kragthorpe replaces Petrino as head coach at Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The University of Louisville introduced Steve Kragthorpe as its new football coach Tuesday, less than 48 hours after Bobby Petrino left for the NFL.

Tulsa's Kragthorpe and Louisville athletic director Tom Jurich agreed to a five-year, \$1.1-million deal that runs through the 2012 season. The contract was approved by the Louisville Athletic Association's Board of Directors on Tuesday afternoon.

"This truly is a destination for us," said Kragthorpe, 29-22 in four seasons at Tulsa, at a news conference. "There's no question that we feel like this is a place that we came to stay."

The deal caps a whirlwind courtship. Jurich said he flew to Oklahoma on Monday night to interview Kragthorpe. On Tuesday morning, Kragthorpe and his family joined Jurich for the plane trip back to Louisville.

"We might have just completed the shortest search in the history of the NCAA," Jurich said. "I thought we needed to move quickly."

It wasn't fast enough to keep running back Michael Bush, though. Bush, who broke his right leg in September, said Tuesday he planned to enter the NFL draft.

Junior quarterback Brian Brohm has until Jan. 15 to decide whether to bypass his senior year and join Bush in the draft. Brohm is expected to meet with Kragthorpe in the next few days before making a decision.

The Cardinals finished 12-1 in 2006, won the Big East, defeated Wake Forest in the Orange Bowl and were sixth in the final AP poll.

Sports Shorts

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

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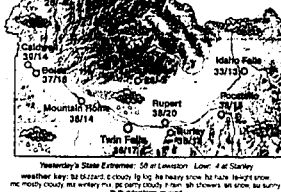
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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cold, Arctic air will begin to arrive today and light to moderate snow will also continue. A few snow showers legal into tonight and Thursday and temperatures will continue to become even colder.

BOISE Today will be colder and cloudy to mostly cloudy. Scattered rain and snow showers are also possible. A few snow showers legal into tonight and Thursday will be very heavy.

NORTHERN UTAH Snow showers, brisk winds and colder temperatures for today. A few snow showers and flurries will linger into tonight and Thursday.



Gregg Middlekauff's quote of the day: 'I'm not sure I've ever been in a situation I hate as much as I hate the greater part of my career as a subpar player. I don't mind it as long as I'm successful.'

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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Table showing moon phases from Jan 11 to Feb 2.

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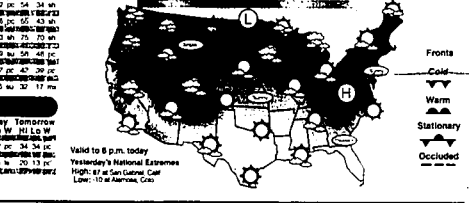
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Nowitzki, Mavs topple Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY — Dirk Nowitzki scored a season-high 38 points, including two free throws with 10:2 remaining, to help the Dallas Mavericks defeat the Utah Jazz 108-105 on Tuesday night.



Harrington scored 14 points in the second half. Danny Granger had 15 points for the Pacers (49-16), who held Atlanta to 32 percent shooting.

Nowitzki, who has averaged more than 30 points in his last six games, scored 25 in the second half as the Mavs averaged a 101-79 loss to Utah on Dec. 11.

Dallas Mavericks forward Josh Howard (5) slams one through the basket against Utah Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko (47) during the first quarter Tuesday in Salt Lake City.

Suns 113, Sonics 102 PHOENIX — Shawn Marion had 29 points and 15 rebounds, Steve Nash added 27 points and 11 assists, and Phoenix beat fading Seattle for its seventh consecutive victory.

Nets 101, Raptors 86 EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Vince Carter scored 32 points and Richard Jefferson added 21 to lead the New Jersey Nets to a 101-86 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday night in a matchup of the top teams in the weak Atlantic Division.

Pistons 98, 76ers 89 PHILADELPHIA — Tayshaun Prince scored a career-high 33 points and Richard Hamilton had 22 in 21 minutes.

Grizzlies 128, Lakers 118 MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Pau Gasol had 25 points and 13 rebounds, and Mike Miller scored 14 of his 25 points in Memphis' franchise-record 46-point third quarter.

Pacers 87, Hawks 72 INDIANAPOLIS — Al Harrington scored 18 points and sparked a second-half run as Indiana beat Atlanta.

Spurs 98, Trail Blazers 84 SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan led a balanced attack with 16 points as San Antonio beat Portland.

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No. 2 Florida, No. 3 Wisconsin win

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Laurian Green scored 17 points and Corey Brewer added 13 to lead No. 2 Florida to a 79-72 victory over Arkansas on Tuesday night.

No. 14 Alabama 71, No. 13 LSU 61 TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Richard Hendrix scored 18 points for Alabama, which rebounded from a 27-point loss at Arkansas on Saturday.

No. 17 Clemson 87, N.C. State 76 RALEIGH, N.C. — Vernon Hamilton scored 21 points and Clemson matched the best start in school history and remained the only unbeaten team in Division I.

No. 3 Wisconsin 72, No. 5 Ohio State 69 MADISON, Wis. — Kamron Taylor scored 25 points and Wisconsin survived a late charge by Greg Oden at the Badgers.

No. 18 Air Force 65, New Mexico 57 AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Dan Nwaeleke scored 22 points and Air Force rallied from a 15-point halftime deficit for its 12th straight victory.

No. 22 Notre Dame 61, No. 21 West Virginia 58 SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Russell Carter scored 19 points and Notre Dame rebounded from its biggest loss in seven seasons under coach Mike Brey.

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Gwynn, Ripken get a Hall pass. Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripken Jr. earned their place in the National Baseball Hall of Fame Tuesday.

Ripken, Gwynn elected to Hall

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark McGwire's Hall of Fame bid was met with a rejection as emphatic as his upper-cut home runs. While the door to Cooperstown swung open for Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn on Tuesday, McGwire was picked by less than a quarter of voters — a result that raises doubts about whether Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa or other sluggers from baseball's Steroids Era will ever gain entry.

McGwire, whose 583 home runs rank seventh on the career list, appeared on 128 of a record 545 ballots in voting released Tuesday by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. "I hope that as time goes on, that number will increase," Gwynn said. "I hope that one day he will get into the Hall of Fame, because I really believe he deserves it."

Gators return to rousing reception. Monday night's 41-14 victory over Ohio State and posed for pictures. They waved wildly to the crowd of more than 11,000.



Storage emerges from the closet

By Meghan F. Wolff
The Washington Post

While searching for solutions to clutter, we found a storage alternative to humorless Rubbermaid containers and battered shoe boxes. Both are useful, yes, but so boring they are destined to a life hidden in closets among dust bunnies.

The \$20 "Hotel" shoe box, devised by Pure Nomade, is not only cheerful to look at, it also works as both storage and furniture.

The unusually shaped, easy-to-assemble cardboard cubby can corral cosmetics, electrical cords, small toys or, of course, shoes. A stack of them is sturdy enough to serve as a side table for holding a mug of coffee and a magazine or two. In an office, one would do well on a desk as a compartment for staplers, tape dispensers and other unruly supplies.

The Hotel comes in 16 patterns and colors. Solids, including Candy Pink and Pistachio, have a linen texture; the wild patterns have a glossy finish. Soren Berg, a partner in the Danish industrial design firm that created them, says a smaller version, about one-third the size of the original, will be available early this year.

To avoid shipping charges from Denmark, you can order the Hotel box through its New York retailer, YoyaMart, by visiting www.yoyashop.com.



Five annoying messes you don't have to put up with anymore

The Washington Post

You know those places around the house that annoy you every time you notice them?

The kitchen shelf jammed with old plastic takeout containers and storage bowls with no lids? The dispiriting tangle of wires under your desk? The coat closet so clogged you just throw your coat over a chair when you come home, and the linen closet piled with almost everything but fresh sheets and towels?

Do you really want to go through another year letting your house push you around? Like this? Pick one spot — the one that bothers you most — and fight back. Clean out, throw away and restore order in just this one area. See how much better it makes you feel. You may be energized to move on to another.

Kitchen

We remodeled our kitchen two years ago, replacing curling linoleum and rusted metal cabinets with more counter space and cupboards than we'd ever had. Yet when the friend who designed it called, I told her the drawer by the stove for hot pads and towels was too small.

"How many hot pads do you have?" she asked.

"Only 11 or 12."

And so began my reality check about kitchen storage. It's usually not about too little space: It's about too much stuff.

Plastic bags, says District of Columbia professional organizer Scott Roewer, and food storage containers. And food — a particular problem among warehouse club shoppers. "A typical household cannot use 5,000 individual packages of sweetener or the 24-can case of chicken broth," says Roewer. Then there are spices: Why too many spices that are way too old, says Fernando Alban, manager at Chesapeake Kitchen Design in Washington. And appliances: "People buy a new coffee pot and keep the old one, buy a new food processor and keep the old one."

Plus old utensils and gadgets, "like cheese graters pushed way back in the drawer," says Dana Soukavanh, a design specialist in Hyattsville, Md. And don't get her started on place mats and napkins. "People keep buying new ones and stuffing them in till the drawer won't close and the fabric is wrinkled. Do you really need more than a couple of nice sets for eight or 10?" So here's the word from the experts: Admit what you have too much of, and

reclaim the space it's taking up.

* **Plastic containers:** Sort by size and shape (each one must have a lid), then send the overflow to recycling heaven, says Roewer. Zipper bags work for almost everything and take a whole lot less space to store.

* **Food:** Set aside a cabinet as a dry pantry for pasta, cereal, jars and cans, suggests Soukavanh. Using one cabinet is more efficient than scattering food storage around the room.



* **Knives:** Knives you don't use are a waste of drawer space, says Soukavanh. Get rid of the ones you never reach for, and store the rest in a wooden block on the counter: It looks good and protects the blades.

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PROCRASTINATION



Mike Gemar of Buhl — more prompt than many a Magic Valley homeowner — takes down his Christmas lights in early January.

How long is too long?

Christmas decorations still light up valley

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

FILLER — Christmas was weeks ago. But in just about any neighborhood some people are either still celebrating the holiday or just too busy — or nonchalant — to take down the lights adorning their homes.

How late is too late to remove the festive blinking decor? The day after Christmas? New Year's Day? Valentine's Day?

Some people — and you know who you are — seem to forget altogether and greet passers-by year-round with glowing trees and outlined windows. And that's perfectly fine by Georgia Blastock of Filer.

Blastock's Christmas lights are up and on from early November into February.

"I do take some of them down off the house after Christmas but leave the ones up on the trees that line my driveway," Blastock said. "I teach piano lessons, and they are a cheerful and festive way for those coming into my home to see better."

It doesn't bother her one bit to see homes sparkling well into the new year.

"I guess it just depends on how they like to live; they could be like (country music singer) Gretchen Wilson who leaves her lights up year-round," Blastock said. "If they want to continue to celebrate Christmas by leaving their lights on, that's fine."

Others say it's a miracle that the lights come down at all, given society's overscheduled day planners.

Mike Gemar of Buhl never leaves his Christmas lights up all year (not counting the time a strand was forgotten around the hot tub). Instead, he aims for the first week of January, just before high school basketball starts and he is tied up calling foul plays and missed shots on the court.

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COOKING CLASS

Learn from a chef who has fun in the kitchen

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Expect the unexpected when chef and cookbook author Jeff Keys of Ketchum's Vintage Restaurant teaches a cooking class in Twin Falls next week.

"I like spontaneity so I think we can have a lot of fun, which is the main idea I want to convey: that cooking is a great pleasure," Keys said.

He'll teach "Vintage Starters & Endings" from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 17 at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$40.

"I like to show a lot of basics that will allow the students to easily expand their cooking repertoire. These dishes are fun to make and use all the elements we will be discussing," Keys said, adding, "I'd like to throw in a few surprises."

The menu: Vintage Spice Mix; Peppery Orange Aioli; Vintage Garlic Butter; Vintage Basic Marinade; Spicy Cajun Oysters; Jeff's Wild Mountain Pizza; Vintage Chocolate Sauce; Vintage Caramel Sauce; Chimmey Sweeps



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Jeff Keys' Wild Mountain Pizzas

Gelato; and Toasted Pecan Coated Ice Cream Balls. Keys has owned restaurants in Crested Butte, Colo.; Ashland, Ore.; and Sun Valley. He opened Vintage Restaurant in 2003. His cookbook "Vintage Restaurant Handcrafted Cuisine from a Sun Valley Favorite" was published by Gibbs Smith in June. To sign up, call Rudy's at 733-5477.

FOOD & HOME

HOUSE PLAN



Rustic Brelsford has space to spread out

Shingles and stone give a handsomely rustic look to the Brelsford, a rambling two-story home with over 3,000 square feet of living space. This plan is well-suited to families that enjoy entertaining, or simply like having space to spread out.

At its core is a huge great room with a 12-foot ceiling and a window-flanked fireplace.

Two sets of double doors at the rear provide access to a partially covered patio.

The kitchen is totally open to this expansive area, but slightly recessed. A long raised eating bar keeps the clutter of food preparation out of sight. Standing at the kitchen sink, you are at the center of everything. You can look out into the great room, or turn your head to gaze out windows, or check out activities in the vaulted dining room.

Counters and cupboards wrap around four sides of the roomy kitchen, and extend into a butler's pantry with an additional sink and dishwasher.

Open shelves fill one long wall of a utility room, with space for a freezer or second

refrigerator at the far end, next to the built-in desk.

A powder room and guest suite are just inside the front door.

Flowering and/or foliage plants will flourish on the window shelf in the guest suite's rectangular bay, and this room has its own private bathroom.

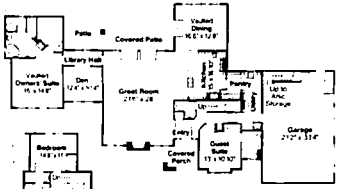
Wide windows brighten the Brelsford's vaulted owners' suite, connected to the great room by a library hall and den. Luxuries include a walk-in closet and a private bathroom with two pedestal lavs, spa tub, and walk-in shower.

Upstairs bedrooms share a novel and practical three-section bathroom.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Brelsford 30-292 and include a return address when ordering.

A catalog featuring more than 550 home plans is available for \$15.

For more information, call (800) 634-0123, or visit our website at www.Associated-Designs.com.



Better butter crocks

By Robert L. Wells
Special to The Washington Post

Question: Butter crocks seem to be enjoying a resurgence. How long can you safely keep butter in them? As you use up the butter, must you add enough water so the butter is always in contact with the water? Is it critical to start with very cold water?

Answer: Butter crocks, known also as French butter dishes or by the brand name Butter Bells, have indeed been resurging. They go back to pre-refrigerator days, when the liven' was easy and butter was always soft and spreadable.

Keeping butter at room temperature for long periods of time invites spoilage. Because oxygen in the air is primarily what causes rancidity, we could keep our room-temperature butter under water. But just try to cut off a piece while it's floating.

The French butter dish consists of a bell-shaped lid that you firmly pack with soft butter. The lid is then placed on a crock containing cold water, which seals off the bottom of the butter from the air. It can

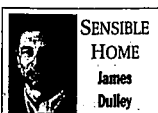
then be kept at room temperature for as long as a few weeks without turning rancid. The water, of course, will not remain cold, so don't be tricked into thinking it cools the butter for more than a few minutes. You still have to keep the crock in a cool place, because butter may melt if the room temperature reaches 80 degrees.

But there's always a catch. Isn't there? Or several. The water must be changed every few days to prevent mold, which can form in warm climates and certain other environments. And as soon as you use some of the butter, its volume is replaced by a pocket of cool air, not by water. Moist added water cannot fill that pocket because there is no place for the air to go. It just stays there, in contact with the remaining butter, until you refill the bell to the brim. Thus, the projection from a lid isn't completely as the butter is used.

Why not just keep a few days' worth of butter in a covered butter dish on the kitchen counter for both spreading and cooking? It's not going to turn rancid that quickly, especially if it is sealed.

How to choose a new gas furnace

DEAR JIM: When my old gas furnace was serviced this fall, it needed repairs and the technician indicated it was time to think about replacing it. What are my options for a new gas furnace, and which ones save the most?



Sensible Home
James Dulley

DEAR RON: Even if your furnace was not beginning to need expensive repairs, installing an efficient one would cut your utility bills significantly. In addition to a 40 percent savings on your utility bills, a new efficient gas furnace provides better comfort and more quiet operation. Gas furnace efficiency is called AFUE (annual fuel utilization efficiency).

Every house is unique, so there is not one "best" furnace for everyone.

You must have a contractor do a thorough heat loss analysis of your home to determine the size (heating capacity) of furnace you need.

Furnace capacity is rated by the amount of gas it consumes, not the effective heat it produces. You may be able to get by with a smaller, but more efficient model.

If you have a central air conditioner which is also old, you may consider replacing it at the same time with a heat pump. The heat pump can provide heat efficiently during milder weather with the gas furnace as backup. Choosing this approach will impact which furnace provides the best economic payoff.

The gas furnaces which save the most money use a condensing design with two heat exchangers. The hot water vapor in the flue gases condenses in the second heat exchanger to capture more heat before it is lost out the flue. These all have efficiencies above 90 percent and do not require a chimney. They

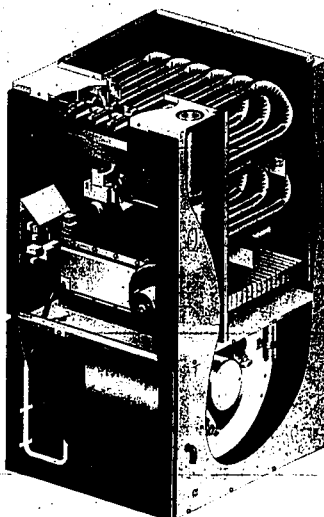
are vented outdoors through a small plastic pipe.

Less expensive models in the 80 percent range have only one heat exchanger, and the flue generally goes into a chimney.

In cold climates, your contractor will have to determine whether your chimney needs a flue liner because the water vapor may condense inside the chimney. Having to upgrade a chimney can make it almost as expensive as installing a better condensing furnace.

There are typically three categories of condensing furnaces. Standard ones have a single-output burner and a standard blower motor. The first step up is a two-stage or modulating burner which varies its heat output depending on the instantaneous heating needs of your house. Some still use a standard blower motor.

The top-of-the-line models use an ECM variable-speed blower motor to improve comfort and efficiency. These also operate quieter. There's a \$50 energy tax credit for upgrading to the variable-speed blower, but its installed cost is several hundred dollars more than a standard blower. At www.dulley.com, download Update Bulletin No. 698 — a buyer's guide of the 19 most efficient modulating and two-stage gas/propane furnaces, listing AFUE's, capacities, blower motor types, warranties and sizing and savings charts.



This shows the interior of a high-efficiency condensing furnace. Notice the tubular-style heat exchangers near the top.

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around the wax ring under it. The wax ring seals the toilet to the top of the drain pipe. It is soft to mold to the pipe.

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Foolproof and fragrant: An herbed dressing for your table

The Washington Post

This fragrant dish is foolproof. From the November 1999 issue of *Gourmet* magazine.

The dressing can be assembled, covered and refrigerated for up to one day; bring to room temperature before baking.

HERBED BREAD DRESSING

Makes about 12 cups

- 10 cups (about 1 pound) 1-inch cubes crusty country-style bread
- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, plus additional for the baking dish
- 3 medium onions, coarsely chopped
- 3 stalks celery, thinly sliced

- crosswise
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon dried sage
- 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary

About 1 1/2 cups turkey stock or low-sodium chicken broth
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper

Adjust the oven rack to the middle position. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees.

Spread the bread cubes in a single layer on a large rimmed baking sheet and toast for 25 to 30 minutes or just until the bread is dry, shaking the sheet occasionally. Set aside to cool. Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium-low heat, melt the butter. Add the onions, celery, thyme, sage and rose-

mary and cook for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables have softened.

In a large bowl, combine the toasted bread cubes, vegetable mixture (with all of the butter), stock or broth, and salt and pepper to taste. Toss to combine. Set aside, uncovered, to cool completely.

When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Lightly grease a large baking dish.

Place the dressing in the dish, cover with aluminum foil and bake for 20 minutes or until the dressing is heated through. For a crunchier top, uncover the dressing for the last half of the cooking. Add more broth if the uncovered dressing seems dry. Serve warm.

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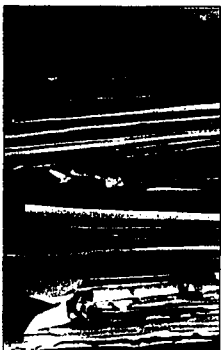
Messes

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• **Cleaning products:** Don't overstock, says Alban. And if you're looking, look for newer sink designs that position the drain and disposal unit toward the back wall, freeing up under-sink storage.
Turn excess into display. One friend has a weakness for dish towels. Rather than monopolize a drawer or two, she shows them off in a basket on the floor.
Bottom line: Get realistic. "If you have a little apartment, maybe you shouldn't try to make room for that turkey fryer," says Alban.

— Belle Elving

Home office



It doesn't matter whether your home office is as small as an apartment closet or its own massive space. The problems are the same: It's ugly, and you can't find anything.

Home offices — created, ironically, to curb clutter and improve organization — typically become dumping grounds for every piece of paper that comes through the front door or off the printer. The room should be useful, efficient and pleasant to work in, whether you run an office out of your home or your home out of the office.

Let's start with looks. No matter how wireless the world may seem, most home offices have a tangled eyeful of electrical cords for computers and other office electronics. Try mounting a power strip underneath your desk so the cords are close to their plugs. Designers and professional organizers suggest bundling the excess wires with plastic ties or cord clips. One clever friend cut the back off a basket and coiled all the cords inside; all you can see from the front is the pretty container.

You don't have to spend much money to perk up a home office. Get a desk lamp to cure bad lighting. A comfortable ergonomic chair is worth spending money on, but you don't need to buy a new table or desk.

Then, the organization. Tossing needless paper is the first step to home office efficiency. Even if you think you might need a certain book or newspaper clipping one day, chances are you won't.

Be brutal. Stephanie Winston, a professional organizer with Office Depot, recommends spending 30 minutes a day, every day, for three or four weeks to clear out the clutter. Then set up a filing system you're comfortable with.

"Once you've done it for three to four weeks, you begin to develop the habit," she said. "Now you just have to do it for 10 minutes a day, and you'll be able to find anything on your desk in 60 seconds."

There is no single correct filing system. Some people like color-coded file folders. Others prefer boxes with lids, or baskets, or an accordion file with a fold-over flap to contain what's inside. Individual files could hold current bills, medical and expense records, tax information, and loose magazine and newspaper clippings, among many other topics. Each child should have his or her own file.

If you have a spouse or roommate, get a basket to hold mail or magazines of joint interest.
Sort through it a few times a week and toss what you no one wants, suggests Winston. But don't let that paper invade the home office — it's way too organized now.

— Liz Seymour

Coat closet



What lies behind most coat closet doors goes way beyond parkas and rain slickers. Fire extinguishers, camera bags and golf clubs are just beginning. Those with only a really limited storage may need to squish jackets and coats between mops and vacuums.

Step one in a rehab program: Resolve to keep only outerwear, umbrellas, hats, gloves, scarves and boots in this space. Begin by removing everything and sorting ruthlessly. That 20-year-old down coat belongs in the giveaway bag the ripped, pilled, polar fleece in the trash. Consider rotating coats with the seasons to free up space. Then wipe down the closet walls and vacuum the space. Repaint if you have the time.

"Most coat closets are an absolute mess," says Lisa Lennard, director of organizational learning and development at California Closets, a national home storage company. "Most consumers have only been given a pole and a shelf in their closet, and they don't know how to organize everything."

Lennard says it's well worth the effort to create two hanging areas, one higher than the other, for long and short coats. Scarves and gloves can be organized in bins, ideally one for each person. (Good luck if you have a family of 12.) A waterproof boot tray inside the closet will catch drips from galoshes or umbrellas. A hook on the back of the closet door can hold dog leashes and backpacks.

People with very limited space should seek out every inch of hidden storage for stashing coat-closet invaders: under the bed. In storage ottomans, on hooks along a staircase. When gear has nowhere else to go, Lennard says, hall closets can be customized with shelves and dividers designed for vacuum or CD storage.

Finally, treat yourself to a set of sturdy matching hangers to help outerwear hang nicely. A good choice is Ikea's clear lacquered-wood Dummaring hangers — \$4.99 for eight. At that price, you can afford several packs and toss out sagging wire hangers forever.

— Jara Konicus

Linen closet



If you have a linen closet, however small, count yourself lucky. It's a luxury many would envy. But this prized space has a way of becoming stuffed and jumbled: Lumpy piles of sheets and towels are squished in among first-aid supplies, hair dryers, outdated medications, half-empty shampoo bottles and extra toilet paper. It becomes yet another disordered daily annoyance rather than the bonus it should be.

Reclaim the space by remembering what

linen closets are intended to hold: linens. Fresh sheets and spare blankets for nearby bedrooms, an extra pillow or two, clean towels and other essentials for the bath. And accept that linen closets have also become medicine chest armories.

Start the overhaul by removing everything and winnowing the pile to include only what makes sense to store there. If you'd like a really clean slate, take a few hours to paint or even wallpaper the interior. (Consider a color or pattern, whether vivid or serene, that will make you smile each time you open the door.) Not up for that much work? At least put down fresh shelf liners. Lots of stores sell scented versions (meadow grass/cucumber mint).

Then, prioritize. Put things you use all the time at front and center. Seasonal items — beach towels in winter, heavy blankets in summer — go higher up and farther back, says Deborah Brooker, senior designer at the Closet Factory in Waldorf, Md.

Group lotions, potions, pills and implements together; manicure gear in one see-through container, hair stuff in another, medicines in a third. Professional organizer Kim Oser of Guiltsburg, Md., recommends plastic boxes to contain leaks from sticky liquids, such as cough syrup.

Narrow space shelves work great on a linen closet door to hold bandages, bars of soap or cotton balls.

As for those linens: "You only need three sets of sheets and pillowcases" per bed, says Oser. "One that's on it, one in the laundry and a spare in case of emergency." Store in sets by size, then label the shelf. Allow three sets of bath and hand towels, and washcloths per person. Overflow linens can go to animal shelters or the rag pile.

— Annie Groer

Bathroom



If you don't want to face a dreary, badly lighted bathroom first thing in the morning and last thing at night for the next year, resolve the things you do. Even if your budget or landlord rules out a major remodel, don't despair: Inexpensive cosmetic changes can dramatically improve the room.

"People think, 'I can only go from A to Z' in remodeling a bathroom," says Ellen Witts, a designer in Silver Spring, Md. "But there's so much that can be done in between."

First, experts agree, clean the clutter of old makeup and expired medication. Then, consider a fresh coat of paint. Witts recommends painting the walls a neutral color and adding contrast with towels and rugs.

Even if you've inherited a pink-tile bathroom, using a soft, complementary paint color (such as a warm white) can tone down the tile and make it more tolerable, says Barbara Salkic, co-founder of Waterworks, a chain of high-end bath and kitchen stores.

Other quick changes include hanging a new shower curtain on a shiny chrome rod; painting the vanity and installing new knobs; replacing a rusted medicine cabinet with a mirror and shelf over the sink; and adding hanging art and other decorative objects to small clock can be particularly helpful. Witts suggests hiding drab or dated flooring under sisal or other natural fiber cut to the shape of room. Many carpet stores sell bargain-price carpet remnants big enough to do the job.

Finally, any bathroom will benefit from proper lighting. Scenes on either side of the mirror are much more flattering than overhead light. At least try to replace any old fluorescent lights. "Make them go away," Salkic says. "And all of a sudden you won't look yellow anymore."

— Terri Sapienza

Lights

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"The latest they were left on was in March," Gemar said. "But that was only one year. After March it is way late to have your lights on."

Doug Vogtman, also from Buhl, takes a stricter stance: Once Christmas is over, pull the lights down.

On the other hand, most people have at least turned off their multi-colored bulbs. But stragglers remain, and his patience is wearing thin.

"I think it's OK to leave them up until the second day of January — give people the day after New Year's to recu-

perate," he said. "And it's really pushing the envelope after Jan. 31."

Vogtman has a reason. "When you drive around and see that their lights are still turning on their Christmas lights and it is early spring it takes away from them being festive," he said. "If the lights are 11 year-old it's like there isn't even a holiday being celebrated, like it's nothing special."

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Hardware makes hanging items on walls more secure

By Gary Dymki
Newsday

The days of hope, hammer and a nail are long gone.

Today's line of wall-mounting hardware means frames, mirrors and artwork hang straighter and more securely than ever.

These fasteners eliminate worries over damage to a wall surface or to a valuable picture or frame that might fall from a wobbly nail.

Whether light and small or heavy and large, virtually any item can be properly and securely displayed with the right hardware. Depending on size, most items cost between \$3 and \$8 for multi-piece packages at hardware stores and home centers. Here's what to look for:

Light

Pieces 10 to 12 pounds or lighter usually can be held in place with adhesive-type hanging strips and hooks, made popular by 3M's Command line. Think of double-sided tape, only with an extra tough adhesive. The sticky strips and hooks often can be reused, and they don't damage the wall surface when being repositioned. Be sure to read the manufacturer's instructions on packaging. Some surfaces must be cleaned with an alcohol-type fluid, and others, including some wallpapers, won't hold some hangers.

Medium

Items up to about 25 pounds need to be fastened more securely. Unfortunately, this means making a hole in the wall. But specially designed anchors, if installed correctly, often limit damage

Web Resources

Resources for selecting the right mounting hardware: www.Colo.com. Art and picture hanging hardware: www.Tagger.com. Specialty wall anchors made in the U.S. since 1968: www.HangmanProducts.com. Instructions and product specs can help users make the right selection.

www.HangmanProducts.com. Walls, hooks, clips and fasteners for the home, garage and office. Masters of WallDoo, which fastens to drywall, wood and concrete or masonry. www.Cobrananchors.com. Canadian manufacturer of WallStar and WallDrier line of anchors.

to the surface. Look for hooks or fasteners with large teeth for biting into drywall or expandable straps or wings that grip the inside of the wall. The most stable fasteners tend to be multipurpose, so they can lock into drywall, plaster and even concrete.

Large

Sometimes the old way is best. Use braided steel wires and hooks to secure larger pieces and is tried and true. Plus, newer hardware makes this technique more reliable. Shield-shaped hangers by Hook-It, for example, use a non-marking adhesive and tiny nails to hold items up to 100 pounds in drywall, wood and plaster. Some mounting hardware features hooks and teeth-like fasteners that can be used on hollow and solid walls. Bracket-style hangers, like those from Hangman Products, can hold pictures, paintings and mirrors weighing up to 200 pounds.

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FOOD & HOME

Simmering shortcuts to suppertime

By Stephanie Witt Solgwick
Special to The Washington Post

We're all looking for the same thing: fast, flavorful foods with no fuss. Guess what? One solution is right in front of us. Every time you grabbed a jar of salsa or picked up some sesame oil, there it's been, hidden in plain sight in the same aisle. Go one section further, to the shelves of Indian foods, and there they are: simmer sauces. They will change the way you think about Indian cooking.

Masala, rogan josh, curry, korma and vindaloo are some of the sauces available in jars, bottles and cans. All you have to do is heat them and add your choice of protein and vegetables. Their ingredient lists sound like a recipe you might make — if you had a day to devote to the grinding and cooking of spices and aromatics.

Or you could just pick up one of those jars. Which is exactly what Vijal and Jyoti Gupta had in mind 27 years ago when they decided people needed a quick route to Indian cooking. "We wanted to bring convenience without Americanizing or Anglicizing Indian flavors," says Vijal Gupta. Gupta and his wife, Jyoti, developed three sauces using natural ingredients under the Jyoti Indian Cuisine name.

The Gupias have company — Patak's, Tiger Tiger and Ethnic Gourmet are a few of them, as well as Trader Joe's. All offer many choices, and more are coming.

Patak's, which currently sells five cooking sauces in the United States, plans to bring three additional sauces to the American supermarket shelves. Mango chicken, butter chicken and a mild curry sauce, designed just for the American palate, will soon be available. As Dana Nelson, product manager for Patak's, explains, "We've developed the mild curry sauce as an entry product, a way to introduce our products to the market."

Indian flavors may need an introduction. Though many American cooks now feel comfortable using sauces and ingredients of China, Thailand and Vietnam and employing the chili peppers and salsas of Latin American dishes, few feel at ease preparing Indian food. The complicated spice combinations can be daunting, and many Indian dishes require hours of preparation. These sauces provide a shortcut to Indian flavors. Among the sauces used here, the tomato-based sauces are seasoned with spices, aromatic vegetables and lemon; some contain cream. They range from mild curry to fiery vindaloo.

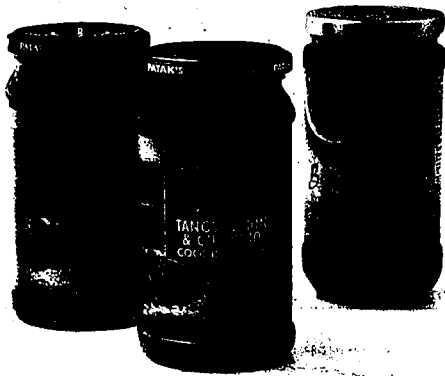


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Take the fuss out of Indian cooking and pop open a bottle of simmer sauce. The ingredient list sounds like a recipe you might make — if you had a day to devote to the grinding and cooking of spices and aromatics.

The sauces also fill another need. Faced with the greatest array of food choices ever seen, we're still not sure what to make for dinner. Simmer sauces, with their promise of ease, can be an accommodating muse.

As Dorothy Atherton, a 41-year-old technology consultant and mother who lives in Vienna, Va., says, "I never know what to make for dinner, but when I look at the jars, soon I'm seeing a quick vegetable stew or a fish dish. They inspire me."

CURRIED SHRIMP, CHICKPEA AND POTATO RAGOUT

6 servings

This is it for me — the reason to buy a simmer sauce. This dish takes 25 minutes to make, and it's delicious. It can be a family supper or easily be a main dish at a large buffet. It's also a perfect pantry mainstay: Almost every ingredient can be bought ahead and stored for weeks, some for months. Add a few potatoes, and you've got dinner.

I used Ethnic Gourmet's Bombay Curry Sauce here, but any curry sauce will work. Serve this dish with basmati rice.

- 1 pound russet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
- About 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1 pound medium or large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- One 15-ounce can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup frozen peas

One 16-ounce jar Indian curry simmer sauce of your choice

Water

In a small pot of lightly salted water over medium-high heat, add the potato. Bring to a boil and cook until just tender, about 15 minutes. Drain and set aside.

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, add just enough oil to coat the pan. When it is shimmering, add the shrimp and cook until they just start to turn pink, for 2 to 3 minutes. Add the chickpeas, frozen peas, potatoes and the curry sauce and stir to combine. Reduce the heat to low and cook until the shrimp are cooked through and all the vegetables are hot, 5 to 6 minutes. If the sauce is too thick, add water, a few tablespoons at a time, to reach desired consistency. Serve immediately.

ROGAN JOSH LAMB BURGERS

4 servings

If you like lamb and Indian spices, this is for you. The ground lamb is mixed with the sauce and then garnished with sautéed onions and peppers. It's fast, flavorful and a nice change from cheeseburgers — and you can serve these burgers in a pita pocket.

I used Patak's Spicy Tomato and Cardamom Cooking Sauce, which was also labeled "rogan josh." This is a good recipe for any spicy sauce because lamb can blend well with a fiery sauce.

The burgers can be grilled, broiled or sautéed, but handle them gently. Lamb burgers

don't hold together as well as beef burgers. Turn them over carefully.

- 1 to 1 1/4 pounds ground lamb
- 1/3 cup rogan josh or the spicy Indian simmer sauce of your choice
- About 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 1 medium to large red bell pepper, cored, seeded and thinly sliced

In a medium bowl, add the lamb and the rogan josh sauce and mix to combine thoroughly. Form the meat into 4 patties. Set aside.

In a skillet over medium-high heat, add just enough oil to coat the pan. When the oil shimmers, add the onion and bell pepper. Reduce the heat to medium and cook until the vegetables are tender, about 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, broil, grill or sauté the burgers. The cooking time will depend on the method used and the thickness of the patty, but allow 12 to 15 minutes.

To serve, place the burgers on individual plates and spoon the sautéed onions and peppers on top.

TIKKA MASALA CHICKEN SCALLOPINE WITH STEAMED SPINACH

4 servings

Here's some fusion cuisine that's both simple and flavorful. Thin chicken cutlets are sautéed and placed on a bed of steamed spinach. Tikka masala sauce is spooned over, and the

degree drop in temperature within one minute.

For those whose ovens have hot spots, Garrher's remedy is to place a pizza stone on the oven rack under the cookie sheet.

That will even out the hot spots, obviating the need for sheet rotation, and will keep the heat from dropping as quickly when you do need to open the door.

Buying a jar of an Indian-style simmer sauce is easy. Keeping it from accumulating dust in the back of the pantry is another thing. Here are a few guidelines and suggestions to make sure the simmer sauces don't end up in the dust-littered section of your pantry.

First, choosing a sauce: Take the labels at their word. Hot means hot. Start out with a mild sauce and then move up. In an informal testing, members of our staff and some Indian food lovers preferred the milder sauces. Don't give up on a brand because you encountered one loser. In our tasting we also found that we could not recommend one brand over another. There were good choices from every manufacturer and ones from each brand we didn't like. Avoid the spinach sauces. The spinach in all of them was tasteless. Instead, add spinach to any of the other sauces. Don't get stuck on the name: various brands of masala (it simply means a spice blend)

dish is complete — in a mere 25 minutes.

I like to buy bagged baby or young spinach. It's convenient, and there's no need to clean the leaves over and over again, as there is with regular leafy spinach. Simply rinse before cooking.

I used Tiger Tiger's Chicken Tikka Masala, but there are many masala sauces that choose among. Serve with basmati rice.

About 1 tablespoon vegetable oil, or more as needed

1 1/4 to 1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into thin cutlets

Salt

12 ounces bagged baby or young spinach leaves (see note)

1 cup tikka masala simmer sauce

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, add just enough oil to coat the pan. Season the chicken lightly with salt and add the cutlets to fill, but not crowd, the pan (you may have to do this in batches). Cook

Saucy ideas

may be different. The curry sauces all have different flavor profiles. Some of the sauces are called simmer sauces and some are called cooking sauces; there's no difference in the product.

Next, using a sauce: The obvious use for the sauces is to make a quick stew using vegetables, chicken or seafood. Many of the labels offer easy recipes.

But don't stop there. These sauces make wonderful marinades and basting sauces. Try marinating some lamb steaks in a spicy sauce or some chicken thighs in one of the tangy, lemony sauces. Use a curry sauce to baste grilled shrimp. You can also think of these sauces as a complex spice. Add Indian flavor to vegetable soup, for instance, by stirring a few tablespoons into the pot. The sauces can also be used as a condiment. A plain old baked potato can become an exotic meal with a spoonful or two of a simmer sauce instead of butter.

until lightly browned on both sides and cooked through, about 6 minutes total. Repeat with the remaining cutlets until all the chicken is cooked, adding more oil as needed.

Meanwhile, follow package directions to steam the spinach. In a small pot, heat the tikka masala sauce.

To serve, place the spinach on a platter or individual plates. Arrange the chicken cutlets on the spinach and spoon the sauce down the center. Serve immediately.

NOTE: If using loose-leaf spinach, remove the thick stems and rinse the leaves. In a medium skillet over medium heat, add just enough oil to coat the pan. When the oil shimmers, mound the slightly damp spinach in the pan. Cover and cook, stirring every 30 seconds to 1 minute, until wilted, 3 to 4 minutes.

Baking disruptions: Fact and fiction

By Leigh Lambert
The Washington Post

Question: Years ago, many mothers told their children not to jump on the floor or rough-house while a cake was baking for fear that it would "fall" (not rise, properly), and they warned not to open the oven door until cakes or cookies were at least close to being done because the air would

change the texture of the baked goods. These days, you don't hear that. In fact, I'm noticing that cooking/baking instructions tell you to open the oven door to rearrange cakes and/or cookies.

Answer: There's some truth to the old warning, says Shyrie Corriher, author of "CookWise" (William Morrow, 1997). "This can happen if the cake is fully risen and it hasn't

had time to set. If the proteins haven't cooked, jarring or shaking of the cake could cause it to fall," she says, but adds, "it would take a lot."

As for the rotation requirement, Corriher (whose "BakeWise" is due for publication in fall 2007) says she usually bakes cookies one sheet at a time and doesn't turn it. Opening the door to rotate a sheet can cause a 50- to 100-

degree drop in temperature within one minute.

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When does affection become obsession? I'm a guy who has the famous four-dogs-playing-liards-poker painting on his personal checks and a calendar with the same picture on his wall. Am I badly, badly in need of a life?

I don't think so. Dogs, it seems to me, are the crucible of cool. Wouldn't you rather play poker with a quartet of bulldogs than any four people you know?

My wife doesn't agree. She believes that the three dogs we have — fondly dubbed Rufus, Dufus and Cujo — are excessive.



DON'T ASK ME STEVE CRUMP

Victoria, you see, simply doesn't appreciate the chorus of yowls whenever the doorbell rings, nor does she grasp the aesthetics of random barking at unsocial hours.

These are merely the symptoms of irrational exuberance, in my opinion. If you need sound advice — even at 11 in the morning — consult a dog.

One time my Uncle Fred, a wheat farmer outside Soda Springs, was plagued by a neighbor's cattle trampling his crops. He tried a number of remedies, including firing a pellet gun into the flocks of the intruding cows.

To little avail. Finally, Fred turned to his dog, Bruno, a collie who was painfully gun-shy. Once the pellet gun was hunk on the rack in the basement, though, Bruno set off like a Sidewinder missile. He harassed those cattle clear down to Oneida County.

Bruno was not a particularly bright animal, but he did have the benefit of a much smarter colleague, a cocker spaniel named Tuffy. Tuffy was not lionhearted, exactly, but she excelled at telling other dogs what to do. And she had no problem at all sending Bruno off to tangle with a 1,500-pound steer.

Dogs excel at recognizing each other's limitations — and they're geniuses at exploiting yours.

Take the current committee of canines at our house.

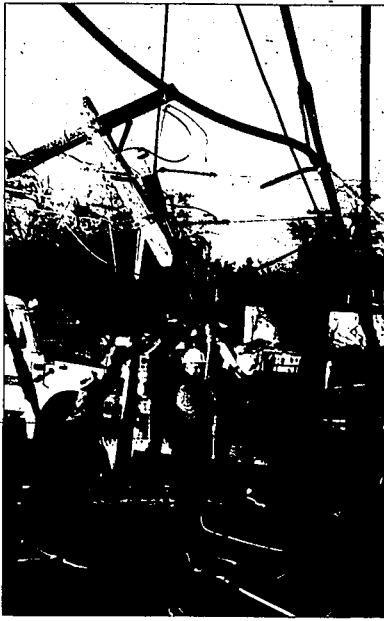
We have red names are Putunia, Annie and Carmen. Put together, Putunia and Annie don't have the brains that God gave granola.

By contrast, Carmen is a smart animal — but constipated by breeding. She's a heeler, you see, and thus can't resist the impulse to head off at full speed whenever strange noises intrude. Annie, possessed of far less foot candle power, has observed this habit in Carmen and taken note of it.

So if Carmen is lying in the middle of the living room floor chewing a rawhide bone, Annie will go to the front door and start barking. Carmen will drop her bone and follow.

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Lines down = lights out



Idaho Power workers bring down a power pole that was snapped by a Twin Falls Canal Co. service truck Tuesday afternoon near Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Southeast Twin Falls, Kimberly and Hansen lose power

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — About 4,000 customers of Idaho Power Co. in southeast Twin Falls lost electricity Tuesday afternoon after a truck knocked out a power line.

Customers in Kimberly and Hansen also lost power. More than 500 customers were still without power Tuesday evening, but the problem was expected to be fixed before Wednesday morning.

At about 3:21 p.m., the bed of a Twin Falls Canal Co. service truck caught a wire and broke a wooden power line pole near the intersection of Kimberly Road and Freightway Street, said Mike Osterholt, a foreman for Idaho Power.

The worker, who was not hurt, had just finished filling a pipeline and cleaning the bed of his truck when it caught the wire, said Brian Olmstead, a field supervisor with the TICC.

"It's just an unfortunate accident," Olmstead said. Businesses on the north-



Idaho Power employee Heath Schab gives directions as the crew works to ground wires while fixing a power pole that was hit Tuesday afternoon.

side of Kimberly Road sat in the dark, including the 7-11 at the corner of Locust Street. Only cash transactions were being accepted and, upon hearing the news, some customers frowned and drove away.

Assistant Manager Connie Shipp said she would lock the store if power did not come on by nightfall.

"Other than that, 7-11 stays open seven days a week, 365 days a week," Shipp said. "There's nothing we can do."

The incident was a few hundred yards from a power sub-station and took out three feeders, which are main transporters of electricity.

One feeder was fixed relatively quickly, but the others required more work, Osterholt said.

"A feeder is like a freeway — it's meant to carry a lot of activity," said Dennis Lopez, a spokesman for Idaho Power.

TWIN FALLS CITY COUNCIL Hospital, business park move ahead

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Plans for a new hospital and new commercial business park got the nod late Monday evening from the City Council.

Development of the two projects will move forward, but council members gave themselves a little leeway when it came to hospital entrances as well as 24-hour retail operations in the business park — the two things that have had some residents of the nearby North Polnte subdivision riled.

The council approved St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's request to annex 40 acres on the south-east corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive into the city. The council also approved changing the zoning from residential to commercial planned unit development.

After hearing some North Polnte subdivision residents voice their opposition to having hospital entrances off the future Cheney Drive West, which borders their property, the City Council decided to wait to approve access points until later in the development process.

"We want to look at all the access areas on the final plan before approval," Vice Mayor Glenda Dwight said Tuesday.

However, Monday's decision does allow St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional to move forward on building the \$120-million-plus new hospital, while allowing the city to hold off on road decisions for a while.

"The access off Cheney into the hospital site won't be determined until the planning process," said City Planning and Zoning Administrator Renee Caraway, who added that the future Cheney Drive West was always designated as a major collector street in the city's master street plan.

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North Polnte residents don't have a problem with a hospital becoming their new neighbor. They just don't want the Cheney Drive West to be a four- or five-lane highway.

"That was never in the plan when we built our homes here," North Polnte resident Darla Knepp, who moved into her home five years ago, said on Tuesday.

"I rather see Park View be a four-lane."

Park View Drive is a future street that will run north and south a little east of the hospital property. It will also provide access to the future 15.4-acre Northport Park business development, which will be located just west of Park View Drive. On Monday, the City Council approved annexing the land into the city and changing the zoning from residential to commercial planned unit development, but with some restrictions on 24-hour retail operations. Retail operations wanting to locate within 250 feet north of Cheney Drive West would have to get a special permit if they wanted to operate outside the 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. limits in city code. There would be no restrictions north of that 250-foot line.

"We're just trying to give a little buffer area between any 24-hour operation and their homes," said Councilman Don Hall. "We always have neighborhoods in our thoughts when we're looking at these issues."

But Knepp said those operations will eventually get their special permits approved by city planners.

"They'll keep pushing and pushing, and people get tired," Knepp said.

Dwight and Councilman Greg Lanting said no to the annexation and zoning change for the business park.

"The way the PUD was developed, it's under the control of 24-hour operation of retail businesses on the north two-thirds of the property," Lanting said Tuesday. "I was trying to protect that established neighborhood."

Knepp said when she moved into her home, she never dreamed 24-hour retail operations would "sneak" my way in down the street.

"We were told by the developer that the area behind us would stay zoned a residential area," Knepp said. "Obviously, that's been changed. I'm sick to my stomach over it. They don't care about the people living around the shops, just their money."

With the city's rapid growth, Knepp is far from the only one watching the neighborhood change around her.

"It's absolutely a risk when you move to an area where there's vacant land around you," Hall said. "The zoning can change, the land use can change. We're trying to manage that growth in a responsible way."

Meanwhile, plans for the new high school also moved forward Monday. The City Council approved the Twin Falls School District's request to annex 80 acres northwest of North College Road and Washington Street North to make way for the future Canyon Ridge High School.

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Lawmakers say they'll fight attempts to dump tax exemption 'inflatior'

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Lawmakers who boosted a tax break for residential homeowners a year ago say they'll fight efforts by business and real-estate interests to dump a provision that lets the savings rise annually with inflation.

When legislators boosted the 24-year-old home-ownership exemption to \$75,000 from \$50,000, they indexed it to the so-called housing price index, a federal measure of single-family house prices.

Since then, the rising index has boosted to nearly \$90,000 the portion of a home's value

Otter supports law to deny state aid to illegal immigrants

BOISE (AP) — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has endorsed a proposal to deny state services to people who cannot provide valid proof of U.S. residency.

In his State of the State speech to the Idaho Legislature on Monday, Otter urged lawmakers to back a bill sponsored by state Sen. John McGee, R-Galveston. The bill specifically limits taxpayer-supported benefits to those who demonstrate residency with state-approved identification.

That can be exempted from property taxes, according to state Legislative Services. The Idaho Association of

McGee said he will introduce his bill early in the session. He predicted the measure has enough support to pass because it would not require any additional money or new systems of identification.

"There's plenty of ways to check for citizenship," McGee told *The Idaho Press Tribune*.

In his speech, Otter said the bill is fair and humane because it targets adult services and "provides reasonable humanitarian exceptions."

Commerce and Industry, as well as real-estate agents, say

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Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	Peak**
Saltmon	75%	42%
Big Wood	95%	44%
Little Wood	85%	38%
Big Lost	85%	36%
Little Lost	86%	40%
Henry's Fork/Teton	88%	41%
Upper Snake Basin	87%	41%
Quinn	114%	11%
Salmon Falls	95%	43%

As of Jan. 9

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

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



OBITUARIES

Lois Irene Jorgensen

TWIN FALLS — Lois Irene Jorgensen passed away Jan. 8, 2007, at the Stoney Creek Living Center after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 76 years old.



She never complained even at the end and was so very thankful for the caregivers at Stoney Creek to allow her to live where she called home.

Lois was born Aug. 19, 1930, in Stratton, Colo., the daughter of Grover and Lettie Christian. Lois worked for many years at the Pot Haven in Kennewick, Wash., which was owned by her parents. After that, she became a cook at Francisco's Truck Stop in Burbank, Wash., then retired and became a housewife. Lois loved to do craft work as long as her eyes and hands would allow her. Lois moved to Boise, Idaho, to be closer to

her sisters following the death of her husband, Alvin Jorgensen. As her health was failing, she was moved to Twin Falls to the Stoney Creek Living Center to be close to her daughter and son-in-law, Steve and Julie. She had four daughters: Cheryl (Jim) Blankensie; her son, David (Donna) Noack; her sisters, Maybelle Booher and Helen (Bill) Taylor; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren as well as numerous nephews and nieces. Lois was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister and great-grandson.

Memorial contributions may be made in Lois's name to the American Cancer Society and may be given to any of the mortuary staff.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at White Mortuary Chapel, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls.

George Richard 'Dick' Baker

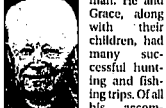
HAGERMAN — George Richard "Dick" Baker, 88, of Hagerman, died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, at his home.



He was born May 10, 1918, in Emmett, Idaho, the son of H.K. and Helen Kennedy Baker. As a young child, Dick lived with his grandparents in Emmett, where he began working on ranches as a cowboy, a love he retained throughout his life. On July 29, 1943, Dick entered the U.S. Army Air Corps and served as a pilot during World War II until his discharge in 1945. While stationed in Florida, he met and married the life of his, Lela Grace "Gracie" Moore, and they were married March 6, 1945.

Following his discharge, the family moved to Willow Creek, Ore., where he became a farmer. They lived there until 1951, when they moved to Hagerman, where Dick built his own home and where they have since resided. Dick worked many years for Hood Construction Company laying pipe. He was one of those gentlemen gifted with a green

thumb. His roses and vegetable gardens were the envy of all. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He and Grace, along with their children, had many successful hunting and fishing trips. Of all his accomplishments in life, the one of which he was most proud was his family.



He is survived by his wife, Lela Grace Baker of Hagerman; seven children, John (Sandra) Baker and Michael (Wanda) Baker, both of Hagerman, Kenneth (Arleen) Baker of Jerome, Kathy (Jim) Lane of Hansen, Debra (Rob) Bennett of Gooding, Peggy (Steve) Bean of Miller and Linda (Don) Fied of Hagerman; 24 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; one brother, Don Baker of Caldwell; and one sister, Mary Logan of Boise. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Hank; one grandson, Russell; one granddaughter, Diana; and three great-granddaughters, Janessa, Breanna, Sheryl and Jenni Lynn.

At Dick's request, no service is planned. Cremation was under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls.

DEATH

NOTICES

Ruby J. Austin

JEROME — Ruby Jane Austin, 70, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Gregg R. Stowe

JEROME — Gregg R. Stowe, 47, of Jerome, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2007 in Bellevue. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Cleota Fickel

FAIRFIELD — Cleota Fickel, 58, of Fairfield, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

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Lucy Pauline 'Polly' Eastman

TWIN FALLS — Lucy Pauline "Polly" Eastman, of Twin Falls, passed away Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, from complications of a stroke. She was 74.



Polly was born in Blanche, Mo., on Aug. 21, 1932, to James M. E. B. and Ruby Josephine Elywood.

As a child, the family left Missouri and moved to the Magic Valley, where she grew up. Polly met the love of her life, Bobby Loren Eastman, and on Jan. 7, 1950, they were married and remain unconditionally devoted to each other. In 1961, Bob, Polly and their two children, Theresa "Teri" Lynn and Robyn Todd, left Twin Falls to pursue Bob's career with E.R. Squibb and Sons. Bob's career took them to Montana, where they were blessed with their third child, Casey Wayne, and then on to Oregon, California, Colorado and finally back to Oregon. Bob and Polly moved back home to Twin Falls to enjoy their retirement.

Bob and Polly became active members of the Twin Falls

Blue Bird IV group. They lived

sharing the highways and byways with their many close friends. They were also members of Peace Lutheran Church in Filer. Polly was a consummate homemaker, sharing her joy of cooking and canning with her friends and family. During the last forty years of her life, she was a devoted caregiver to Bob. She loved him so.

Polly was preceded in death by her daughter, Teri; and is survived by her husband, Bob; her brother, George Elywood of Twin Falls; her two sons, Robyn and Casey, both of Portland, Ore.; and six grandchildren.

A celebration of Polly's life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2496-Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Gary Benedix of Peace Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Friends and family may call from 3 to 4 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. The family requests memorials may be given in Polly's name to the Dogs for the Deaf Foundation. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, PO Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83403.

Kathie Jeannine Nelson Seamons

LAYTON, Utah — Kathie Jeannine Nelson Seamons passed peacefully in her husband's arms on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2007, at her home in Layton, Utah.



Jeanine was born Oct. 27, 1947, in San Francisco, Calif., the first child of Kathryn Dewey and Clifford Nelson. Jeanine's positive influence was felt by all those who knew her. She lived by her motto, "Live well, laugh often, love much."

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; and her oldest daughter, Melonie. She is survived by her husband, Wayne; her children,

Jared (Tiffany), Leo (Helen), Tracy (Devin), Clint (Blennie), Amanda (Eric), Tamra (Bashel) and Danielle (Blake); 17 grandchildren; one great-grandson; her two brothers, Cliff and Ed; four step-siblings; and her step-mother, Glennia.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at the Angel Crossing LDS Ward Chapel, 505 S. 1000 W. in Layton, Utah, with a viewing prior to the funeral from 9 to 10:45 a.m.

Interment will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Hagerman Valley Cemetery in Hagerman, Idaho. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.myers-martuary.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers Mortuary in Layton, Utah.

Deanna Wright Jensen

RENO, Nev. — Deanna Wright Jensen, devoted self-loving mother and daughter, caring family member and a amazing friend, left us Sunday morning, Jan. 7, 2007, after a heroic fight against breast cancer.



Deanna's husband, Don, and family were by her side.

Deanna was born Oct. 21, 1953, in Elko, Nev., to Bob and Betty Wright. Her childhood years were spent on the family cattle ranch in Clover Valley. Deanna graduated from Wells High School in 1971. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1987 with high distinction. She went on to complete a Master of Science degree in 1988 in speech pathology-audiology at the University of Nevada-Reno. She had a rewarding career as a speech pathologist as well as working by her husband's side at Jensen Precast.

Deanna was survived by her parents, Bob and Betty Wright; husband, Don Jensen; sons and daughter-in-law, Johnathan Hansen and Layne and Stephanie Hansen; grandfather, Eddie Murrphy; brother, Bob; and Diana Wright; nephews, Shawn and Brian McVeers; niece, Christy Tuversen; Don's children, Eric, Kurt, Jill and Megan; and grandchildren, Noah, Taylor, Brooke and Gabriella. Deanna was preceded in death by her step, Donna Wright.

Don and Deanna will be forever thankful for the compassion and dedicated care Deanna received from Dr. Philip Goodman of the University of Nevada School of Medicine. She was committed to finding a cure for breast cancer and lobbied extensively for the National Breast Cancer

Coalition in Washington, D.C., even while ill with cancer. In lieu of flowers, Deanna and family would greatly appreciate donations be made to your favorite charity or the Breast Cancer Coalition Fund. Donations can be made directly to the "Deanna Wright Jensen Memorial Fund" through its Web site at stop-breastcancer.org by calling Tony Lee at (800) 622-2638 or by mail to the National Breast Cancer Coalition Fund, 1101 17th Street NW, Suite 1309, Washington, DC 20036.

A viewing will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at Mountain View Mortuary, 425 Stoker Ave. in Reno. The funeral at Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at St. Rose of Lima, 100 Bishop Manogue Drive in Reno. A celebration of Deanna's life will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a special tribute at noon, Saturday, Jan. 13, at The Resort at Red Hawk, 6600 N. Wingfield Parkway in Reno.

Deanna blessed every life she touched with her sunshine and joy. And just by knowing her, we are all better people. We have all suffered a very great loss and feel so saddened by her passing but will forever hold her close in our hearts.

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SERVICES

Lund Edward Christensen of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Paul Lips, 3rd Ward Chapel, 309 S. 500 W. in Heyburn; friends and family may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Thordis Rangen Mathiesen of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; friends and family may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Dorothy Ellen Machacek of Buhl, celebration of life from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday in the fellowship hall at the Buhl First Christian Church (Harmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

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KIDS HELP



The Heyburn K Kids assisted the Mini-Cassia Reading Foundation with the organization of more than 2,000 books. The Heyburn K Kids included Skylar Luna, Kolbee Tiberts, Jerilyn Anderson, Brittany VanLoveren, Marika Rivers, Aleah Lars, Jeroye Groce, David Sifers, Draxton Pless, Alvin Wiley and Tanisha Lopez. Their advisor is Jelene Toland. Also pictured are Don Cannon and Margaret Cameron of the Report Kivans Club and Helen Amason of the Reading Foundation. The foundation will find preschools and day care centers and provide books for the children there. Child care providers interested can call Amason at 679-2400 ext. 248.

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Prosecutors expect grand jury to reach Duncan decision soon

By Shannon Dainey
Associated Press writer

BOISE — A decision on whether to indict convicted murderer Joseph Duncan III on federal charges for kidnapping two north Idaho children and slaying one of them could come in the next few weeks, the U.S. attorney's office said Tuesday.

In the meantime, the federal agency that secures prisoners said it would recommend that the trial be held in Boise, rather than Coeur d'Alene, if a grand jury indicts Duncan.

Duncan, 43, drew national attention in 2005 with the kidnapping of then 9-year-old Shasta Greene and her 9-year-old brother, Dylan. A Tacoma, Wash., native, Duncan was on the run from a child molestation charge in Minnesota when he drove past the Greene home on Interstate 90 east of Coeur d'Alene and spotted the children playing outside. Duncan stalked the family for several days and, on May 16, entered the home, bludgeoning the children's mother, Brenda Greene; her fiancé, Mark McKenzie and Greene's 13-year-old son, Slade.

According to court documents, Duncan kidnapped Shasta and Dylan, traveling into the mountains near St. Regis, Mont., where he sexually abused them for seven weeks before killing Dylan. Shasta was rescued when she and Duncan walked into a restaurant in Coeur d'Alene early on the morning of July 2, 2005.

Duncan pleaded guilty in

state court last year to three counts of first-degree murder and three counts of first-degree kidnapping for the murders at the Greene home. A judge sentenced him to life in prison without parole on the kidnapping charges.

Charges have not been filed in that case yet. Federal prosecutors expect a grand jury to hear the case in the next few weeks, said Jean McNeill, spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in Boise.

Duncan is being housed at the Idaho Maximum Security Institution south of Boise.

Kevin Platts, chief deputy for the U.S. Marshall Service, said his agency would recommend that a trial be held in Boise if the grand jury indicts Duncan.

A number of issues play a role in that decision: Court of Appeals in the federal judge, and the courthouse in northern Idaho is more than 80 years old and lacks space and security needed for such a case, Platts said.

In addition, the costs to fly Duncan between the prison near Boise to Coeur d'Alene could reach \$300,000 per day during a trial there, since he and his guards would have to return to the maximum security prison each night.

"We don't want to do that. We're all taxpayers," Platts said from his office in Boise.

The state has Duncan here, Duncan belongs to them, and we don't like taking them too far from the state."

The federal government has said it intends to seek the death penalty.

So far, Democrats like what they've seen from Otter

BOISE (AP) — Democrats say they're heartened by Governor "Butch" Otter's proposals in his State of the State address.

The reaction today was a stark contrast to a year ago, when they kicked off three months of virtual silence between them and former

Governor Dirk Kempthorne by describing his proposals a "gimmick."

The minority party says they favor Otter's plan to seed a new community college with 5 (M) million dollars in state money, and to reduce the voter approval requirement to 60 percent, from

66 percent.

They also backed the new governor's plan to set aside 38 (M) million dollars for a college scholarship endowment for low-income students.

Democrats did say Otter's five-percent wage hike plan for state employees was inad-

quate, especially since Otter aims to make them pay more for their benefits.

Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett says Otter has passed the ultimate test of modern fraternity. Stennett says "He gave us his cell phone number. That's about as open as you can get."

Father claims media aircraft hindered search

PORTLAND (AP) — The father of San Francisco online editor James Kim, who died after getting lost with his family in the Rogue River Canyon last month, has claimed that an aircraft carrying news photographers hindered efforts to find his son.

However, Steve Metheny, vice president of Carson Helicopter Services Inc., which was hired by the Kim family, said pilots never had to stop

their search because of aircraft carrying newspaper and video photographers, and the aircraft never violated federal flight restrictions in the search area.

"We really never had an actual situation where media helicopters or people flying got in the way," Metheny said. "It was more of a preventive measure rather than actually having a problem."

KGW Television said on its Web site that its helicopter

made one flight over the search area and adhered to all flight rules.

Spencer Kim, an aerospace contractor from Thousand Oaks, Calif., and James Kim's father, wrote in an opinion piece in *The Washington Post* on Saturday that after federal flight restrictions over the search area were relaxed, the proximity of media aircraft caused rescue helicopters to abandon operations.

He called for stricter enforcement of temporary flight restrictions to limit aircraft flying for news organizations during search and rescue operations.

At Kim's request, U.S. Rep. Brad Sherman, D-Calif., contacted the Federal Aviation Administration during the search, and the agency imposed temporary flight restrictions. FAA spokeswoman Laura Brown said.

BOISE Otter appoints new head of state lottery

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter appointed a former television executive on Tuesday to head the Idaho Lottery.

Jeff Anderson is a former vice president and general manager for KBCI-TV in Boise and KIDK-TV in Idaho Falls, Idaho's two largest CBS affiliates.

The Idaho Lottery, overseen by a five-member commission which Anderson will head, has given more than \$300 million since 1989 to Idaho public schools and buildings.

"Jeff brings to this new job a wealth of experience in management and promotion. He knows how to run a business effectively, efficiently and in the glare of public scrutiny. Those are all important quali-

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ties that I want on my team," Otter said in a statement. "Along with his record of community involvement and commitment to Idaho, he's a great choice for Lottery director."

Anderson replaces Roger Simmons, who announced he was stepping down as director last month.

Driver arrested after crash kills passenger

A Boise driver was arrested Tuesday after a car crash that killed his passenger.

Peter Goodwin, 24, was driving near downtown when his Ford Escort slammed into a concrete pillar just before 1 a.m. Tuesday. His passenger, 32-year-old Molly Hartz, was pronounced dead at St.

Alphonsus Regional Medical Center about an hour later.

Goodwin was arrested for investigation of vehicular manslaughter. It appears that alcohol played a role in the accident, said Boise police spokeswoman Lynn Lightower.

Goodwin was held in the Ada County jail on \$20,000 bail. A court appearance was scheduled for Jan. 23.

POCATELLO

Hawaii-based energy company to build plant

A Hawaii-based energy company says it will build a \$220 million polysilicon manufacturing plant in a southeast Idaho business park. The new plant is expected to create 200 jobs.

Hoki Materials announced Monday that its new plant will produce 1,500 metric tons of polysilicon — a material used to make circuits on solar panels — per year.

Construction on the plant is scheduled to begin this year, and open in 2008.

— The Associated Press

Crump

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Annie will double back, and when Carmen returns, Annie will be sitting in the middle of the living room chewing Carmen's bone.

Dogs, it seems to me, understand the social transaction far better than people do. They lack guile, but they're supremely pragmatic.

The poker-dogs painting — actually, a series of paintings of dogs playing cards by 20th-century American artist C.M. Coolidge — is a rife with cheating. But it's consensual mischief, and never mean-spirited. The bulldog is passing the ace of diamonds under the table to the collie, while the mastiff is dealing cards off the bottom of the deck to the golden retriever.

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no longer serving alcohol, it operated as a dry nightclub and permitted people under 21.

Owner Randy Paulino met with the city and police department and, if he promised to increase his security, they would allow — at least until the public hearing on Tuesday — him to operate in accordance to the three rules, although the curfew for minors was arbitrarily set at 10 p.m.

Paulino — accompanied by 14 individuals, some of whom testified as employees — said this evening, he has installed eight recording video cameras and increased the number of security guards.

"We have gone leaps and bounds on security," he said. "I just want to be able — I can serve all my clients when they come in."

Phat Eddy's is divided into two parts — a dance hall and a combined bar and restaurant. Following Tuesday's decision, when the city's curfew goes into effect — which is 11 p.m.

It's simply the circle of life on Friday nights in Dogville.

Shasta and Dylan's canine is in the practice of hiding rawhide bones behind our bed. But she can't stay there forever, and when she leaves, Petunia hauls them off and leaves them in the middle of the living room floor, where Carmen claims them. This, in turn, causes Annie to go to the front door and bark, distracting Carmen and allowing Annie to reclaim her property.

Justice, equity, compromised, as only Congress operated so well.

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the rising exemption hurts others who aren't eligible for the break. That's because the larger the exemption gross for residential homeowners, the more taxes get shifted to other classes of property taxpayers, such as investors, rental-property owners, second-home owners, commercial property owners and farmers and ranchers.

Lawmakers who fought for the inflation index say they're under attack.

"That'll become a battle-ground," said Sen. Shavon Keough, R-Sandpoint. "Somehow, the homeowner looks to get represented by big business in Idaho."

Keough represents voters in fast-growing northern Idaho

whose threatened property-tax revolt last year helped prompt passage of the exemption increase and inflation index. The exemption increase cleared the House 69-1 and the Senate on a 28-7 vote.

Keough says her constituents like the inflation index, arguing that as housing prices rise — along with assessed property values — there should be a feature built into the exemption that allows it to increase, too.

But when it passed, it was estimated that the increased exemption shifted about \$47 million in taxes to other classes of property that didn't qualify for the break.

"The best of all worlds is, the housing preindex goes

would be dealt with at another time, city staff said. The decision Tuesday simply allows the bar to operate until 1 a.m. six days a week.

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Bush won't renominate four controversial judge candidates

By Deb Hochman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — In a concession to the Senate's Democratic majority, President Bush withdrew four controversial federal appeals court nominees Tuesday and submitted 33 picks for positions on the federal bench.

The four Bush chose not to renominate were: William Haynes, William G. Myers III of Idaho, Michael Wallace and Judge Terrence Boyle.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the chairman of the Judiciary

Committee, has said only "consensus nominees" are likely to win confirmation under the new Democratic majority — a declaration that effectively doomed the chances for the four men whose appointments were left in limbo when the Senate adjourned last year for the elections.

"This reversal is one of the first tangible signs that the president's heart and is heeding the message from November's election," Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said in a statement.

Deputy White House spokes-

woman Dana Perino said the president was disappointed about the withdrawals.

"Each of these nominees was well-qualified to serve as judges and would have been confirmed if they had been given a fair, up-or-down vote in the Senate," Perino said. "Unfortunately, a few selected senators prevented these nominees from receiving fair consideration. The president is disappointed in this direction, and hopes that the days of judicial obstructionism are beyond us."

Haynes is the Pentagon's top

lawyer, and was an architect of the Bush's now-abandoned policy toward treatment of detainees in the war on terror. He had been tapped for the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Boyle is a federal judge in North Carolina, and his appointment to the 4th Circuit provoked opposition from Democrats who cited his rulings in civil rights and disability cases, as well as his higher-than-average reversal rate by higher courts.

Myers, an Idaho Republican first nominated to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in

May 2003, sparked opposition from environmental organizations and their allies among Senate Democrats.

A former solicitor at the Interior Department, Myers also worked as a lobbyist for cattle and mining interests.

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ALASKA Officials shut down Alaska oil pipeline after spill

ANCHORAGE — The trans-Alaska oil pipeline was taken off-line Tuesday after a spill of up to 500 gallons, the pipeline's operator said.

The crude oil spilled from an aboveground section of the pipeline at a remote gate in the Brooks Range in northern Alaska. The cause of the spill was a failed weld on a threaded O-ring fitting on a bypass line, the state Department of Environmental Conservation said.

Alyeska Pipeline Co., the pipeline's operator, closed valves on the line, effectively shutting down the pipeline. However, there still was a small amount of oil leaking.

The company was assessing when the pipeline could be restarted, spokesman Mike Heatwole said.

The pipeline was carrying more than 800,000 barrels of oil when it was shut down, Heatwole said. He added that there was plenty of oil stockpiled at the marine terminal in Valdez and that tankers could continue to be loaded with oil for days with no disruption in supply.

NEW MEXICO State satisfied with DOE investigation of shipments

CARLSBAD — The state is satisfied with the U.S. Department of Energy's investigation into whether nuclear waste shipments from Idaho to

the federal government's underground dump near Carlsbad were adequately checked before being sent out.

James Beazli, head of the New Mexico's Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, said Monday the state would send a letter indicating that its concerns had been addressed.

"The letter is basically saying that the waste that is in place has been adequately characterized, you've given us all the information, and you are good to go," he said.

The DOE on Nov. 26 suspended shipments of certain radioactive waste from Idaho National Laboratory to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant while the state Environment Department reviewed the situation.

The DOE halted the shipments after liquid was found in what was supposed to be a dry drum. The problem was discovered while the drums were being prepared for shipment to WIPP, which is not allowed to accept liquid waste because of the risks of leaks or potentially explosive materials.

The DOE examined records of 193 drums of waste and found no additional liquid. It authorized the Idaho lab to resume the shipments to WIPP in December, but put a hold on the shipments a week later pending the Environment Department's review.

CALIFORNIA Wildfire danger in the background of Malibu

MALIBU, Calif. — The blue Pacific lapped at the shore as Suzanne Somers poked

through charred rubble.

"It was a beautiful house; it was a beautiful place to live," the actress told reporters Tuesday.

The morning after the brief but fierce wildfire destroyed or damaged several multimillion-dollar beach homes was the kind of day that feeds the desire to live in Malibu, despite its long history of devastating fires.

"We'll rebuild," Somers pledged. "I really think that we'll learn something great from this, and what else can you do with a tragedy but look for the opportunity to grow spiritually and emotionally?"

Monday's sunset blaze, whipped by Santa Ana winds, destroyed five homes and damaged six others, including a guest house, said Los Angeles County Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman.

Investigators were still trying to determine the cause of the fire, which erupted in lush Malibu Bluffs Park and was blown downslope over about 20 acres and across Malibu Road into side-by-side homes on the beach. With nowhere to go but the ocean, the fire then ran out of fuel.

OREGON

Search continues for missing Idaho official

THE DALLES — An Idaho councilman missing after two traffic accidents on Interstate 84 which have leaped over a bridge railing not knowing that he was about to fall 35 feet into a swiftly flowing river, an Oregon State Police spokeswoman said.

Searchers pulled a sonar

device at the end of a cable through the mouth of the John Day River on Tuesday, hoping to find John Dickinson, a Moscow City Council member. The river was more than 80 feet deep there — too deep for diving searchers said.

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Feeling the heat

Late credit card payments in summer climbed to highest point in a year

By Jeanine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Late payments on credit card bills climbed in the summer to their highest point in a year, suggesting that some consumers are feeling financially squeezed.

The American Bankers Association, in its quarterly survey of consumer loans, reported Tuesday that the percentage of credit card payments 30 or more days past due increased to 4.57 percent in the July-to-September quarter of last year.

That was up from 4.41 percent in the second quarter and was the highest since the third quarter of 2005, when the delinquency rate stood at 4.74 percent.

"The pressure points that squeeze consumers' budgets still remain, making it difficult for some people to meet their debt obligations," said James Chessen, the association's chief economist.

Some borrowers are still feeling the impact of the Federal Reserve's 17 interest-rate boosts since June 2004, the longest string of increases in Fed history. The Fed, however, has left interest rates unchanged since August.

Chessen also said that energy prices, which have calmed down, are still a strain on some budgets.

Another factor influencing the rise in the third-quarter delinquency rate can be traced to the housing slump, Chessen said. With home prices either falling or not rising so quickly as much as they had, some owners aren't feeling as wealthy.

Meanwhile, personal savings in the United States is low, meaning some people don't have money set aside that can be tapped when financial problems arise, Chessen pointed out.

The quarterly survey is based on information supplied by more than 300 banks nationwide.

The survey also showed that the delinquency rate on a composite of other types of loans, including auto and certain home equity loans, rose from 1.96 percent in the second quarter to 2.12 percent in the third quarter. That also was the highest in a year.

Supervalu 3Q earnings rise 51 percent

Increase spurred by purchase of Albertsons, but shares slip 2 percent

By Joshua Freed
Associated Press writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Supervalu Inc. the nation's third-biggest supermarket chain, said Tuesday its third-quarter earnings jumped almost 51 percent because of

its purchase of grocery chain Albertsons, which has a store in Twin Falls.

Supervalu said it earned \$113 million, or 54 cents per share, in the three months ended Dec. 2, up from \$75 million, or 53 cents per share, during the same period last year. Revenue more than doubled to \$10.66 billion from \$4.7 billion a year ago.

Supervalu's results included a nickel a share in transaction costs from the Albertsons purchase, a penny a share of expenses for stock options, and 2 cents a share for special

hybrid securities issued by Supervalu.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial were expecting earnings of 57 cents per share for the quarter on revenue of \$10.53 billion.

Eden Prairie-based Supervalu kept its fourth-quarter guidance unchanged at 59 cents to 66 cents per share. It said it expects to earn \$2.34 to \$2.41 for the full year after transaction costs from Albertsons and other one-time expenses are subtracted. It expects full-year revenue of \$37 billion.

Supervalu shares fell 80 cents, or 2.2 percent, to \$34.97 in morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange. They have traded in a 52-week range of \$26.14 to \$36.64.

The grocer ranks third among the nation's biggest supermarket chains after Kroger Co. and Safeway Inc.

Sales at Supervalu stores open at least a year, including its newly-acquired Albertsons stores, grew 0.6 percent. Sales at the Albertsons stores grew 1.1 percent, and sales at old Supervalu stores such as Cub and Save-A-Lot fell 1.3 per-

cent. Supervalu's retail operations earned \$327 million, up from \$104 million during the same period last year.

Sales in its food distribution business rose 1.2 percent to \$2.2 billion, while operating profits rose to \$70 million, from \$54 million a year ago.

For the first nine months of the year, Supervalu earned \$332 million, or \$1.75 per share, up from \$200 million, or \$1.41 per share, during the same period last year. Revenue rose to \$27.1 billion, up from \$15.2 billion during the same period last year.

Not so golden years



Ellen Tucker Emerson works two jobs, including this one at the University of New England, in an effort to reach her retirement goals.

Retirement has a high price tag for women

By Jonathan Peterson
Los Angeles Times

Ellen Tucker Emerson cut short her nursing career to raise her children, but money was never a worry. Her husband made a good living as a lawyer, and the family didn't miss her income.

"We traveled where we wanted," she said. "He bought me furs and jewelry. We stayed at the best hotels."

Then the marriage fell apart. Now 51, Tucker Emerson scrambles to pay the bills and wonders how she will get by in retirement.

"Maybe I'll be that old lady on the cruise ship working as a singer, and I'll supplement my income working in a nursing home," said Tucker Emerson, who lives on the coast of Maine.

She adds: "We need to teach our daughters that you have to take care of yourself for the future."

Like millions of upwardly mobile women of the generation, Tucker Emerson faces the danger that retirement will bring a sharp downhill slide in lifestyle. Many of these women could suffer a greater decline in living standards in later life than their mothers did.

To a degree, the retirement security of women is jeopardized by the same trends affecting men, such as cutbacks in corporate pensions. But experts say the threat to women is amplified by a confluence of factors, including:

- Higher rates of divorce and singleness. Record numbers of women are heading toward later life without the backup of a partner's savings and income. Unmarried older women have higher poverty rates than their male counterparts and much higher poverty rates than married women, according to government data.
- Interrupted working years.

Although baby boom women generally have more education and work skills than their mothers, many quit jobs or work part time to care for children or aging relatives. Such efforts may be cherished by family members, but they slash retirement benefits.

• Long lives. At age 65, women are expected to live an average of three years longer than men. This greater longevity magnifies risks to retirement security, including the danger that a woman will outlast her savings or incur medical costs without help from a spouse.

In addition to these factors, women overall still earn less than men and have less in the way of retirement benefits for old age.

"The bottom line is that women are subject to a double whammy — they need more but have less," said Alicia H. Munnell, director of the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College and a former member of the White House Council of Economic Advisers. "This problem is widespread — even many baby boom women with college degrees face the same issues."

To be sure, many women enjoy lucrative, long-term careers or live in upscale families. A "fortunate third" of boomer women can look forward to unprecedented levels of health and wealth in old age, said Timothy M. Smeeding, an expert on the economics of aging people at Syracuse University.

At the same time, he expects divorcees and older, never-married mothers to populate an impoverished bottom fifth in the coming years. What is left is a sprawling middle group whose prospects are uncertain and who could be facing a future of diminished expectations.

"That's the amazing thing about it," said Heidi Hartmann,

"The bottom line is that women are subject to a double whammy — they need more but have less (in retirement benefits). ... This problem is widespread — even many baby boom women with college degrees face the same issues."

— Alicia H. Munnell, director of the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College

president of the Institute for Women's Policy Research, a think tank that studies issues about women and families. "The women of the baby boom generation worked longer, they earned more, they had more education. They did everything right."

Now, in response to various pressures, some women are rethinking the future, changing living arrangements and preparing to work later in life.

"I don't know anyone who can afford to retire, and they're all people my age," said Leslie Clark, 64, a flight attendant for Delta Air Lines Inc. who lives in El Segundo, Calif. "Most of the people I know will have to find another career, and no one knows what it is."

Clark says she expects about \$20,000 of income in retirement from Social Security and various pensions — less than half of what she took home in peak years with Delta.

Meanwhile, she labors to keep up with the cost of living. Her apartment costs \$950 plus utilities. The car payment is \$509, and auto insurance eats up another \$110 each month.

"Who would ever think that we'd be struggling?" said Clark, adding that one of her friends is considering moving to Czechoslovakia as a way to stretch her savings. "This was supposed to be the golden years. What are we going to do with our funds? What are we going to do with our lives?"

One of the biggest threats to women's security is the trend away from traditional pensions, which paid benefits for life, and toward 401(k) savings plans. Advocates of 401(k) plans point out that they are well-suited to women who move in and out of the workforce because the assets can be preserved.

Yet because women typically live longer, the 401(k) approach increases the possibility that money might run out in the woman's lifetime or be squandered by a husband.

He could say, "I always wanted a boat. Let's go on a Mediterranean cruise."

Tucker Emerson returned to work full time after her marriage fell apart in the mid-1990s, and she holds two jobs. At the University of New England, she helps physicians teach clinical skills to medical students. She also works at a nursing home two nights a week, caring for patients with dementia.

It is a financial struggle. The mortgage on her home eats up half her pay. She has taken on \$60,000 in debt for her daughter's college bills. She drives a dated 1999 van "because I can't afford to get it fixed."

Still, she plans to start a 401(k) account with the university when she becomes eligible next year. A veteran of musical theater, she might try to boost her income working in television commercials in Boston.

Court makes it easier to challenge patents

By Pete Vost
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Tuesday made it easier for companies to challenge patents, ruling in favor of MedImmune Inc., a biotech firm that markets a childhood respiratory drug.

The 8-1 decision in the dispute between MedImmune and Genentech Inc. comes amid a debate in the business world and in government over whether patents are granted too often and are impeding rather than spurring inventions.

The companies are fighting over a Genentech patent on one of MedImmune's top sellers — Synagis, a children's respiratory drug developed by MedImmune with more than \$1 billion in sales annually.

The court ruled that MedImmune may pursue its claim in the lower courts that no royalties are owed and that the patent is invalid.

MedImmune had sought a declaratory court judgment while paying royalties under protest, prompting Genentech to argue MedImmune's complaint should be dismissed.

But Justice Antonin Scalia, writing for the majority, said that MedImmune had satisfied the legal requirement that there is a controversy, even though MedImmune did not refuse to make royalty payments under the licensing agreement.

MedImmune "assuredly did contend that it had no obligation under the license to pay royalties on an invalid patent," Scalia wrote. "Promising to pay royalties on patents that have not been held invalid does not amount to a promise — not to contest the matter."

Justice Clarence Thomas dissented, saying that by continuing to make royalty payments, albeit under protest, MedImmune had no cause of action against Genentech.

Corporations that are major patent holders backed Genentech in the dispute, saying that creating a unilateral right for a licensee like MedImmune to challenge a licensed patent will destabilize thousands of existing patent settlements and license agreements.

The case could have chilling effects on patent licensing and technology transfers that generate billions of dollars annually, said companies such as 3M, General Electric and Procter & Gamble in court papers supporting Genentech.

Market Watch

Jan. 9, 2007

Dow Jones Industrials	-4.89	12,416.60
Nasdaq Composite	-4.89	2,443.83
Standard & Poor's 500	-0.78	1,412.11
Russell 2000	+1.96	778.33

Stocks of local interest

Delta Inc.	26.84	▲ 87
Lithia Motors	26.48	▲ 07
Supervalu	35.16	▼ 81

Commodities

Feb. Oil	55.63	▼ 45
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
Jan. gold	613.1	▲ 5.8

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Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom, & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



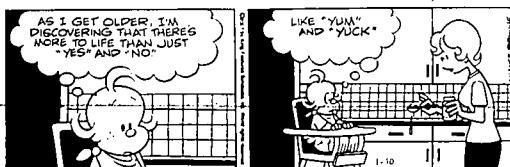
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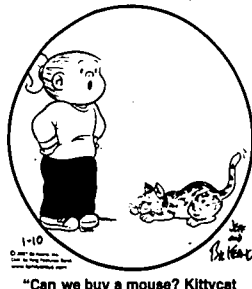
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Kitchen is a bloody mess after hubby goes hunting



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Every year, my husband and brothers-in-law go deer hunting. They always meet at my house for the big hunt. Each year they get sloppier and messier. They leave bloody footprints and pieces of deer carcass through the house and their dirty, smelly clothes in a big pile in the kitchen. They also never wash a dish, plate or utensil they use.

Not only do they kill these creatures and drag them back to my house to clean and cut up, but they also do their "processing" in my small kitchen. Abby, I don't even eat meat! Despite repeated requests that my husband not do this, he continues to turn a deaf ear, claiming that he gets paid to do it by everyone because they don't like going to a meat processor and not getting their stuff for a month or more. Now I know why the black widow eats her mate.

— KAY IN ST. JOSEPH, MO.

DEAR KAY: I didn't know the black widow ate her mate. I thought it was the praying mantis — but only after they had made love. (After all, after so much exertion, a girl could use a "pick-me-up.")

My advice is to practice a little self-defense. When the next hunting party is planned, schedule a nice vacation for yourself — perhaps visiting family or a warmer climate? And make it plain to your hus-

band that you will be back only after he has made sure the house is spotless.

If the job is too much for him and the brothers-in-law, then he should hire a professional cleaning crew to do it. After all, he can't claim poverty. Because he's being paid for all the meat processing, he should be well able to afford the cost.

IS: A helpful suggestion: If a regular cleaning crew refuses the job, he should check up a company that cleans up crime scenes.

DEAR ABBY: I will make this short. I am dating this guy I'll call "Rex," who my sister went to the prom with more than 35 years ago. She has since married and has family. I knew they had been to the prom together, but nothing ever came up about them seriously dating.

When Rex and I started dating, I asked my sister if it was all right. She said there was no problem, and it was my decision. Now she hates me and has called the every name in the book. She says it's wrong. I'm confused — have I done

something wrong? — STUCK IN FREEPORT, TEXAS

DEAR STUCK: You have done nothing wrong. Your sister appears to be an unhappy soul who wants to lessen her frustration with her own life by blaming you. If her relationship with Rex was meant to be, something would have ensued during the 35 years after the prom.

You were generous to ask her permission first, but from my perspective, it was unnecessary. You deserve to be happy and so does Rex. Stop being so dependent on your sister's approval and live your life.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend has a hard time in social situations. He dislikes people in general and needs a lot of alone time.

I am the complete opposite. I need a circle of friends around me in order to be happy. How do we find a balance between the two?

— CLARA IN CHICAGO
DEAR CLARA: It may not be easy. I find it unlikely that someone who "dislikes people in general," has a hard time in social situations" and is physically a loner will change. My question to you would be, how much are you willing to compromise, and would you be comfortable socializing alone?

Chickens beat ostriches in flight department

Chickens can fly. They're much better than an ostrich, emu, penguin or a kiwi. That's not saying much, though. The world record flight of a chicken is only about 230 yards.

This day in history: Jan. 10, 1863, saw the opening of the first stretch of the first and biggest subway in the world. The smoky steam trains of the London Underground ran that day from Paddington Station to Farringdon.

Despite its name, Johnson & Johnson was founded by three Johnson brothers. One of them, Edward Mead Johnson, eventually left to start a pharmaceutical company that still bears his middle and last name.

Blood is always red, even if



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Minetti

The second-most-published playwright in the English language? Neil Simon. William Shakespeare's will No. 1 with 37 plays on the books.

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Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including metals, grains, and oil.

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Table of metals and money market prices including gold, silver, and various currencies.

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4x4 grid with numbers 1-9. Row 1: 6, 1, 3, 9. Row 2: 5, 8, 9, 7. Row 3: 7, 3, 1, 8. Row 4: 1, 4, 9, 7. Additional numbers: 4, 5, 2, 1, 8, 5, 2, 4, 5, 2, 1.

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"Error is to truth as sleep is to waking. I have observed that one turns, as if refreshed, from error back to truth."
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Jeff Meckstroth, who is the only man to win the International Bridge Press Association Best Played Hand Award in consecutive years, was part of the USA I team that won the 1999 Bermuda Bowl. But he missed a chance here.

Put yourself in South's shoes in the contract of three no-trump from the semifinal match between USA I and USA II. West led the heart three, the low card suggesting a good suit. Plan the play after East takes the king and returns the heart four.

It looks as if East led the four from a remaining holding of 4-2. If so, then when you put up the heart queen at the second trick, it will hold. Now when you play on clubs, you have two reasonable chances. The first is to find the club queen outside and the suit splitting. The second is to find that both diamond honors are outside or that the defense cannot get the heart suit going against you. However, both chances failed here, and so Meckstroth went down.

Maybe declarer might have ducked the second heart — a play that has the effect of killing the heart suit even if at the cost of a trick. When West takes his heart nine, he can clear the hearts, but has no entry to the suit anymore. Declarer can now try diamonds (or fall back on clubs later) to set up his nine tricks. As the cards lie, the diamonds would have seen him home.

NORTH 01-10 A
 ♠ A 4 3
 ♥ 10
 ♦ A J 10 4 2
 ♣ K 7 5 4

WEST
 ♠ 9 7 5
 ♥ A 9 6 5 3
 ♦ Q 6 5
 ♣ Q 6

EAST
 ♠ 10 8 6 2
 ♥ K 4 2
 ♦ K 9 3
 ♣ 10 9 3

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q J
 ♥ Q J 8 7
 ♦ 8 7
 ♣ A J 8 2

Vulnerable: East-West
 Dealer: North

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♦ Pass
 1 ♥ Pass
 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Heart three

BID WITH THE ACES
 01-10 B

South holds:
 ♠ A 4 3
 ♥ 10
 ♦ A J 10 4 2
 ♣ K 7 5 4

South West North East
 1 ♦ 3 ♥ 4 ♠ Pass

ANSWER: Bid four spades. Your partner's four-heart call is a slam-try in support of diamonds, and though you are minimum in terms of high cards, you have extra shape and plenty of controls. You may not have enough to drive to slam, but it looks as though you must cooperate at least once to let partner know you have extras.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@midmagn.com

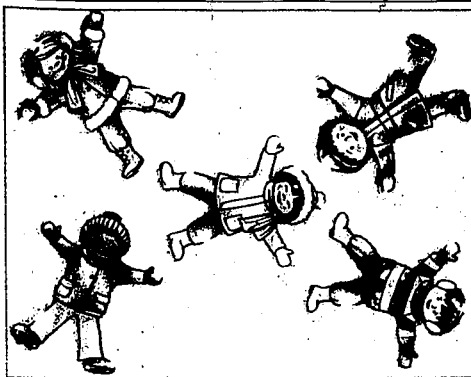
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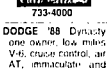
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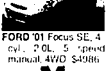
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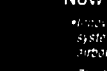
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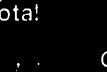
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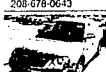


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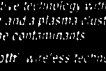
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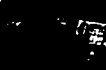
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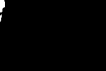
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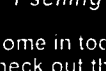
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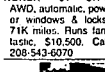


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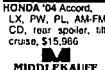
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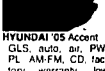
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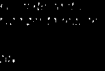
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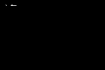
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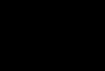
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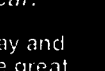
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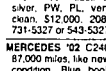
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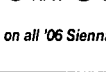
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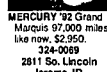


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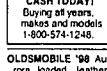
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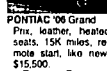


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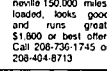
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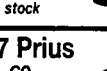
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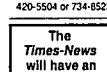


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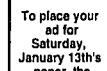
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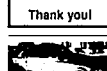


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