

**AN/CY HARVEST**  
 Prices soar for California citrus  
 as temperatures plummet

**JEROME PROSECUTOR**  
 After withdrawing application,  
 deputy may get the job anyway.  
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**HEAVY METAL**  
 Cast iron brings history home

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# Times-News

**WEDNESDAY**  
 January 17, 2007

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## Jerome County feedlot controversy intensifies

Case includes several firsts for officials

By Matt Christensen  
 Times-News writer

**JEROME** — History is being made in a Jerome County livestock confinement operation (LCO) case. Groups outside a one-mile radius from a proposed LCO have asked to be recognized during an upcoming meeting in which commissioners could pass or deny the LCO permit. Jerome County ordinance says

that only people who live within a one-mile radius of the proposed LCO are allowed to testify before the commissioners. "I've never had input from outside the one mile before," said Art Brown, administrator for the planning and zoning board. "I've never dealt with this before." With the county preparing to navigate uncharted waters, commissioners met Tuesday to discuss how, if at

all, people from outside the radius might be heard. The case involves an LCO permit being sought by Don McFarland on behalf of Big Sky Farms Limited Partnership. McFarland wants to bring 18,555 cows into the county — just over one mile from the Minnesota Internment National Monument where Japanese Americans were imprisoned during World War II. Residents near the proposed LCO, unofficially represented by Dean Dimond, who lives adjacent to the proposed LCO, have aggressively

**Oakley area dairy gets unanimous approval, despite opposition.** See Money, E1  
 opposed the feedlot. Dimond plans to testify at the hearing, scheduled for Feb. 6. Unclear is whether people who live outside the radius can be heard, including the National Park Service, the Japanese American Citizens League and the Valley School District. Those groups have already submitted opposition letters to Brown

the planning and zoning administrator. Brown has created two files for the case: one for comments from residents within the one-mile radius and another envelope for comments from parties outside the radius. The file containing letters from outside the radius will remain sealed at the hearing, essentially muting those parties. However, the commission will be presented with an index of the comments in the sealed envelope and

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## School bond fails



Students make their way across a crosswalk between the middle school and high school Tuesday afternoon in Kimberly. If a \$6.09 million school bond measure had passed, sidewalks would have been put in front of both schools.

## Unofficial tally falls short of supermajority

By Joshua Palmer  
 Times-News writer

**KIMBERLY** — Voters appeared Tuesday night to narrowly defeat a \$6.09 million school bond election in Kimberly. The election carried 66.4 percent of the votes cast, according to preliminary totals, falling short of the

supermajority required for passage. Kimberly school board members were canvassing votes into the night, looking for discrepancies or a "no" vote that could be disqualified and swing the election. An official tally is to be certified on Thursday. Residents such as Myron Nield and Lou and Barb Coronado trudged through

**MAJORITY RESULTS**

Yes	346
No	175
Total votes	521

freezing temperatures to cast their votes. They said they trusted that the district would use the money appropriately even through they didn't know

exactly how it would be spent. The district had hoped to replace deteriorating roofs on four school buildings, upgrade the high school to meet city code and add classrooms to the elementary, middle and high schools. They had a chart in there (the election area) that showed

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## Rural advocate killed in collision

### Thornborrow remembered as champion of farmers

By Cassidy Friedman  
 Times-News writer

Two others killed in a separate accident Monday night.  
 See Magic Valley, D1

**BUHL** — The first time Jack Thornborrow died was on Thursday in March. The heart of the great champion of small farmers and ranchers suddenly stopped beating in the middle of the Buhl community auction. The city's quick response unit jolted him back to life. The headline in the *Buhl Herald* read: "Buhl man thankful to be alive." Thornborrow died again on Monday, but this time there will be no miraculous happy ending for the friends and family who are mourning the loss of a husband, father and community leader. Thornborrow, 59, drove his

1998 Dodge pickup through a stop sign less than two miles from his home and was hit by a 1994 Mazda Protege. He was pronounced dead at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. He divided his time between farming in Buhl and rallying other farmers in the region to find common ground. At the time of his death, he represented the Idaho Rural Council to other states and from the late 1990s to 2002

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Jack Thornborrow, a Buhl farmer who also worked for the Idaho Rural Council, died Monday at the age of 59.

## Zoological society launches program to protect 100 rare mammals

By Raphael G. Sailer  
 Associated Press writer

**LONDON** — It isn't often that the northern hairy-nosed wombat, the finger-sized slender loris, and the mountain pygmy possum share the spotlight. But these odd creatures are the focus of a conservation program launched Tuesday to safeguard some of the world's rarest mammals. The Zoological Society of London's program highlights 100 species selected because of the peculiarity of their genetic backgrounds and the degree of danger they face. The species' lack of close relatives make their preservation particularly urgent, society scientist Jonathan Baillie said. He described them as natural masterpieces.

"Would we just sit there and watch the Mona Lisa disappear? These are things that are just irreplaceable."  
 — Zoological Society of London scientist Jonathan Baillie

"Would we just sit there and watch the Mona Lisa disappear?" he said. "These are things that are just irreplaceable." Many of the species are the only representative of groups that have otherwise died out. West Africa's pygmy hippopotamus, known for its thick, oily "blood-sweat," is the only member of its genus. Others, like the Yangtze River dolphin, are thought to represent an entire genetic family. The dolphin

may already be gone, like some others on the list. Those that remain act as living fossils, offering glimpses into how the animal world looked millions of years ago. That's the case of the Andean mountain monkey, the only marsupial in an otherwise extinct lineage that dates back more than 40 million years. New Guinea's long-beaked echidna,



A baby slender loris is seen in this undated photograph released by the Zoological Society of London on Tuesday. (AP Photo/Chris Wedel)

ant-eater-like creatures that lay eggs like reptiles, are even older, remaining unchanged since the time of the dinosaurs. Donors are invited to sponsor a species and track its conservation progress through blogs and discussion groups on the Web site [www.edgeofexistence.org](http://www.edgeofexistence.org). About \$1 million is needed to fund the conservation projects, Baillie said. Researchers hope the catalog of

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**On the Web**  
 Zoological Society of London:  
<http://www.zsl.org>  
 Society of Conservation Biology:  
<http://www.scb.org>

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Thursday
Partly to mostly cloudy and still cold
High 27 Low 9
Sunny to mostly sunny skies and cold 25/8

MINI-CASSIA
Today: Partly cloudy skies, a light breeze and cold temperatures. Highs in the middle to upper 20s.
Tonight: Breezy, cold and partly cloudy. Lows in the upper single digits.
Tomorrow: Continued cold with partly cloudy skies. Highs in the lower to middle 20s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
The Empty Pockets Cofn & Currency Club meeting, with selection of new officers, 7:30 p.m., the Paul City Hall meeting room, Paul, 678-9398.

FAMILY
Activities for children and adults, including dance, foosball, card games, board games, ping pong, beach ball volleyball and more, 4 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave., Burley, \$2 for children, \$1 for senior citizens and \$10 for a group of preschoolers, 878-7973.

"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, 4821 Grandview Drive N. (on the corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive North), \$3 to \$4 for the meal, 733-8128 or visit www.tfrc.org.

GOVERNMENT
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4066.
Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 140 Kentucky St., 352-1117.
Filer School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school library, 700 Stevens, 326-4369.

HEALTH
College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs resume, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Gym, Blaine County Campus Gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, home cost, 732-6475.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS
Beginning plecing, taught by Carleen with a second class included, 6 to 9 p.m., Carleen's Fabrics & Crafts, etc., 450 21st St., Heyburn, 930-379-3573.

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 Browne by e-mail, sbrowne@magvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days before the event.

MINI EDITORIAL

State: Keep your ride clean

I paid \$1.02 in sales tax for a restaurant pizza. I paid 55 cents in sales tax for a small bag of groceries. But my car was washed in tax free. What is the law telling me, yes? Answer: It's better to drive a car without dirty cat foot prints than to eat. —Chris Baldes, news editor

Want to submit a Mini Editorial for publication on this page? Send it by e-mail to minieditorial@magvalley.com. Submissions must include the writer's name, address and daytime telephone number. Mini Editorials can be up to 50 words in length. They will be subjected to the same vetting process as letters to the editor. Writers may publish both one Mini Editorial and one letter per month.

WEB READER REACTION

On the letter, 'Overdevelopment, icy roads diminish Twin Falls'...

KRISTEN: I take offense at calling the Magic Valley, the "Tragic Valley." You may not appreciate the economic progress that is being made in Twin Falls, but with growth comes change. Yes, there is a lot of new development along the canyon, but I have yet to see any change to the beauty of the canyon just because some businesses have decided to build close to it. Since Twin Falls is the shopping hub for many surrounding communities, change to the landscape is inevitable as more businesses open. I think Twin Falls is doing a pretty good job landscaping particularly in the areas of Peltaine and as you enter the city off the Perrine Bridge. I am glad to see the growth in Twin and the surrounding communities. It sounds like you want to Twin to just be a "hick" cousin to Boise.

For more comments

Each story publishes up to five comments. Information provided to post comments. Comments are subject to moderation.

CLARIFICATION

Red Cross will continue to help those in need
Although the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho already has used 80 percent of its disaster relief budget since... story in Monday's edition months through its fiscal... may have been unclear about... chapter stop helping disaster... already has used 80 percent... by the Red Cross for a... story in Monday's edition... months through its fiscal... may have been unclear about... the chapters' intentions.

MAGIC VALLEY

Crump: Can I block the Discovery Channel?

My wife is a fan of the cable TV reality show "Dirty Jobs" — so much so that I've noticed a definite deterioration recently in the messiness of household chores she asks me to do. —SEE PAGE D1

Seib may yet become county attorney anyway

JEROME — Jerome County Deputy Prosecutor Mike Seib learned Tuesday he could become the county prosecutor, at least temporarily, just minutes after officially withdrawing his application for the job. —SEE PAGE D1

Twin Falls County reimburses Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County reimbursed the city of Twin Falls on Tuesday, following an Idaho Supreme Court ruling that the city did not have to pay for its use of the county's courthouse. —SEE PAGE D1

Tom Mike-ovl gave a check for \$630,042 during the City Council meeting, complying with the court's Oct. 5 decision. —SEE PAGE D1



Cast iron cooking brings history home

ELER — There's nothing like an egg fried in a cast-iron skillet. Crispy around the edges. A soft white. Flavored with just a hint of bacon. Prepared just the way Grandma used to make them in the heavy, black frying pan that sat perpetually on the stove. —SEE PAGE C1

Oakley area dairy gets unanimous approval

OAKLEY — An effort to locate the first dairy east of Hwy. 27 in this area has pitted the neighbor against neighbor. Despite efforts by neighboring landowners to throw a wrench in the plans, Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission members unanimously approved a large dairy for Critchfield Farms, at 1400 S. 300 W., Oakley. The dairy will be one of the last to be constructed under Cassia County's former zoning ordinance that allowed five animal units per acre in the waste management plan. —SEE PAGE E1

OBITUARIES

Bertram Eugene Eakin
Blake Taylor, 47
Joanne Ruth Kuhnank
Larson, 81
Gary Beal Cappel, 68
Patricia Myr Yrider, 67
Shirley J. McClellan, age 71
Morris L. Howell, 70
Harold E. Jones, 78 —SEE PAGES D2-4

CORRECTION

Wrong name for player
Jerome senior guard Chad Craig was incorrectly identified in a photograph on page B2 of Saturday's edition. The Times-News regrets the error.

IDAHO/WEST



Prices soar for citrus after California freeze

FRESNO, Calif. — Shoppers will feel the sting from a string of subfreezing nights in California's citrus groves, and other farming areas, with prices for lemons, oranges, lemons, avocados and other produce poised to double or triple in coming weeks, according to industry officials. "We may adjust the prices as we discover the full extent of the damage next week, but for now, if you bought an orange at the supermarket for 50 cents, expect to pay a dollar to \$1.49 for it," said Todd Steel, owner of Royal Vista Marketing, which sells California citrus to markets throughout the country. —SEE PAGE E1

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Legislators, Other meet amid Capitol dustup

BOISE — The House and Senate's Republican leadership teams met with Governor C.L. "Blutch" Otter Tuesday, hoping to resolve the impasse that put renovation and expansion of the Idaho Capitol on hold. —SEE PAGE A4

Convict loses bid for wife's insurance funds

BOISE — A convicted Mountain Home wife-killer should not benefit from his spouse's death by receiving part of her life insurance benefits, the Idaho Supreme Court said in a unanimous ruling Tuesday. —SEE PAGE A4

NATION/WORLD



Embryo saved from flood is now a baby

CONVINGTON, La. — The baby was only seven hours old when television cameras on Noah Benton Markham almost as if he were the offspring of a Hollywood power couple, Little Noah has been the object of media interest since before his birth, when he was just an embryo that nearly defrosted in a wedding hospital in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. —SEE PAGE A5

Bush chides al-Maliki over Saddam hanging

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Tuesday the unruly execution of Saddam Hussein "looked like it was kind of a revenge killing," making it harder to persuade a skeptical U.S. public that Iraq's government will keep promises central to Bush's plan for a troop increase. —SEE PAGE A5

Sen. Obama launches White House bid

WASHINGTON — Sen. Barack Obama launched a presidential campaign Tuesday that would make him the first black to occupy the White House, and immediately tried to turn his political inexperience into an asset with voters seeking change. —SEE PAGE A5

Bombing at Baghdad university kills 65

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An explosion outside a Baghdad university as students were heading home for the day killed at least 65 people on Tuesday in the deadliest of several attacks on predominantly Shiite areas. The attacks — and the announcement of four U.S. military deaths — came on a day the United Nations said more than 34,000 Iraqi civilians died last year in sectarian violence. —SEE PAGE A5

Israeli army chief resigns over Lebanon

JERUSALEM — Israeli army commander Lt. Gen. Dan Halutz, under fire for failures in last summer's war in Lebanon, has resigned, the Defense Ministry said early Wednesday. —SEE PAGE A5

SPORTS



Twin Falls girls dominate senior night

TWIN FALLS — An arch of blue-and-white balloons, gift bags and heartfelt hugs from teammates kicked off the Twin Falls Bruins girls' basketball team's senior night and the 55-33 thrashing of the class 3A Century Diamondback at Bann Gymnasium on Tuesday. —SEE PAGE B1

Parsons, NASCAR '73 champ dies at 65

NEW YORK — Benny Parsons made a career of beating the odds, rising up from a childhood of poverty in the North Carolina foothills to a job as a Detroit cabbie, and eventually becoming a NASCAR champion. He died Tuesday in Charlotte, N.C. He was 65. —SEE PAGE B1

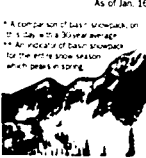
Vinatieri gets chance to boot his ex-team

INDIANAPOLIS — This is Adam Vinatieri's favorite time of year. Each playoff week, the two-time Super Bowl hero seems to reinforce his reputation as the NFL's best clutch kicker. Give Vinatieri an opportunity to win a postseason game, and he's ready. —SEE PAGE B1

Snowpack Levels

Table with 2 columns: Location and Snowpack Level. Locations include Salmon, Big Wood, Little Wood, Little Lost, Henrys Fork, Snake Basin, Oakley, and Salmon Falls. Snowpack levels range from 50% to 90%.

As of Jan. 16
\* A comparison of last winter's snowpack on 127 sites with a 30-year average.
\*\* An increase of snow snowpack for the entire snow season when compared to a normal year.



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FROM PAGE ONE

Advocate

Continued from page A1 served as the council's president.

The council is a nonprofit that represents more than 400 farm families. In the early '90s he served on the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission.

"Jack was a wonderful leader and a great mediator," said Kristy Webb, who took over as council president in 2002.

"He was someone who genuinely cared about people. And he loved farming and he loved farmers and ranchers. And he worked really hard to improve the lot of the small farmers in the region and nationally as well."

The story of Thornborrow the farmer begins early on at his family's ranch in

Southern California.

"I think he was always grounded in his farm and his community," said Patrick Sweeney, director of the Western Organization of Resource Councils, a seven-state organization for which Thornborrow was a board member from 2000 to 2005. "And that is where he gained the knowledge and experience about farming, ranching and rural communities."

Thornborrow's life of service may have begun after college when he volunteered in agriculture for the Peace Corps in Ecuador.

He met his wife, Darcy, in London, and they traveled to Afghanistan, where they learned English. They married in the Katmandu Valley in

Nepal before returning to the United States and moving with his family to Buhl in 1974.

"He loved Idaho," Webb said. "And he loved its small communities. He loved Buhl."

He and Darcy bought a farm, which grew to nearly 1,000 acres.

Their son, Seth, was born in 1977 and Jenah was born in 1980.

In the early 1990s, Thornborrow bridged his agricultural background with local politics and took a seat on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

"I think my dad was one of the most fair people you would ever meet," Jenah said. "He would make decisions to his detriment if he knew they were right. In the farm, he made

those decisions as well as in the bigger community."

His vote reflected his principles more than his private interests, said John O'Connor, president of the Buhl Chamber of Commerce and family friend.

"I think Jack was a shining example of rural community leadership," Sweeney said. "He had great care and concern for family farming and ranching and he coupled that with a passion for protecting the environment."

While Thornborrow's death remains somewhat of a mystery, the views he held in life were never kept secret.

"There is no pretense to Jack Thornborrow," said Jim Barker of Buhl. "What you saw was what you got."

Mammals

Continued from page A1 bizarre creatures might attract younger generations. "The younger generation is more interested in the weird and wonderful," Baillie said.

There's no lack of elcher. Many of the mammals are freakishly large or small, or just long-lived.

Australia's hairy-nosed wombat can grow bigger than a dog, while the Sri Lankan slender loris's 5-inch-long frame is dominated by huge night vision eyes. The mountain pigmy possums of

Australia can live 12 years, a remarkable age for a one-ounce creature.

Others, like Madagascar's aye-aye, are just weird. The oddly-shaped primate sports an unsettlingly long, skeletal middle finger it uses to scrape insect larvae from holes in trees.

Still, some have undeniable charm, like the half-ounce bumblebee bat or the hairy-eared dwarf lemur, the world's smallest primate.

"There's nothing like them when they go," Baillie said.

Jerome

Continued from page A1 can choose to examine individual comments if the majority of commissioners choose to do so.

It is clear that parties outside the one-mile radius will not be allowed to testify in person at the hearing, per the ordinance.

Commissioner Diana Obenauer said that's unfair and suggested changing the ordinance to include testimony from anyone willing to offer it — much the same way testimony is heard in neighboring

Gooding County.

But few expect an ordinance change before the McFarland hearing.

In other news relating to the case, Dimond has alleged that Brown erred in several procedural issues, including allowing enough time for public comment, and that he neglected to invite government agencies to participate in a site assessment.

At the advice of legal counsel Mike Seib, Commissioner Charlie Howell told Dimond at Tuesday's meeting to bring up

his concerns at the hearing or to pursue the matter in district court.

After the meeting, Dimond said he'd be at the hearing, but he didn't rule out a lawsuit, especially, he said. If the commissioners don't consider his complaints or the contents of the sealed envelope.

Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen covers natural resources. Contact him at 735-3243 or at matt.christensen@le.net.

Bond

Continued from page A1 how they would spend the money, so that's where I learned about it," said Michael Ward, who has one child enrolled in Kimberly Elementary School. "But I guess I didn't really know much about it until I saw that."

Ward said he believes the district needs the money and he said something needs to be done about crowding in the schools.

Torally Sudweeks, who has been an election worker for several years, said there seemed to be a higher turnout for the school bond election than in previous elections.

"It's been steady and it's been quite busy," she said one hour before the polls closed.

"I think there have been more people because there has been quite an interest."

That interest is exactly what the district has been trying to spark during the past several years.

The Kimberly School District has struggled since 1999 — when it passed a school bond to build a new high school — to inform area voters about the district's needs.

"We can get the message to parents and to other people through things like information boards in the post office."

Superintendent John Garner said in an earlier interview. "But we have a lot of people who don't have kids in school, or don't go to the post office, and these are the people who often don't know about the election."

Bruce and Kathy Bulcher, co-chairmen of the bond election committee, said they started working in December to inform the community about the school bond election.

"We tried to explain to the community that there was a priority list, and we explained that the school had to meet some obligations," Bruce Bulcher said.

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# AROUND THE WEST

## BOISE

### GOP leaders, Otter meet amid Capitol dustup

BOISE — Republican leaders from the state House and Senate met Tuesday with Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter over the embattled proposal to add underground wings to the Idaho Capitol, but failed to resolve an impasse that's put renovation and expansion of the 100-year-old building on hold.

Their meeting lasted 45 minutes. There will be further meetings later this week, likely Thursday or Friday, ordered the \$130 million project stopped in its tracks, fulfilling a campaign promise to seek an alternative to adding two, 50,000-square-foot wings he believes are too expensive. The wings would cost some \$45 million, and Otter would rather renovate two nearby state buildings: the old Ada County courthouse and the Bonh Post Office.

"At the meeting, I don't think either side presented things in a way that changed the other's mind, but we've agreed to continue discussions," said Sen. Joe Stegner, R-Leviston and the lawmaker who originally proposed the wings. They would be modeled after a similar expansion at the Texas state Capitol.

### Feds file first charge against Duncan

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The charge is a placeholder, to make sure that other states where Duncan is being investigated for crimes cannot extradite him before he is tried for the 2005 kidnappings of Shasta and her 9-year-old brother, Dylan, and Dylan's subsequent slaying. U.S. attorney's office spokeswoman Jean McNeil in Boise said Tuesday.

As you know, there's been interest in him in other places. It's possible that somebody could try to get him down there," spokeswoman Jean McNeil said. "We want to make sure he remains in the state." Duncan is also considered the prime suspect in the slayings of two children near Seattle and one in Southern California in the 1990s.

### Supreme Court denies wife-killer's claims

BOISE — A Mountain Home man convicted of killing his wife should not benefit from his spouse's death by receiving part of her life insurance benefits, the Idaho Supreme Court ruled unanimously Tuesday.

Larry Severson, 52, should not see any of the payout from his wife's \$200,000 policy, even though he paid for half of it, because the payout wouldn't

exist if his wife, Mary, were still alive, the court said.

Under Idaho's "slayer statute," a person convicted of killing another cannot receive any benefits, including collecting on a life insurance policy, from the victim's death.

Severson's attorney, Jay P. Clark, had argued in November that because Mary Severson's policy was paid for with communal funds from their marriage, his client was entitled to half — as a co-owner, not a beneficiary. Mary Severson had named her mother, Carolyn Diaz, as bene-

ficiary about a year before she died.

But the court said the intent of the slayer statute is clear: A killer should not acquire property or receive benefits as a result of his crime. By killing his wife, Larry Severson generated the money he's attempting to claim, the court said.

## WASHINGTON

### Bush pulls back Idaho appeals court nominee

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Tuesday withdrew a

controversial federal appeals court nominee, a nod to the Senate's new Democratic leadership.

Bush had just resubmitted Norman Randy Smith of Idaho to the Senate last week for a seat on the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. At the time, Bush also withdrew four nominees.

Smith has been part of a group that Democrats then in the minority but with the ability to block nominations.

branded too conservative for the federal bench.

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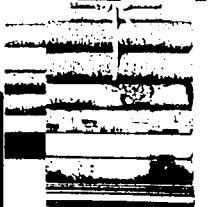
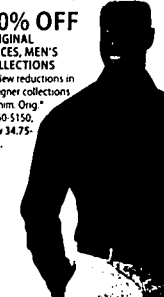
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## AROUND THE WORLD

### WASHINGTON

#### Obama takes his first step in White House bid

Sen. Barack Obama's decision to take the first formal step toward running for president caps an extraordinarily rapid rise in politics — and sets up a high-stakes competition for campaign money, staff and supporters with the presumed front-runner for the Democratic nomination, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York.

Obama's announcement Tuesday that he had established a presidential exploratory committee creates a face-off between the first strong black and female candidates for president, adding sizzle and a sense of historic significance to the competition for the party's nomination.

Having served barely two years in the Senate, Obama also is testing a sturdy piece of conventional political wisdom in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks: that voters are wary of electing a president who might need on-the-job training in foreign policy.

The Illinois Democrat, 45, is gambling that voters will see his lack of national governing experience as an asset, not a liability, at a time when the electorate is seething with discontent with the Washington establishment.

"I am struck by how hungry we all are for a different kind of politics," Obama said in his Tuesday announcement. "The decisions that have been made in Washington these past six years, and the problems that have been ignored, have put us in a precarious place."

#### Jurors, opposed to Bush, excluded from Libby trial

WASHINGTON — Two potential jurors who expressed negative views of Bush administration officials, were dismissed on the opening day of the perjury trial of former White House aide "Scooter" Libby.

The start of jury selection in the CIA leak case provided a potentially crucial victory for I. Lewis Libby's defense lawyers. They were allowed to ask potential jurors in detail about their opinions of the Bush administration, Vice President Dick Cheney, a group of high-profile reporters and whether the administration had lied to push the country into war with Iraq.

The defense faces a key challenge in picking a jury for this highly political case in a city where registered Democrats outnumber Republicans more than 9-to-1. Cheney is expected to be a defense witness.

Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald objected repeatedly, but to no avail, that Libby's lawyers were going beyond the more general opinion questions that U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton asked the entire jury pool when the proceedings began Tuesday morning.

#### IRAQ U.N. says 34,000 Iraqi civilians killed last year

BAGHDAD — Twin car

bombs tore through a leading Baghdad university as students left classes Tuesday in the deadliest attack in Iraq in nearly two months, and the United Nations reported 34,452 civilians were slain last year, nearly three times more than the government reported.

A total of 142 Iraqis were killed or found dead Tuesday, in what appeared to be a renewed campaign of Sunni insurgent violence against Shiite targets. The sharp attack in deadly attacks coincided with the release of U.N. figures that showed an average of 94 civilians died each day in sectarian bloodshed in 2006.

#### Bush: Hangings show Iraq leaders have work to do

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Tuesday the unruly execution of Saddam Hussein "looked like it was kind of a revenge killing," making it harder to persuade a skeptical U.S. public that Iraq's government will keep promises central to Bush's plan for a troop increase.

In his toughest assessment yet, Bush criticized the circumstances of Saddam's hanging last month, as well as Monday's execution of two top aides, including Saddam's half brother.

"I was disappointed and felt like they fumbled the — particularly the Saddam Hussein execution," the president said in an interview with PBS' Jim Lehrer.

A cell phone video of the execution of Saddam's half brother showed that the hangman's noose decapitated him. Both hangings provoked outrage around the world, but particularly among Saddam's fellow Sunnis in Iraq.

Bush said he had expressed his displeasure about the way Saddam's execution was handled to Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. The president announced what he called a new strategy for the war last week, with much of it hinging on his trust in al-Maliki's government to make radical changes.

#### ISRAEL Israeli army chief resigns over Lebanon failures

JERUSALEM — Israeli army commander Lt. Gen. Dan Halutz, under fire for failures in last summer's war in Lebanon, has resigned, the Defense Ministry said early Wednesday.

Halutz has been under pressure to step down since the end of the 34-day war, which failed in its goals of defeating the anti-Israel militant group Hezbollah and bringing home two captured soldiers.

Israel launched a full-scale attack on Lebanese Hezbollah guerrillas after they seized the two men and killed three other soldiers in a cross-border raid July 12.

Army Radio reported that Halutz sent his letter of resignation to Prime Minister Ehud

Olmert, saying that he was taking responsibility for the outcome of the war.

### LOUISIANA

#### Embryo saved from flood is now a boy named Noah

COVINGTON, La. — Rescued from a great flood while he was just a frozen embryo in liquid nitrogen, a baby boy entered the world Tuesday and was named after the most famous flood survivor of them all, Noah.

Noah Benton Markham — 8 pounds, 6½ ounces — was born to 32-year-old Hebekeh Markham by Caesarean section after growing from an embryo that nearly defrosted in a sweltering hospital during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

"All babies are miracles. But we have some special miracles," said Wanda Stogner, a cousin of Markham's.

Relatives gathered around New Orleans police officer Glen Markham as the proud 42-year-old father carried the tiny blanket-wrapped bundle topped by a pink-and-blue cap out of the operating room at St. Tammany Parish Hospital. For a few seconds he tried to make them guess whether the baby was a boy or a girl.

"Then he announced, 'It's a boy!' to an eruption of cheers and applause."

Two weeks after Katrina hit, law officers used flat-bottom boats to rescue the Markham's embryos and some 1,400 other ones stored in tanks of coolant

at New Orleans' Lakeland Hospital.

### MISSOURI

#### Defendant escaped police suspicion for years

ST. LOUIS — The man accused of kidnapping two Missouri boys and keeping one of them for more than four years escaped suspicion right up until the very end — largely because he had no criminal record.

In fact, Michael Devlin apparently had so little fear of being caught that he used to joke around with police at the pizza parlor where he worked, and even phoned officers when he had a dispute with a neighbor over a parking space, authorities say.

"As Claude Rains said (in 'Casablanca'), you round up the usual suspects' and more often than not, you're right," said Charles Babin, a professor of psychology at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York. "In this case, he wasn't on the record as a usual suspect. Police did the best they could but didn't have a lead."

Devlin, 41, was arrested last week after police searching for a 13-year-old boy kidnapped on Aug. 8 went to Devlin's apartment in suburban Kirkwood. Police found not only the 13-year-old, but, to their utter surprise, 15-year-old Shawn Hornbeck, who vanished 4½ years ago.

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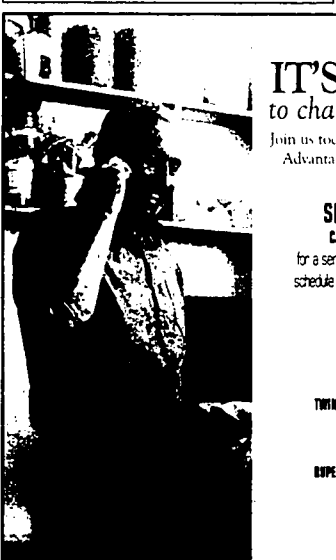
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EDITORIAL

# Surge can only work by forcing Iraq into action

**P**resident Bush's latest, and probably last, attempt to stabilize Iraq with increased military power isn't about boosting the U.S. presence in that country. It's about getting us out.

Bush wants a respectable end to the failed mission in Iraq, but he can't make it happen on executive power alone. Congress must force the Bush administration to devise an actual plan with this last surge for it to have any success.

That means early measurements of security within months. If the mission continues to unravel in the face of insurgency and inept action by the Iraqis, Congress should move to end the war by financing it.

That sentiment shouldn't just come from Democrats or blue-state voters, but all of the country, including Idaho. It appears that Idaho Congressman Mike Simpson and Sen. Larry Craig have gotten the message, and have skepticism of the president's plan.

"I am not convinced that sending more troops is the right course of action unless they have a clear mission and the Iraqis understand it is time for them to step up and fight for their own freedom," Simpson said after meeting with Bush last week.

Simpson and Craig, who sounded similar lines last week, must stand by that sentiment regardless of the political lines that may be crossed.

Bush's decision to surge U.S. forces by another 21,500 troops comes three years too late. U.S. forces have been stretched far too thin, a point proven again by the merger number Bush has proposed.

The key goal now must be an immediate increase of Iraqi manpower. Bush has long resisted the notion of a timeline, but that's precisely what's needed to compel Iraqis toward self-defense.

Iraq's government saw tremendous success in 2005 with three democratic elections, but took no initiative for its own security in 2006. Iraq Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki continued to balk on law enforcement and military training. The result was more deadly terrorism among Shia fundamentals and Sunni insurgents as 2006 came to a close.

In a revealing interview aired Sunday, Bush said U.S. troops have been limited in how they can respond to those deadly agents.

"I told (al-Maliki) it's time to get going," Bush said on "60 Minutes." "I said when our guys get moving along with yours, you can't get on the phone for political reasons and stop the troops from going after killers. What they would do is, 'We're going after this killer,' and they said 'Well he's for political reasons, don't. Killer is a killer. And we expect them to go after both Shia and Sunni murderers in order to provide the security for Baghdad.'"

While Bush's syntax may be baffling, the content is clear and stunning. Iraq's leaders are preventing troops engaging the enemy in war? That tactic is a road to failure and more American fatalities.

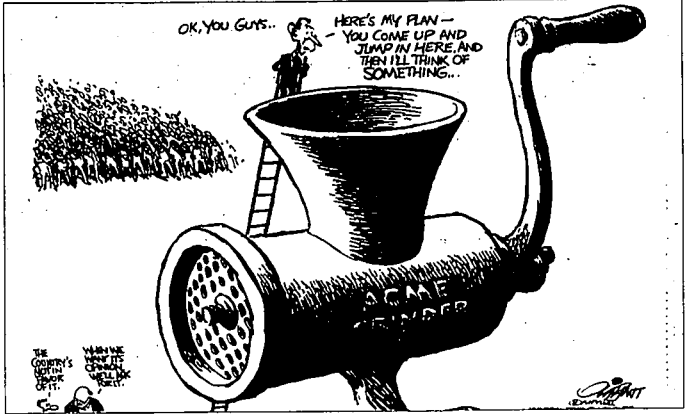
Simpson said it's fully within Congress' authority to stop spending on the war that goes nowhere and loses public support.

"There's a lot of talk that if you cut off funding you're not supporting the troops. Congress' only alternative if they don't agree with administration is to cut off funding."

"It's a hard thing to define. I think you'll have to see progress within six months, and to see considerable progress within a year — or it's over."

In spite of the many reasons Bush gave for this war — including the good and the bad — Americans do not want to see it fail. Unless Bush works with Congress for a true timeline of results, his surge plan will merely be the last of many bloody missteps in Iraq.

**Our view: A plan to send more U.S. troops into Iraq must come with specific security goals and timelines. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**



# Foreign policy from Nixon's playbook

**W**here's Richard Nixon when we need him or at least want to talk to him?

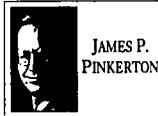
The 37th president died in 1994, so he's hard to reach. But Nixon, epitomizing foreign policy realism — even cynicism — among other traits, still lives. His name has been thrown around a lot, for example, during the debate over President Bush's "surge" in Iraq. According to The Associated Press, the reaction to the Bush plan is "reminiscent of the furor unleashed by President Richard Nixon's 1970 decision to invade Cambodia during the final stage of the Vietnam War."

But what does Nixon himself think of the comparison? I pulled out my Ojaija board, and miraculously, just before my deadline, Nixon's ghost appeared, like a borrower of the night.

I got right down to it: "So," I queried, "is Bush's surge in Iraq similar to what you did in Vietnam?" Nixon smiled.

Discussions of foreign policy always begin up a realpolitiker, even if he's not living.

"There's nothing wrong with



JAMES P. PINKERTON

being tough," he began. "When I came into the White House in 1969, I knew we had to get out of there in my first four years, to preserve our strength around the world — not to mention my own re-election prospects."

"So what Bush is doing in Iraq," he continued, "as well as his threats against Iran and Syria are consistent with the get-tough Nixon playbook. But there is a key difference between then and now. Back then, I did much more than just escalate in Vietnam." Knowing he now had me hanging on his every word, the wily Machiavellian paused.

"What's this 'key difference'?" I demanded.

"At the same time that I was escalating in Indochina, I was going over the heads of the North Vietnamese. I traveled

to Beijing in February 1972, the first presidential visit ever. And then, in May of that same year, I was the first president to travel to Moscow. I reached an understanding with Mao and Brezhnev that the United States was going to bomb its way out of Vietnam, to peace with honor." I had diplomatic cards to play with both, and I played them. And if it hadn't been for Watergate, my plan would have worked." For a moment, the ex-president's eyes misted over, but then he returned to the subject at hand. "And that's where the current president has gone wrong. All this 'moral clarity' has blinded him to strategic reality. You can't oppose all evil, everywhere. You have to identify who your real enemy is, and then isolate him." It's the Iranians who are the real problem," I observed.

Nixon smiled as he answered. "Probably so." He added to himself: "I had about the shah." Then he continued: "The Iranians are the Iraqis fighters as the North Vietnamese were the Viet Cong — the implacable big

friend just across the border. So if the Iranians are hopeless, Bush has to go over their heads, to help his friends. Once again, it's back to Moscow and Beijing. They were decisive in ending the Vietnam War and could be decisive in ending the Iraq War, too." "Wait just a second," I interrupted. "Back then, as you explained, you had the Russians and Chinese neutralized. But today it seems that the Russians and Chinese are both siding with Iran — selling them weapons, buying their oil."

"Exactly. That's the 'key difference.' Bush hasn't isolated his true enemy, Iran, by dealing effectively with Iran's big friends, Russia and China. So while Bush is tough enough to 'surge' on the Iraqi battlefield, he doesn't seem to be smart enough to change the geopolitical context in which it's being fought." "Tough and smart," he concluded: "That's the Nixon Way." He smiled one last smile: "Admit it. You miss me."

James Pinkerton is a columnist for Newsday.

# Concerns of sensory impaired ignored in ISDB restructuring

**W**e are responding to stories and editorials regarding the restructuring of the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind's service delivery.

We would like the public to consider that any silence of ISDB employees may be due to the uncertainty of what might happen as a result of their speaking up. The entire staff is devastated by the current process and is very concerned about all of the students, regardless of the services they receive (residential, day or outreach).

The Gooding campus provides day and residential services to students who are unable to succeed in public schools. Their individual education plans dictate they go to school at ISDB. Both vision and hearing loss are low incidence conditions and statistically few students qualify for ISDB services.

In a rural state, this creates problems. How do you bring a critical mass of students together to create an environment that provides access equal to their sighted and hearing peers? This will always

### READERS' COMMENT Betsy Holt and Heather Fultz

be a challenge. Historically, ISDB student numbers have fluctuated. However, a central location is still needed to gather students and provide programs, communication access and extracurricular opportunities. Sadly, many ISDB deaf and hard-of-hearing students come from environments where there is no communication other than very basic signing or gestures. The fact is that ISDB offers an environment where students can "speak," be heard and learn — 24 hours a day if necessary.

We personally ask why, if the 2005 Office of Performance Evaluation review of ISDB services revealed "more than 80 percent approval rating by parents and 90 percent approval by school districts," is ISDB being restructured?

More importantly, why has ISDB not been invited to the table? The first planning group to make proposals, led by Karen McGee, did not include one knowledgeable ISDB professional. Due to that fact and

others, in October, ISDB staff invited her, Laird Stone, Dwight Johnson and Kristine Irvie to hear their concerns and ideas. More than 100 staff members with more than 300 years of experience gathered that day. Karen and Kristine were absent. Laird and Dwight's response to many critical issues was essentially, "Well, er, those bridges when we come to them." The concerns?

- Recruiting highly qualified staff. ISDB has difficulty filling positions. Idaho pays ISDB teachers less than their own temporaries, compounding hiring and retention problems.

- Hiring highly competent sign language interpreters when there are very few available now to fill current needs.
- Fracturing a media service center that efficiently supports students, families and schools statewide.

- Building a residential facility and establishing more schools, costing us taxpayers tremendously.
- Securing funding to pay for all changes.
- Complying with all federal

and state legal mandates regarding educating handicapped children.

We see the state placing the cart before the horse. Idaho has ignored a valuable group of professionals knowledgeable of the complex issues of educating sensory-impaired children. In our opinion, there is but one reason ISDB is not at the table. Idaho does not want to acknowledge the complexity of the issues.

Is there a hidden agenda? Is the state eyeing the Gooding campus for a different purpose? Margaret Denberg has publicly stated that her 2-year project is to turn ISDB into a meth rehab facility.

Regardless, it appears that the best interests of Idaho's sensory-impaired children are truly not a priority as we are being led to believe.

Betsy Holt of Gooding has a master's degree and is a teacher of the deaf. Heather Fultz of Jerome has a master's degree, is a teacher of the deaf and a nationally certified sign language interpreter. The published opinion reflects their own views, not those of ISDB.

# TimesNews

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The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brod Hurd, Chris Steinbach, Steve Crump, Tracy Bliss, Bill Brizzenburg and David Cooper.

### Jeer for child-shuttle service was unfair criticism

I would like to comment on the jeer toward the company, Child Safe. Obviously someone did not do any homework before sitting down at a keyboard and spewing forth a completely unfair and slanted opinion.

I am a father of three small children. Their mother lives 40 miles away in another town. We have been divorced for about five years now. We share custody, and every Friday and Sunday evening, we meet to exchange them. To be quite

honest, if Child Safe had been in operation four years ago, I would have used it. My ex-wife and I fight constantly. Child Safe is a huge help for other parents in the same situation; it provides a safe social environment for parents who can't seem to get along no matter what reason.

Maybe next time one of the editors decides to wage an opinion on us parents who apparently don't care enough to spend that amount of time with our children, he should do a bit of research rather than jeering a company that is keeping children safe and

parents out of jail. JOSEPH CHENEY Gooding

### Voters are getting what they deserve in Sall

Regarding "Sall proposes repeal of gravity to protest minimum wage hike": Is this guy wacko or what? Well, you folks who voted this fool in are going to get your money's worth. He voted against a minimum wage hike. Let's see how he votes when it's time to vote for his pay raise, which seems to come so often for Congress.

People, vote for the person, not the R-check box. Well, he's a Republican. So what? HENRY P. CASTILLO Halley

### Sales tax relief will push up other taxes

I would be the first one to tell you I am not a real fan of all the taxes we have to pay. But the sales tax on food is the fairest tax of all the taxes we as citizens pay. It does not target any specific group of people like the so-called sin taxes do — booze and cigarettes, for example.

My big question to all is what taxes are going to be raised to offset the loss of this revenue? CHUCK PERRY Jerome

### Letter writer had position with BID

Pam Wright is too modest (Jan. 7 letter to the editor). She not only visited the office of the Business Improvement District as she stated in her letter, she was secretary-treasurer of the BID during the period in question. MARY GOODMAN Buhl

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# LETTERS

# Bush's Iran plan: A risky game of Risk

I feel good about the new war with Iran. How can you not have confidence in the crack-jack team that brought you Operation Iraqi Freedom, which floundered and led to Operation Together Forward, which stumbled and led to Operation Together Forward II, which collapsed and was replaced by The New Way Forward, the Surge now being launched even though nobody's together and everything's going backward?

I say, bring it on. If a pre-emptive war in Iraq doesn't work, why not try a pre-emptive war on Iran in Iraq?



MAUREEN DOWD

Although Tony Snow dismissed the idea of war with Iran as an "urban legend" Friday, Condoleezza Rice revealed to New York Times reporters that President Bush acted months ago to parry Iran's ambitions, issuing orders for a military campaign against the Iranian Revolutionary Guard forces sneaking into Iraq. Using diplomatic passports, the agents have been smuggling in sophisticated bomb-making components and infrared trigger devices, which could be used to blow up American soldiers.

The move against Iran allows the president and Dick Cheney — who was, match, milking for the Surge — to blow off, once more, the Iraq Study Group and Congress, to push back rather than make up.

James Baker and Lee Hamilton had recommended playing nice with the mad nullahs, which even they acknowledged was a long shot, given that the Bush administration can offer them little except acquiescence in their nuclear weapons program, which is not going to happen.

Joe Biden, the new chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, warned Condoleezza Rice that Bush did not have the authority to pursue the networks over the border into Iran or Syria. On Friday, Bob Gates assured the Senate Armed Services Committee that the Iranians they target won't be in Iran.

We're trying to stanch a self-inflicted wound: Our failed occupation gave Iran the opening in Iraq we're now trying to shut down.

The White House had to admit this week what has been obvious to everybody else for eons, including a list of false assumptions they embraced during the first few years of the occupation: Majority of Iraqis will sup-



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port the coalition and Iraqi efforts to build a democratic state "has now been supplanted by Iraqis increasingly disillusioned with coalition efforts."

It's a remarkable moment, W. standing nearly alone, deserted by more and more Republicans, generals and Americans, risking it all on a weak reed like Prime Minister al-Maliki.

It's impossible to know what W. was really thinking as he stiffly delivered his fantasy scheme in the White House library. The whole capitol was fraught, but the president may simply have been musing to himself: "I'm hungry. I wonder what time the game starts on ESPN. Has anybody read all these books?"

W. always acts like he's upping the ante in a board game where you roll the dice and bet your plastic army divisions on the outcome.

This doesn't surprise some of his old classmates at Yale, who remember Junior as the riskiest Risk player of them all, known for dropping by the rooms of friends for extended bouts of "The Game of Global Domination."

Junior was known as an extremely aggressive player in the venerable Parker Brothers board game, a brutal contest that requires bluster and bluffing as you invade countries, all the while betraying alliances. Notably, it's almost impossible to win Risk and conquer the world if you start the game in the Middle East, because you're surrounded by enemies.

His gamesmanship extended to sports — he loved going into overtime and demanding that points be played over because he wasn't quite ready.

As Graydon Carter recalls in the new Vanity Fair, Gail Sheehy wrote an article

for the magazine about W. that made this point: "Even if he loses, his friends say, he doesn't lose. He'll just change the score, or change the rules, or make his opponent play until he can beat him."

W's best friend when he was a teenager in Houston, Doug Hainault, told Sheehy: "If you were playing basketball and you were playing to 11 and he was down, you went to 15."

Even if it was clear who was winning, W. wanted to go further to see what would happen. It was a technique that worked well in Tallahassee in 2000, but not so well in Iraq.

Word is that even as they Surge, the Bush team is already working on Plan C, or as they will no doubt call it, The New, New Way Forward II.

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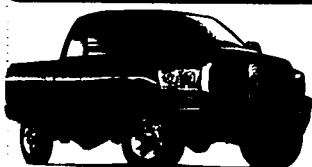


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## NFL PLAYOFFS



Indianapolis Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri (4) kicks a 50-yard field goal out of the hold of Hunter Smith (17) against the Kansas City Chiefs in an AFC wild-card playoff game in Indianapolis Jan. 6.

## Vinatieri gets chance to boot his former team

By Michael Marti  
Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — This is Adam Vinatieri's favorite time of year. Each playoff week, the two-time Super Bowl hero seems to reinforce his reputation as the NFL's best clutch kicker. Give Vinatieri an opportunity to win a postseason game, and he's now.

Now, in the AFC title game, Indianapolis' biggest offensive addition might get a chance to boot his former team. The play-offs.

England, right out of the playoffs. Vinatieri has continually insisted he's not motivated by the rivalry between Indianapolis and New England, or even the chance to show his former team it made a mistake. His content with making more meaningful kicks than anyone in NFL history.

"You try not to let all the implications and all the extra hype get to you," Vinatieri said after he kicked five field goals in Indianapolis' 15-6 victory over Baltimore Saturday. "You try to go out there and focus in on what you're doing and hope for the best."

Last weekend he made all five field goal attempts for most postseason field goals (34). He's made two last-second kicks in Super Bowls for the Patriots, a 42-yarder to force overtime against Oakland in a blizzard, and a

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# Burley girls crush rival Minico



Minico's Lacy Carter (23) goes up for a shot between Burley's Nicole Tolman (left) and Teresa Wayment during the Bobcats' 63-29 win Tuesday at Burley High School.

## Tolman scores 17 as Bobcats improve to 5-0 in GBW play

By Ryan Howe  
For the Times-News

BURLEY — With a stingy defense that held their rivals to zero first-half field goals, the Burley High girls whipped Minico 63-29 Tuesday in Great Basin Conference West play.

The Bobcats remain unbeaten in conference (5-0) and improved to 15-2 by extending their winning streak to six games.

"We knew that we had to play hard and play our game and not let any emotions get into it," said Nicole Tolman, who led Burley with 17 points.

"We're a good team; we know how to play basketball. We knew we had to win this game to get to where we want to be."

Minico crossed the Snake River in search of an upset, but found itself overwhelmed. What ensued was an emotional and physical battle that saw the teams go to the free-throw line a combined 60 times.

"We knew it was going to be physical," said Minico assistant coach Denny Stimpson. "Our girls played hard. (Burley) is just a better team. When you miss a lot of shots and get behind the eight ball early, Burley can dictate what's going to happen once they have the lead."

The Bobcats rolled up a 23-9 lead at halftime. A 12-1 Bobcat run in the third quarter sealed the win.

Three players reached double-figure scoring for Burley, including Tolman, McKenzie Baker (12 points) and Kassi Kerbs (10 points).

"We're capable on any given night of putting five kids in doubles," said Burley coach

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— Burley's Nicole Tolman on Tuesday's win over Minico

Gordon Kerbs. "We had great efforts out of everybody. I thought we were tuned in tonight. We did the things that we wanted to do. It's nice for us to come out and shoot the ball a little bit and make some shots. Because we had been struggling from the perimeter."

Emotions on the court and on the sidelines started to boil over at times, but the officials did an admirable job of keeping it under control.

The Spartans (6-10 overall, 2-4 conference) were led in scoring by Dani Ramirez's seven points.

Burley will play a nonconference game at Preston on Thursday.

Minico will look to get back on track Thursday at home in a nonconference tilt with Bonville.

Player	Points	Rebounds	Assists
Nicole Tolman	17	4	2
McKenzie Baker	12	3	1
Kassi Kerbs	10	2	1
Lacy Carter	8	5	1
Dani Ramirez	7	2	1

## Twin Falls girls dominate on senior night



Twin Falls senior Kelsey Jardine prepares to take a 3-point shot Tuesday night in the Bruins' victory over Century at Bann Gymnasium in Twin Falls.

By Brad Cairns  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — An arch of blue-and-white balloons, gift bags and heartfelt hugs from teammates kicked off the Twin Falls Bruins girls basketball team's senior night and the 55-33 thrashing of the Class 4A Century Diamondbacks at Bann Gymnasium on Tuesday.

Kami Barker, Jessica Bond, Ashley Irons and Kelsey Jardine are on the last stretch of their high school careers, but not long ago, these girls watched another talented senior class take third place at the Class 5A State tournament, and now they have one thing in mandate: championship.

"It's so good to be back and playing. This season couldn't be any better (at this point)," said Bond, who has sat out most of the season due to injury. "Our No. 1 priority is getting to state and playing well."

The four seniors started the game along with junior Amber Peterson and began the charge. After a half, the Bruins were up 21-15 with many points coming off converted Century turnovers. The Diamondbacks averaged at least six miscues per period.

"At the start of the third quarter, the Bruins transformed into a scoring machine as they hit basket after basket to leave the Diamondbacks in the dust. Jardine hit three 3-pointers on her way to 17 points, and sophomore guard Devan Matkin poured in 11 points off four buckets and 3-of-4 from the line. Her field goal around the two-minute mark in the third quarter doubled up the score at 34-17. Everyone put in minutes from there.

But there are a few areas to improve before heading to Highland and, more importantly, the conference tournament. For one, the Bruins were out-

bounded 20-19 by Century, which could hurt them in the tournament. "We need to work on execution on offense," Twin Falls head coach Joe D. Shepard said, highlighting some other points to fix. "Setting good screens ... on defense, may be more zone."

Also, according to Jardine, the team needs to find the right mindset at the beginning of the game rather than waiting until halftime.

"Our mental game is just off by a little, but then we'll be on fire," she said.

Thursday's game in Pocatello against conference rival Highland would be a good time for the Bruins (15-2, 7-0 Region Four) to look to spark.

## Benny Parsons, NASCAR champ in 1973, dies at 65

**The Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Benny Parsons made a career of beating the odds, rising up from a childhood of poverty in the North Carolina foothills to a job as a Detroit cabbie, and eventually becoming a NASCAR champion.

When he was diagnosed with lung cancer, Parsons had every reason to believe he would beat that, too. But despite a battle that saw "BP" carrying an oxygen tank around the race track, Parsons couldn't win this fight.

He died Tuesday in Charlotte, N.C., where he had been hospitalized since Dec. 26 because of complications from his treatment. He was 65.

"Benny Parsons was a true champion — both on the race track and in life," NASCAR chairman Brian France said.



Parsons

The 1973 N.A.S.C.A.R. champion, Parsons was a member of NASCAR's 50 greatest drivers and a low-able fisure at the track. He won 21 races, including the 1975 Daytona 500, and 20 poles. He was the first Cup competitor to qualify for a race faster than 200 mph, going 200.176 mph at the 1982 Winston 500 at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway.

## Federer reaches third round with ease

By John Pys  
Associated Press writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Roger Federer made sure he did not repeat his lapses from his opening match in Wednesday's second-round win over Jonas Bjorkman at the Australian Open.

Defending champion Federer advanced to the third round with 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 wins, improving to 5-0 in career head-to-head meetings without dropping a set.

It was Federer's second lopsided win over Bjorkman in the last three Slams after a straight-sets win over the 34-year-old Swede at Wimbledon.

"Jonas is a great guy; he always puts up a good fight," said Federer, targeting a 10th Grand Slam title. "Today it went my way, I'm playing pretty well right now."

Unlike his opening match against Bjorn Phau, when Federer lost serve three times in the first set, he came out sharp, ripping six forehand winners in the first three games as he jumped to a 3-0 lead that he never relinquished.

He had a stretch of three service games spanning the second and third sets when he did not allow a point.



Roger Federer makes a backhand return during his second round match against Jonas Bjorkman at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne Wednesday.

Always a perfectionist, he nevertheless berated himself after errors and took practice swings to make sure he didn't

repeat the mistakes Federer said he was more consistent, especially on the serve, against Bjorkman.

"I didn't give him so many chances like I did against Phau — I think it's a bit of an improvement, yes."

He knew he would not get many letoffs against Bjorkman, who has a few more tricks in his arsenal.

"You're always a bit worried because he's got a lot of experience. He's not going to back down from a physical challenge, as well," Federer said. You know you're in for a fight if it gets tough, so you want to have the distance.

"Yeah, it's always a bit of play against Jonas, actually."

Bjorkman had his share of fans sprinkled in the near-capacity crowd on a humid day that started overcast, turning Tuesday's broiling sun. One group, in blue shirts and face paint in Swedish blue and yellow, chanted support for Bjorkman and rewarded his winners with "That's the way, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh, it's."

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SPORTS

Mumm's the word: Kimberly senior lifts team past Valley

Kimberly registered a double-double as the tossed in a game-high 19 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead Kimberly to a 59-32 non-conference win on Tuesday. "Our defensive effort held them to single digits in the first three quarters," said Kimberly coach Roger Keller. "Todd Adamson did a good job on the DeLoe key and 'Dodd' distributed the ball well."



Kimberly sophomore Eric Marvin tries to pass the ball off as defenders from Twin Falls try for the ball Tuesday during the Bulldogs' victory in Kimberly.

Kimberly 59, Valley 32
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Community School 59, Camas County 52

KETCHUM — Spencer Harris netted a game-high 21 points for the Community School boys basketball team in a 59-52 Tuesday. Mac Wittington chipped in 11 points for the Catthroots (7-6, 4-4 Magic Valley Northwest Conference).

Twin Falls Christian 63, CHAMP 33

TWIN FALLS — Sophomore Clint Irvin tossed in 18 points followed by Tommy Broadfield with 17 and junior Caleb Bolyard added 16 as Twin Falls Christian defeated CHAMP 63-33 on Tuesday.

Shoshone 39, Bliss 29

BLISS — In a low-scoring affair, Shoshone defeated Bliss 39-29. Shoshone won without the aid of free throws, as they did not shoot from the line once. With only four fouls called against Bliss, Bliss coach Bruce Clark stated that "that just shows how aggressive we were tonight. Shoshone out-hustled us, outplayed us, and outcoached us, other than that, it was a good night for Bliss," stated Clark candidly.

Murtaugh 59, Raft River 51

MURHAUGH — Murtaugh defeated a 19 point fourth quarter, and came from behind to defeat Raft River 59-51. Murtaugh coach Adam Johnson was embuashed with his team's win. "I was encouraged that my team was able to pull out a win, which we probably should not have had. Raft River has impressed quite a bit from the last time we played them, which caught us off our guard a bit," stated Johnson. "Raft River jumped out to a 10-point lead, but the Red Devils chipped away until the end of the game." A turning point occurred when, late in the fourth quarter, Raft River called a time out, one which they did not have awarding Murtaugh with technical shots, both of which converted. From there on out Murtaugh was able to convert their free throws, and seal up the victory.

Gooding 46, Buhl 42

BUHL — Winless in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference play, the Buhl girls continue to put a scare into each team they play Tuesday. Gooding rallied from an early deficit to take a 46-42 victory. "Our girls are really fighting hard," said Buhl coach Mitch Opalnick. "We need to get one soon, but if we play this hard we should be getting one soon."

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Gooding 60, Wendell 40

WENDELL — A big third quarter ignited Gooding to a 60-40 win at Wendell Tuesday. Gooding led by four at intermission, but used a 21-11 edge in the third period to pull away. Tyler Braga scored his 12 points on four 3-pointers, while Tyler Alford also scored a dozen and Tyler Wines had 11. Wendell's Eric Lopez had 15. The Trojans (3-10) hit just 5-of-59 shots.

Girls basketball Carey 60, Dietrich 25

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## BASKETBALL

**NBA**  
All Times EST  
CST/MT

Team	W	L	PTS	REB	AST
Atlanta	17	26	459	26	18
Boston	17	26	459	26	18
Brooklyn	17	26	459	26	18
Charlotte	17	26	459	26	18
Chicago	17	26	459	26	18
Cleveland	17	26	459	26	18
Dallas	17	26	459	26	18
Denver	17	26	459	26	18
Detroit	17	26	459	26	18
Golden State	17	26	459	26	18
Houston	17	26	459	26	18
Indiana	17	26	459	26	18
L.A. Clippers	17	26	459	26	18
L.A. Lakers	17	26	459	26	18
Memphis	17	26	459	26	18
Minnesota	17	26	459	26	18
Milwaukee	17	26	459	26	18
New Jersey	17	26	459	26	18
New York	17	26	459	26	18
Orlando	17	26	459	26	18
Philadelphia	17	26	459	26	18
Phoenix	17	26	459	26	18
Portland	17	26	459	26	18
Sacramento	17	26	459	26	18
San Antonio	17	26	459	26	18
Seattle	17	26	459	26	18
Utah	17	26	459	26	18
Washington	17	26	459	26	18

**NBA League Standings**

Conference	Team	W	L	PTS	REB	AST
Eastern	Atlanta	17	26	459	26	18
	Boston	17	26	459	26	18
	Brooklyn	17	26	459	26	18
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## GAME PLAN

### LOCAL TV SCHEDULE

**High school**

**Flora at Kimberly: Magic Bowl, Twin Falls, 6 p.m.**

**Boys basketball**

**Burlington at Albion, 7:30 p.m.**

**Wendell at Albion, 7:30 p.m.**

**Wood River at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.**

**Aberdeen at Valley, 7:30 p.m.**

**Girls basketball**

**Shoosho at Richfield (various only), 7 p.m.**

**Kimberly at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.**

**Castledale at Lighthouse Christian, Jerome Middle School, 7:30 p.m.**

**Wrestling**

**Castledale at Lighthouse Christian, Jerome Middle School, 7:30 p.m.**

**Decio at Gooding, 6 p.m.**

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

**MINNESOTA HIFLES Broncos TE coach**

**MINNEAPOLIS** — Denver Broncos tight ends coach Tim Brewster will become the new head coach at Minnesota, replacing the fired Glen Mason.

Gophers players were told of the hiring early Tuesday. The university scheduled a news conference for Wednesday.

"He is the guy," associate athletic director Tom Wisniewski said Tuesday.

The 46-year-old Brewster spent the last two seasons with the Broncos, after three years as tight ends coach for the San Diego Chargers. Before that, he was an assistant at Texas and North Carolina.

Mason was fired Dec. 31, two days after Texas Tech rallied from a 38-7 deficit to complete the biggest comeback in major college bowl history.

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# Madrid president: Unwanted Beckham took only available offer

MADRID, Spain — David Beckham was belated by Real Madrid's president Tuesday as a Hollywood movie star hopeful spurned by most of the world's top soccer teams.

Team president Ramon Calderon, in comments expected to further sour relations between Beckham and the Spanish club, said the English midfielder joined the Los Angeles Galaxy because there were no other takers.

"The proof that our technical staff was correct not to return him has been borne out by every other technical staff in the world not wanting him even though he was out of contract," Calderon said in a speech to university students that was broadcast by Cadena COPE radio station on Tuesday.

He added "David Beckham is going to be some sort of film actor living in Hollywood."

Beckham spokesman Simon Olivera said he would not respond to the comments.

During his university visit, Calderon also criticized Madrid's players, who he said displayed "egotism and vanity."

"They all think they are superstars," he added.

Calderon later released a statement apologizing for his remarks.

"The first thing is to say I worry a thousand times more, to everyone to whom I have offended. Everything I have done at this club since I arrived at Real Madrid has been for the good of the club and my affection and my defense of the players will always be above anything else," he said on the team's Web site.

"During the questions, it is true, I made a series of remarks which could have caused offense," he added.

In a statement on its Web site earlier Tuesday, Madrid criticized Cadena COPE for making Calderon's comments public.



Real Madrid's David Beckham, right, talks with Antonio Calderon in the background of Real Madrid during a training session in Madrid, Tuesday.

# Sports Shorts

National and Magic Valley briefs

with a 44-41 victory over Minnesota in the Insight Bowl.

Brewster never has been a head coach at the collegiate or professional level.

**Brennan still deciding on NFL future**

HONOLULU — Record-breaking Hawaii quarterback Colt Brennan called off a second news conference in as many days Tuesday to announce whether he would skip his senior season and enter the NFL draft.

Struggling to make a decision, Brennan declared himself eligible for the draft in Florida as a formality to meet the NFL deadline, but saying a scheduled news conference that day saying he may still return to the Warriors.

**Utah State gets offensive coordinator**

LOGAN, Utah — Former North Texas football coach Darrell Dekey will run the offense at Utah State.

Dekey had a 42-64 record in nine seasons at North Texas, where his teams won four consecutive Sun Belt championships. He was fired, however, after winning only five games the past two seasons.

**NBA**

**Webster signs with Pistons**

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Video boards 18

side the Palace lit up the message, "Welcome Home Chris" Tuesday afternoon.

Inside the home of the Detroit Pistons, Chris Webber signed a prorated contract for the veteran's minimum in the hopes of adding a championship to his NBA resume.

"This is definitely special. I never thought I would be a Detroit Piston. That was a dream of mine. The new team has a great coach and a great front office. I'm here in the summer, but being home with this team makes me feel good."

The five-time All-Star, who grew up in Detroit and played at Michigan, became a free agent after Philadelphia cut ties with him by buying out the final 1½ years of his contract last week.

**MAGIC VALLEY**

**M.V. Bulldogs hold open house**

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Bulldogs will hold an open house at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18, at the Jerome High School auditorium in preparation for the upcoming season. The Bulldogs will practice/tryout on Saturday, Jan. 20, at Jerome High School.

Contact Ben Landrain at (208) 358-1469 for more information.

**Brain Boosters hold fundraiser**

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Brain Boosters will hold the "Lunch at the Outback Steakhouse" fundraiser from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18. Tickets are \$15 per person, and all proceeds benefit the Brain Boosters. For ticket information, contact Kim Pullin at 731-5477 or purchase tickets at the Brain Boosters table at FTHS basketball games.

— Compiled from staff and wire reports

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Colder than normal temperatures and partly to mostly cloudy skies. Highs middle to upper 20s. Tonight: A light southwest breeze and cold temperatures. Lows near 10. Tomorrow: Continued cold with sunny to mostly sunny skies. Highs in the middle 20s.

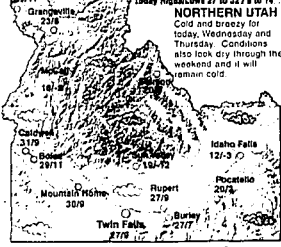
BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy skies, a light breeze and cold temperatures. Highs in the middle to upper 20s. Tonight: Breezy, cold and partly cloudy. Lows in the upper single digits. Tomorrow: Continued cold with partly cloudy skies. Highs in the lower to middle 20s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Valleys will continue to be very cold, especially at night. There will also be scattered mountain snow showers today and possibly Thursday, but areas to our north may see a few light snow showers as it will remain cold.

BOISE: Temperatures will continue to be colder than normal for the next few days. Conditions also look mostly clear, but areas to our north may see a few light snow showers as it will remain cold.



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 with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes monthly and yearly averages.

MOON PHASES



MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with 2 columns: Moonrise, Moonset. Includes times for today and tomorrow.

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Includes pressure readings.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various regional cities.

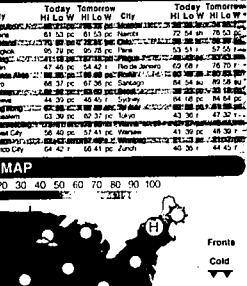
NATIONAL FORECAST

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WORLD FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

My great concern is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with your failure.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various Canadian cities.

Keeping it in perspective

Rookie coach taking Saints' dream campaign in stride

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Sean Payton barely cracked a smile as he incited bursts of laughter around him.



New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton talks with running back Reggie Bush (25) during the NFC divisional playoff game at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, Saturday. The Saints face Chicago for the NFC championship on Sunday.

It was probably his best game of the year, Payton said of Evans' blocking against the Eagles. "So his post-season experience against East Stroudsburg was pretty good."

trouble stopping the run was a new linebacker corps of role players in Mark Simonson, Scott Shanle and Scott Fujita, who weren't getting the opportunities they wanted with their old teams.

There was still uncertainty about the health of one's head coaching career here, it was that the Saints had nowhere to go but up. Still, he could have envisioned Payton taking this franchise to never-before-seen heights in his first season; their game in Chicago on Sunday marks their first appearance in an NFC title game since the franchise's inception in 1967.

Even Payton, who replaced half the roster, had little idea of how good the Saints could be as they went into their season opener.

Mike Shula a candidate for Dolphins job

MIAMI (AP) — The latest candidate to emerge for the Miami Dolphins' coaching job has a big edge in name recognition: He's Mike Shula.

Payton did have an advantage in promoting hard work, attention to detail and a team concept. He could point to the fans — people looking for a symbol of hope and renewal as they struggled to rebuild their lives and their city.

Other remaining candidates to replace Saban: former Atlanta Falcons coach Jim Mora, Georgia Tech coach Chan Gailey, Dolphins defensive coordinator Dom Capers and San Diego offensive coordinator Cam Cameron.

"It is unique and different than the normal opportunity as an NFL head coach," Payton said. "It's something that you find a little bit more fulfilling than I have in my career at any time as a coach, because you know how important it is."

Petrino announces bulk of Falcons staff

ATLANTA — New Falcons coach Bobby Petrino unveiled most of his coaching staff Tuesday, bringing along his brother from Louisville and keeping three assistants who worked under former coach Jim Mora.

McGrady's 45 not enough

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki and Deven George each sparked crucial rallies with consecutive 3-pointers, helping the Dallas Mavericks overcome 45 points by Tracy McGrady in a 109-96 victory over the Houston Rockets on Tuesday night.

Dallas, 10 rebounds and six assists, Josh Howard added 20 points and George scored 11 with six assists, Jerry Stackhouse scored 13.

McGrady scored 21 points in the first quarter and had 29 at halftime. He made a 3-pointer that put Houston up 65-52 midway through the third quarter, but it didn't last.

OKLAHOMA CITY — Jannero Pargo scored a season-high 25 points and the Hornets held Orlando to one basket in overtime. Desmond Mason scored 21 points, and Rasual Butler had 19 points and tied his career high with 11 rebounds as the Hornets won their third straight.

Cowboys edge 'Horns in 3OT

STILLWATER, Okla. — Mario Boggan set career highs with 37 points and 20 rebounds and hit the game-winning 3-pointer with 3.2 seconds left in the third overtime to lift No. 12 Oklahoma State to a 103-105 victory over No. 21 Texas on Tuesday night.

Utah 85, No. 13 Air Force 79 — SALT LAKE CITY — Luke Nevill had 18 points and 10 rebounds and Utah ended No. 13 Air Force's 13-game winning streak Tuesday night with an 85-79 victory, the Utes' first in nearly a month.

Kevin Durant, the Big 12's leading scorer and rebounder, put Texas on top with a three-point play with 10.5 seconds left, but there was still time for Boggan.

In other Mountain West Conference play, BYU beat Wyoming 69-61.

He took the ensuing inbound pass near midcourt and fought through defenders to launch a 3 from the left wing. He fell to the floor and was joined by celebrating teammates after Texas' A.J. Abrams was called for traveling with 0.2 seconds left to clinch the win for the Cowboys.

No. 6 Pittsburgh 63, Connecticut 54

PITTSBURGH — Aaron Gray had 22 points and 10 rebounds to lead No. 6 Pittsburgh to a 63-54 victory over Connecticut on Tuesday night.

Ronald Ramon went 4-for-4 from 3-point range and added 17 points for the Panthers (17-2, 5-0 Big East).

No. 17 Memphis 79, UAB 54

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Robert Deizer had 15 points and eight rebounds to lead Memphis to its sixth straight victory.

The Tigers (14-3, 4-0 Conference USA) used a 2-0 run midway through the first half to erase an early deficit.

No. 25 Kentucky 87, South Carolina 49

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Joe Crawford tied his career high with 23 points and Kentucky won its 11th straight game.

Randolph Morris added 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Wildcats.



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## Nominate the valley's best burgers

Times-News

Somewhere out there is Magic Valley's best burger. Maybe it's a big-name hamburger supported by national advertising dollars. Perhaps it's playing on an obscure, small-town restaurant menu. Our Burger Bracket will set

de the question. In March, your favorite burgers around Magic Valley will compete to win the favor of our culinary referees — on the road to the 2007 burger championship. You can watch their progress through each round here in Food & Home. But the Elite Eight lineup is up to you.

This month, you can nominate burgers from any restaurants in Magic Valley (including Mini-Cassia). Fried or flame grilled. Dressed up with mushrooms and sauce, or plain old ground beef in a bun. Whatever you think has a shot at the big game. (But note this: The division

is closed to soy substitutes.) E-mail your nomination to [virginia.hutchins@lee.net](mailto:virginia.hutchins@lee.net) — with "Burger Bracket" in the subject line. (Yes, that subject line is important. You know the challenges of inbox organization.) The deadline for nominations is Jan. 31.



# Heavy metal

## Cast iron brings history home

By Karma Metzler Fitzgerald  
Times-News writer

FILER — There's nothing like an egg fried in a cast-iron skillet.

Crispy around the edges. A soft white. Flavored with just a hint of bacon. Prepared just the way Grandma used to make them in the heavy, black frying pan that sat perpetually on the stove.

That old skillet is probably around somewhere. Maybe tucked out in the garage, filled with rusty nails. Cast iron tools would tell you to dig that thing out and get ready to enjoy food prepared the old-fashioned way.

"Live a little healthier," said Colleen Sloan, a Dutch oven and cast-iron cooking expert based in Sandy, Utah. "I'm 67 years old and take no medications, and even with my arthritis I still lift the cast iron. I'm just as sure as I'm sitting here that cast iron has a lot to do with my health."

That's part added iron in the diet and part cooking practice — opting for whole, unprocessed foods.

Sloan teaches Dutch oven cooking for the College of Southern Idaho Community Education department. Each year she travels 100,000 miles touting the benefits of heavy-metal cooking throughout the country.

Cast iron has a reputation for being not only heavy, but high-maintenance and dirty. While it's certainly heavy, however, its fans say that once you learn to care for your cast iron you'll find it hard to go back

to a modern non-stick cooking surface.

Dave Lawley of Filer not only uses cast iron in his kitchen, he cooks with it exclusively in his catering business.

"There's absolutely nothing you can't cook in cast iron," Lawley said. "They hold heat consistently and distribute it evenly. They conserve energy because they stay warmer longer without the use of the stove. The food just turns out better."

The key, say Lawley and Sloan, is properly "seasoning" cast-iron cookware and keeping up with the maintenance. Done correctly, they say, it won't take any more time than washing up your nonstick pots and pans.

The first thing to do is to find a good pan — say, a skillet. Many people have them around — hand-me-downs from mothers and grandmothers.

If it's rusty, Lawley says, get out the steel wool and clean it up. Sloan recommends using a handful of alfalfa — either alfalfa off the ditch bank or pellets like those used for rabbit feed — and soaking the pot in water and the alfalfa for a day. The rust should then wipe off easily.

After that, the pot needs seasoning. Every cast iron cook has his own method for seasoning, so it's worth checking with

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Dave Lawley uses his cast-iron Dutch oven year-round with this portable setup on his patio.

### CORN BREAD

From [www.castironcookware.com](http://www.castironcookware.com)

- 2 cups self-rising, stone-ground cornmeal
- 1 egg
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 1/4 cup shortening

Melt shortening in a 10 1/4-inch cast-iron skillet while preheating oven. Mix milk and egg with cornmeal. Pour melted shortening into batter, and then pour batter back into hot, greased skillet. Bake at 400 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until browned.

### CREAM OF POTATO SOUP

From [www.lodgenf.com](http://www.lodgenf.com)

- 12 potatoes, diced
- Water to barely cover
- 2 cups cream
- 2 chicken bouillon cubes
- 1/2 cup chopped parsley
- 1/2-2/3 cup roux (see next recipe)

Place diced potatoes and onions in a 12-inch or 14-inch Dutch oven. Add enough water to barely cover. Add 2 chicken bouillon cubes, crushed so they will dissolve quickly. Simmer on stovetop, on briquettes or over fire until potatoes and onions are softened. Add cream and bring back to simmer. Add enough roux to thicken. Stir in chopped parsley.

### ROUX

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup flour

Melt butter over medium heat in any cast-iron pot or pan. Add flour and cook a few minutes. Let the flour mixture brown a little, but not burn. Makes about 1/2 cup.

### EASY SKILLET APPLES

From [southernfood.about.com](http://southernfood.about.com)

- 8 medium apples, chopped
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Melt butter in a cast-iron skillet over medium heat. Add apples, brown sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Saute over medium heat for 10 to 15 minutes, or until tender. Serve as a condiment for pancakes, biscuits or ice cream.

## Eating chocolate for a good cause

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Chocolate lovers: If you lived through it last year, you have another chance to finish yourself off. Yes, the Rotary Club of Twin Falls is sponsoring its 2nd Annual Death By Chocolate event, from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 1 at The Ballroom, 205 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls.

"What could be better than eating chocolate and raising money for local charities at the same time?" said Dan Olmstead, club president. "There will be 25,000 pieces of chocolate at this year's event, so this is a chocolate lover's dream."

Pandora's Bakery, The Cookie Basket, Gretchen's Goodies, Daisy's, Rock Creek, Blue Lakes Country Club, Subway, The Cake Lady, Heritage-Woodstone Living, Johnny Carino's, Outback, A Wee Croft Kitchen, Laurie's Catering, A Cake Boutique, The Ballroom, Cold Stone Creamery and College of Southern Idaho culinary arts students will compete in five categories: best chocolate cake, best brownie, best chocolate cookie, best chocolate candy and best unique chocolate dessert.

And what will you do? Sample and judge the delectable delights and vote for your favorites in each category.

Other features of the evening: a no-host bar, live music by Celtic Fire, a silent auction and a raffle. You can bid for items such as a diamond pendant, private airplane rides, a Harley-Davidson travel package,

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Indulgence abounded at last year's Death By Chocolate event in Twin Falls.

restaurant gift certificates, gym membership, ski passes, a tanning certificate and various gift baskets.

Admission is \$10 per person. Tickets are available at the door or in advance at Everybody's Business. All proceeds benefit local charities — Valley House, The Salvation Army, YMCA and others.

For more information, call Death By Chocolate committee chairwoman Jill Skeem at 320-2786.

## Taking the pain out of your own party

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Daunted by the planning and the timing? A pair of Hagerman inn owners can help you take the nightmare out of a dinner party.

Jake and Jane Rice of Hagerman's Ein Tsch Inn and Wild Rice's Catering will teach a class titled "Throwing the Perfect Dinner Party" from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 24 at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$35.

The Rices will show how to plan the details and time everything so you can join your guests for the fun. They'll also show you some common mistakes and the coverups to make them go unnoticed.

The menu: assorted appetizer tortes; Jake's Horseradish Soup; Carrot Souffle; Scottish Layered Potato and Roasted Root Vegetable Pie; Orange Rosemary Sorbet; Beef — Piece d'Resistance; Ein Tsch Trifle; and the "perfect cheese course." But, class organizers warn, items may be substituted depending on availability.

The Rices own and operate Ein Tsch Inn, a bed-and-dinner in Hagerman. Idaho Magazine recently reviewed a meal there, comparing it to a food-star dining experience. Rudy's, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and for appetizers on Fridays and dinner on Saturdays, from 5 to 9 p.m.

To sign up for the Twin Falls class, call Rudy's at 733-5477.



Jane and Jake Rice will share their dinner-party secrets at a class next week.

FOOD & HOME

# Seal attic access opening to save energy

DEAR JIM: I just stored the Christmas tree in the attic. I realize there is no insulation on the access door in ceiling nor did it seal well. Is there much energy lost through there, and what can I do about it?

— Dan W.



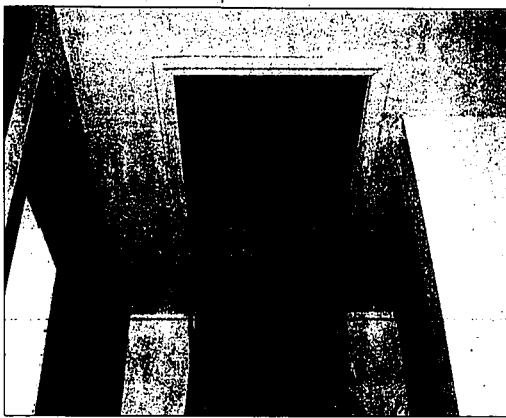
**SENSIBLE HOME**  
James Dullely

DEAR DAN: People seldom think about it, but the attic access opening can account for a significant loss of heat from your home during winter.

This loss is a combination of heat flow through the uninsulated cover and warm air leakage where it rests on the molding.

During summer, heat from the roof radiates down into your home through the access cover. If you air-condition, a leaky cover draws cool air from your house and forces your air conditioner to run longer. If you do not air-condition, the air leakage actually helps to ventilate naturally.

When I moved into my home, the attic cover was just a 20-by-22-inch piece of plywood resting on uneven molding. First, I stuck thick adhesive-backed foam weatherstripping on the top of the



This shows the assembled cardboard box over the attic entrance opening. When the stairs are unfolded and you are entering the attic, just lift off the box and place it to the side.

molding. Next I nailed a layer of old drywall over the plywood to give it enough weight to compress the weatherstripping for a tight seal.

I glued several layers of rigid foam insulation on top of the drywall to provide a high-insulation level. Finally I covered the rigid foam insulation with aluminum foil.

The foil helps reflect the heat from the hot roof during summer so less gets through to my bedroom.

The above method works well for a small access opening. If you have a standard large access opening with pull-down folding stairs or a ladder, you will have to install a tall cover to fit over the stairs

and still seal against the floor. The bottom cover of the folding stairs may not seal well against the ceiling nor does it provide much insulation.

Another option is an insulated zippered opening cover by Insulace.

This cover is flexible and is attached to the attic floor for a good seal.

Pull down the folding stairs, attach your own fiberglass batt insulation to the top and sides of the box. The box is delivered collapsed to your home and it is easy to assemble.

The third option is a domed molded foam cover (similar to a foam cooler), by Atticap, designed to fit over the stairs and opening. It insulates well and is very lightweight. You can easily lift and move it to the site when you enter the attic.

The following companies offer attic entrance products: Atticap, (888) 292-2229, [www.draftstop.com](http://www.draftstop.com); Battic Door, (608) 322-0082, [www.batticdoor.com](http://www.batticdoor.com); Calvert Stairs, (866) 477-8455, [www.calvertusa.com](http://www.calvertusa.com); InsulSure, (877) 660-5640, [www.insulsure.com](http://www.insulsure.com); and SP Partners, (203) 322-0009, [www.trainbovatstair.com](http://www.trainbovatstair.com).

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and still seal against the floor. The bottom cover of the folding stairs may not seal well against the ceiling nor does it provide much insulation. There are several products designed specifically for this application.

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## Cooking Classes At Rudy's... Throwing the Perfect Dinner Party

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# Just add cheddar, and melt

The Washington Post

This hearty sandwich features flavors with a long history of hearty partners. Using cooked turkey bacon keeps the preparation time short.

Adapted from "Seduced by Bacon," by Joanna Preuss Lyons Press, 2006.

## OPEN-FACED CHEDDAR AND TURKEY BACON SANDWICH WITH BEER-GLAZED ONIONS

1 generous serving

- 1 1/2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 small onion, thinly sliced

- 1/4 cup beer
- 1/4 teaspoon caraway seeds
- Freshly ground black pepper

- 1 teaspoon honey mustard
- 1 slice firm country-style bread, about 4 inches square by 1/2 inch thick, lightly toasted

- 1 wide slice cooked turkey bacon, cut in half crosswise (see note)
- 1/3 cup shredded or thinly sliced sharp aged cheddar cheese

Heat the olive oil in a small skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion and cook for 5 to 8 minutes or until browned, stirring after the

first few minutes. Add the beer and caraway seeds, then increase the heat to high and boil for about 1 minute, until the beer has almost completely evaporated. Season with pepper to taste. Cover partially to keep warm.

Spread the mustard on the toasted bread.

Add the bacon pieces side by side and cover with the cheese. Broil in an oven or toaster oven just until the cheese is melted and bubbling. Spoon the beer-glazed onions over the cheese and serve.

Note: If using pork bacon, the slices should be cooked first.

# Cast iron

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a few sources. It can be done in the oven, but both Lawley and Sloan say it is too messy and smoky to be done in the house. They recommend using a fire pit or barbecue outside.

Lawley's method: Use hot, soapy water to remove any remaining residue — either from neglect or from the factory. Dry it and coat it liberally with your favorite cooking oil; he prefers a good olive oil. Heat the barbecue to 350 degrees. Carefully place the pan over the heat and leave it for two hours. Using heat protective gloves, recoat the pan with oil and flip it to the opposite side, again heating for two hours.

Once it's done and cool, it's ready to use. After a few uses, Lawley and Sloan say the cast iron will be as nifty as any Teflon-coated cookware.

But Sloan and Lawley use cast iron for everything, the metal may have a chemical reaction when you're preparing food with a high acidic level like fruit.

"Sauces will react with the iron," said Tom Ashenbrenner, who sells several types of cookware at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise in downtown Twin Falls. "Cast iron is good for foods that won't pull out the iron, like hash browns."

But Lawley and Sloan maintain they cook berry cobblers regularly without problems. It's all a matter of practice and proper cast-iron maintenance.

There are several methods of cleaning cast iron. The one thing most cooks agree on is not using any soap or detergents since the pans are seasoned.

puts it back on the stove — heating the pan enough to dry any leftover moisture. She stores her pans with a paper towel in the bottom to absorb any moisture that could collect in storage.

Lawley follows the same routine, except that he does not heat his pans after cleaning. He'll occasionally give his pans a light coat of oil.

"It's not any more work than washing a Teflon pan," he said.

Ashenbrenner said some brands of cast-iron cookware come with an enamel coating, making cleanup even easier. And more and more, cast iron companies are selling products that come pre-seasoned, eliminating that chore.

Lawley recommends keeping an eye out for old cast iron, as well. Some of the pots he uses belonged to his grandparents.

"The older the better," he said. "There's nothing you can

do to (short of pouring ice-cold water into a hot pan). No matter what, they can be rehabilitated."

Lawley said he cooks with cast iron because he likes the tradition of cooking how several generations of his families did. He makes elaborate Dutch oven meals for both his family and his catering clients.

Rhea Laning, a University of Idaho Extension educator for Twin Falls County, cooks with a cast-iron skillet that belonged to her mother and uses a Dutch oven for baked beans. She warns that cast iron is not the place to store or marinate food.

Though cooking with cast iron boosts iron intake, a balanced meal is still important.

"If you cook a couple meals a day in the iron pots, then a small amount of iron is absorbed," Laning said. "But only 20 percent of the recommended daily allowance."

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# These antioxidant-rich foods have the power to change your life

By Jill Waddell Silva  
Knight-Ridder News Service

Blueberries are brain food. If there's one good-for-you food that has cut through the din of conflicting and controversial diet headlines, it's the tiny indigo berry native to North America, which scientists have discovered contains powerful disease-fighters that may improve memory, intelligence and coordination. But blueberries aren't the only food with bragging rights. Pomegranates, kiwifruit and, yes, even dark chocolate are the

latest buzz, joining such everyday foods as broccoli, spinach, wild salmon, sweet potatoes, soy, oats, walnuts and tomatoes. Together these nutrient-dense foods containing health-promoting phytonutrients are being dubbed "super foods." "Super foods are foods that have longevity and contribute to good health," says Steven Pratt, an ophthalmologist at Scripps Memorial Hospital of La Jolla, Calif., and co-author of the "SuperFoodsRx" and the "SuperFoods HealthStyle" (William Morrow, 2005, \$24.95).

"It's foods that are available in markets around the world and make up part of a dietary cuisine," Pratt says. "It's also food that has been studied, and the scientific studies have been peer reviewed." Cruise the aisles of any supermarket in America, and broccoli is ubiquitous for three reasons: It's easy to buy, it's inexpensive and it's easy to cook. It's also one of the most studied, which is how we know it's one of the most nutritious foods on the planet. Beyond the traditional vitamins and minerals Mother told

us about, scientists have discovered broccoli is also a good source of lutein, an antioxidant available in colorful fruits and vegetables that helps prevent macular degeneration, a condition that can cause blindness in older adults. But not all super foods are as obvious. Take the goji berry. A Tibetan fruit that tastes like a cross between a cranberry and a cherry, the goji berry has long been considered a medicinal food in Asia. But scientists know little about how it works in the body to promote health. Nutrition experts agree we've

only begun to scratch the surface, but efforts to discover how foods prevent disease in the body, Pratt's first book featured 14 super foods, a term he believes he coined but could not trademark. His second book adds 10 more to an ever-growing list, and there are "sidekicks" galore — related foods that provide similar health benefits.

One of the most surprising super foods to hit the headlines is dark chocolate. It is loaded with health-promoting polyphenols — antioxidants that may help lower blood pressure and promote vascular health. Cocoa has more polyphenols than red wine or green tea. But to qualify, the chocolate must contain at least 70 percent cocoa solids.

## Globe-trotting superstars

When it comes to phytonutrients, experts say we've only scratched the surface. With each new study, watch for more antioxidant-rich foods to arrive at a store near you. Here are a few creating buzz:

- **Pomegranate:** The newest research coming out is pointing to pomegranates as the next great super food powerhouse, with three times more antioxidant power than green tea and red wine. Pom, the marketing machine behind pomegranates, has trademarked the term "The Antioxidant Superpower."
- **Acai (ah-high-ee):** Touted to contain 10 times more antioxidants than red grapes and 10 to 30 times more anthocyanins than red wine, the little berry from the Brazilian rainforest is poised to samba its way into American hearts and diets. The acai contains vitamin A, vitamin C and omega fatty acids 6 and 9.
- **Goji or goji (go-gee):** A berry

from Tibet that is high in antioxidants, goji is described at [www.hesuperfoods.com](http://www.hesuperfoods.com) as a cross between a cherry and a cranberry. "There's not a lot of science on it, but you know there's no bad berry on the planet," says Steven Pratt, author of "SuperFoods HealthStyle."

- **Gold kiwifruit:** An odd-looking, fuzzy fruit originally from New Zealand, it has become a main-stream supermarket item. Rich in vitamin C, it has more vitamins and antioxidants than a banana and more fiber than a bowl of bran flakes, according to a press release from Zespri Kiwifruit.
- **Quinoa (koeen-wah):** With the whole-grain emphasis in the 2005 Dietary Guidelines, watch for less familiar grains to make it into the mainstream. A staple of the ancient Incas, quinoa is considered a complete protein because it contains all eight essential amino acids.

## 12 SuperFoods

When it comes to super foods, there's a lot of compulsive list-making going on. During the holidays, press releases tout the antioxidant powers of turkey (selenium), pumpkin (beta-carotene) and Brussels sprouts (glucosinolates). Some list focus on a half-dozen foods: USDA scientists have focused on 100 foods and spotlighted 20. But you can forget the numbers game and feel good about adding any of these to your grocery cart.

**1 Beans**  
Why? High in folate, fiber and antioxidants, beans can help lower cholesterol and LDL levels, scavenge free radicals, moderate insulin levels and reduce cancer risk.  
How much? Eat two 1/2-cup servings a day of cooked or canned beans.

**2 Blueberries**  
Why? A true nutritional powerhouse, blueberries provide more antioxidants than any other fruit or vegetable. Phytonutrients include anthocyanins, chlorogenic acid, ellagic acid, catechins and flavonoid substances that fight cancer, heart disease and age-related memory loss.  
How much? If possible, eat 1/2 cup fresh or frozen 1/4 cup dried blueberries every day. Eat any type of berry at least three times a week.

**3 Broccoli**  
Why? Cruciferous vegetables are loaded with antioxidants. Broccoli contains cancer-fighting sulforaphane.

Indoles and carotenoids plus beta-carotene, lutein and zeaxanthin that promote eye health and ward off macular degeneration.  
How much? Eat 1/2 cup raw or 1 cup cooked broccoli every day.

**4 Oats**  
Why? Oatmeal's already mighty nutrition profile just gets better when phytonutrients — lignans, caffeine and ferulic acids — are stirred into the pot.  
How much? Eat at least three servings of whole grains a day. A serving equals one cup cooked oatmeal, 1/2 cup uncooked rolled oats or 1/4 cup steel-cut oats.

**5 Soy**  
Why? An important source of vegetable protein, soy also contains isoflavones, an estrogen-like substance that protects and maintains bone strength. Soy also contains important omega-3 fatty acids, which promote heart health.  
How much? Eat one serving of soy foods a day. The size depends on the form of soy food. Try edamame for snacking out of hand.

**6 Spinach**  
Why? Spinach contains more than a Popeye-sized dose of iron. When it comes to antioxidants, it's packed with carotenoids such as beta-carotene and lutein for eye health.  
How much? Eat at least one cup cooked spinach or dark leafy green vegetable a day.

**7 Sweet potatoes**  
Why? Loaded with beta-carotene, sweet potatoes boost the immune system. They also reduce cholesterol buildup in the arteries and help fight age-related macular degeneration and a variety of cancers.  
How much? Eat at least one 1/2-cup serving of sweet potatoes or other beta-carotene-rich produce (carrots, butternut squash, pumpkin and orange bell peppers) a day.

**8 Tomatoes**  
Why? Tomatoes contain lycopene plus a range of beneficial phytochemicals that protect against heart attack, cancers and age-related macular degeneration. Cooked tomatoes contain more lycopene than raw tomatoes.  
How much? Eat one serving a day with a little bit of healthy fat, such as olive oil, to help absorb the lycopene. Serving sizes are one medium raw tomato, about one cup cherry tomatoes, 1/2 cup sauce, 1/4 cup puree, two tablespoons paste or six ounces juice.

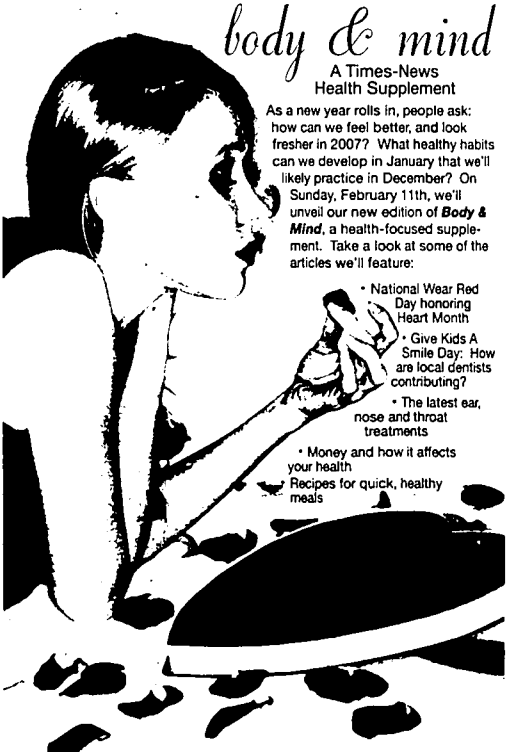
**9 Walnuts**  
Why? If you're looking for an excellent source of "good" polyunsaturated fats, walnuts are one of the few plant sources high in omega-3 fatty acids. Walnuts are the only nuts that contain ellagic acid, a cancer-fighting antioxidant. The amino acid arginine can reduce the risk of heart attack.  
How much? Eat 1 1/2 ounces of nuts per day. One ounce equals 14 walnut halves.

**10 Wild salmon**  
Why? Wild salmon contains large amounts of omega-3 fatty acid that reduces the risk of heart disease and heart attack by lowering blood pressure and bad cholesterol. Omega-3s also reduce inflammation that triggers arthritis and autoimmune diseases.  
How much? A serving is just three ounces, roughly the size of a deck of cards, or 1/4 cup canned. Eat 12 ounces a week.

**11 Extra-virgin olive oil**  
Why? The monounsaturated fats of olive oil are considered "good" fat that reduces cardiovascular disease, lowers blood pressure and prevents some types of cancer.  
How much? Eat one tablespoon most days.

**12 Dark chocolate**  
Why? Dark chocolate has the highest antioxidant content of any food. The darker the chocolate, the higher the count.  
How much? Eat a one-ounce serving daily. Also, try grapes, red wine and green tea that are high in polyphenols, which boost good cholesterol. In addition to dark chocolate candy, try raw cocoa nibs. Although somewhat bitter, they have an intense, tannic flavor, like wine.

Sources: "12 Best Foods Cookbook" and "SuperFoods HealthStyle"



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FOOD & HOME

# Take a walk on the wild side

By Bettjane Levine  
Los Angeles Times

Believe it or not, there is a case being made for using certain animal skins as rugs. They are gaining favor as floor decor to the dismay of those who believe neither hide nor hair of any animal should be used in the home by anyone other than its original owner.

But interior designers and retailers say there is new acceptance of cowhide and sheepskin rugs, especially in exotic patterns, unusual colors and different shapes.

"It's organic. People like the texture and feel of it. In the past, the skins were only available in the shape of the animal," says Charles Infante, a firm set and interior designer in Los Angeles, who finds clients more open to the use of cowhides these days.

"Now the best rug designers stitch hides together into fabulous patterns and give them traditional shapes," Infante says. "So you have something elegant and beautifully detailed — something quite different than a silk or wool rug. I don't use cowhide everywhere and anywhere, only when it's called for. A cowhide rug can dress up or dress down a room. It has a modern, eclectic vibe. It may be a trend right now, but it's not really trendy. It's a classic."

Cowhide can be stenciled to look like leopard, zebra or tiger. Almost anything that walks the Earth can be simulated on cowhide for use on the floor. "We use hair dye to get the exotic animal patterns without its permanent color. You could use a high-power hose on it and the color would come off," says Frank Conn, of Hollywood Love Rugs, whose sales of sheepskin and cowhide rugs have risen markedly in the past year. "We sell tons of cowhide — to everyone from cowboys who want a rugged look to design-savvy homeowners with elegant modern furniture."

"Amanda Price of the Bug Co. in West Hollywood, Calif., says her company had sold about 100 finely detailed cowhide designer rugs in the past six months, compared with the



A cowhide rug in the familiar black and white adds contrast and texture to the living room of James Harberts in Los Angeles.



A dyed cowhide rug takes a traditional shape in the bedroom of Aaron Harberts in Los Angeles.

## Fakes underfoot

If you're in the market for the ring of a zebra-print (or other animal-print) rug, there's an ample supply in wool and synthetic fabrics, as well as cowhide and sheepskin stenciled to look like other animal skins. Here are a few Web sites with rugs to view:

- [www.therugcompany.com](http://www.therugcompany.com): Zebra and leopard-patterned wool rugs designed by Diane von Furstenberg, along with cowhide designer rugs.
- [www.jonathanadler.com](http://www.jonathanadler.com): Area rug of llama wool that looks like zebra.
- [www.gettyrugs.com](http://www.gettyrugs.com): Seola and ivory wool zebra-print rug.
- [www.furrugs.com](http://www.furrugs.com): New Zealand and Australian sheepskin rugs and other decorative animal hide patterns.
- [www.hollywoodoverlugs.com](http://www.hollywoodoverlugs.com): Zebra, tiger and leopard printed on cowhide rugs.

dozen sold in the previous six months. Exotic animal prints stenciled onto cowhide is the specialty of Earl Ward, owner of Fur Rugs & Mink Blankets International near Tulsa, Okla. "Right now cowhide is a fad. My importer says his business has tripled in the past year. My own business has doubled, with sales rising mostly in California and New York. I don't know why they're so popular."

Although most sales are in natural animal colors, Ward says he sells blue, green, fuchsia, red. "You name it, I've had orders for it."

Still, Ward and Conn agree there's great sensitivity about the subject. "I know many peo-

ple hate the idea of animal skins as decoration," Conn says. "But the truth is, these are products that many of those same people eat and wear. They eat lamb chops, hamburgers and steaks. What are we going to do with the byproducts of the animals we eat?"

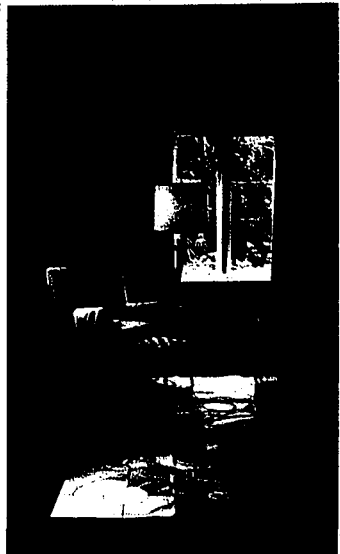
There are some restrictions on the use of animal skins, and consumers may (rightly or wrongly) feel a bit more secure about those being offered as rugs because so much attention has been paid in the last few years to preventing animal abuse.

"People know that endangered species are more pro-

hibited now, and that legitimate retailers and wholesalers will not sell any animal that has been harvested for its hide," Conn says. "It's sometimes difficult, however, to tell what's legitimate and what isn't. Zebra rugs, for example, recently were offered in California by one retailer as skins that had been 'culled from African animal reserves run by the government, which uses all proceeds to help the survival of endangered species.'"

When asked for proof of that claim, the retailer could not confirm it and later called back to say the company no longer sells zebra in California because it is illegal.

Because many home decorating magazines recently have been showing animal-pattern cowhide, wool or fake fur rugs



A dyed cowhide rug takes a traditional shape in the bedroom of Aaron Harberts in Los Angeles.

in their pages, the public is more aware of how such rugs can enhance a room. Jim Muller, manager of Pacific Hide & Leather in L.A., whose firm sells only to retailers, says, "This is no trend for us. It's a steady business that's important to high-end designers who want an exotic look. We consistently do well with zebra-stenciled cowhide pieces that look like the real deal."

Sheepskin is less of a design-oriented purchase and more of an emotional one, Ward says, speaking at a frantic pace in the midst of his busiest selling season. "Zwo looks great. It's

decorative. But sheepskin is just plain fun," he adds. "Sheepskin is 3 inches thick — it's soft beyond belief. You can put it on concrete and sleep comfortably on it. It's that soothing," he says, suddenly sounding almost dreamy. "It's comforting, relaxing. You literally, when you stand on a sheepskin rug, can feel the stress leaving."

Much of the cowhide sold for rugs is imported from Brazil, the sheepskin from New Zealand.

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## Simple preparation belies great flavor for cheese

This simple preparation for olive oil-steeped cheese makes an appealing accompaniment to fresh pears or thin slices of fennel. The leftover oil is great for dipping bread, or it can be strained and used in a vinaigrette. The cheese should marinate for at least two days, but a longer stay won't hurt it.

This recipe, adapted from "The Cheese Course," by Janet Fletcher (Chronicle, 2006), came from Brian Sletten, chef at Lakeshore Tavern in the Napa Valley.

**MARINATED PECORINO WITH ORANGE PEEL AND HERBS**

Servings: 6

1 1/2-pound wedge young Pecorino Toscano, rind removed

1 1/2 teaspoons cracked black pepper

2 bay leaves, crumbled

2 teaspoons finely chopped rosemary

2 long strips orange zest, about 3/4 inch wide

1 1/2 cups extra-virgin olive oil, or more as needed

12 to 18 outer radicchio leaves

Balsamic vinegar, for garnish

Kosher salt, for garnish

1/3 pound seedless red grapes or champagne grapes, for garnish

Working from a long side of the cheese, cut the cheese into about 20 thin slices. Place them in a dish large enough to hold them in a single layer. Scatter the pepper, bay leaves, rosemary and orange zest over the cheese. Cover completely with olive oil. Cover the dish with

plastic wrap and refrigerate for 2 days.

To serve, remove from the refrigerator 4 hours beforehand to allow the cheese to come to room temperature.

Divide the radicchio leaves among individual plates, spooning a little of the seasoned oil and cracked pepper on top.

Drizzle the leaves lightly with balsamic vinegar to taste, and sprinkle with salt to taste. Arrange the marinated cheese slices over or alongside the radicchio. Garnish each plate with a small cluster of grapes.

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# Diving into a comfy seafood stew

By Rena Parsons  
Los Angeles Times

It's like you're living a scene out of every cook's dreams: Your guests are circled tight around the table, leaning in as you dip your ladle into a fragrant, steaming pot. Out it comes, full of chunks of meaty fish and sweet shrimp and dotted with briny clams.

There's a collective gasp. It looks like a complicated dish that must have taken hours to cook. But you smile to yourself, knowing it only took about 20 minutes to put it all together. You must be a genius!

Or maybe you've just discovered the secret of seafood stew. Think of bouillabaisse, cioppino or any of the dozens of hearty fisherman's dinners found around the world. We tend to glorify these dishes, making them seem almost impossible to prepare at home. But the reality is, a seafood stew is about as easy to put together as anything you can imagine.

Here's how it goes: You spend a little time making a flavor base in the morning, or even a day or two in advance. When you're almost ready to eat, you add the seafood and heat everything just long enough to cook it through.

Seafood stews are a terrific one-pot party dish: Serve some almonds and olives on the side, maybe a salad and cheese afterward, and you've got a feast. The stews couldn't be easier or more delicious. But the most amazing thing is that so few people serve them. And why? Say "Stew" and you think of something deeply flavored and hearty that has cooked for hours. Seafood stews have all of that, except they cook in minutes. Whereas meat is full of tough sinew that needs long, patient cooking to become tender, fish is almost pure muscle.

The biggest danger with seafood stews is overcooking. If you freeze them too long and the tender fish will fall apart. (But even then the flavor will be wonderful.)

Lighter and more delicate than meat stews, seafood stews are perfect for chilly evenings. You get all the comfort and wonderfully developed flavors of meat stews but without the weight.

Seafood stews are remarkably flexible too. About the only requirement is that you need to use meaty fish — flaky filets like sole will dissolve to nothing, even with the gentlest of cooking.

So you start with a flavor base. This need not be anything fancy. It can be like a quick pasta sauce — sauté some garlic and onions in olive oil and add crushed tomatoes. Or you can make a Spanish-style sofrito sautéing chorizo, red bell peppers and onions along with the tomatoes.

Don't feel limited to red sauces, you can also build seafood stews out of sautéed shallots enriched with white wine and cream.

Then add fish — do this gradually, according to how long it will take to cook. The thickest, densest fish goes in first. It will take 10 to 15 minutes to cook, depending on the size of the pieces. Every couple of minutes, step down in size and meanness. Finally, add the shellfish, which takes only three to five minutes to heat through, you don't want to overcook and toughen it.

Given the ever-changing inventory at most seafood markets, you're better off buying from categories of fish rather than going in with a set shopping list. The best fish for stews are steak fish such as halibut, tuna, shark, swordfish, grouper and sea bass. Monkfish and lingcod work well too. Rockfish, usually sold as Pacific red snapper, is good as long as the filets are thick enough. You might think salmon would work, but its flavor tends to overpower.

Probably the most famous fish stew really isn't one at all. Bouillabaisse, the classic dish of Marseilles, is usually served in this country as a tomato-and-saffron-flavored fish stew. But in its home port, it's traditionally presented in two courses: first as a kind of coarse soup thickened with bits of pureed fish, then as a separate plate of fish and potatoes that have been cooked in the soup. (Truthfully, orange peel and fennel are almost as important to the final flavor as tomatoes, and don't forget the tomatoes spread with the red pepper paste called rouille.)

American confusion notwithstanding, the French have firm rules for how a bouillabaisse should be made, down to detailing that four of six specific fish must be present for it to qualify as the real thing, according to the Charte de la Bouillabaisse Marseillaise, a group formed to oversee such things.

If you're tempted to put this down as Gallic silliness, you've never talked to a Californian about cioppino. Butter or olive oil? Shellfish? And does it have to be Dungeness crab? Red wine or white? Green bell pepper or red? Celery? It sometimes seems almost every ingredient you could put in a fish stew has been the subject of heated debate.

I do have a few firm opinions about cioppino. The sauce must be made with red wine, and a lot of it. In the final dish, it should balance the tomatoes. When the two cook together, you wind up with a lovely wine-dark sauce that tastes like neither ingredient but some delicious third thing you can't quite put your finger on.

The presence of green bell pepper adds a certain fragrance (and, I think, argues a strong Portuguese influence in addition to the assumed Italian one — historically, both groups produced great fishermen on the California coast).

And I am in favor of shellfish: shrimp and clams or mussels, certainly, but also Dungeness crab or spiny lobster when they are in season. There is a distinct flavor difference between fish and shellfish, and a cioppino needs that sweet brininess to be complete.

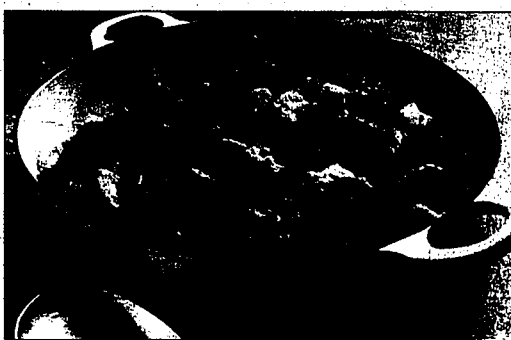
My personal little cioppino quirk is adding chopped squid to the red wine and tomato base while it stews. The calamari cooks to a melting tenderness and infuses the sauce with the suggestion of seafood, setting the stage for everything else you're going to add.



**MONKFISH AND CLAMS WITH CHORIZO**

The best sausage to use for this is the semi-cured Spanish chorizo available as *chistorra*, though any other Spanish chorizo will suffice. Mexican chorizo is not a substitute.

- 1/2 pound small potatoes, cut in bite-size pieces
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 pound Spanish chorizo, chopped
- 1 onion, minced
- 1 red bell pepper, minced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 plum tomatoes, blanched, peeled, seeded and chopped



**Grouper, shrimp and artichokes in tarragon cream.**

- 1 cup dry white wine
- Pinch of saffron
- Salt
- 1 1/2 pounds monkfish, cut in 1-inch chunks
- 1 pound small clams
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley

1. In a covered pot, steam the potatoes over rapidly boiling water until tender, about 10 minutes.

2. In a large, heavy pot over medium-low heat, warm the oil and add the chorizo. Cook until it has rendered some of its fat and looks cooked, about 5 minutes. Add the onion and bell pepper and cook until softened, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 3 minutes. Add the tomatoes, white wine and saffron and cook until the tomatoes have melted into the sauce, which should have lost its alcoholic smell. Add the potatoes. The texture should be loose and slightly soupy, but not broth-like. Taste and season with salt. (The recipe can be prepared to this point up to 2 hours in advance; or even further if tightly covered and refrigerated.)

3. When almost ready to serve, warm the base over medium heat. Add the monkfish and cook just until it changes color, about 3 minutes. Add the clams, raise the heat to high, cover tightly and cook until all of the clams have opened, about 5 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley and serve immediately.

**GROUPER, SHRIMP AND ARTICHOKE IN TARRAGON CREAM**

- 1 pound raw shrimp, shell on (if head-on, 1 1/2 pounds)
- 1 onion
- 2 sprigs tarragon
- 6 black peppercorns
- Salt
- 4 cups water
- 2 pounds baby artichokes
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 shallot, minced (about 1/4 cup)
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 3 tablespoons whipping cream
- 1 pound grouper or other firm-fleshed white fish, cut in 1-inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon tarragon leaves

1. Peel the shrimp and put the shells in a small saucepan. Cut the onion in half and add half the onion, 2 sprigs of tarragon, black peppercorns and one-fourth teaspoon salt to the shrimp shells. Cover with

water and bring to a simmer. Cook 30 to 45 minutes. This will make about 2 cups of strained broth.

2. While the stock is cooking, clean the artichokes. Have a large bowl at your side filled with water and the juice of half a lemon. This is where you will put the cleaned artichokes; the lemon juice in the water will keep them from discoloring. You probably will need two knives: one medium slicing knife for trimming and a small paring knife for finishing the peeling.

3. Hold the artichoke in your left hand with the stem facing toward you and the tip facing away. Slowly turn the artichoke against the sharp edge of the knife while making an abbreviated sawing motion. (It's easiest to control if you use the base of the knife rather than the tip.) You will begin to cut through the tough outer leaves, when you can discern the natural cone shape of the artichoke, adjust the knife to follow it. Keep trimming just like this until you've cut away enough of the tough leaves so that you can see only light green at the bases. Cut away the top half an inch or so of the tip of the artichoke and dip the artichoke into the lemon water to keep the cut surfaces from discoloring.

4. With the paring knife, trim away the very tip of the stem, then peel the stem and base of the artichoke going from the tip to where the base meets the leaves. You'll have to do this at least five or six times to make it all the way around the artichoke. When you're done, there should be no dark green tough spots left, only pale green and ivory. If you're using baby artichokes, leave the choke whole, just put it in the lemon water and repeat for the remaining artichokes.

5. By the time you've finished all of the artichokes, the shrimp stock will probably be ready. Add the wine and cook until it's reduced to a syrup, about 5 minutes.

6. Add the artichokes and stir to coat with the flavonings. Add the wine and cook until it's reduced to a syrup, about 5 minutes.

7. When the artichokes are

cooked, there should be only a little moisture left in the pan; if there isn't, add a little more strained broth. Add the cream and stir to swirl it into the remaining liquid. (The recipe can be prepared to this point up to 2 hours in advance or even earlier if tightly covered and refrigerated.)

8. When almost ready to serve, bring the artichoke mixture back to a simmer over medium heat. Add the grouper, cover and cook 3 minutes. Add the shrimp, cover and cook until they are firm and pink, about 5 minutes. Remove the lid, add the tarragon leaves and raise the heat to high. Cook just long enough to reduce the braising juices to a thin sauce. Season to taste with salt and serve immediately.

Servings: 6



**CIOPPINO**

Adapted from Helen Evans Brown's "West Coast Cook Book." Serve cioppino with thick slices of baguette you've toasted, rubbed with raw garlic and drizzled with olive oil.

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup chopped green onion
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup bell pepper, chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 6 to 8 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1/3 pound squid, tubes and tentacles, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
- 2 cups trout red wine
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 pounds firm, meaty fish such as shark, yellowtail, grouper or sea bass, cut in 1-

- 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 pound lean flaky fish, such as rock cod or snapper, cut in 1-inch cubes
- 3/4 pound shrimp, in shell
- 1/2 pound small clams
- 1/2 cup parsley

1. In a medium saucepan, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the green onion, onion and bell pepper and cook until soft, about 5 minutes. Add the crushed red pepper and garlic and cook until fragrant, about 3 minutes. Add the squid and stir to coat with flavorings. Add the crushed tomatoes, red wine, salt, bay leaf and oregano and bring to a simmer.

2. Lower the heat and continue cooking, stirring occasionally. The mixture will eventually lose its raw alcohol smell and the wine and crushed tomatoes will form a sauce. This will take about 45 minutes. You will notice a change in the smell and taste of the sauce as it loses its harshness and mellow. (The recipe can be prepared to this point up to 2 hours in advance or even further if tightly covered and refrigerated.)

3. In a separate large saucepan, one that is taller than it is wide, arrange the fish. First, lay in a thin layer of the sauce. Then begin stacking the fish in the tough order of how long they will take to cook, start with the meaty ones, then the flaky, then the shrimp and then the clams. If you are using crab or lobster, put those on the bottom layer.

4. Pour the remaining sauce over the fish and give the pan a good shake to distribute the sauce evenly. Cover and place over medium heat. Cook until the small clams are open, about 20 minutes. From time to time, shake the pan vigorously (hold the lid on tight) rather than stirring, to avoid breaking up the fish.

5. When ready to serve, taste and add more salt if necessary, gently stir in the parsley and ladle the stew into warm bowls.

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I KNOW.  
WEY'S SITTING UP ROLLING OVER AND RETURNING STOPS FOR HER.  
MAYBE I SHOULD TELL THEM TO GET THE PACKAGE IT OFF.  
WANT THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MESSAGE I HAVE BEEN IN MONTHS!

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

WHEN YOUR 16 YEAR OLD GIRLFRIEND YOU GIVE THEM A KISS. NOT A HAVE.  
DAD, I'M 16 YEARS OLD.  
I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH KISSES!  
DO I JUST GET THIS?

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IT WAS THEN THAT F-ISO REALIZED HE WAS NO LONGER THE NEW MODEL.

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I DON'T REMEMBER MY PASSWORD.  
IS IT '1237'  
THAT'S JUST SPOOKY.

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OHAY! LET'S TALK ABOUT TRIGGERS.  
A TRIGGER WILL PUT YOU INTO AN INSTANTLY RELEASING STATE OF MIND—ANXIETY, FEAR, ETC.—WHICH YOU LEARN HOW TO ATTACH TO A SPECIFIC MEANING.  
LET ME GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE OF HOW SOMEONE MIGHT HAVE ONE OF THESE TRIGGERS.  
SHOWN? YES.  
DO YOU WANT TO GET OFF THE SCENE IMMEDIATELY?

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Are you attending the focus group, Professor?  
Not me, Boone! It's a waste of time!  
But... it's a chance to help shape a future product!  
...they would've said— 'A faster horse!'  
If Henry Ford had asked a focus group what they wanted when he was creating the Model T...  
He's got a point there, Boone.

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

WHY ARE YOU ATTENDING THAT WITH DESIGN?  
I'M GOING TO GET A FEEL FOR THE MARKET.  
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HOW'S BUSINESS?  
TOUGH! I SOLD DISASTER INSURANCE TO THE CITY OF SERICHO, FLOOD INSURANCE TO MOAH AND LIFE INSURANCE TO GOLIATH! BUT I THINK THINGS ARE TURNING AROUND—I JUST MADE A BIG ANNUITY SALE TO A GUY NAMED METHUSELAH!

**Luann** By Greg Evans

AND THAT WAS THE LOVELY DUCKLING YOU COULD LIVE WITH!  
LET'S GIVE MISS DUCK-HEAD A REST!  
I HAVE A SPECIAL TREAT FOR YOU GUYS! BOONS— I'M GOING TO BE ON THE COMPUTER FOR A WHILE!  
ARE YOU GOING TO USE A STICK?  
SURE, IT'S CALLED EXTREME MAKEDER FIDDLE TO STEELE!

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FOR ALL OF YOU RETARDS WHO KEEP SAYING I'M AGAINST ALL BOON GAMES:  
Play the BOON GAMES THEN HAVE A PLAYOFF... JUST ONE OR TWO GAMES WOULD BE GREAT!  
AND FOR THOSE WHO DIFFER I HAVE JUST TWO WORDS: ONE'S 'BOISE' THE OTHER ONE'S 'STATE'.

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, UNCLE?  
I HAVE TO WRITE THIS STUPID SPEECH AND I'M STAGGERING WITH THE OPENING.  
LET'S HEAR IT!  
FOUR SCORE AND SEVEN YEARS AGO OUR FATHERS BECAME FORTH WITH THIS DOCUMENT A NEW NATION.  
YEAH VERY BORING TRY THIS!  
A LONG TIME AGO, IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY, A GREAT ADVENTURE TOOK PLACE.

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I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU HAD THIS MANY CATS, EMILY. NO WONDER YOU'VE DEVELOPED AN ALLERGY.  
I TRY TO KEEP THE CAT DANDER UNDER CONTROL BY WALKING EVERY DAY.  
THUMP THUMP THUMP  
I MAY HAVE MISSED A DAY OR TWO.

**Rose Is Rose** By Pat Brady

LEARNING ABOUT PRIVATE LEARNING SPOT BUT NOW THERE'S ANOTHER POWER OF THE TREE.  
THIS USED TO BE MY PRIVATE LEARNING SPOT BUT NOW THERE'S ANOTHER POWER OF THE TREE.  
I DON'T NEED PRIVATE LEARNING A QUIET LEARNER!

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

I THINK MY LIFE IS TOO GOOD!  
HOW DO YOU THINK?  
SUCCESS!  
GOOD AFTERNOON!  
I'M MOST ELEGANT WHEN I DON'T SPEAK.

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POLITICS

**Don't let distractions deter you, Leo**

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Jerakine Saunders

self-esteem; others who sense your openness will flock to your side.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There aren't any crop circles in your field. While the odd and unique might titillate certain individuals, this is the time to stick to a steady path.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There are things more important than ambition. But this is the time to make ambitions reality. It is counterproductive to be sidetracked by friends—or by the desire for change.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make the climb if you've done the time. Although your dedicated efforts and the energy you've applied to business might seem futile at this point, there is solid progress you can see.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't drop the ball. The desire to be the center of attention or to show off your entertaining skills can leave you floundering far from the goal posts.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't serve guesswork to your guests. You may dream up some whimsical ideas that aren't viable. Facts and figures are just the thing to whet the appetite of cronies or business partners.

IF JAN. 17 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: A year of contrast is looming on the horizon, but if you play your cards right you will end up with the pot. Use sound business judgment and ask for the opinions of those in the know during the next several months. You possess great ambitions, but might be attracted by something that isn't as it seems. Your great energy and stamina will see you through August when you should eschew vacations and keep your nose firmly to the grindstone. For the best success, launch new initiatives or accept opportunities that are dropped in your lap during October and November.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Sick to what you know when faced by a lavish stragoboard, choices can be overwhelming. Following through with the exotic or unknown might be tempting, but could cause an upset.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Popularity can go to your head. You seem friendly and outgoing, so others may flock to your side and this could impede your progress. An innovation might please you today but tire you tomorrow.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Expand your mind. Go to the

library, explore the Internet, gather information and knowledge. Study skills get a boost and you are capable of deep thinking.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Do what you want to do. Your world might revolve around a certain someone, but your desires and wishes must be satisfied, too. Be aware of changing moods, rules, and requirements.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't be deterred by distractions. An unexpected opportunity could cause you to shift gears at an inconvenient time. Friends, companions or a social event could interrupt a key initiative.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Interesting ideas are hatching. Your balance may be precarious early in the day, so don't shake up finances or quarrel about relationships. Remember what happened to Humpty Dumpty.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Shake a tail feather. Your attractions depend upon being outrageous and flamboyant. Being friendly will work wonders for

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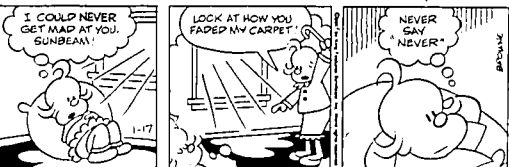
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THE FAMILY CIRCLE

By Bill Keane



# American girl fails Greek family's classical test



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My fiancée, "Pan," and I have been together nearly two years. We fell in love quickly and knew we wanted to marry one day. We are loving, respectful and kind to each other. Our only source of conflict involves his family.

Pan and his family are Greek. I am American. From the beginning, Pan's father refused to speak to me or acknowledge me because I am not Greek. I am expected to hide from his father and uncles, whether it be in a bedroom, the car outside their house or in the office at the family business. The rest of the family, his mother, sister and cousins, try to find fault with my character. They say I'm too quiet, too American, too young and not pretty enough.

In the beginning, Pan assured me that "in time" his family would come around. Well, I'm running out of patience. Abby, Pan is 35. I'm 23 — mature, kind, attractive and hardworking. I have a full-time job and at night I attend classes to earn my master's in clinical psychology.

Three months ago, I bought a home and Pan moved in with me, but this issue with his family is tearing us apart. I no longer want to stay hidden and celebrate holidays alone. I want Pan to stick up for me when his family says bad things. I feel it's time for him to choose sides and stop remaining "neutral" to please a family that's acting ridiculous. Is this

the end of the road for us?

— HURTING IN NEW YORK

DEAR HURTING: Frankly, I hope so. Men who are "loving, respectful and kind" do not tolerate their women being treated the way you have been. Face it, this "golden Greek" is 35 and never married. You will never be good enough in his family's eyes for reasons they have made only too clear. My advice is to exit him and run in the opposite direction. If he asks you why, tell him it just didn't "pan" out.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I retired several years ago and moved back to Scandinavia, where we spend most of the year. We live on a fixed income.

A number of people have contacted us either asking to visit or have a family friend visit us to show them around the country. Abby, the cost of gasoline reached the equivalent of \$7.50 a gallon last summer, plus the cost of road tolls and tolls makes it quite expensive.

How do we let people know that we can't afford to just drive them around, plus offer them food and lodgings in our home?

— JUST CALL ME JOHN

DEAR JOHN: As much as people complain about the fluctuations in gas prices in the United States, I'm sure they have little concept of what the prices are like in Europe, which are higher. The most effective way to get the message across is to tell them plainly what the problem is. If your prospective guests are truly friends, they will understand. And if not, they're not friends.

DEAR ABBY: My 16-year-old brother was arrested for stealing a bottle of alcohol from a grocery store. I am heartbroken.

He really isn't a bad kid. He has been raised in a loving household where he has wanted for nothing. I don't understand this. Is this the first incident of trouble he's been involved in, but it's the most serious. It's only defense for his actions was that he didn't think he'd "get caught."

It's known I love him and that my exposure to him is perfect. We just want him to be smart and consider the consequences of his actions. How can I help him? I live 30 miles away.

— HEARTBROKEN IN CHICAGO

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Let your brother know you love him, but recognize that the surest way for him to learn responsible behavior is to suffer the consequences of his actions.

# Front bird does most of the work

The front bird in a V-formation has to do the most work — the others have the wind-resistance partially blocked by the bird in front of them. When the leader bird gets tired, it drops back and another takes its place.

This day in history: On Jan. 17, 1893, American sugar growers' overtures to Queen Lili'uokalani of Hawaii with the help of some United States Marines. Imprisoned in 1895 for allegedly trying to take her country back. Queen Lili'uokalani spent her time sewing quilts and writing songs, including her most famous, Aloha Oe. In 1993, the U.S. government belatedly apologized for the illegal overthrow of Hawaii. But still kept it as a state anyway.

Linguists say that the most common word in informal conversation is "I." The second most common is "you."



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In Maine, log cabins are exempt from property taxes.

It may be a big animal, but an alligator's brain is only about as big as your thumb. What's pitiful is that, small as an alligator's brain is, the alligator has one of the largest reptilian brains in proportion to its size.

Although Alaska has plenty of spruce and pine, most of the fresh-cut Christmas trees sold there are flown in from Minnesota, Washington and Oregon.

If you hear thunder on the north lobe, head back to the lodge, because 12 percent of all lightning fatalities in America take place on a golf course. When flamingo babies hatch, they're colored white with gray streaks. It takes a year or two for them to get "in the pink."

# Sad-eyed dog gets some good news

CANAL FUJION, Ohio — About a year after being banned, a sad-eyed basket hound named Franklin is back at his spot on a sofa greeting customers inside Matt's Barber Shop.

Franklin was as much of a fixture in the shop about 60 miles south of Cleveland as the 1950s-era, green barber's chair where the doggie sits.

"I love him," said Franklin's owner, Matt Schwendman, who cuts hair and at the shop, which he owns. "I haven't met anyone who comes in here who doesn't like Franklin. He just gets along with everybody."

But the 4-year-old dog was kicked out about a year ago when an inspector for the Ohio State Barber Board told Schwendman that animals are not allowed.

During a 10-month exile to the barber's home, Franklin just didn't seem happy. "At my house, he scratched my window sills up," Schwendman said. "When I'd leave, he would look out the picture window. He wanted to go to the barbershop."

After a local newspaper did a story, rules were passed that allow one animal per barber-shop, as long as it belongs to the shop's owner, a vet attests to the animal's health, and the owner obtains liability insurance.

"He's a great dog," said Schwendman.

"He's just so passive. He makes you relaxed, he reminds



Franklin, a 4-year-old basket hound, relaxes in his usual spot at Matt's Barber Shop in Canal Fulton, Ohio, Jan. 5. Franklin was kicked from the shop 10 months ago when an inspector for the Ohio State Barber Board said that animals are not allowed.

me of myself when I'm home sleeping."

## Man seriously burned after cell phone ignites in pocket

VALLEJO, Calif. — It's every gadget fan's nightmare: A cell phone apparently ignited in a man's pocket and started a fire that caused severe burns over half his body.

Luis Picaso, 59, was in stable condition Monday at UC Davis Medical Center with second and third-degree burns to his upper body, back, right arm and right leg. Vallejo Fire Department assistant chief Curt Henke said, "Firefighters arrived at a residential hotel late Saturday night to find Picaso lying on

the bathroom floor after the cell phone in his pants pocket set fire to his nylon and polyester clothes, department spokesman Bill Tweedy said.

"It was either a malfunction or some type of glitch in his phone," Tweedy said, adding that investigators found no other possible ignition source, such as matches or open flame, nearby.

The flames spread to a plastic chair, setting off a sprinkler that held the fire in check until firefighters arrived, he said. Authorities declined to name the manufacturer and model of the phone.

The fire and water caused \$75,000 damage.

FOOD & HOME

# The bacon of the month club?

By Steve Grant  
The Hartford Courant

Book of the month. Fruit of the month.

Well, why not bacon of the month? Maybe it's not the perfect food, considering the fat content, but it tastes so good, and let's face it, we want it.

Might as well get the good stuff. Eat it sparingly. Enjoy it. All that.

The Grateful Palate, at www.gratefulpalate.com, offers limited-production bacons from around the country, a different one every month for a year.

It's pricey stuff. \$140 for a one-pound package each month, plus a one-time shipping charge of \$115.

But Grateful Palate says each one of the bacons is distinctive.

"We use small producers. Most of our bacon you cannot find in grocery stores," said Norma Ortiz, retail manager for the company, in Oxnard, Calif. "We like to deal with very small producers just coming out."

Ortiz said there is a big difference between artisan-made bacons and supermarket bacons. The artisan bacons are cured meats, with differing flavors, and they do not shrink as much when cooked.

Tripp Country Bacon from Tennessee, for example, is brown-sugar-cured "with a mysterious secret recipe that includes red pepper and cinnamon. Thick cut. Meaty, complex flavors. Juicy. Great intensity with a slight spice."

North Country Cob Smoked Bacon from New Hampshire is described as "the aristocrat of bacons," with "classic, clean, pure flavors. Complex, meaty, hammy. Style and grace. Meaty and sweet. Perfect wrapped around scallops, chicken livers or prunes."

Included with the bacon of the month club are notes on the bacon selections, recipes, a pig ballpoint pen, a pig nose that you can wear, a bacon T-shirt, a comic strip about bacon and discounts on other products.

Good old bacon and eggs always works, but maybe you want to do something else with your fancy artisan-made bacon.

Here's a recipe using one of the bacon-of-the-month bacons.

**OSCAR'S APPLEWOOD BACON CASSOULET**

6 slices of Oscar's applewood bacon cut into 1-inch pieces.

8 ounces kielbasa sausage, peeled if skin is tough, and cut into 4 pieces.

1/2 teaspoon Tabasco sauce  
1 teaspoon herbes de Provence

1 1/2 cups bread crumbs  
2 16-ounce cans cannellini beans

2 cloves garlic  
5 scallions, cleaned and cut into 1/2 inch pieces (about 3/4 cup)

1 onion, peeled and sliced thin (about 1 cup)  
4 sweet Italian sausages (about 12 ounces)

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
1/4 cup water

Place one tablespoon of olive oil and the water in large saucepan with Italian sausages, and cook over medium heat for 10 minutes, rolling sausages so they cook on all sides.

Add Oscar's applewood bacon and continue cooking. When sausages are browned,

add onion, scallions and garlic. Sauté for 30 seconds. Then add the beans with their liquid, herbes de Provence, Tabasco and kielbasa. Cover, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer for 15 minutes, then set aside.

Toss bread crumbs with the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil.

Spoon Italian sausages,

kielbasa and Oscar's applewood bacon into four large ovenproof soup bowls, and cover with beans and liquid, filling bowls to within 3/4 inch of the top or so.

Sprinkle bread crumbs over the beans, and arrange bowls on a foil-lined baking sheet. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes.

If you want the crumbs a lit-

tle more browned, set the oven to broil, and place bowls under broiler.

The cassoulet can be made ahead, assembled and refrigerated in the bowls.

Bake it for about 40 minutes, and then finish under the broiler if desired. Leftover roast pork, veal or lamb can also be used in place of the sausage.

"We like to deal with very small producers just coming out."  
— Norma Ortiz, retail manager for Grateful Palate

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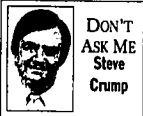
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## Wonder if I can block the Discovery Channel?

**M**y wife is a fan of the cable TV reality show "Dirty Jobs" — so much so that I've noticed a definite deterioration recently in the messiness of household chores she asks me to do.

"Dirty jobs." If you haven't seen the program, follows a craggy, good-looking former TV pitcher Mike Rowe through a workday in the life of the most disgusting professions you can imagine — processing smelly seafood in a fish factory, collecting bat guano for fertilizer, combing creek bottoms for edible wildlife or cleaning septic tanks.



**DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump**

A few months ago, after watching an episode about Rowe raking mard on a Hawaiian taro farm, Victoria sent me outside to clean the rain gutters — which were full, of course, of rotting leaves. Following another show on pig farming, she pointed out that our dog Annie had eaten something that disagreed with her and thus urgently needed a bath. Guess who got to do that?

Then, after a segment on ostrich ranching, I had to go clean the outdoor grill.

Makes me wary of going near the job-jar. But the worst is yet to come, I'm afraid. There's one dirty chore Victoria has so far reserved for herself, and it's a task familiar to any homeowner with three dogs and a fenced backyard. So our Saturday-morning conversations go something like this:

**Me:** "What's on the agenda for today?"  
**Victoria:** "I'd like you to clean the garage, please."  
**Me:** "But I cleaned the garage last time."  
**Victoria:** "OK, I'll clean the garage and you can do poop patrol."  
**Me, sighing:** "I'll clean the garage."

Nor has Victoria so far sent me into the crawl space beneath the house, looking for leaking pipes. That's significant because the only access to the crawlspace is a hatch on the floor of the closet in my youngest stepdaughter's room. She's 16, so you can't see the floor of her room, much less the floor of her closet.

Recently, we had high-speed Internet installed, and the cable guy said he needed to go under the house to complete the job.

"You sure about that?" I asked.  
**Pretty sure,** he replied.

Then I opened the door of Avalon's room, and he looked inside.  
**Maahh ...** I'll just run the cable around the house," he said.

I wonder what Mike Rowe is doing Saturday?

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## Separate crashes claim three

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Three men were killed and two hospitalized in two separate wrecks Monday night in Twin Falls County.

Shortly before 6 p.m. Monday, Jack Thornborrow, 59, of Buhl drove his 1998 Dodge pickup eastbound on 3600 North through a stop sign in Buhl, according to the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

A 1994 Mazda Protegé headed north-

**For more about Jack Thornborrow, see Page A1**

bound on 1500 East sideswiped the passenger side of his pickup. The pickup spun and overturned.

The crash killed Thornborrow and sent Alfonso Garcia-Luis, 38, the driver, and Celestino Torres, the 18-year-old passenger of the Protegé, to the hospital.

Less than 30 minutes later, Sean Lundy, 21, of Hollister and Michael Corcoran, 25, of Twin Falls, the passenger in his green Dodge Neon, were killed at the Hollister Port of Entry on U.S. Highway 33. Lundy was speeding northbound on U.S. 93 when he lost control of the Neon, according to Idaho State Police.

The Neon hit a barrier at the port. Both men were thrown from the Neon and died at the scene.

Idaho State Police suspect alcohol was involved.

## WHO YOU TRYING TO MOOOOOOVE?



**Victor Pinilla, an employee with Onida Farms, herds cattle Tuesday afternoon along U.S. Highway 93 outside of Jerome. Though the sky was clear, temperatures for Tuesday were around 20 degrees in Jerome. Today the temperatures are expected to be in the mid-20s around the Magic Valley.**

## Council proposes to recognize signing as a separate and complete language

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — More than 40 states recognize sign language as a separate and complete language, Idaho does not.

The Idaho Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is asking the Legislature this year to recognize American Sign Language as a separate language.

What does this mean for people in Idaho, who may or may not be deaf or blind?

For starters, it could open the door for ASL to be taught as a foreign language in public schools. Students could earn credit by learning to sign just like they would by learning Spanish. And it could also prompt public and private colleges and universities to accept ASL course credit earned in high school as foreign language credit — most institutions of

### What is ASL?

**American Sign Language is the most commonly used sign language in the United States, used by about 2 million people.**

ASL has its own syntax and grammar, which advocates say makes it a unique and complete language.

higher education require foreign language credit for admission.

"Currently, there are institutions in Idaho that offer ASL, and offer it as foreign language credit," said Wes Maynard, executive director of the Idaho Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. "But we would like to work collaboratively with colleges and universities to expand this."

The resolution is being sponsored by state Sen. Michael Jorgenson. R-

Kootenai, who is the vice chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

However, the proposal is a "controversial" resolution, which means it does not have the same authority as a law. So even if lawmakers approve it, schools and other state agencies would offer ASL as a foreign language at their own discretion. According to the resolution, "It is a statement by the Legislature recognizing the validity and value of ASL as a language used by the deaf community."



### Learn more

To learn more about the resolution to recognize sign language as a foreign language, visit the Idaho Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing's Web site, <http://www.cdnh.idaho.gov>

When asked if the Idaho Council might seek to pre-empt the resolution as a law, Maynard said it was a possibility.

"Maybe that is an idea that we would look at in the future," he said. "But we live in a state that is very locally controlled, so we would prefer to work with the institutions."

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## Twin Falls County reimburses city of Twin Falls

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Twin Falls County reimbursed the city of Twin Falls on Tuesday, following an Idaho Supreme Court ruling that the city did not have to pay for its use of the county's courthouse.

Commissioner Tom Mikesell gave a check for \$630,042 during the City Council meeting, complying with the court's Oct. 5 decision. The ruling relieved the cities of Twin Falls, Filer, Kimberly, Hansen and Buhl, who hold misdemeanor and some civil cases in the Theron Ward Judicial Building in Twin Falls, of sharing courthouse costs with the county.

"As resources become more scarce we have to work together to provide a higher quality of service with the same resources," Mikesell told the council.

"As you recall, our constituents are the same people."

Twin Falls Mayor Lance Ciof thanked Mikesell on behalf of the council with a bit of humor.

"It didn't bounce," he said to laughter after letting the check fall to his desk.

Citing various costs, the county in 2003 raised the price of using its courthouse. The county and cities could not come to an agreement and, in 2004 a panel of district judges ruled cities must share the court costs in misdemeanor and infraction cases. The cities had argued the county did not prove there is a "necessity" to raise the cities' court bills.

The Supreme Court reversed the 2004 decision, ruling a district court lacked authority to implement such rules. The county was ordered to pay for fees from

2001 to 2003 — and allow the cities to continue use of the courthouse free of charge.

"Keep in mind that city residents are also county taxpayers and as county taxpayers we'll pay county fees to support services," Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney told the Times-News on Tuesday.

County officials in October said they were disappointed in the court's ruling — County Prosecutor Grant Loeb called the majority opinion "amazingly foolish" — and Mikesell echoed similar sentiment before Tuesday's meeting.

"It's the Supreme Court's decision it's not ours to disagree with," Mikesell said. "As the number of infractions increase so does the cost."

Counties and cities in the Magic Valley, who have been known to have somewhat

## JEROME COUNTY PROSECUTOR

## Seib may yet be in after tapping out

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — Jerome County Deputy Prosecutor Mike Seib learned Tuesday he could become the county prosecutor, at least temporarily, just minutes after officially withdrawing his application for the job.

After making it official that Seib no longer wanted to succeed Jon Nicholson III — who announced last month he will step down Jan. 31 — the Jerome County Commissioners voted 2-1 to develop a contract with Seib until a permanent replacement is found.

After Nicholson's announcement to step down midway through his third year term, the county Republican Central Committee ranked two applicants before submitting them to the commissioners.

Seib, 40, Nicholson's chief deputy, has eight years' experience representing cities and counties across Idaho government.

Paul Kroeger, 57, a Wendell private attorney with 25 years of experience, including public service for three counties.

The commissioners' vote followed a discussion between Commissioner Joe Davidson, who is on vacation and participated by speaker phone — and Diane Obenaue, who was elected in November.

Davidson has been adamant in his support for Seib and even apologized to the deputy prosecutor before the discussion formally began.

"I don't think we need to go into Seattle or look all over the place," he said. "Nobody would move for that. I think in the Magic Valley there are attorneys who are very good and figure out how you would think we need to spend any money out of the Magic Valley."

But Obenaue said more time is needed and it could be beneficial to find a more qualified candidate and support assistance from law schools, the Idaho State Bar Association and national agencies.

"We've got to do our homework," she said. "We've got to see what the environment has."

Davidson, however, said that he wanted a local candidate and deferred any of his questions to Commissioner Charles Howell.

Howell, who said little during the discussion, said afterward that he would search "all over the United States" for the best candidate.

Once the motion for contracting a temporary prosecutor passed, Howell and Obenaue agreed to discuss contract terms at a later date — but Davidson proposed figuring out a contract "within an hour."

"I'm not going to endorse or lobby for anybody that I don't know their background," he said. "I rely on friends or relatives of attorneys that are practicing and they are going to tell me who I'm going to endorse."

Michael Howell and Obenaue will meet with Kroeger at 9 a.m. today.

"It seems out of the ordinary," Kroeger said of the decision to contract Seib. "I guess what I'm wondering is why, if he withdraws to be appointed, why he would be willing to be contracted temporarily and they would contract temporarily if he didn't want the appointment?"

Obenaue said she would have supported Kroeger but not Seib because he did not have enough experience in a criminal matters.

Seib, whose letter to withdraw was dated Jan. 12, said his decision was based on "personal reasons," but that he would have preferred for the approximately \$65,000 yearly salary to be higher.

Kroeger said he was disappointed but did not understand why money could have changed Seib's mind.

"Well I put my name in the hat knowing what the salary was," he said. "Maybe they are tougher in Jerome County and I just don't know about it."

During the meeting, Seb served as legal counsel for the commissioners.

The low salary, he told them, provided little incentive to attorneys.

"There's a reason you only have two people applying," he said. "Where you're at, you're not going to get any high caliber attorney interested. And actually it's going to be the opposite." When Davidson suggested \$90,000, Seib said he might "reconsider."

**OBITUARIES**

**Patricia May Yribar**

**BOISE** — Patricia May Yribar, 67, passed away Jan. 15, 2007, at home after a battle with cancer.

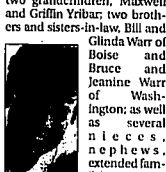
The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel.



Pat was born March 17, 1939, in Oakley, Idaho, the daughter of William Warr and Vivian May Poulton Warr. She graduated from Oakley High School and attended Excels Beauty School in Boise, Idaho. She owned and operated Angela's Beauty Salon in Boise for more than 25 years, retiring in 2001. Pat married her husband, Pete, in Elko, Nev., on Sept. 27, 1964, and they enjoyed their life and love for each other until Pete's passing in 1991.

Survivors include her mother, Viva M. Warr of Oakley; a son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Heidi Yribar of Tucson,

Ariz.; a daughter and son-in-law, Lola and Douglas Holloway of Pasadena, Md.; two grandchildren, Maxwell and Griffin Yribar, two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Glinda Warr of Boise and Jeanine Warr of Washington; as well as several nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Pete Yribar; and her father, William Warr.

Pat had many friends and family, and we were blessed to have her touch our lives. She was loved so very deeply by her family, and she will be truly missed.

In lieu of flowers, it is requested that a donation be made to either the Mountain States Honor Institute in Boise or the Boise State Alumni Association.

**TWIN FALLS** — Shirley J. McClellan, age 71, of Twin Falls, Idaho, was called to be with the Lord on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center.



She was born March 11, 1935, in Gooding, Idaho, to William and Flora Zetserjohn. Shirley was raised in Jerome and graduated from Jerome High School in 1953. Also in 1953, Shirley married Lowell E. McClellan of Jerome, where she resided until Lowell was discharged from the Navy in 1956. They moved to Long Beach, Calif., for a short period of time and then returned to Jerome.

Employment took them to Garden Grove, Calif., and Shirley worked at the Naval Shipyard in Long Beach as a blueprint operator. She was later employed as church secretary and director of two preschools in California. The family returned to Idaho in 1978, where she was the owner and operator of the ABC Daycare Center in Twin Falls for six years. Shirley and her husband, Lowell, were foster parents for many years. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Twin Falls. Prior to her illness, she was involved in Missionettes and was a Sunday school teacher. She was also a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**Shirley J. McClellan**

Lowell and Shirley had three children: daughters, Diana (Bill) Hanley of Cathedral City, Calif., Jennifer (Bob) Jackson of Twin Falls; and a son, William (Barbara) McClellan of Twin Falls. She is survived by 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Lowell.

She is also survived by her only sister, Charlotte Ross of Stanton, Calif.

A celebration of Shirley's life will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the First Assembly of God Church, 143 N. Locust in Twin Falls, with non-in-law, the Rev. Bill Hanley of Cathedral City, Calif., officiating. A private graveside inurnment service in the Jerome Cemetery will be at a later date. At Shirley's request, there will be no public viewing, and cremation is under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

The family wishes to thank the staff and management of SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls for their excellent care and gentle treatment during her illness.

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**Harold E. Jones**

**TWIN FALLS** — Harold E. Jones, age 78, of Twin Falls, passed away Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

He was born July 25, 1928, in McKeesport, Pa., to Paye and Georgia Griman Jones. Harold grew up and was educated in southwestern Pennsylvania. He served his country honorably in the United States Navy during the end of World War II. Returning, he married Mary C. Patton on Dec. 29, 1951, in Richmond, Calif., and worked as a machinist for the Chemron Refinery, also in Richmond. Since 1990, the couple has resided in the Magic Valley.

**Morris L. Howell**

**BUHL** — Morris L. Howell passed away in his Buhl, Idaho, home at the age of 70 on Jan. 15, 2007, following a long illness.



He was born in Pocatello, Idaho, to Morris B. Howell and Sara Anderson (both deceased). He graduated from Pocatello High School with the Class of 1955, and then completed the pharmacy program (RPh) at Idaho State University in 1960. While there, he met and married the love of his life, Maureen Skinner, in 1958. They relocated to Buhl in 1970 and have resided there ever since.

Morris had his own construction and trucking company and most recently returned back to his initial passion, pharmacy. He was a vacation, pharmacist and enjoyed golfing and rafting but mostly enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. He would often drive several hours to attend an important event or just to cheer and support at an athletic endeavor. He was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was a worker at the Boise Idaho Temple. He touched lives everywhere he went as he loved to help others. He could talk with anyone, and most will remember him as the kind and caring pharmacist that they met in one of many pharmacies across the state of Idaho. Mostly though, he will be remembered as a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather.

Harold is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary C. Jones of Twin Falls; son, Mike Barnes of Norfolk, Va.; son-in-law, Joe Whittington of Bend, Ore.; brother, Bill Jones of Los Angeles, Calif.; and two grandchildren, Bill and Jim Whittington of Bend, Ore. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Frances Whittington; sister, Betty Lappington; and a brother, Jack Jones.

At his request, no service will be held. Cremation is under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls.

He is survived by his loving wife, Maureen; along with their six children, Brenda Swan (Matthew Swan) of Las Vegas, Nev., Trena Peckham (Kent Peckham) of Two Rivers, Wis., M. Curt Howell (Stacy Howell) of Park City, Utah, Jeffery L. Howell (Tracy Howell) of Newark, Ohio, Wyatt K. Howell (Diane Howell) of Pocatello, Idaho, and Karissa Boydston (Ivan Boydston), also of Pocatello, as well as his elder sister, Cyrena Eibert of Pocatello; and two younger brothers, Brent Howell, also of Pocatello, and Michael B. Howell of Boise. Additionally, he is survived by 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 501 Main St. in Buhl.

A viewing will be at the church from 9:30 to 10:40 a.m. prior to the funeral. He will be laid to rest at the West End Cemetery in Buhl, Idaho.

**Gary B. Cappel**

**BOISE** — Gary Beal Cappel, age 68, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, following a courageous battle with emphysema.

He was born March 12, 1938, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to the late George and Ellen Cappel. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1956, excelling in baseball and basketball, and was a letterman. Two of his life-long passions, Gary attended Idaho State University for a short time, but soon realized he was destined to be a Bronco fan.



In 1962, Gary moved to Boise with his wife and two children, and Boise was the place he would continue to cherish and call home for the next 45 years until his death.

Gary worked at Stein Distributing for a number of years and later worked at two local taverns, where he is reported by many to have been the best bartender in the city of Boise.

In the mid-'90s, Gary became the owner and operator of Jack's Tavern until his retirement. Throughout the years, Gary touched a number of people, and he will be remembered by all who knew him for his incredible warmth, generosity and loyalty. Most of all, Gary will be remembered for his engaging sense of humor and self-deprecation. He made us laugh in life and continues to show us his wonderful sense of humor even as we mourn his passing.

Gary is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Catherine; his daughter, Kris; three grandchildren, Jake, Tessa and Henry; his sister and her husband, Susan and Steve Henderson; his brother and his wife, Andy and Sally Cappel; and his aunt and her husband, Judy and Thad Schöles. He is also survived by other nieces and nephews and by many friends.

The funeral for Gary will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, 5400 Fairview Ave. in Boise, Idaho. A viewing will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Kris and Jeff would like to express their love and gratitude to his close friends and particularly to his sister, Susan, for their care and compassion, especially in the years that followed the onset of Dad's illness. We are eternally grateful to you all.

In lieu of flowers, the family

requests that donations be made to The National Emphysema Foundation or any charity of your choice.

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**DEATH NOTICES**

**Golda H. Roberts**

**BUHL** — Golda H. Roberts, 90, of Buhl, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at the Buhl LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 501 Main St. A visitation for family and friends will be from 9 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls. A complete obituary will appear in Thursday's newspaper.

**Janet T. Lysney**

**HEYBURN** — Janet (Kasey) Thomas Lysney, 47, of Heyburn, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center. A memorial service will be

at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at the Hansen Mortuary, Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St.

**Jack Thornborrow**

**BUHL** — Jack Thornborrow, 58, of Buhl, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Burley.

**Charles Zachary**

**RUPERT** — Charles Zachary, 76, of Rupert, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at Countywide Care and Rehab. in Rupert. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of

see page D3-4

**Joanne Ruth Kulhanek Larson**

RUPERT — Joanne Ruth Kulhanek Larson, passed away Jan. 11, 2007, at the age of 81, at Countryside Care and Rehab in Rupert.



Joanne was born April 21, 1925, in Cumro, Neb., to Adolph and Ada Atkinson Kulhanek. She moved to Shoshone, Idaho, in 1937. She graduated from Shoshone High School, where she was a member of the marching band. She married her sweetheart, Leland U. Larson, on July 10, 1942, shortly after graduation. She became a convert to The Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple. She had many callings in the church, but her favorites were with the scouting boys and Young Women. She served a Family History Mission in Nashville, Tenn., in 1993. She came home early due to failing health. Joanne enjoyed growing a large garden and canning for her large family.

She loved her family and each new grandchild and great-grandchild. She loved that she was a farm wife and had the privilege of not having to work out of her home. She was preceded in death

by her parents; her husband, Leland in 1992; son, Roger Larson; son-in-law, Dennis Norman; grandson, Nathan Larson; granddaughter, Shermeé Norman Cantu; brothers, Robert and LaVerne Kulhanek; and sister, June Gerhard. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Bonnie (Roger, deceased) Larson of Moore, Idaho; children, Garland (Patricia) Larson of Preston, Idaho, Layton (Jackie) Larson of Rupert, Brenda Norman of Rupert, Ronald (Linda) Larson of Logan, Utah, and Laurel Lovell of Boise. She is also survived by 28 grandchildren and 54 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, at the Rupert LDS 1st Ward Church, 806 G St., with Bishop Paul Duncan officiating. Burial will be at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn, Idaho.

A viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church.

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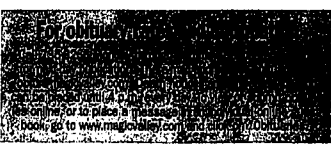
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**OBITUARIES**

**Blake Taylor**

ALMO — Blake Taylor, 47, passed away Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, in Las Vegas, Nev.

He was born April 19, 1959, in Burley, Idaho, the son of Zenith and Colleen Norton Taylor, formerly of Almo, and now residing in Pocatello. Blake spent his entire childhood in Almo. He graduated from Haft River High School with the class of 1977. He later married Josephine Lucio on July 31, 1982. They had a daughter together, Brandi Jo Taylor, and then later divorced. He married Michelle Howarth on Jan. 25, 1985, and they had one daughter, Lacey Brooke Taylor, before they later divorced. On Dec. 26, 1992, he married Jean Turner. They were married 13 1/2 years.



Blake's sense of adventure and fun was contagious and he had a strong desire to live life to the fullest. He enjoyed the outdoors and could be found camping, hunting and fishing every opportunity he had. He had a love for animals, which included his horses and his dogs. He also enjoyed fast cars and Harley Davidson motorcycles. He loved his family dearly. He was an extremely hard worker and most recently was employed at Portella Construction in Las Vegas.

He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He is survived by his parents: his brother, Randall (Shauna) Taylor of Pocatello; his sisters, Shana Fridale of Pocatello and Michelle Pennell-Adams of Riverdale, Utah; his daughters, Kori Rumpole of Gooding, Brandi Jo Lunsenstyer of Boise and Lacey Brooke Taylor of Burley. Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Herman and Sarah Taylor and Glen and Ione Norton.

The funeral will be at noon Friday, Jan. 19, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, with Bishop Kent Durfee officiating. Burial will be in the Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery in Almo. Friends may call from 10 until 11:40 a.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made in care of The Walker Center, 605 11th Ave., Gooding, ID 83330.

**John Allen McClure** of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main; friends may call one hour before the service today at the mortuary.

**Geneva Davies** of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**S. Rose Vaughn** of Richfield, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Harvest Community Church in Richfield (Demaray Funeral Service in Gooding).

**Mary A. Jewell** of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

**Cindy Gay Eldredge** of Buhl, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Thursday at the First Christian Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

**Frank Richard Lesneski** of Buhl, memorial service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the United Methodist Church in Wendell.

**Donald Max Burton** of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Friday at the church.

**Delos DeBerg** of Wendell, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the New Life Community Church in Wendell; viewing from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Friday at the church (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

**Ignacio Azumendil**, formerly of Gooding, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding; visitation for family and friends from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; rosary will follow the visitation Friday at the chapel.

**Daniel Scott Hughes** of Ypsilanti, Mich., and formerly of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 11 St. (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

**Francis Reed Hulet** of Wendell, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell LDS Church on North Idaho Street;

viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday and from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

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**Bertram Eugene Eakin and Elizabeth Jones Eakin**

HOUSTON, Texas — Bertram Eugene Eakin passed away Nov. 29, 2006, after suffering a stroke and after many years of fighting cancer.

Bert was born in Jerome and raised on the family farm in Idaho. He graduated from MIT with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in 1950. He later got his MS and Ph.D. at MIT in Chicago. Bert worked in the oil and gas industry as a research scientist until his retirement.

He traveled widely and had a lifelong interest in aviation. He



had a passion for science, which he shared as a volunteer at several schools through the years.

He was an active member of

his church and the community, always championing causes he believed in. He had an infectious zest for life and brought smiles to faces wherever he went.

Beth was Bert's wife and soul mate and could not bear to be without him. Weak from years of back problems and ill health, she went to be with him on Dec. 5, 2006.

Bert and Beth had lived in Houston, Texas, since 1970. They are survived by their son, Paul; his wife, Debbie; and grandson, Bryce.

**Darlene Conley, longtime actress on 'Bald and the Beautiful' dies at 72**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Darlene Conley, a veteran stage and television actress who entertained daytime audiences for nearly two decades as the feisty fashion mogul Sally Spectra on "The Bold and the Beautiful," has died. She was 72.

Conley died Sunday of stomach cancer at her Los Angeles home surrounded by family and friends, Lya Demirjian, a publicist for the CBS serial

drama, said Monday.

She was diagnosed with cancer about three months ago, and the show's producers were deciding how to portray the fate of her character, Demirjian said.

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## Security shirk

**BP has failed to emphasize safety at U.S. plants, Baker panel report says****By John Parvitz  
AP Business writer**

HOUSTON — An independent panel left little question Tuesday about BP's poor safety oversight. Its deficient leadership and short-term focus at its U.S. refineries — critical indictments for a company still reeling from the 2005 Texas City refinery explosion that killed 15 people and injured more than 100 others.

What remained largely unanswered was how exactly the British company would fill a void in the safety culture at all five of its U.S. refineries, or how long it would take to fix. "Culture is forever," said former U.S. Sen. Slade Gorton of Washington, one of 11 members of a panel led by former Secretary of State James A. Baker III. "To change hearts and minds and...the attitudes and individuals have toward their jobs is a difficult and a human task, and it's never complete."

The 300-plus page report said the company emphasized personal safety over what it called "process safety," or containing potential hazards such as explosions.

Baker noted the panel did not set out to investigate the causes of the March 23, 2005, explosion at its Texas City refinery, nor did it seek to lay blame. Instead, it set out to provide BP with specific and extensive recommendations to improve the company's corporate safety oversight and culture. The panel made 10 recommendations, including that an independent monitor report to the company's board of directors for five years.

On a video link from London, BP PLC chief executive John Browne said the company will implement the panel's recommendations, which the company received Sunday and which Browne labeled a "hard-hitting and critical analysis that focused on deficiencies and negatives."

But he stopped short of giving a time frame. He noted that BP already had taken a number of steps since the explosion to improve safety, and it was important to compare the panel's suggestions with the company's own plans. "The timing takes to get it right is appropriate," he said.

## Oakley area dairy gets unanimous approval

**By Rosie Wells  
For the Times-News**

OAKLEY — An effort to locate the first dairy east of Hwy 37 in this area has pitted neighbor against neighbor. Despite efforts by neighboring landowners to throw a wrench in the plans, Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission members unanimously approved a large dairy for Crichfield Farms, at 1400 S. 300 W., Oakley.

The dairy will be one of the last to be constructed under Cassia County's former zoning ordinance that allowed five animal units per acre in the waste management plan. New confined animal feeding operation (CAFO) regulations are tighter and will reduce dairy sizes or require more acres for management.

As explained by dairy consultant Bob Ohienschlen, the dairy will accommodate 5,555 lactating cows and 5,525 dairy heifers, for a total of 9,990 animal units, which are a calculation based on the type of animal. (Milking cows are worth one animal unit, dairy heifers

are worth .8 animal units.) This is the maximum allowed under the former regulations, which were in force when the application was filed.

Ohienschlen pointed out that unlike the Ward Dairy permit, which the commission passed just prior to Crichfield's hearing, this dairy site is situated on ground that has almost no drop, eliminating the run-off and containment issues faced by other sites in the county.

"We are concerned about incorporation, but for a different reason," Ohienschlen said. "We want to conserve the nutrients and get them in the ground."

He said the Crichfields own 3,646 acres available for land application.

Ohienschlen said the dairy would be a dry lot operation, with scraping and drying used to control odor and pest issues. He noted that this method works better in summer than winter.

When Ohienschlen said two wells would be put to use on the dairy, with one being a back-up well, neighbors refuted

the claim. They said they doubted that any well in the Oakley valley would go unused by anyone. They questioned the validity of the dairy having a new well with the adjudication efforts currently underway.

Ohienschlen said the dairy plan will actually dry up some farm ground and result in a net dip in the amount of water used by the Crichfields.

Dallen Elquist questioned how Ohienschlen, who had only spent a couple of weeks in the area, could know and understand the ground better than those who lived there for 60 years.

"If this thing goes through, I just may invite (Ohienschlen) out and have a sleepover with me," Elquist said. "They talk about the three or four families this will help. Do they think about the three or four families they may run out?"

Elquist questioned enforcement of state regulations and scoffed at the idea of a back-up well.

"I've never heard of having a back-up well in an area so desiccated for water," he said.

Rick Robinson, who told commission members he was probably the closest neighbor to the proposed dairy, complained that he was not notified about the plans. County Administrator Kerry McMurray explained that while Robinson did not receive notification at his address of 1495 S. 161 W., the notice had been sent to him at the address on file, which was his old home.

Robinson questioned enforcement of regulations at existing dairies.

"I don't like the way the county is taking us," Robinson said. "I believe the county needs to see the existing dairies are meeting the regulations before any more dairies are permitted."

Robinson said he was angry the Crichfields were doing the opposite of what they told him two years ago, when he decided to build his new home.

"I asked them specifically if they had any plans to put a dairy on their property out here and they said absolutely not," Robinson said. "Now,

here we are."

Robinson said he also represented a number of neighbors who signed a petition against the proposed dairy.

"Some neighbors are considering moving just because of this," Robinson said. "Dairies are being brought to our communities with no regard to how we want to live on our property."

Robinson said some people refrained from coming to speak at the meeting for fear of offending the Crichfields. "But they are not afraid of offending any one of us," Robinson said. "I would never have put my home where it is if I had any idea that a dairy would one day be built there."

Nolan Critchfield said he was saddened to see that his neighbors feel the way they do. He pointed out that he and his brothers and uncles are farmers, not dairymen. He said they hope find a dairyman to either purchase, or manage, the proposed dairy.

Following the hearing, the permit was unanimously approved with nearly no discussion from the board.

## Ice harvest

Prices soar for California citrus after temperatures plummet

**By Olivia Muzac  
Associated Press writer**

FRESNO, Calif. — Shoppers will get the sting from a string of subfreezing nights in California's citrus groves and other farming areas, with prices for oranges, lemons, avocados and other produce poised to double or triple in coming weeks, according to industry officials.

"We may adjust the prices as we discover the full extent of the damage next week, but for now, if you bought an orange at the supermarket for 50 cents, expect to pay a dollar to \$1.49 for it," said Todd Steel, owner of Royal Vista Marketing, which sells California citrus to markets throughout the country.

With the NFL playoffs in full swing, some fans may choose to go without two traditional favorites.

"Avocados are expensive enough as it is," said Joseph Vasquez, a 32-year-old school teacher from Pasadena. "We may have to do without guacamole for a while. And we may be drinking our Coronas without limes."

Nearly every winter crop is affected by the freeze. From avocados to strawberries to fresh-cut flowers, but it's the state's citrus crop that stands to take the biggest economic hit. California is the nation's No. 1 producer of fresh citrus, growing about 86 percent of lemons and 21 percent of oranges sold in the U.S., according to the California Farm Bureau. Florida produces more oranges, but those are mostly processed for orange juice.

More than 70 percent of this season's oranges, lemons and tangerines — nearly \$1 billion worth of fruit — were still on the trees as nighttime temperatures in California's Central Valley dipped into the low 20s and tepped into four straight nights beginning Friday. The freeze ruined as much as three-quarters of the California citrus crop, growers say; the fruit is threatened whenever the mercury falls below 28 degrees.

"Limited amounts were harvested before the freeze, so it's not like the markets are going to dry up suddenly," said Claire Smith, a spokeswoman for SunSunk Growers Inc., a Los Angeles-based cooperative

owned by some 6,000 growers in California and Arizona.

Still, the diminished supply is bound to drive up prices, Smith said. SunSunk's fruit import oranges and other citrus from South Africa and other countries.

On Tuesday, a Visalia-based citrus broker was selling 40-pound boxes of oranges for \$22 to \$32, depending on the variety. That's up from \$6 to \$14 a week earlier, and with the

freeze, prices could continue to rise. The market service calling for at least one more night of frigid temperatures in many areas, prices could continue to

escalate. Some shoppers took advantage of still-reasonable prices Tuesday. Many of the fruit on market shelves was picked before the freeze. Shopper Lindsay Beamish, 29, was surprised to see a 10-pound bag of oranges selling for \$10 at a Vons supermarket in Pasadena.

"I might just have to get 10 pounds worth because that's not going to last," she said of the price.

Damages from the current freeze will likely surpass those from a three-day cold snap in December 1998 that destroyed 85 percent of California's citrus crop, a loss valued at \$700 million, state Agriculture Secretary A.G. Kawamura said.

The state also suffered a deep freeze in 1990 — one that completely wiped out the \$1 billion crop. It took growers two years to recover.

Labor leaders are also watching the weather closely. They say many of the 12,000 field workers and packing house employees could lose their jobs for the remainder of the season.

Damaged fruit from the current freeze may still be salvaged as juice, usually a byproduct for California farmers, Smith said. "It's not likely to have a big impact on the juice industry because California is not a big player in that market," she said. Adverse weather has also taken a toll on the Florida-dominated orange juice industry in recent years. After two major hurricane seasons compounded by drought and crop disease, PepsiCo Inc., which sells juice under the Tropicana and Dole labels, and Coca-Cola Co., which owns Minute



Drop irrigation creates icicles and forms an insulation and way of protecting oranges on the trees Saturday in Exeter, Calif. California's weather lurched from heat to ice in less than a week as an arctic blast Friday delivered new snowfalls in low-lying southern cities.

## Citrus coast-to-coast

California accounts for about 40 percent of the nation's total citrus production. Value of U.S. citrus production by state: Calif. 39.9%, Florida 55.6%, Other 4.5%.

NOTE: Other refers to "Other years" Crop year 2006 covers the boom in 2006. Crop year 2006 covers the boom in 2006. Includes Arizona (1%) and Texas (0.5%). SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AP

Maids, each raised orange juice prices over the past several weeks.

The California freeze is also expected to inflate prices for other crops that suffered damage, including avocados and fresh-cut flowers, state agricultural officials said.

leaves-frigid coast between San Luis Obispo and Escondido hovering between 25 and 35 percent, Cole said.

"Prices will certainly be highest," he said. If the damage is severe, the trees could also bear fewer avocados next year, Cole said.

Throughout the cold snap, growers have tried to save their crops by pumping fields with heated irrigation water and running wind machines to circulate warmer air and keep it from rising off the trees. David Pruitt of Issai Tagawa Growers in Arroyo Grande has struggled to keep 200,000 square feet of greenhouses between 60 and 74 degrees.

The company produces a variety of seedlings, including pansies and marigolds. The greenhouses are heated with hot water fired by gas boilers. The cold "multiplies our gas use enormously," Pruitt said. The boilers "are just cranking full blast."

## IMF chief says threats to global economy are easing

**By Jeannette Aversa  
Associated Press writer**

WASHINGTON — Threats to the global economy's good health have eased as once-sizzling emerging markets have calmed down and the United States seems to be weathering the housing slump well, the head of the International Monetary Fund said Tuesday. IMF chief Rodrigo de Rato said a "soft landing now seems more assured" — the world's largest economy.

Economic growth in the United States is slowing considerably throughout last year, mostly reflecting the drag on the economy by

the real-estate bust. Lower energy prices, however, have helped to cushion some of that fallout on both businesses and consumers, de Rato observed.

IMF chief Rodrigo de Rato explaining the future of the U.S. economy

Ill effects from slower growth in the United States, infecting other countries, economies "have so far at least been minimal," de Rato said, in a mostly upbeat assessment about the global economy's outlook.

The IMF's economic growth this year will approach 5 percent, a strong performance, he said. The IMF estimated that the worldwide economy grew by 5.1 percent last year.

Downside risks to this benign global economic environment seem now less than a few months ago," de Rato said in a briefing with reporters. Declining oil prices have eased concerns about dampening worldwide growth on the one hand and worsening inflation on the other, he said. Moreover, there are now welcome signs that the U.S. housing correction may be reaching a turning point," de Rato said.

## Market Watch

Jan. 16, 2007

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	12,582.59
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## Commodities

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(Light sweet crude by barrel)	
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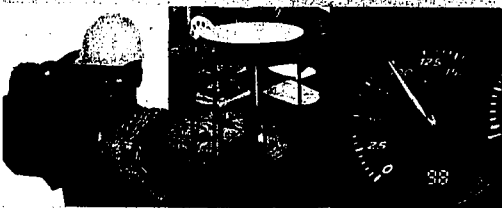
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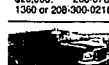
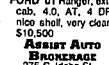

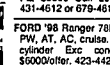
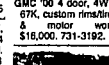
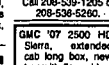
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Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007

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"We often discover what will do, by finding out what will not do, and probably he who never made a mistake never made a discovery."

— Samuel Smiles

South did well to take control and lock the slam into hearts, his suit that had solid intermediates. He did less well in the play, though.

After winning the spade lead in dummy, pitching a club, he took an immediate heart finesse. West won his king and returned a spade. Declarer ruffed and drew trump, noting that West had begun with three.

At this point in the hand, South thought he knew West had 10 major-suit cards, so the club finesse against East had to be the percentage play. So he cashed dummy's club ace, led to his 10, and went one down, bewailing his misfortune.

Declarer's line was not a terrible one, but he had neglected to find out as much about the hand as he might have done. The winning line is to draw trump, as before, and then to play the diamond ace and king, planning to ruff a diamond and get an almost complete count of the hand. If West follows to three or even two diamonds, it will be easy to pick up the club queen. But when, as here, West shows out on the second diamond, declarer ruffs a spade to hand instead. Now West is known to hold four red-suit cards and exactly seven spades.

Accordingly, the club suit will split 2-2. South should cash the club king and lead to dummy's ace, dropping the queen.

WEST		EAST	
♠ K Q J	10 9 8 7	♠ 3 2	
♥ K 9 7		♥ 6 2	
♦ 5		♦ Q J 9 7 6 4 2	
♣ 8		♣ 6 3	

**SOUTH**

♠ —

♥ A Q J 10 5 3

♦ A 3

♣ K 10 7 5 4

Vulnerable: Neither  
Dealer: North

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2♥	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♥	All pass		

Opening lead: Spade king

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South holds:	♠ A 6 5 4	♥ 8 4	♦ K 10 8	♣ A J 9 2
South	West	North	East	
1♠	1♠	2♥	Pass	
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass	

**ANSWER:** Your weak spades should concern you here. Bidding three no-trump looks premature, and you would prefer a better doubleton heart to bid three hearts. Instead, tempo with three spades and let partner decide whether to play in no-trump or in one of his red suits. He already knows you have one spade guard, you have no reason to suggest more spade stops than you have.



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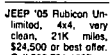


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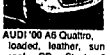


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